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The OCPS Mobile Lunch Vehicles are part of the USDA Summer Food Service Program, Summer BreakSpot. Lunches will only be offered to children and young adults 18 and under. Meals must be consumed on the premises. This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

Lunch is served Monday–Friday (no meals will be served on Wednesday, June 19 and Thursday, July 4).



LUNCH SERVED MONDAY–FRIDAY

June 3–July 26, 2024 (no meals will be served on Wednesday, June 19 and Thursday, July 4)

11 a.m.–Noon
Chickasaw Branch
870 N. Chickasaw Trail
Orlando, FL 32825

11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
South Creek Branch
1702 Deerfield Blvd.
Orlando, FL 32837

11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
Fairview Shores Branch
902 Lee Road, Suite 26
Orlando, FL 32810

12:30–1:30 p.m.
North Orange Branch
1211 E. Semoran Blvd.
Apopka, FL 32703

11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
Hiawasse Branch
7391 W. Colonial Drive
Orlando, FL 32818

1–2 p.m.
South Trail Branch
4600 S. Orange Blossom Trail
Orlando, FL 32839



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Next Board of Trustees Meeting:

Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room
Thursday, May 2, 6 p.m.

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Next Friends of the Library Board of Directors Meeting:

Orlando Public Library
Wednesday, May 15, Noon

FROM THE DIRECTOR

This month, OCLS has some great news to share for those living in the Horizon West community. At our April meeting, the library's Board of Trustees voted to approve the budget for the Horizon West Branch.

That means that we are now officially on the path toward building our first new branch in nearly a decade. Just to give you a refresher on the details: The branch will be located on 11 acres inside the Horizon West Regional Park, which just broke ground this spring. It will be housed in a 20,000-square-foot, LEED-certified building that will be designed to take advantage of the beauty of the park's natural features. The grounds will be landscaped with native Florida plants and trees, and the interior will feature décor inspired by nature.

Our plan includes meeting spaces, an outdoor performance area, a media lab and all of the features you can find in our other branches – a children's area, public computers, classrooms and more.

We don't have a date for our groundbreaking yet, but if you want to keep up with the project, follow us on social media or bookmark the Horizon West Updates page on our website: ocls.info/horizon-west-updates.

If you live in Lake Nona, don't worry – we haven't forgotten about you! We don't have a lot of new information to report yet, but we are still working on a branch co-located with the City of Orlando's government center and we'll share the details as soon as we can.

In the meantime, please keep an eye out for pop-up library events at a park, community room or event near you – we're doing our best to stay active in the communities around us that don't yet have a library branch nearby.



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**SUMMER
AT YOUR LIBRARY**

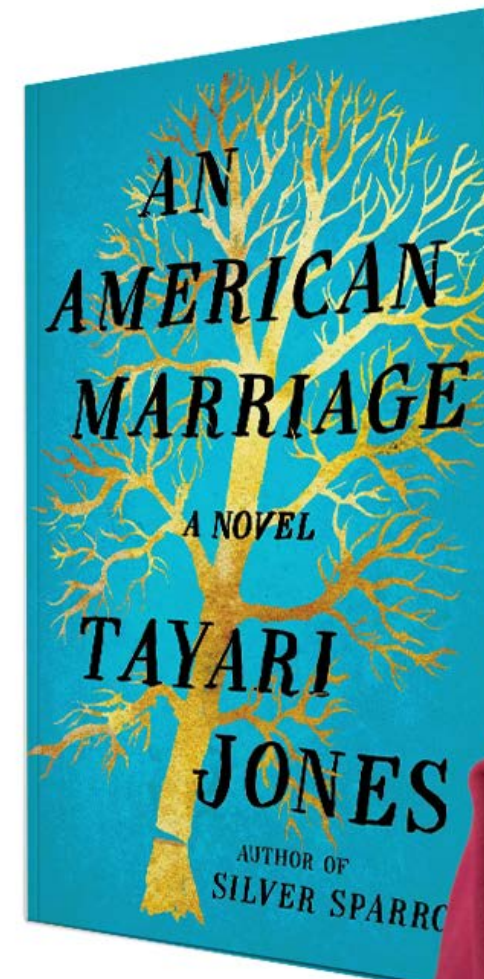
June 1 - July 28

Registration Opens May 1

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**ORLANDO
BOOK FESTIVAL**
SATURDAY, MAY 18, 10 A.M.–6 P.M.
ORLANDO PUBLIC LIBRARY

A day-long celebration of books! Join us for panels and talks from authors from all over the state and a keynote from *New York Times* bestselling author Tayari Jones, author of *An American Marriage*.



Funding for this program was provided through a grant from the Florida Humanities with funds from the National Endowment for the Humanities. Any views, findings, conclusions or recommendations expressed in this program do not necessarily represent those of Florida Humanities or the National Endowment for the Humanities.



Pathway to Homeownership

Virtual

Tuesday, May 28, 6:30 p.m.

Explore each step a home buyer will walk through from beginning to end. Discover where you currently are in the process of home buying to help you plan for a successful journey to homeownership.



MANAGING MEDICATION: OVER-THE-COUNTER AND PRESCRIPTIONS

Virtual

Wednesday, May 29, 6:30 p.m.

Join Jessica Daly, faculty librarian with Advent Health University, as she discusses how to stay safe and healthy by properly managing your medications.



YOGA CLASSES

Yoga for Adults
North Orange Branch
Thursdays, May 2–30, 1 p.m.

All-Levels Yoga
Virtual
Monday, May 6, 8 a.m.

Yoga for Anxiety
Virtual
Thursday, May 9, 7 p.m.
Presented by certified yoga instructor Dana Brady.

Chair Yoga
Virtual
Monday, May 13, 8 a.m.
Requires use of a chair.

Tea Social Hour
North Orange Branch
Wednesdays, May 1 & 15, 5 p.m.
Listen to music, snag a sweet treat with your cuppa, relax and chat while the library provides a creative art activity. Ages 18 and up.

Book to Film Series
Orlando Public Library
Thursday, May 2, 11 a.m.
Thursday, May 16, 3:30 p.m.
This series focuses on books that have been made into movies. This month we are watching *I, Robot* and *The Pursuit of Happyness*.

CareerSource Central Florida Career Navigators
Washington Park Branch
Thursday, May 2, Noon–2 p.m.
CareerSource offers career exploration, training, internships and job placement.

Career Academy: Perfecting Your Resume
Orlando Public Library
Thursday, May 2, 4:30 p.m.
Get noticed! Elevate your job application with best practices in crafting a resume and cover letter.

Car Seat Safety
Alafaya Branch
Friday, May 3, 10 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
Certified technicians from Safe Kids Orange County will be available to check your car seat on a first-come, first-served basis.

Adult Game Time
Windermere Branch
Saturdays, May 4–25, 3–4:30 p.m.
Orlando Public Library
Saturday, May 11, 2:30–4:30 p.m.
From party games to classic cards, on a team or on your own, enjoy seeing how the dice roll. Ages 18 and up.

Puzzle Swap
Alafaya Branch
Saturday, May 4, 3–4:30 p.m.
North Orange Branch
Saturday, May 18, 3–4:30 p.m.
Stop by and swap an old puzzle for a new-to-you one. Bring at least one complete puzzle for adults.

Beaded Tassel Necklaces
West Oaks Branch
Sunday, May 5, 2 p.m.
Create a unique necklace by stringing beads and adding a tassel. Supplies provided. Ages 18 and up.

Blood Pressure Monitor Checkout Program
Orlando Public Library
Sunday, May 5, 2:30 p.m.
Learn a simple and efficient way to monitor your blood pressure at home.

Entrepreneur Toolkit
Virtual
Tuesdays, May 7–28, Noon
Discover reliable business databases and learn how to use them to build your business.

Plant Clinic
Chickasaw Branch
Thursday, May 9, 11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.
West Oaks Branch
Saturday, May 11, 10:15 a.m.–12:15 p.m.
Bring your plants and ask questions! Master Gardener volunteers from the UF/IFAS Orange County Extension Office will be available to answer your gardening questions.

Building Garden Beds
South Creek Branch
Thursday, May 9, 5:30 p.m.
Learn how to make a vegetable garden plan, build garden beds and prepare healthy soil.

Make Art and Be Well: Painted Cactus Rock Garden
Southwest Branch
Saturday, May 11, 10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
Design and paint your own mini cacti rock garden. No experience needed. Supplies provided. Registration required. Ages 18 and up.

Using Books for Balance
Eatonville Branch
Saturday, May 11, Noon
Join “The Girlfriend Therapist” Dr. Cortina Louis and her team as they explore the profound impact that reading can have on mental health, emotional wellness and balance.

Drawing 101: Artist Hour
Winter Garden Branch
Saturday, May 11, 3:30 p.m.
Bring your own project or use our supplies to practice drawing. Our teacher will be available to give tips. Ages 18 and up. Registration required.

Art 101: Still Life Drawing
Orlando Public Library
Tuesday, May 14, 5:30 p.m.
Learn how to use the principles of form and light to create your own still life artwork. Registration required. Ages 18 and up.

Ask a Lawyer
Virtual
Tuesday, May 14, 5:30–7 p.m.
The Orange County Bar Association will host an open forum for individuals to speak with a panel of attorneys to get guidance on social security.

Intro to Foundation Center & Grant Resources
Orlando Public Library
Thursday, May 16, 11 a.m.
Looking for funding? Get tips for using this directory to win grants and make a difference.

Sketching 101
Virtual
Friday, May 17, 11 a.m.
Learn the basics of sketching through use of simple art techniques.

Beginner Line Dancing
Southwest Branch
Saturday, May 18, 10:30–11:45 a.m.
Partners are not needed. Bring water. Non-stick sole shoes recommended. Ages 18 and up.

Using Your Planner to Track Your Mental Health
Orlando Public Library
Sunday, May 19, 1:30–3:30 p.m.
Enjoy a short presentation on tracking your mental health with your planner before open project time. Bring your own supplies and connect and share ideas with other planners.

Duct Tape Pencil Case
Alafaya Branch
Sunday, May 19, 2 p.m.
You can make anything out of duct tape! Craft your very own DIY duct tape pencil case. Supplies limited. Registration required. Ages 18 and up.

Podcast Listening Club: The Human Microbiome
Foxtail Coffee Co. at Dr. P. Phillips YMCA
7000 Dr. Phillips Blvd., Orlando, FL 32819
Monday, May 20, 6:30–8 p.m.
Explore secrets of the human microbiome and how it influences our health, immunity and overall well-being. Ages 18 and up.

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Interview Workshop
Hiawasse Branch
Wednesday, May 22, 11 a.m.
CareerSource Central Florida’s Career Navigators will provide expert tips on how to navigate the world of job interviews.

Snacks Around the World: United Kingdom
Orlando Public Library
Wednesday, May 22, 5:30 p.m.
Broaden your taste buds while learning about food and snacks from around the world.

Career Academy: Interview Like a Pro
Orlando Public Library
Thursday, May 23, 4:30 p.m.
Get tips that will help you to practice, prepare and write a memorable thank you letter.

Southwest Art Meetup
Southwest Branch
Friday, May 24, 10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
Bring your own project or create something new with provided supplies. Connect with others and share the joy of creating art! Ages 18 and up.

Focus On Books: Sci-Fi
Windermere Branch
Friday, May 24, 11 a.m.
Each month we explore a different genre. This month we will be focusing on sci-fi. Ages 18 and up. Registration required.

DUNGEONS & DRAGONS

D&D: Curse of Strahd
Fairview Shores Branch
Saturdays, May 4 & 18, 4–5:45 p.m.
Embark on a chilling journey into the gothic realm of Barovia with *Ravenloft Unleashed*. Ages 18 and up.

Dungeons and Dragons at the Library!
West Oaks Branch
Saturday, May 18, 2:30–5:30 p.m.
Join us at the library where every event is a new adventure! Ages 16 and up.

Dungeons, Dragons and Libraries: Adults
North Orange Branch
Saturday, May 25, 1–3 p.m.
Join us adventurers on our next quest! Ages 18 and up.

TTRPG Academy: D&D From Level 0
West Oaks Branch
Saturday, May 25, 2:30–5:30 p.m.
Explore a new tabletop role-playing game every month. Ages 16 and up. Registration required.

Meet The Artists of RISE: The Mural Project

Eatonville Branch

Saturday, May 18, Noon–2 p.m.

Join Art of Collab, a group of local artists and creatives, as they pay homage to culture, youth and visions for a brighter future with their collaborative murals. Let's celebrate *RISE: The Mural Project*, a collaborative mural at Eatonville's Elizabeth Park that infuses visual art with inspirational poetry, to honor the legacy of Eatonville's historic roots and visions for the next generation and youth. Meet the artists and poets who came together to create this labor of love for the community. Experience live poetry and an art exhibition with a special artist talk, art workshops and so much more in celebration of the project's four-year anniversary!



RISE: THE MURAL PROJECT

Eatonville Branch

On Display Through May

Art of Collab, a group of local artists and creatives, pay homage to culture, youth and visions for a brighter future with their collaborative mural projects. Experience their photo exhibit depicting the masterful merging of art and poetry used to create their mural on the walls of Elizabeth Park's basketball court in Eatonville. For more information, visit risemural.com.



TANAGER

Orlando Public Library

On Display Through June

Come experience the essence of *Tanager*, Jamile B. Johnson's latest exhibition. This bold and colorful collection explores Jamile's narrative works of art. The audience has the opportunity to follow and celebrate Jamile's newfound spirituality as he deals with navigating the challenges of severe ADHD while grieving the death of his father.

Over the past 10 years, armed with a camera and paintbrushes, Jamile delved into the realms of the arts. Jamile is a self-taught multidisciplinary artist, and he has fearlessly embarked on numerous creative endeavors via drawing, painting, animation and filmmaking. Driven by an insatiable curiosity and an innate desire for storytelling, Jamile's distinctive artistic voice has garnered recognition and praise, and his work has been showcased in numerous galleries, film festivals and art exhibitions, including the Wells' Built Museum of African American History and Culture in Orlando, FL. Jamile's most significant contribution has to be collaborating with award-winning artist Genevieve DeMarco and the Solution Artist Collective.

PAPAS RELLENAS

Virtual

Wednesday, May 15, 6 p.m.

Yamira Lee Johnson, head chef and founder of Breaking Bread with Mira, will show us how to make papas rellenas. These savory croquettes can be your main dish or served as an appetizer.

French Baguette and Spinach Quiche

Virtual

Monday, May 20, 6:30 p.m.

Join culinary expert Dianne Morin as she teaches how to make a delicious no-knead French baguette paired with a savory mini crustless spinach quiche.



21 MISTAKES TO AVOID AS A CAREGIVER

LIFE Information for Elders

Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room

Thursday, May 16, 12:10 p.m.

Join Toni Gittles as she shares 21 common mistakes a caregiver makes as well as the solutions and strategies that may save your family time, energy and headache. To register, email OfficeonAging@ocfl.net or call 407.836.7446. Seating is limited. Registration required.

Medicare Monday

Washington Park Branch

Monday, May 13, 1–2:30 p.m.

Sabrina Ramos and Sandra Sims are experienced Medicare educators. Join them for this educational Medicare event, no sales and no pressure.

Classical Music & Painting

North Orange Branch

Monday, May 13, 4:30 p.m.

Create guided art while listening to classical music and letting it influence your art. Presented by Central Florida Community Arts, a continuum of arts education and experiences for a lifetime.

Qigong Movement and Breathing

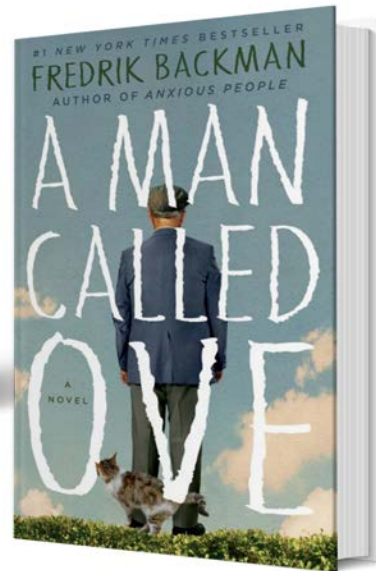
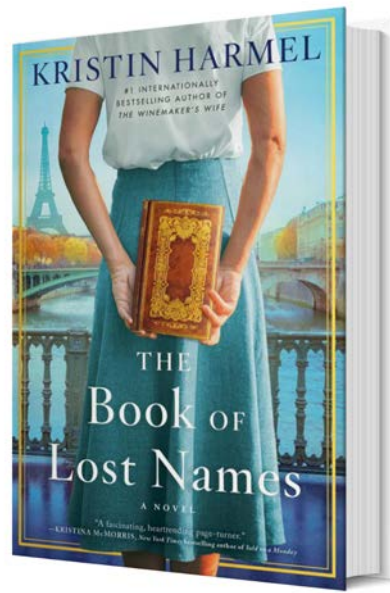
Alafaya Branch

Monday, May 20, 10:30 a.m.

Southwest Branch

Friday, May 31, 10:30 a.m.

Learn ancient qigong practice with modern-day instructor Jasmine Win. Using the five elements of life, students will undergo an empowering and uplifting shift to take control of their health and lives.



Y Read: Book Read Aloud
Dr. P. Phillips YMCA
 7000 Dr. Phillips Blvd., Orlando, FL 32819
Saturdays, May 4–25, 1:30–3:30 p.m.
 Experience the joy and camaraderie of reading aloud a book with others each week. Facilitator-led in partnership with the Dr. P. Phillips YMCA and Southwest Branch. Ages 18 and up.

Winter Garden Book Club
Winter Garden Branch
Thursday, May 9, 6 p.m.
Virtual
Thursday, May 30, 6 p.m.
The Book of Lost Names by Kristin Harmel. Escaping from Paris in 1942 after the arrest of her father, a Polish Jew, a graduate student finds refuge in a small mountain town, where she forges identity documents to help hundreds of Jewish children flee the Nazis.

Hiwassee Book Club
Virtual
Monday, May 20, 7–8:30 p.m.
A Man Called Ove by Fredrik Backman. A curmudgeon hides a terrible personal loss beneath a cranky and short-tempered exterior while clashing with new neighbors, a boisterous family whose chattiness and habits lead to unexpected friendship.



Never Been Better
by Leanne Toshiko Simpson
 A hilariously offbeat and tender comedy about one bipolar woman's messy search for love at a seaside wedding where no one can stay afloat.

We Measure the Earth with Our Bodies
by Tsering Yangzom Lama
 A novel that tells the compelling and profound story of a Tibetan family's journey through exile.

Rules For Rule Breaking
by Talia Tucker
 When Korean American teens Bobby and Winter reluctantly go on a college visit road trip together, the sworn mortal enemies discover they might actually be a perfect pair.

Islands: A Celebration of Tropical Cooking
by Von Diaz
 In this deliciously groundbreaking cookbook, Von Diaz travels across oceans and nations to honor island cooking in over 125 recipes organized by their ancestral cooking techniques. These techniques, among the oldest known to humanity, enable people to make delicious food with limited ingredients, often without modern tools or electricity.

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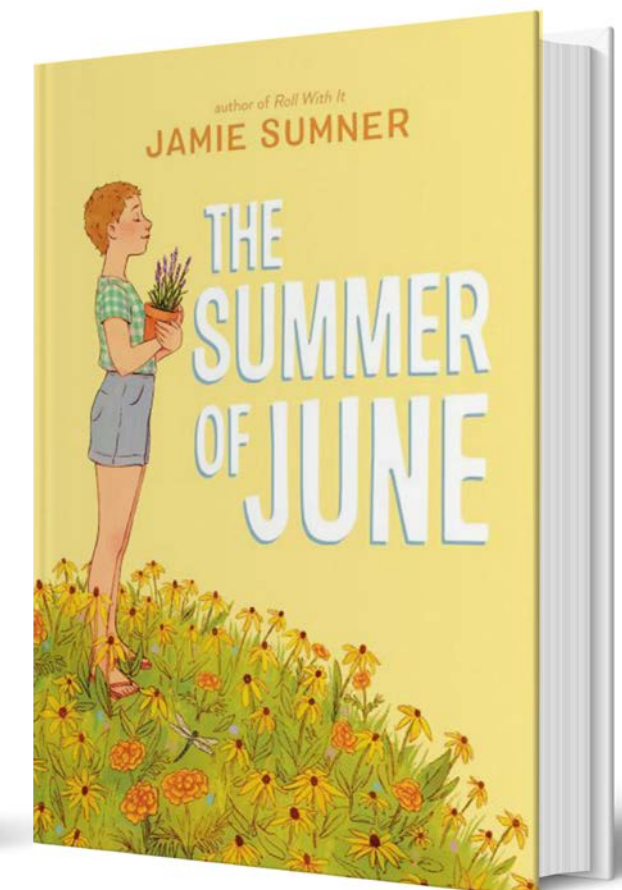
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I Am Golden
by Eva Chen and Sophie Diao
 This joyful and lyrical picture book from *New York Times* bestselling author Eva Chen and illustrator Sophie Diao is a moving ode to the immigrant experience, as well as a manifesto of self-love for Chinese American children.

The Summer of June
by Jamie Sumner
 From the acclaimed author of *Tune It Out* and *Roll with It* comes a "needed, hopeful" (*Booklist*) middle-grade book about a young girl who sets out to overcome her anxiety over the course of one life-changing summer.



WRITING A CHARACTER-DRIVEN PICTURE BOOK

Virtual
Tuesday, May 21, 7 p.m.
 Literary agent Sandra Proudman will discuss how to create a picture book with a main character who drives the story forward.



Break Up Your Novel Into Attainable Goals
Virtual

Tuesday, May 7, 7 p.m.
 Author Shannon A. Thompson will discuss an approach to novel writing by breaking the process up into parts. Then, set realistic goals so you can stay on track to finish your book.

Writer's Meetup
Winter Garden Branch

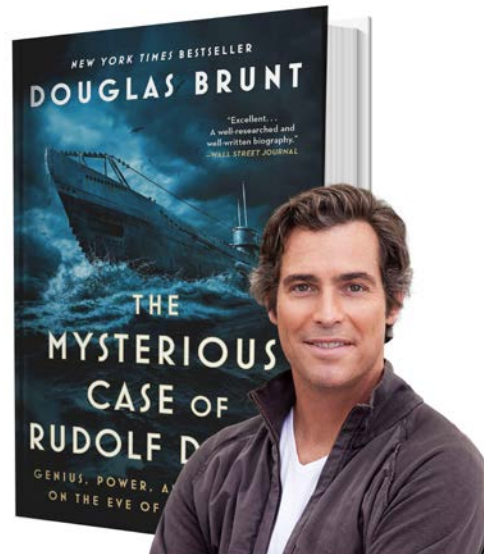
Saturday, May 18, 3:30 p.m.
 Join your fellow writers for critique, discussion and camaraderie. Writers of all genres and experience are welcome. Recommended for ages 18 and up.

OCLS Writer's Group
Virtual

Sunday, May 19, 4 p.m.
 Join your fellow writers for critique, discussion and camaraderie. Writers of all genres and experience are welcome. Please attend one meeting before submitting a piece for critique.

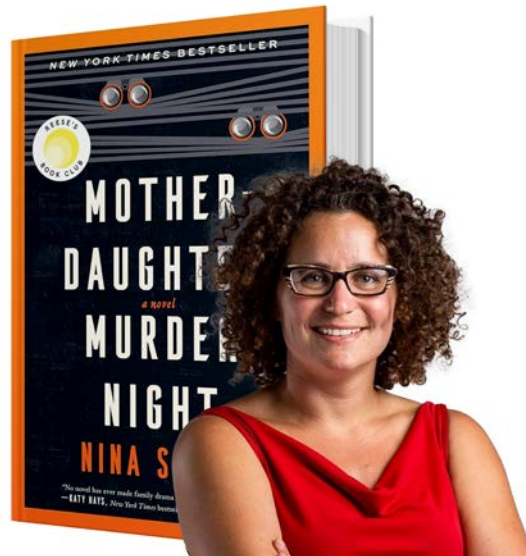
Using the Artist's Way to Destroy Creative Blocks
Virtual

Saturday, May 25, 11 a.m.
The Artist's Way by Julia Cameron was written to help people with artistic creative recovery. Author and screenwriter Jennie Jarvis will discuss lessons from the book to help with creative blocks.



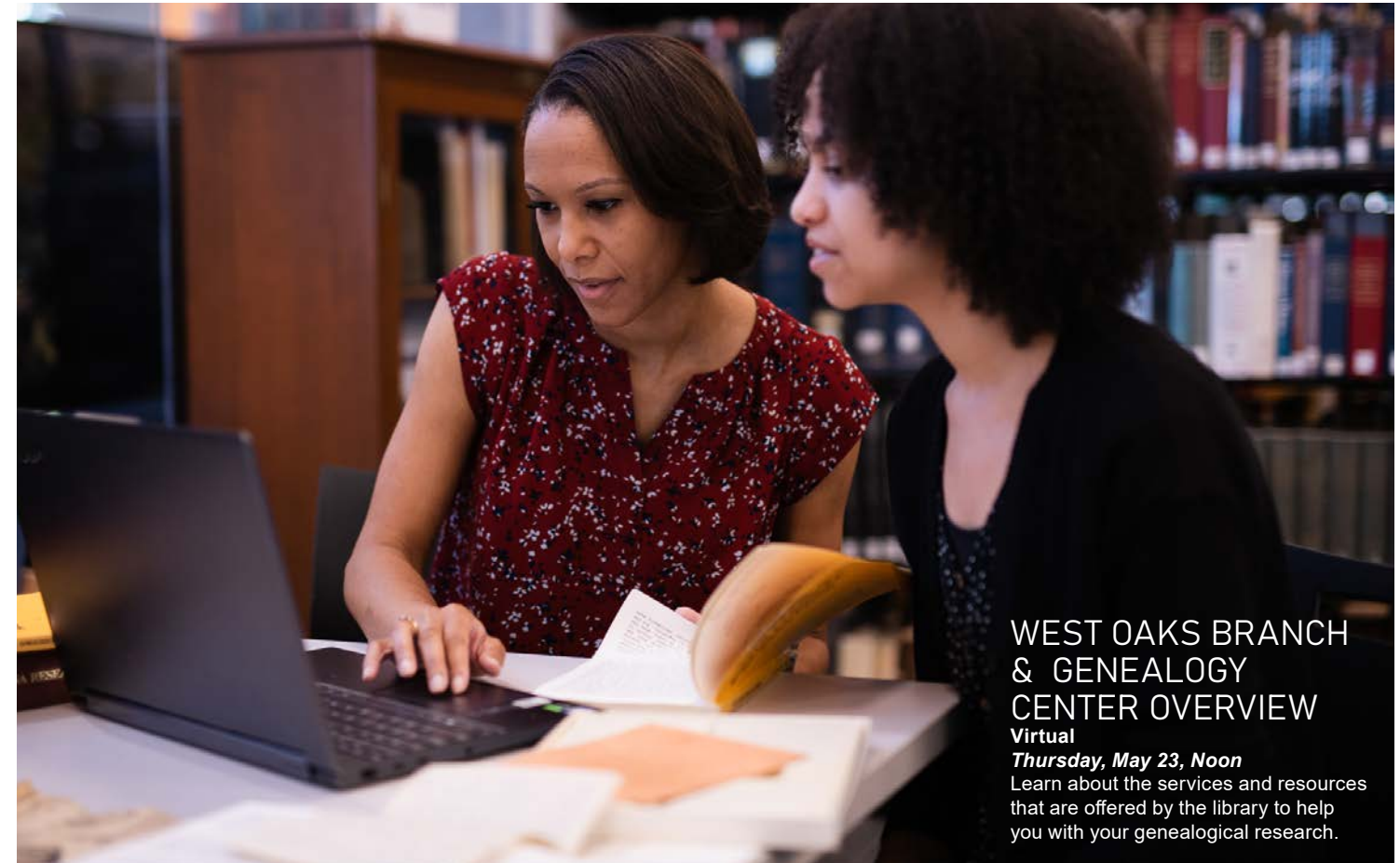
Author Talk with Douglas Brunt: Genius, Power, and Deception on the Eve of World War I
Virtual

Wednesday, May 1, 3 p.m.
 We chat with *New York Times* bestselling author Douglas Brunt about the non-fiction work *The Mysterious Case of Rudolph Diesel: Genius, Power and Deception on the Eve of World War I*.



Author Talk with Nina Simon: A Murder Mystery, Family Story & Love Letter to Strong Women
Virtual

Wednesday, May 8, 7 p.m.
 Nothing brings a family together like a murder next door. Join Nina Simon online as she chats about her lighthearted whodunit about a grandmother-mother-daughter trio of amateur sleuths, *Mother-Daughter Murder Night*.



WEST OAKS BRANCH & GENEALOGY CENTER OVERVIEW
Virtual

Thursday, May 23, Noon
 Learn about the services and resources that are offered by the library to help you with your genealogical research.

DNA for Native American Genealogy Study Group
Virtual

Wednesdays, May 1 & 8, 6:30 p.m.
 Join us for our DNA for Native American Genealogy Study Group.

Searching on Ancestry.com
Virtual

Thursday, May 2, Noon
 Learn how to make the most out of your searches on Ancestry Library Edition and Ancestry.com.

Sunday Morning Genealogy
Virtual

Sunday, May 5, 11 a.m.
 Grab a cup of coffee (or tea) and join us for this Sunday morning genealogy hangout. Feel free to ask any type of genealogy question or propose a genealogy discussion topic.

Exploring FamilySearch.org
Virtual

Tuesday, May 7, 1 p.m.
 FamilySearch is a tremendous and free source for family history research. Learn how to navigate this website and how to make the most of the information that it contains.

Genealogy in the States: South Carolina
Virtual

Thursday, May 9, Noon
 Explore the rich research resources and collections that are held in a variety of archives and repositories in South Carolina. Discover what records are available and how to use them.

Building Your Family Tree on Ancestry.com
Virtual

Tuesday, May 14, 1 p.m.
 Discover all of the tools and resources Ancestry.com has to help you build your family tree online.

AI and Genealogy
Virtual

Wednesdays, May 15–29, 6:30 p.m.
 Join us for a three-week adventure as we explore the foundational role of AI in the world of genealogy.

Mastering Genealogical Proof Study Group
Virtual

Tuesdays, May 21 & 28, 1 p.m.
 Join us for our Mastering Genealogical Proof study group focusing on genealogical methods and reasoning.

Finding Your Roots: Probate Records
West Oaks Branch

Friday, May 24, 3 p.m.
 Learn what probate records are, where they are located, and how to best utilize them in your family history research.

Using GedMatch.com
Virtual

Thursday, May 30, Noon
 Learn how to navigate GedMatch.com and see how a variety of tools can help you further analyze your DNA and connect with your DNA matches.

ENGLISH FOR SPEAKERS OF OTHER LANGUAGES (ESOL)

Basic English 1

South Trail Branch
 Wednesdays, May 1–29, 11:30 a.m.
 Fridays, May 3–31, 11:30 a.m.
 Southeast Branch
 Tuesdays, May 7–28, 10:15 a.m.
 Windermere Branch
 Wednesdays, May 1–29, 3:30 p.m.
 South Creek Branch
 Thursdays, May 2–30, 10:30 a.m.
 Tuesdays, May 7–28, 10:30 a.m.
 Hiawassee Branch
 Thursdays, May 2–30, 11:45 a.m.
 North Orange Branch
 Fridays, May 3–31, 4:30 p.m.
 Washington Park Branch
 Saturdays, May 4–25, 1 p.m.
 Virtual
 Saturdays, May 4–25, 4 p.m.
 Fairview Shores Branch
 Mondays, May 6–20, 5 p.m.
 Chickasaw Branch
 Monday, May 6, 5:30 p.m.

This class is designed for students with a beginner-level knowledge of English. Practice basic vocabulary and grammar.

Basic English 2

South Trail Branch
 Wednesdays, May 1–29, 2:30 p.m.
 Fridays, May 3–31, 2:30 p.m.
 Southeast Branch
 Tuesdays, May 7–28, 11:15 a.m.
 Chickasaw Branch
 Thursdays, May 2, 16, 23 & 30, 11 a.m.
 Mondays, May 13 & 20, 5:30 p.m.
 South Creek Branch
 Thursdays, May 2–30, Noon
 Tuesdays, May 7–28, Noon
 Windermere Branch
 Thursdays, May 2–30, 4:45 p.m.
 Wednesdays, May 8–29, 4:45 p.m.
 Winter Garden Branch
 Tuesdays, May 7–28, Noon p.m.
 West Oaks Branch
 Tuesdays, May 7–21, 4:30 p.m.

This class is designed for students with a high-beginner to intermediate level of English. Continue to practice basic vocabulary and grammar.

English Conversation Hour

Chickasaw Branch
 Thursdays, May 2, 16, 23 & 30, 12:30 p.m.
 Windermere Branch
 Fridays, May 3–21, 3:30 p.m.
 South Trail Branch
 Fridays, May 3–31, 4:30 p.m.
 West Oaks Branch
 Saturdays, May 4 & 12, 2 p.m.
 South Creek Branch
 Sundays, May 5–19, 1:30 & 3 p.m.
 North Orange Branch
 Tuesdays, May 7, 21, 28, 3 p.m.
 Washington Park Branch
 Tuesdays, May 7 & 21, 4 p.m.
 Virtual
 Wednesdays, May 1–29, Noon
 Thursdays, May 2–30, 2 p.m.
 Fridays, May 3–31, 4:45 p.m.

A series of workshops in which students can practice their English speaking and listening skills. Recommended for those with a basic understanding of English.



Speaking Clearly Beginners

Virtual
 Mondays, May 6–20, 11:30 a.m.
 Designed to introduce learners to the basics of the sounds of English for pronunciation.

Speaking Clearly Intermediate

Southeast Branch
 Tuesdays, May 7–28, 2 p.m.
 Designed to introduce learners to the rules of spelling and pronunciation of English words and phrases.

Speaking Clearly Advanced

Virtual
 Monday, May 6–20, 10 a.m.
 Designed for students who want to improve their English speaking and presentation skills.



Writing Clearly Beginner

North Orange Branch
 Tuesdays, May 14 & 28, 5:30 p.m.
 Learn the basics of English grammar by focusing on the parts of speech, organization of sentences, and vocabulary building.

Writing Clearly Intermediate

Southeast Branch
 Thursdays, May 2–30, 1:30 p.m.
 North Orange Branch
 Tuesdays, May 7 & 21, 5:30 p.m.
 Focuses on complex grammar ideas, including sentence structures, phrases and vocabulary building.

Writing Clearly Part 1

Virtual
 Tuesdays, May 7–28, 10:30 a.m.
 Focus on developing grammar, vocabulary and writing styles.

Writing Clearly Part 2

Virtual
 Wednesday, May 1 & 15–29, 10:30 a.m.
 Practice grammar and writing styles.

LANGUAGE CLASSES

Práctica Spanish Conversation

Virtual
 Wednesdays, May 1–29, 4–5:30 p.m.
 ¡Práctica tu español! Develop your Spanish language skills through conversation. Conversation topics and themed vocabulary will be provided. Ages 18 and up.

Adult French

Windermere Branch
 Mondays, May 6–20, 2:30 p.m.
 Virtual
 Wednesdays, May 1–29, 6 p.m.
 Tuesdays, May 7–28, 1 p.m.
 Designed for students with no prior French exposure. Combines face-to-face class time with the flexibility of independent learning. Ages 18 and up.

Spanish From Zero:

Intermediate with Ms. Brenda
 Virtual
 Tuesdays, May 7, 14 & 28, 10:30 a.m. & 5 p.m.
 Learn Spanish grammar (B1) with Ms. Brenda.

Spanish From Zero:

Basics with Ms. Brenda
 Virtual
 Tuesdays, May 7, 14 & 28, 4 p.m.
 Learn basic Spanish (A1–A2) with Ms. Brenda.

Spanish From Zero for Beginners

with Ms. Brenda
 Virtual
 Tuesdays, May 7, 14 & 28, 6 p.m.
 Learn and use Spanish (A0) for the first time with Ms. Brenda.

Adult Basic Education:

Improve Reading and Writing Skills
 Hiawassee Branch
 Tuesdays, May 14–28, 10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
 Improve reading and writing skills, vocabulary and comprehension. This event is for adults who are beginning-intermediate level emerging readers.

ENGLISH FOR SOCIAL INTERACTIONS

Hiawassee Branch
 Thursdays, May 2–30, 5:30 p.m.
 Fairview Shores Branch
 Mondays, May 6–20, 11 a.m.
 North Orange Branch
 Tuesdays, May 7, 21 & 28, 2 p.m.
 Virtual
 Mondays, May 6–20, 4 p.m.
 Learn different English idioms and phrases that are used to communicate every day.

Enhanced English Reading Session

Hiawassee Branch
 Wednesdays, May 1–29, 4:45 p.m.
 Read and discuss what we read for a better understanding of the English language.

Introducción al Inglés

South Trail Branch
 Fridays, May 3–31, 4–5:30 p.m.
 Introducción al Inglés está diseñada y enfocada en Hispanohablantes interesados en aprender el idioma del Inglés comenzando desde lo más básico y desarrollando vocabulario, gramática, y conversación.

Introductory English Course

Chickasaw Branch
 Saturdays, May 4 & 18, 11 a.m.
 Friday, May 24, 11 a.m.
 Washington Park Branch
 Tuesdays, May 7–28, 2:30 p.m.
 Washington Park Branch
 Tuesdays, May 14–28, 2:30 p.m.
 Start from the beginning with letter sounds, syllables and basic vocabulary for students who have very little or no English experience.

Practice Makes Perfect

Chickasaw Branch
 Tuesdays, May 7–28, 2–3:30 p.m.
 English conversation classes led by Adult Literacy League volunteers.

CITIZENSHIP INSPIRED

Citizenship Inspired

Hiawassee Branch
 Thursdays, May 2–30, 10:30 a.m.
 Windermere Branch
 Thursdays, May 2–23, 3–4:30 p.m.
 Fairview Shores Branch
 Mondays, May 6–20, 5 p.m.
 Southeast Branch
 Saturdays, May 11 & 18, 10 a.m.–1 p.m.
 Virtual
 Tuesdays & Wednesdays, May 7, 8, 14 & 15, 3–5 p.m.
 Saturdays, May 18 & 25, 10 a.m.–1 p.m.
 Tuesdays & Wednesdays, May 21, 22, 28 & 29, 3–5 p.m.
 Students will meet to prepare for the U.S. Naturalization (Citizenship) Test and Interview.



2024 MELROSE AWARDS

To Celebrate the Melrose Center's 10th Anniversary, we're bringing back the Melrose Awards for 2024! On hiatus since the pandemic, the Melrose Awards recognizes creatives who utilize Melrose Center resources. If the Melrose Center helped you execute an original creation in the last four years, we encourage you to submit it!

CASH PRIZES FOR WINNERS IN EACH CATEGORY!

- AUDIO – VOICE ONLY
- AUDIO – MUSIC
- FIBER ARTS
- GRAPHIC DESIGN
- MAKER
- PHOTOGRAPHY
- VIDEOGRAPHY
- VIDEO GAME DEVELOPMENT


SUBMISSION PERIOD: May 1st – August 31st
AWARDS PRESENTATION: November 9th

Visit tic.ocls.info/2024-melrose-awards for details.





NEW PHOTO STUDIO CURRICULUM

Introducing an exciting new curriculum in the Photo Studio! Our updated classes are designed to streamline studio access for experienced photographers and provide the skills and knowledge needed for anyone ready to dive into the dynamic and competitive field of photography. For more information or to sign up for a photography class today, scan the QR code below!

Melrose Center General Orientation

This orientation is your key to accessing the creative and collaborative spaces in the Melrose Center. Get an overview of the Photography Studio, Video Production Studio, Audio Production Studio, Fiber Arts Studio, Makerspace, Game Design Lab and the Creative Co-Working Space. Melrose Center General Orientation on demand is also available for individuals who prefer to take the orientation online, at any time. To sign up for an in-person orientation, visit ocls.info/melrose or scan the QR code to gain access today!



Q&A with the

Holocaust Memorial Resource & Education Center of Florida

by Wayne Middleton, Marketing Project Coordinator

Did you know that May is Jewish American Heritage Month? It is a time to honor and pay tribute to Jewish Americans who have contributed to the rich history of this country. A history that must be remembered. To learn more, we reached out to Talli Dippold, CEO of the Holocaust Memorial Resource & Education Center of Florida, for her insight on this important and historical resource.

The Holocaust Memorial Resource & Education Center of Florida opened its doors in 1986. Could you tell us about its history?

The Holocaust Memorial Resource & Education Center started as the Holocaust Project of Valencia Community College in 1981 by Tess Wise, a local Holocaust Survivor from Poland. Tess believed that by studying the historical, social, moral and ethical lessons of the Holocaust, history would never be allowed to repeat itself. In 1982 the Holocaust Project leadership changed its name and moved from Valencia's campus to offices in the Jewish Community Center in Maitland. In 1983 we became an independent 501(c)(3) organization with the Rev. Dr. Earl Scarbeary as our first president. I served as the volunteer executive director, a position I held for more than 20 years. In 1986, we opened the doors to our current Holocaust Memorial Resource & Education Center of Florida, the first Holocaust museum in the Southeast, predating the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C. by 7 years.

In 1994 the state legislature mandated that Holocaust education must be taught in Florida public schools. As a partner of the Florida Department of Education's Task Force on Holocaust Education, it is our responsibility to provide educational resources to a

13-county area, including instructional materials, best practices and professional development. During the 2018–19 school year over 25,000 students from area public and private schools and home school groups visited the Holocaust Center or participated in an in-school presentation by a member of the Center's education team.

Why do you feel the mission of the center is so important to our community?

Our mission is to use the history and lessons of the Holocaust to build a just and caring community free of antisemitism and all forms of prejudice and bigotry. Through our extensive outreach of educational and cultural programs and exhibits, we use the lessons of the Holocaust as a tool. We teach the principles of good citizenship to thousands of people of all ages, religions, races, sexual orientations, abilities and backgrounds each year.

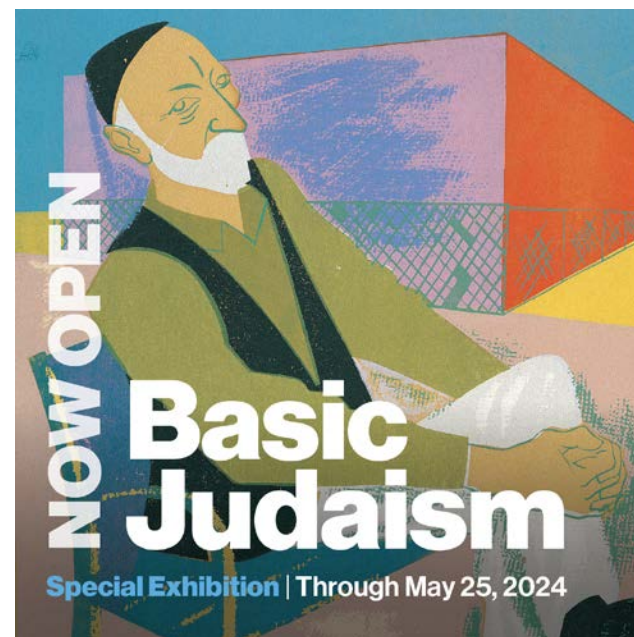
What can readers visiting the center expect?

When you step into the Holocaust Memorial Resource & Education Center of Florida, you're taking a journey that merges the history of the Holocaust with innovative techniques for preserving the memory and legacy for future generations to learn from. In addition to the engaging technology and personal narratives, guests at our center encounter a range of artifacts that tell the story of the Holocaust in a deeply tangible way. Each artifact – a letter, a photograph, a personal item – serves as a bridge to the past, providing a tangible connection to the individuals and communities affected.

Our aim is for guests to leave not just moved by the stories of survival and spirit but also empowered with a sense of responsibility to counteract hate and promote human dignity. Through these interactive and immersive experiences, we hope to inspire a commitment to a more compassionate and just world, honoring the legacy of those we remember by fostering understanding and action in the present.

How can readers get involved?

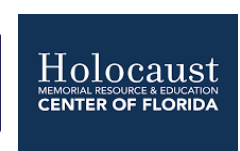
Join us at the Holocaust Memorial Resource & Education Center of Florida to make a lasting impact. Whether through volunteering, participating in our educational programs or supporting our mission with a donation, your involvement helps preserve the memory and legacy of the Holocaust for future generations. Together, we can foster a community of understanding and action against hate. Get involved today and be part of creating a more just and compassionate world.



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ASIAN AMERICAN, NATIVE HAWAIIAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH / AANHPI

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Asian American, Native Hawaiian & Pacific Islander Heritage Month Reading Challenge for Adults

ocls.beanstack.org
May 1–31

Join us as we honor and celebrate Asian American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander Heritage Month! We invite you to explore and read about the rich cultural heritage and remarkable contributions of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders.



KUNG FU SHOW PRESENTED BY WAH LUM KUNG FU TEMPLE

Orlando Public Library
Saturday, May 11, 1 p.m.

A diverse team of professional performers from the Wah Lum Kung Fu Temple will present a Lion dance, kung fu and tai chi performance demonstration. Explore Chinese culture through this demonstration.

CHINESE GUZHENG PERFORMANCE AND CALLIGRAPHY DEMONSTRATION BY ANN YAO AND LI WEI

West Oaks Branch
Friday, May 31, 2 p.m.

Ann Yao performs cutting-edge interpretations of traditional material on the Guzheng. Professor Li Wei demonstrates Chinese calligraphy fundamental techniques and aesthetic values.



Beginner's Chinese Calligraphy

Virtual
Wednesday, May 8, 11 a.m.
Join artist Jojo Liu as she teaches the art of traditional Chinese calligraphy in honor of Asian American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander Heritage Month.

Vietnamese Silk Painting

West Oaks Branch
Saturday, May 11, 2 p.m.
Create a work of art that honors the technique and tradition of Vietnamese silk painting. Enjoy the unique character and beauty of this art form. Recommended for ages 15 and up.

Eatonville Branch Adult Film Club

Virtual
Saturday, May 18, Noon
Calling all adults! Celebrate Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Heritage Month and enjoy the movie, *Polite Society*. Recommended for ages 18 and up.

World of Watercolor

North Orange Branch
Monday, May 20, 4:30–6 p.m.
Experiment with watercolor in this guided interactive session to create a piece inspired by Ming Dynasty Porcelain! Learn about monochromes and explore the world of watercolor! Recommended for ages 18 and up.

Polynesian Dance and Music Performance

Chickasaw Branch
Friday, May 31, 11 a.m.
Experience Polynesian culture through music and dance. Learn about Hawaii and other Pacific Islands' culture, music, and dance. Take the opportunity to practice hula movements.

AUTHOR TALK WITH REBECCA F. KUANG: ASIAN AMERICAN REPRESENTATION IN LITERATURE

Virtual

Tuesday, May 21, 7 p.m.
Register for a thrilling conversation with Rebecca F. Kuang as she chats with us about her *New York Times* bestselling novel, *Yellowface*, which grapples with questions of diversity, racism and cultural appropriation, as well as the terrifying alienation of social media.



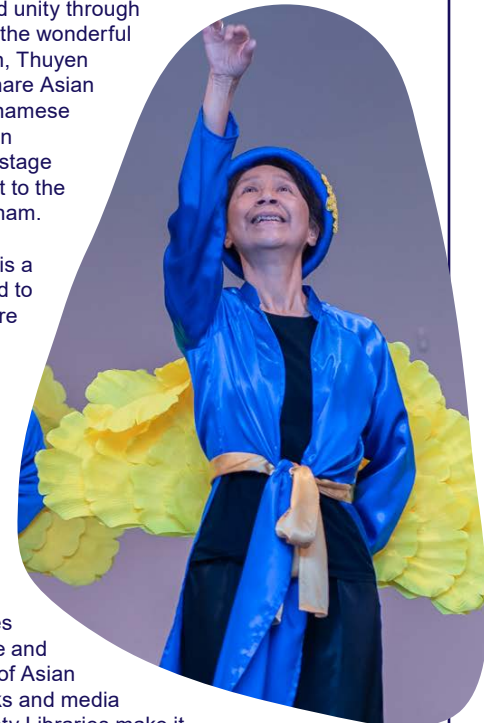
Choreographed Community: Vietnamese Cultural Outreach at the Orange County Library System

by Clair Nguyen, Thuyen May Productions Secretary


Orange County Library System sets the stage for informational access here in Central Florida. Libraries bring people together under the umbrella of learning and sharing through books, education, DIY workshops, cultural programs and more. Last year at Chickasaw Branch, Thuyen May Productions had the honor of presenting a bilingual, hour-long dance tour featuring vibrant costumes and choreographies highlighting the northern (Miền Bắc), central (Miền Trung), and southern (Miền Nam) cultural regions of Vietnam.

Dances alternated with saxophone music that evoked the ambience of Vietnamese music cafes. Performed by the local saxophone duo M2, the repertoire focused on sharing popular Vietnamese tunes. Throughout the program, library technology allowed Thuyen May to showcase educational videos about Vietnamese cultures and customs as well as accented the wide stage area with colorful lights and high-quality sound.

Thuyen May's interactive folk-dance workshop was the highlight of the program. At the end of the dance tour, attendees of all ages gathered onstage to learn a dance for the song *Ngồi Tựa Mạn Thuyền* ("Sitting by the Boatside"). Once the music began, all the smiling faces and passionate expressions encapsulated what cultural programs and libraries do best: creating spaces for community and unity through learning. With the help of the wonderful staff at Chickasaw Branch, Thuyen May Productions could share Asian and Asian American Vietnamese narratives with everyone in attendance. The library's stage served as an access point to the cultural narratives of Vietnam.



Thuyen May Productions is a non-profit group dedicated to sharing Vietnamese culture in Central Florida and beyond. The members of Thuyen May include a diversity of backgrounds and heritages, with member ages spanning from teens to seniors. Among their members are Asian American residents who rely on informational access and local programs or activities to learn about their culture and heritage. The collections of Asian and Asian American books and media provided by Orange County Libraries make it possible for the interested – younger Asian American generations included – to jump start or expand their entryways into Asian culture. Mai-Huong Nguyen, the founder of Thuyen May Productions, stresses the importance of cultural education: that "Cultural learning and sharing open doors to understanding, acceptance and appreciation." And it is the library system that provides community groups like Thuyen May Productions a means to set the stage for the future generations to come.

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Yarnfiti Community Art Project: Enchanted Forest!

Join Yarnfiti, where fiber artists share in the magic of making as we create an enchanted forest of handcrafted art. Classes and meetups will be available to help collaborate on pieces from suggested patterns. Contributors are also encouraged to submit creations of their own design.

Yarnfiti is an annual community-created art installation. This year, in addition to knitting and crochet, contributors are invited to submit projects from a variety of crafts including, sewing, embroidery, weaving and more!



Sewing Open Lab: Yarnfiti Chickasaw Branch Thursday, May 9, 3 p.m.

All the tools are here for you. Participants are required to bring their own materials. Machine sewing skills are required

Embroider a Yarnfiti Toadstool Southwest Branch Saturday, May 18, 10:30 a.m.

With this confident beginner project, you can make a cute felt toadstool for display in our Yarnfiti Community Art Project!

Macramé a Yarnfiti Wall Hanging Southwest Branch Saturday, May 25, 10:30 a.m.

Make a simple hanging design for our Yarnfiti Community Art Project! You'll use a tree branch and work multiple strands of cord using lark's head and square knots.

Crochet Open Lab: Yarnfiti Chickasaw Branch Tuesday, May 28, 3 p.m.

Bring your crochet Yarnfiti projects, yarn and tools to this open lab. All levels are welcome.

FAMILY FIBER ARTS: YARNFITI FELT FLOWERS

Southwest Branch Saturday, May 25, 3 p.m.

Make some pretty felt flowers for display in our Yarnfiti Community Art Project! Ages 10 and up.

Learning Microsoft in May

Get ready for the next steps in your lifelong learning journey! Learn more Microsoft capabilities with OneNote, Word's review tools and the cloud-based Microsoft 365. For newer computer users, explore the vast world of internet and email.

MICROSOFT 365 BASICS

Chickasaw Branch Friday, May 3, 10:30 a.m.

Hiawasee Branch Friday, May 3, 2 p.m.

Orlando Public Library Saturday, May 4, 10:30 a.m.

North Orange Branch Saturday, May 11, 10:15 a.m.

South Trail Branch Friday, May 17, 10:15 a.m.

Wednesday, May 29, 1 p.m.

Discover how you can use Microsoft's powerful productivity tools to connect and collaborate with your team. Learn how to access apps, store and share files.



Crochet Level 1 & 2 Hiawasee Branch

Monday, May 13, 4 p.m.

Level up your crocheting. Learn how to create more open fabric with new stitches.

Crochet Level 2

Alafaya Branch

Friday, May 3, 4 p.m.

North Orange Branch

Tuesday, May 7, 5 p.m.

Fairview Shores Branch

Thursday, May 9, 5 p.m.

Learn basic techniques while creating a project. Techniques include chaining up rows, as well as double and triple crochet stitches.

Crochet Open Lab

Fairview Shores Branch

Thursday, May 16, 5 p.m.

Bring your crochet projects, yarn and tools to this open lab. All levels are welcome.

Kid's Crochet

Alafaya Branch

Monday, May 6, 4 p.m.

Learn how to crochet a necklace. Ages 8-12. Beginners welcome. Materials will be provided.

Knit Level 1 & 2

Hiawasee Branch

Monday, May 20, 4 p.m.

Level up your knitting. Learn how to combine knit and purl stitches to create smooth fabric.

Meet and Make

Knitting Group

Windermere Branch

Tuesday, May 14, 10:30 a.m.

Have a great time mingling with other fiber artists while working on your craft. Be sure to bring your work in progress, yarn and tools.

Hand Sewing Basics

Hiawasee Branch

Wednesday, May 22, 4 p.m.

Chickasaw Branch

Thursday, May 23, 3 p.m.

Learn the basic techniques to get started, including how to make a quilter's knot, thread a needle and sew a running stitch.

Hand Sewing Sashiko

Patterns: Rice Stitch

Chickasaw Branch

Thursday, May 30, 3 p.m.

Learn sashiko hand-sewing techniques that form geometric patterns from simple running stitches.

Internet Level 1

Eatonville Branch

Saturdays, May 4 & 11, 10:15 a.m.

Orlando Public Library

Tuesday, May 7, 10:30 a.m.

South Trail Branch

Wednesday, May 8, 1 p.m.

North Orange Branch

Thursday, May 16, 10:15 a.m.

Hiawasee Branch

Tuesday, May 21, 11 a.m.

Learn internet concepts and terminology. Become familiar with web browsers while surfing the web.

Internet Level 2

Eatonville Branch

Saturday, May 4, 11:30 a.m.

Orlando Public Library

Tuesday, May 7, 11:45 a.m.

South Trail Branch

Wednesday, May 8, 2:15 p.m.

North Orange Branch

Thursday, May 16, 11:30 a.m.

Hiawasee Branch

Tuesday, May 21, 12:30 p.m.

Learn about search engines and search techniques to help you find exactly what you are looking for on the web.

Email Level 1

Orlando Public Library

Tuesday, May 14, 10:30 a.m.

South Trail Branch

Wednesday, May 15, 1 p.m.

Eatonville Branch

Saturday, May 18, 10:15 a.m.

North Orange Branch

Thursday, May 23, 10:15 a.m.

Hiawasee Branch

Tuesday, May 28, 11 a.m.

Create a free email account. Learn how to navigate the environment, including the inbox, the reading pane and the compose area.

Email Level 2

Orlando Public Library

Tuesday, May 14, 11:45 a.m.

South Trail Branch

Wednesday, May 15, 2:15 p.m.

Eatonville Branch

Saturday, May 18, 11:30 a.m.

North Orange Branch

Thursday, May 23, 11:30 a.m.

Hiawasee Branch

Tuesday, May 28, 12:30 p.m.

Learn how to compose and send email messages with attachments. Become familiar with replying and forwarding messages.

Microsoft OneNote Fundamentals

Chickasaw Branch

Saturday, May 11, 10:30 a.m.

Orlando Public Library

Saturday, May 18, 10:30 a.m.

South Trail Branch

Friday, May 24, 10:15 a.m.

Boost your productivity with Microsoft's powerful note-taking app. Learn how to organize your pages, revise your notes and collaborate with your team.

Microsoft Word: Review

and Citation Tools

South Trail Branch

Saturday, May 4, 10:30 a.m.

North Orange Branch

Saturday, May 25, 10:15 a.m.

Orlando Public Library

Saturday, May 25, 10:30 a.m.

Get your research papers and reports noticed. Learn how to use the review tools to discover errors and ensure readability. Add organization with a table of contents and clear citations

CLASES DE ARTE TEXTIL

Tejido en Croché Nivel 1

North Orange Branch

Tuesday, May 14, 5 p.m.

¡Comienza a tejer hoy! Aprenda técnicas básicas mientras crea su primer proyecto, un marcador de páginas. Las técnicas incluidas son crear un nudo corredizo, encadenar y punto bajo.

Tejido en Croché Nivel 2 (Nivel Principiante)

North Orange Branch

Tuesday, May 21, 5 p.m.

Mejore sus detrezas de croché. Aprenda a crear telas más abiertas con puntadas nuevas. Las técnicas a utilizar incluyen encadenar filas, así como puntadas de punto medio alto y punto alto.

FEATURED BOOK

Explore new techniques, get ideas for projects and find helpful patterns in our featured fiber arts book.



Crochet Amigurumi for Every Occasion by Justine Tiu

Fall in love with amigurumi, the art of crocheting small, stuffed yarn plushies. Loaded with cuteness and beginner-friendly amigurumi patterns created by The Woobles, the internet's favorite one-stop source for easy-to-make crochet kits.

MAY THE 4TH BE WITH YOU

STAR WARS GALACTIC GAMES

Fairview Shores Branch
Friday, May 3, 4 p.m.

West Oaks Branch
Saturday, May 4, 3 p.m.

Orlando Public Library
Saturday, May 4, 3:30 p.m.

Believe in the Force, do you? Take the oath, construct your craft and get into gear with activities inspired by a galaxy far, far away.

Snacks from the Galaxy

Fairview Shores Branch
Wednesday, May 1, 3:30 p.m.
BBQ quesadillas and Yoda drink. No matter your age, this snack is a fun way to celebrate Star Wars.

How to Draw Cartoon Characters: Baby Yoda

Hiawassee Branch
Wednesday, May 1, 4:30 p.m.
This is the way! In the spirit of May the 4th, learn how to draw Baby Yoda.

Star Wars Storytime

Fairview Shores Branch
Friday, May 3, 10:30 a.m.
Young Jedis and Stormtroopers alike are invited to a storytime in a galaxy far, far away.

May the 4th Star Wars Celebration

Orlando Public Library, Melrose Center
Saturday, May 4, 10:30 a.m.
Celebrate May the 4th with activities, movie screenings and a photo op with our newest team member, R2-KN3!

Star Wars Origami Bookmarks

Alafaya Branch
Saturday, May 4, 1:30 p.m.
May the 4th be with you! Fold your own origami bookmarks inspired by iconic Star Wars characters. Ages 9–12.

Jedi Training Academy

Hiawassee Branch
Saturday, May 4, 2 p.m.
Master the art of lightsaber combat, hone problem-solving skills and discover the power of the Force.

Star Wars Garden Pots

Hiawassee Branch
Saturday, May 4, 4–5:30 p.m.
Unleash the Force in your garden!

Homeschool Meetup: Revenge of the Sixth

Southwest Branch
Monday, May 6, 1 p.m.
Participate in math, science, history, art and literature-based learning.

HAPPY Mother's DAY

JUST FOR YOU, MOM!

South Creek Branch
Wednesday, May 8, 10:30 a.m.
Bond with your little one with stories and a craft that celebrates the wonderful mothers in our lives.

Mother's Day

Pop-Up Cards
Hiawassee Branch
Tuesday, May 7, 4:30 p.m.

Celebrate the mothers and caregivers in your life by creating your own pop-up card!

Mom 'n Me:

Celebrating Mother's Day
Winter Garden Branch
Thursday, May 9, 10:30 a.m.

Let's celebrate our moms and create the perfect Mother's Day gift!

We HeART Mom!

Eatonville Branch
Thursday, May 9, 3:30 p.m.
Celebrate mom, grandma or the special caregiver in your life by crafting and creating art to let her know just how much she means to you.

Mother's Day Tea

Windermere Branch
Friday, May 10, 2 p.m.
An afternoon tea to celebrate "mom" for Mother's Day with a craft and light refreshments.



Meet you There



LIANNE VELEZ

BRANCH OUTREACH SPECIALIST

Hello! My name is Lianne and I LOVE libraries! For as long as I can remember, libraries have been an enriching part of my life. Growing up in Mayaguez, Puerto Rico, I think about how I learned to use computers during summer classes at the children's library. After my family moved to Orlando, I frequently visited Southeast Branch to check out books and movies as we learned the English language. So, when it came time to pick a career, I knew exactly what I wanted to do.

I have had the pleasure of working for Orange County Library System for over 10 years. I began my career at the library as a Collections Clerk for the Home Delivery department, where I would search for library items requested by our customers and get them ready for delivery. After a year, I was promoted to Reference Clerk for the Youth Services department. It was in this role where my

passion for education and community outreach blossomed. I hosted events for our younger customers and worked with different organizations in our community to obtain amazing prizes for our Summer at Your Library participants. The experience and knowledge I obtained in these roles became the foundation for my current position at the library, Southwest Branch's Outreach Specialist!

Working in outreach, I bring everything I love about libraries to our community. This includes hosting storytimes at parks and daycare centers, presenting fun and educational events for older adults at senior centers and facilitating pop-up libraries for families at outreach events. The library has something for everyone, so next time you see me or my colleagues out in the community, stop by and ask us how we can help you learn, grow and connect.



OUTREACH EVENTS

Storytime at Bill Frederick Park
Bill Frederick Park
3401 South Hiawassee Road, Orlando, FL 32835
Wednesday, May 1, 10 a.m.
Saturday, May 4, 10 a.m.

Storytime at the Center
Healthy West Orange Arts & Heritage Center
126 W. Petris Ave., Oakland, FL 34760
Thursday, May 2, 10 a.m.

Pop-Up Library at Hamlin Hoedown
14111 Shoreside Way, Winter Garden, FL 34787
Saturday, May 4, 10 a.m.–2 p.m.

Horizon West Crafts Class for Adults
16150 Pebble Bluff Loop, Winter Garden, FL 34787
Tuesday, May 7, 11 a.m.

Book Club: Waterleigh Daytime Readers
16150 Pebble Bluff Loop, Winter Garden, FL 34787
Wednesday, May 15, 1 p.m.
The Other Emily by Dean Koontz.

Horizon West Family Event: Felt Orange and Lemon Slices
16150 Pebble Bluff Loop, Winter Garden, FL 34787
Saturday, May 18, 10:30 a.m.

Horizon West Storytime
15572 Marina Bay Dr, Winter Garden, FL 34787
Wednesday, May 22, 11 a.m.

Guided Story Walk at Bill Frederick Park
Bill Frederick Park
3401 South Hiawassee Road, Orlando, FL 32835
Saturday, May 25, 11 a.m.



BOOK BIKE

Book Bike at Hamlin Artisan Market
14111 Shoreside Way, Winter Garden, FL 34787
Sunday, May 5, 10 a.m.–2 p.m.

Book Bike at Lake Eola
Sunday, May 12, 10 a.m.–2 p.m.

The book bike's attendance at events is based on the assumption of fair weather.



FAMILY ART ADVENTURES: HOKUSAI

South Trail Branch
Saturday, May 18, 2 p.m.
Learn about Hokusai, the Japanese artist who created the wood block painting, *The Great Wave*. Then create a masterpiece in his style. Ages 5 and up.



BAO BABIES

Fairview Shores Branch
Tuesday, May 21, 10:30 a.m.
Bounce on in for a storytime about dim sum, a popular Chinese breakfast. We'll read stories, sing songs and learn some baby bounce rhymes.

Mindful Start Family Yoga
West Oaks Branch
Wednesdays, May 1–29, 10 a.m.
Winter Garden Branch
Mondays, May 6–20, 10:15 & 11:15 a.m.
Southwest Branch
Tuesdays, May 7–28, 10:30 a.m.
Flow through an imaginative journey filled with puppets, parachute games and relaxing rest time! Ages 0–7.

Let's Hula & Make a Lei
Chickasaw Branch
Wednesday, May 1, 3:30 p.m.
Aloha! Every year, on May 1, people in Hawai'i celebrate May Day with leis, music and hula. Join us for some Lei Day fun with history, lei making and hula for all ages.

Karaoke!
Fairview Shores Branch
Thursday, May 2, 5–6:30 p.m.
It's Asian Pacific American Heritage Month and we are here to celebrate! We will have J-pop and K-pop songs. All skill levels are welcome in this friendly, no-judgment environment.

Prime Time Family Reading Time
Chickasaw Branch
Saturdays, May 4–June 8, Noon–1:30 p.m.
This six-week reading and discussion program inspires thought and conversation between children and families. Meals provided. Registration required.

Dragon Tales
North Orange Branch
Saturday, May 4, 2–3:30 p.m.
Immerse yourself in the legends of dragons as you design and decorate your very own dragon masterpiece to take home.

**Mindful Play Learning:
Yoga for Preschoolers**
Eatonville Branch
Tuesdays, May 7–28, 10:15 a.m.
Playfully uses yoga and imagination to teach social-emotional skills, support cognitive development and enhance creativity. Ages 3–5.

Dungeons & Dragons
Windermere Branch
Monday, May 13, 4–5:30 p.m.
Join us adventurers on our next quest! Ages 9–18.

Box Engineers
South Creek Branch
Tuesday, May 14, 5:30 p.m.
Families will work together to design and construct an architectural marvel. Ages 5 and up.

PALS
Fairview Shores Branch
Wednesday, May 15, 10:30 a.m.
Enjoy a fun and entertaining puppet show accompanied by a storytime.

STEAM Power: The Heart
Hiawassee Branch
Wednesday, May 15, 4 p.m.
Learn how your heart works and create your own model in a scientific experiment.

DIY Perler Beads
North Orange Branch
Thursday, May 16, 4:30–6 p.m.
Create pixelated art with Perler beads by designing your very own picture frames.

Minion Mischief
South Creek Branch
Saturday, May 18, 1:30 p.m.
Celebrate the new *Despicable Me* movie with crafts and activities that are sure to delight the little minions in your life.

Create Comics
Fairview Shores Branch
Wednesday, May 22, 3:30 p.m.
Put together cool comic drawings using Comic Life. Change layouts, add cartoons and write a story to make your comic drawings come alive! Ages 7–9.

Pokémon Science
Fairview Shores Branch
Thursday, May 23, 5 p.m.
Do you have a little trainer who loves science? Join a Pokémon Scientist to recreate the Pokémon Ditto for your little trainers to enjoy.

Birds of a Feather
Winter Garden Branch
Wednesday, May 29, 4:30 p.m.
Learn about North American birds and their cousins across the Pacific Ocean, then enjoy bird trivia and crafts. Ages 8 and up.

Family Movie Night
Orlando Public Library
Thursday, May 30, 3:30–5 p.m.
Join us for a family movie night with popcorn and a craft. Featuring Disney's *Mulan*.

Storygami
Fairview Shores Branch
Thursday, May 30, 4:30 p.m.
Learn how to make an origami cat and enjoy a reading of *Three Little Kittens* by Barbara McClintock.

ArtMazing
Fairview Shores Branch
Friday, May 31, 3 p.m.
Unleash your inner artist and discover your creative side in this all-ages art exploration. Inspiration is a must!

BABY (Ages 0–18 Months)

Mother Goose on the Loose
Fairview Shores Branch
Thursdays, May 2, 16, 23 & 30, 10:30 a.m.
Orlando Public Library
Mondays, May 6–20, 10:30 a.m.
Southwest Branch
Monday, May 13, 11 a.m.
Using rhymes, songs, puppets, musical instruments and more, interact together to help develop important pre-literacy skills in our littlest ones.

Mama Gansa
Southwest Branch
Monday, May 6, 11 a.m.
A Spanish immersion Mother Goose on the Loose with interactive songs, rhymes and activities to grow your baby's early literacy and Spanish skills.

Bilingual Baby Time
Alafaya Branch
Wednesday, May 15, 10:15 a.m.
Grow your baby's language skills with this English/Spanish storytime.

Garden Baby
Southwest Branch
Monday, May 20, 11 a.m.
Help boost your child's pre-literacy skills as you clap, bounce and sing along together to favorite nursery rhymes with a garden theme.

Baby Bugs
North Orange Branch
Tuesday, May 28, 11 a.m.
Engage your little one in songs and stories, and then make a simple craft all about bugs.

TODDLER (Ages 18–36 Months)

Bubble Playtime
Alafaya Branch
Wednesday, May 1, 10:15 a.m.
Winter Garden Branch
Wednesday, May 1, 11 a.m.
Hiawassee Branch
Friday, May 10, 11:15 a.m.
South Creek Branch
Wednesday, May 15, 10:30 a.m.
North Orange Branch
Tuesday, May 21, 11 a.m.
Southwest Branch
Wednesday, May 22, 11 a.m.
Help your child develop gross motor skills in this interactive bubble party. Ages 2–5.

Aloha, Toddlers!
Orlando Public Library
Wednesday, May 1, 10:30 a.m.
Fairview Shores Branch
Tuesday, May 7, 10:30 a.m.
West Oaks Branch
Tuesday, May 7, 11 a.m.
Cruise down to the library for a staycation luau with plenty of tropical island fun for your little ones.

Bilingual Storytime
Winter Garden Branch
Wednesdays, May 1 & 8, 10:30 a.m.
Help your child develop key early literacy skills in this bilingual storytime featuring books and songs in English and Spanish. Ages 2–5.

Storytime Craft
North Orange Branch
Wednesdays, May 1–29, 10:30 a.m.
Southwest Branch
Thursdays, May 2–30, 10 a.m.–Noon
Drop in before and after storytime to create a make-and-take craft. Ages 2–5.

I Can Do It!
Southwest Branch
Wednesday, May 1, 11 a.m.
Get in the groove and move along with us! Toddlers will use gross motor movement to sing, dance and have fun.

Toddler Dance Party
Hiawassee Branch
Friday, May 3, 11 a.m.
Get ready to move and groove to popular kid's songs. Ages 0–5.

Music and Movement
North Orange Branch
Tuesday, May 7, 11 a.m.
Get ready to wiggle and move with scarves, ribbons and a parachute. Practice gross motor movements and have fun with friends.

Play Time!
Alafaya Branch
Tuesday, May 7, 11 a.m.
Little ones are invited to explore and tinker while engaging in imaginative play. Ages 0–5.

Artsy Toddler
Alafaya Branch
Wednesday, May 8, 10:15 a.m.
Fairview Shores Branch
Tuesdays, May 14 & 28, 10:30 a.m.
Learn new fine motor skills using paint, paste, glue, and stamps to create!

Froggy Frolic
Southwest Branch
Wednesday, May 8, 11 a.m.
Can you jump like a frog? Jump, hop and sing along to your favorite frog songs and rhymes.

TWINKLE, TWINKLE LITTLE STAR

Fairview Shores Branch
Wednesday, May 8, 10:30 a.m.
Winter Garden Branch
Thursday, May 16, 10:30 a.m.
Washington Park Branch
Wednesday, May 22, 4 p.m.
West Oaks Branch
Tuesday, May 28, 11 a.m.

Introduce your little one to the wonderful world of observation skills, boosts creativity and develop critical thinking. Ages 2–5.



STEAM Free-Play Jr.

Winter Garden Branch
Wednesday, May 8, 11 a.m.
STEAM-based play helps build observation skills, boosts creativity and develop critical thinking. Ages 2–5.

Popsicle Art

Hiwassee Branch
Friday, May 10, 10:30 a.m.
Make a whimsical art piece to celebrate someone special in May. Ages 0–5.

Good Morning, Farm!

North Orange Branch
Tuesday, May 14, 11 a.m.
Say hello to all your farm friends with stories and fun hands-on learning.

Toddler Playground

Southwest Branch
Wednesday, May 15, 11 a.m.
Toddlers use unstructured play to advance their physical and cognitive development.

Wish Upon a Star

Winter Garden Branch
Saturday, May 18, 10:30 a.m.
Explore the magical world of your favorite fairy tales and build your imagination with stories and activities from *The Three Wishes*. Ages 2–5.

Bubble, Bubble Pop!

West Oaks Branch
Tuesday, May 21, 11 a.m.
Your toddler will have a blast hearing stories and creating their very own sudsy fun.

Dinosaur Roar

Southwest Branch
Wednesday, May 29, 11 a.m.
Stomp and roar like a dinosaur in this interactive storytime filled with fun and adventure.

PRESCHOOL (Ages 3–5)

Daniel Tiger Stories

South Creek Branch
Wednesday, May 1, 10:30 a.m.
Practice what it means to be a good neighbor with stories and a craft inspired by your favorite tiger.

Countdown to Kindergarten

Chickasaw Branch
Wednesdays, May 1–29, 11 a.m.
Winter Garden Branch
Tuesday, May 7, 10:30 a.m.

Start your engines! Engage in transportation-themed stories, rhymes and activities to strengthen fine and gross motor skills needed for writing and success in kindergarten. Ages 4–5.

Cuéntame un Cuento

Virtual
Thursdays, May 2 & 9, 10 a.m.
Cuéntame un Cuento is an interactive bilingual storytime featuring books and songs in English and Spanish.

May Flowers

North Orange Branch
Thursday, May 2, 11 a.m.
South Trail Branch
Thursday, May 16, 10:15 a.m.
Listen to stories and engage in hands-on science activities to learn about flowers and plants.

Sesame Street Storytime

Virtual
Mondays, May 6–20, 11 a.m.
Can you tell me how to get, how to get to *Sesame Street*? Let's make it a sunny day with a virtual storytime and craft celebrating our favorite friends.

Pajama Party

Virtual
Mondays, May 6–20, 7 p.m.
Put on your pajamas and enjoy an interactive storytime with book, songs, games and a craft.

Homeschool Jr.: May Flowers

Windermere Branch
Wednesday, May 8, 10:30 a.m.
Kick-start your child's education! Listen to stories and engage in activities about basic concepts.

Little Chef: Fruit Crepes

North Orange Branch
Thursday, May 9, 11 a.m.
Use Cool Whip, strawberries, blueberries and bananas to make a spring treat!

Little Readers

Virtual
Saturdays, May 11 & 18, 10 a.m.
Start your child's reading journey with engaging activities focused on phonics and sight words.

Be a Detective with Mira

Alafaya Branch
Tuesday, May 14, 11 a.m.
Help us solve the case of the missing library book and learn about Indian culture along the way. Inspired by Disney's *Mira Royal Detective*.

Zoo Zen

West Oaks Branch
Tuesday, May 14, 11 a.m.
North Orange Branch
Thursday, May 23, 11 a.m.
It's time for an introduction to yoga with zoo animals and friends! Learn fun movements as you go on a journey full of movement and stories.

CHINESE TALES

Eatonville Branch
Wednesday, May 15, 10:15 a.m.
Fairview Shores Branch
Wednesday, May 29, 10:30 a.m.
Enjoy animal fables, crafts and activities at this library celebration of Chinese tales.



It's All Groovy

North Orange Branch
Thursday, May 16, 11 a.m.
Learn basic concepts with sing-along stories and activities inspired by Pete the Cat.

Little Artist

North Orange Branch
Friday, May 17, 11 a.m.
Get creative with arts and crafts! Explore art techniques, play with bubbles and learn letters, numbers and colors.

Be a Hero With Baymax!

Alafaya Branch
Tuesday, May 21, 11 a.m.
Celebrate Baymax and learn about helper robots through stories, games, crafts and heroics!

Little Chef: Teddy Bear Toast

Orlando Public Library
Tuesday, May 21, 11 a.m.
Learn how to make teddy bear toast for a healthy breakfast or snack! Adult participation is required. Registration required.

B is for Bears

Winter Garden Branch
Wednesday, May 22, 10:30 a.m.
Learn about bears while strengthening early literacy skills through stories and a craft.

Little Chef: Rainbow Fruit Pizza

South Creek Branch
Wednesday, May 22, 10:30 a.m.
Teach your little one basic kitchen skills as you interact with hands-on recipes. Adult participation is required. Registration required.

Stories & Stretches

Orlando Public Library
Wednesday, May 22, 10:30 a.m.
Wiggle and stretch to stories, songs and rhymes focusing on motor development.

Little Chef: If You Give a Mouse a Cookie

Hiwassee Branch
Friday, May 24, 11:15 a.m.
If you give a mouse a cookie silly things are bound to happen! Let your little one explore culinary concepts with cookie dough. Adult participation is required.

Raya Storytime

Alafaya Branch
Tuesday, May 28, 11 a.m.
Visit the ancient world of Kumandra to learn about dragons, and save the day with stories, activities and crafts inspired by *Raya and the Last Dragon*.

Move and Play

Alafaya Branch
Wednesday, May 29, 10:15 a.m.
Get ready to move and groove!

Around the World

South Creek Branch
Wednesday, May 29, 10:30 a.m.
Let's hop on our magic carpet and take a trip to a new country! Learn about the world through stories and a craft.

Fishtastic Fun

North Orange Branch
Thursday, May 30, 11 a.m.
We will explore the sea with fish-tastic stories, crafts and activities full of under-the-sea fun!

STORYTIMES

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TINY TALES

(ages 0–18 months)

South Creek Branch, Mondays, 11:15 a.m.
Chickasaw Branch, Tuesdays, 11:15 a.m.
North Orange Branch, Wednesdays, 11:15 a.m.
Southeast Branch, Wednesdays, 11:15 a.m.
West Oaks Branch, Thursdays, 11:15 a.m.
Windermere Branch, Thursdays, 11:15 a.m.
Southwest Branch, Thursdays, 11:30 a.m.
Alafaya Branch, Fridays, 11:15 a.m.
Winter Garden Branch, Fridays, 11:15 a.m.
Orlando Public Library, Saturdays, 11:30 a.m.

TODDLER TIME

(ages 18–36 months)

South Creek Branch, Mondays, 10:45 a.m.
Chickasaw Branch, Tuesdays, 10:45 a.m.
North Orange Branch, Wednesdays, 10:45 a.m.
Southeast Branch, Wednesdays, 10:45 a.m.
West Oaks Branch, Thursdays, 10:45 a.m.
Windermere Branch, Thursdays, 10:45 a.m.
Southwest Branch, Thursdays, 11:00 a.m.
Alafaya Branch, Fridays, 10:45 a.m.
Winter Garden Branch, Fridays, 10:45 a.m.
Orlando Public Library, Saturdays, 11:00 a.m.

STORYBOOK FUN

(ages 3–5)

South Creek Branch, Mondays, 10:15 a.m.
Chickasaw Branch, Tuesdays, 10:15 a.m.
North Orange Branch, Wednesdays, 10:15 a.m.
Southeast Branch, Wednesdays, 10:15 a.m.
West Oaks Branch, Thursdays, 10:15 a.m.
Windermere Branch, Thursdays, 10:15 a.m.
Southwest Branch, Thursdays, 10:30 a.m.
Alafaya Branch, Fridays, 10:15 a.m.
Winter Garden Branch, Fridays, 10:15 a.m.
Orlando Public Library, Saturdays, 10:30 a.m.

ZERO TO FIVE STORYTIME

(ages 0–5)

Hiwassee Branch, Mondays, 10:15 a.m.
Fairview Shores Branch, Mondays, 10:30 a.m.
Washington Park Branch, Tuesdays, 10:15 a.m.
Eatonville Branch, Thursdays, 10:15 a.m.
South Trail Branch, Fridays, 10:15 a.m.

FAMILY STORYTIME

Alafaya Branch, Second Sundays, 2 p.m.
South Creek Branch, Third Sundays, 2 p.m.

ART HISTORY FOR KIDS: ASIAN CALLIGRAPHY

West Oaks Branch
Wednesday, May 15, 4 p.m.
Winter Garden Branch
Thursday, May 23, 4:30 p.m.

Learn the history of calligraphy as it moved from China to Korea and Japan and make your own masterpiece.



DIY MINIATURE ZEN GARDENS

Eatonville Branch
Thursday, May 2, 3:30 p.m.

Construct a Zen garden from rocks and gravel while exploring the art of abstraction. Ages 9-12.



Gold Rush

Washington Park Branch
Wednesday, May 1, 4 p.m.

Take a step back in time to the days of the Gold Rush. Mosey on over in your western finest for some fun at our readin' ranch. Ages 6-8.

Robot Party

Alafaya Branch
Wednesday, May 1, 4 p.m.

Celebrate the One Book, One Community selection, *The Wild Robot*, by testing out Sphero Bolts, Cubelets and Ozobots.

LEGO Clubs

Southwest Branch
Wednesdays, May 1-29, 4 p.m.

South Creek Branch
Tuesday, May 2, 4:30 p.m.

Windermere Branch
Tuesdays, May 7-28, 4:30 p.m.

Fairview Shores Branch
Wednesday, May 8, 3:30 p.m.

Bricks are provided, but cannot go home with you.

Way Back When the Samurai Were Draped in Silk

West Oaks Branch
Wednesday, May 1, 4 p.m.

Dive into Japan's Edo period and explore Japanese culture, mythology and history.

Homeschool Discovery

Windermere Branch
Tuesdays, May 2-16, 1 p.m.

Discover the world around us through STEM, geography, the arts, culture, history and literature with hands-on activities. Ages 6-17.

Cuisine Corner Junior:

Marshmallow Robots
Orlando Public Library

Thursday, May 2, 3:30 p.m.

Celebrate this year's One Book One Community selection, *Wild Robot* by Peter Brown, by creating a delicious trail mix and marshmallow robots!

Moon Myths

South Trail Branch
Thursday, May 2, 4 p.m.

Do you feel different when there's a full moon? Do you think it could be made of cheese? Find out what people believe about the moon.

READING Paws

Chickasaw Branch
Saturday, May 4, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Windermere Branch
Saturday, May 11, 11:30 a.m.

Alafaya Branch
Saturday, May 25, 11 a.m.

The Reading Education Assistance Dogs (R.E.A.D.) program improves children's reading and communication skills.

Read to Sydney

Winter Garden Branch
Monday, May 6, 4 p.m.

Read to Sydney is a local therapy dog organization that encourages children to practice their reading skills with an attentive furry listener.

Beginner's Spanish for Kids

Fairview Shores Branch
Tuesdays, May 7-28, 4:30 p.m.

Introduce your child to basic Spanish vocabulary through games and activities while having fun.

Flying Fun

Winter Garden Branch
Tuesday, May 7, 4:30 p.m.

Fold paper airplanes, create kites and race balloons in fun-filled experiments with propulsion and lift. Ages 9-12.

Spring Into Crafts

South Trail Branch
Tuesday, May 7, 4:30 p.m.

Celebrate spring with easy-to-make crafts!

Pokémon Science

South Creek Branch
Tuesday, May 7, 5:30 p.m.

Discover the science behind some of your favorite Pokémon and conduct experiments to learn how they hatch, evolve and battle in the wild.

Backyard Birds of Prey

Eatonville Branch
Wednesday, May 8, 3:15 p.m.

Meet and learn about the birds of prey that can be found in your own backyard! In partnership with the Audubon Center for Birds of Prey.

Botanical Collages

West Oaks Branch
Wednesday, May 8, 4 p.m.

Design, cut and paste to create beautiful collages inspired by nature.

Make and Take

Alafaya Branch
Wednesday, May 8, 4 p.m.

Get ready to build! Make a Home Depot wooden craft to keep. This month we'll make a camper craft. Kits are limited. Registration required.

Study Hall

Hiawassee Branch
Wednesday, May 8, 4-6 p.m.

Getting ready for your final exams? There's no better place to study than the library.

Homeschool Home Ec

Alafaya Branch
Thursday, May 9, 2 p.m.

This month we'll practice embroidery and learn about its Asian roots. Ages 8-12. Supplies limited. Registration required.

Crafternoons

Chickasaw Branch
Thursdays, May 9-30, 3:30 p.m.

Learn how to create greeting cards using quilling. Use creativity and collaboration for an hour-long crafting event.

Origami Club

Orlando Public Library
Thursday, May 9, 3:30 p.m.

Fold paper lotus and unravel the fun of this ancient craft! Ages 8-12.

A Trip to Japan

South Trail Branch
Thursday, May 9, 4 p.m.

Washington Park Branch
Wednesday, May 15, 4 p.m.

Konnichiwa! Explore the land of the rising sun with stories, games and crafts inspired by Japan.

Hiawassee Art Club

Hiawassee Branch
Fridays, May 10-24, 4:30 p.m.

Experience new artistic techniques with your fellow artists! Ages 7 and up.

Dungeons, Dragons and Libraries: Kids

North Orange Branch
Saturday, May 11, 1-3 p.m.

Join us adventurers on our next quest! Ages 9-15.

Homeschool Science Adventures: Circulatory Systems

West Oaks Branch
Monday, May 13, 11 a.m.

Get pumped and learn about the vessels, veins and arteries that work to keep our bodies moving! Ages 6-15. Registration required.

Homeschool Meetup:

Dot-to-Dot with Yayoi Kusama
Southwest Branch

Monday, May 13, 1 p.m.

Participate in math, science, history, art and literature-based learning.

Homeschool Explorers

North Orange Branch
Tuesday, May 14, 2 p.m.

Explore art and stories from around the world while meeting new friends.

Global Games

Orlando Public Library
Tuesday, May 14, 3:30 p.m.

Explore different cultures through traditional play in honor of Asian American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander Heritage Month. Ages 8-12.

Happy Habitats: Tundra

Winter Garden Branch
Tuesday, May 14, 4:30 p.m.

Do you know where an Arctic fox sleeps? Learn about the animals and plants of this ecosystem through books and crafts. Ages 6-8.

May Crafternoon

Alafaya Branch
Wednesday, May 15, 4 p.m.

Celebrate your favorite Japanese Sanrio characters by making one into a Shrinky Dink keychain! Registration required. Ages 6-8.

History Happenings: Ancient China

South Trail Branch
Wednesday, May 15, 4:30 p.m.

Travel to the Forbidden City to discover the ancient world of the Ming Dynasty through crafts, activities and games.

Cuisine Corner Junior: Sushi

Orlando Public Library
Thursday, May 16, 3:30 p.m.

Discover delicious ingredients and embrace the rich culinary traditions of Asian American and Pacific Islander cultures.

Pipe Cleaner Flowers

Fairview Shores Branch
Friday, May 17, 4 p.m.

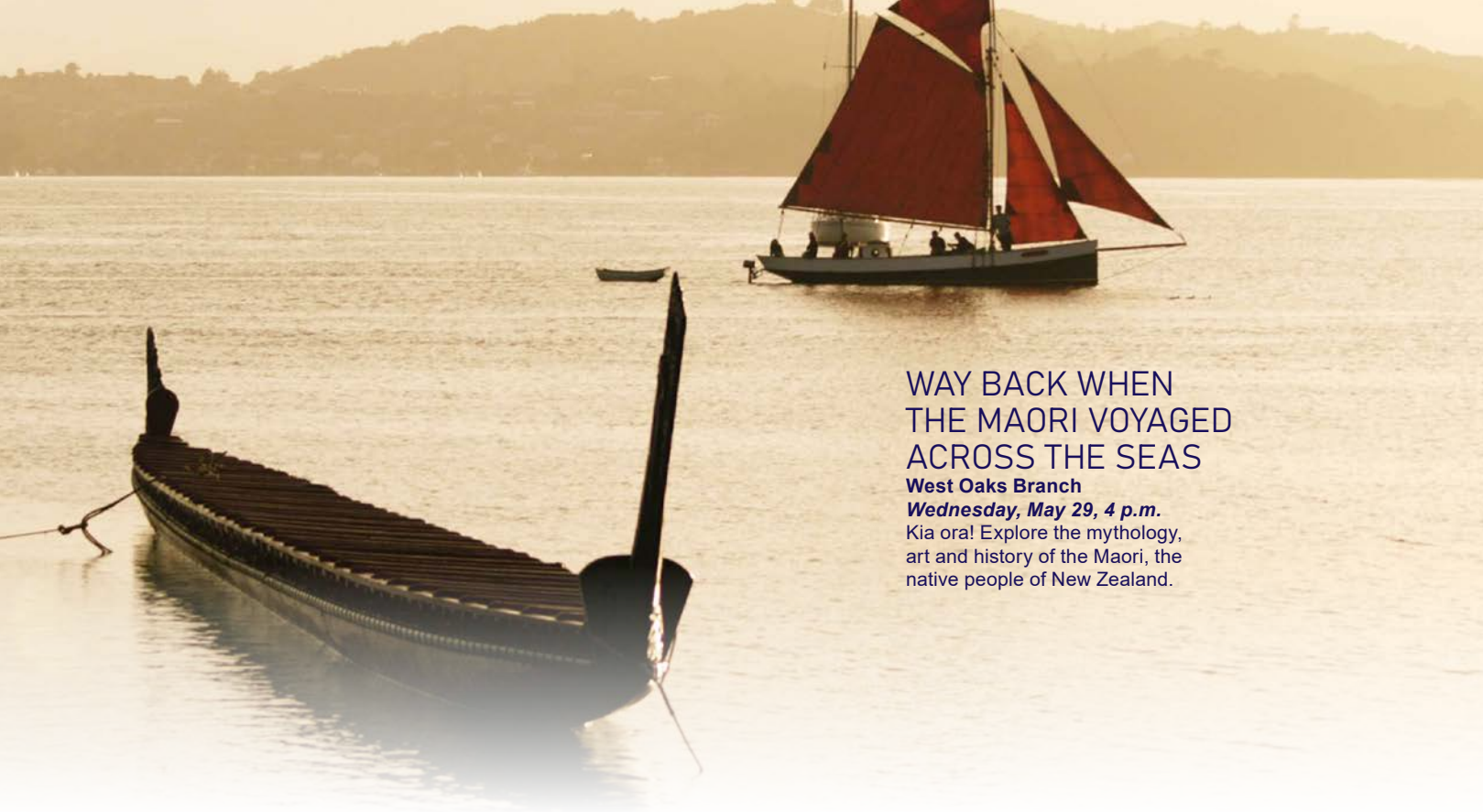
Make a bouquet of flowers out of colorful pipe cleaners to give to your mom or someone you'd like to celebrate!

Hearts of Gold Therapy Dogs

South Creek Branch
Saturday, May 18, 10:30 a.m.

Southwest Branch
Saturday, May 25, 10:30 a.m.

Children can improve their reading skills by reading to a therapy dog with Golden Retriever Rescue of Mid-Florida.



WAY BACK WHEN THE MAORI VOYAGED ACROSS THE SEAS

West Oaks Branch
Wednesday, May 29, 4 p.m.
 Kia ora! Explore the mythology, art and history of the Maori, the native people of New Zealand.

Homeschool Meet Up
Southwest Branch
Monday, May 20, 1 p.m.
 Inviting all homeschoolers to play games, socialize and share resources.

Snack Around the World: Poland
West Oaks Branch
Monday, May 20, 4 p.m.
 Learn about a different culture and sample the yummiest snacks it has to offer. Registration required.

Pajama Jamboree
Windermere Branch
Tuesday, May 21, 4:30 p.m.
 Put on your favorite jammies for a fun-filled evening of a story, craft and a snack. Ages 3–7. Seating is limited.

Ryder Story Time
Fairview Shores Branch
Wednesday, May 22, 10:30 a.m.
 Ryder will read a *Paw Patrol* story with an interactive craft.

Cuisine Corner Junior: Caterpillar Jar-cuterie
West Oaks Branch
Wednesday, May 22, 4 p.m.
 Learn to make a charcuterie for one or for a group with a caterpillar jar-cuterie. Registration required.

Rangoli Art
Alafaya Branch
Wednesday, May 22, 4 p.m.
 Learn about the Indian art of Rangoli, and then make your own pattern-inspired artwork. Registration required.

Homeschool Branch Out
Windermere Branch
Thursday, May 23, 1 p.m.
 Socialize with friends as you expand your horizons during this exploratory recreation time. Ages 6–17.

Homeschool: Simple Machines
Alafaya Branch
Thursday, May 23, 2 p.m.
 Learn the science behind simple machines and then make your own! This month we're learning about wheels and axles. Ages 6–8.

Just Dance @ Your Library
Orlando Public Library
Thursday, May 23, 3:30 p.m.
 Let's get moving and grooving while we play Just Dance! Ages 9–12.

Happy Habitats
Alafaya Branch
Thursday, May 23, 4 p.m.
 Learn about habitats, plants and animals through books and crafts. This month we're learning about wetlands. Registration required. Ages 6–8.

Pirate Adventures
Fairview Shores Branch
Wednesday, May 29, 3:30 p.m.
 Ahoy mateys! Set sail for China with our friendly pirate crew. We'll learn pirate lingo, sing songs and read a modern Chinese version of Rapunzel.

Home School Science: Oobleck
Alafaya Branch
Thursday, May 30, 2 p.m.
 It's a solid, it's a liquid, it's Oobleck! Come make and learn the science behind Oobleck from Dr. Suess's *Bartholomew and the Oobleck*. Ages 7–9.

Know Your Emotions!
Eatonville Branch
Thursday, May 30, 3:30 p.m.
 How well do you know your emotions? Let's learn more about our feelings while creating fun tools and fidgets to get us through more stressful times.

CHESS CLUBS

South Creek Branch
Monday, May 6, 4:30 p.m.
Fairview Shores Branch
Tuesdays, May 7–28, 3:30 p.m.
 Drop in for a game of chess at the library.



TEENS

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LORE AT THE LIBRARY: THE SELFISH SCHOLAR

Fairview Shores Branch
Saturday, May 25, 3 p.m.
 Explore Japanese folktales by reading *The Selfish Scholar* and then create a craft.

Teen Volunteering
Eatonville Branch
Saturday, May 4, 11 a.m.–1 p.m.
Hiwassee Branch
Saturday, May 11, 11 a.m.–1 p.m.
Fairview Shores Branch
Saturday, May 18, 10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
 Help us get ready for summer! High school students will earn two hours of community service.

Let's Play D&D
Hiwassee Branch
Saturdays, May 4 & 18, 1–5 p.m.
 Learn to play Dungeons & Dragons! Step into the exciting world of D&D. Choose your character and work together to face obstacles and defeat monsters.

DIY Miniature Zen Gardens
Winter Garden Branch
Saturday, May 4, 2:30 p.m.
South Trail Branch
Thursday, May 16, 4 p.m.
 Construct a Zen garden from rocks and gravel while exploring the art of abstraction. Recommended for ages 11–18.

Paint Party!
Fairview Shores Branch
Saturdays, May 4 & 18, 3–4:30 p.m.
 It's that time again for Paint Party! Create your very own artwork at three different art stations.

Teen Volunteering: Orange Slice
Alafaya Branch
Saturday, May 4, 3–5 p.m.
 Earn community service hours by becoming involved in Alafaya's teen literary and creative arts magazine, *Orange Slice*. Registration required.

High School Advisory Board Meeting
Virtual
Tuesday, May 7, 4 p.m.
 Earn community service by collaborating with your peers to test out new teen programs, brainstorm new teen services and more! Recommended for students in grades 9–12.

Washington Park's Animanga Club
Washington Park Branch
Tuesdays, May 7 & 21, 5 p.m.
 Love manga and anime? Join us for manga recommendations, crafts, anime and more!

Middle School Advisory Board Meeting
Virtual
Wednesday, May 8, 4 p.m.
 Earn community service by collaborating with your peers to test out new tween and teen programs, brainstorm new teen services and more! Recommended for students in grades 6–8.

Homeschool Teen Art: Audubon Artists
West Oaks Branch
Friday, May 10, 11 a.m.
 What a wonderful world, let's paint about it! Learn about John James Audubon as we study and record the local birds of West Oaks Branch. Registration required.

Roblox World Design
Orlando Public Library
Friday, May 17, 11 a.m.
 Create the world for your Roblox games. Learn to use pre-designed and custom elements to build your world from scratch with Roblox Studio.

Teen Art Adventures: Samoan Siapo Cloth
South Trail Branch
Wednesday, May 22, 4:30 p.m.
 Discover the cultural importance of the Samoan art form siapo and create a patterned cloth of your own!

Teen Art Adventures: Korean Pottery
Orlando Public Library
Friday, May 24, 3:30 p.m.
 Learn about the history of ceramic art in Korea and try your hand at sculpting your own jar or bowl.

Discover the Chinese Zodiac
Hiwassee Branch
Saturday, May 25, 3 p.m.
 Explore your place in the Chinese zodiac and create your own lantern to bring home!

Art Club
Winter Garden Branch
Saturday, May 25, 3:30 p.m.
 Try out new artistic techniques each month and experiment with your fellow artists! Recommended for ages 10 and up. Registration required.

Teen Takeover
South Creek Branch
Wednesday, May 29, 3–5 p.m.
 High school students earn up to two hours of community service by assembling craft kits and performing other tasks as needed. Registration required.

Teen Embroidery
South Trail Branch
Thursday, May 30, 4 p.m.
 Start hand embroidery today. Learn the basics of using a hoop and needles to create different stitches.

Design Graphics Using Photoshop
Orlando Public Library
Friday, May 31, 11 a.m.
 Use the advanced manipulation and blending features of this professional-grade software to design and edit graphics and images.

LIBRARY LOCATIONS

Orlando Public Library

101 E. Central Blvd., Orlando, FL 32801
Monday–Thursday: 10 a.m.–7 p.m.
Friday–Saturday: 10 a.m.–6 p.m.
Sunday: 1–6 p.m. 🕒

Alafaya Branch

12000 E. Colonial Drive, Orlando, FL 32826
Monday–Thursday: 10 a.m.–7 p.m.
Friday–Saturday: 10 a.m.–6 p.m.
Sunday: 1–6 p.m. 🕒

Chickasaw Branch

870 N. Chickasaw Trail, Orlando, FL 32825
Monday–Thursday: 10 a.m.–7 p.m.
Friday–Saturday: 10 a.m.–6 p.m.

Eatonville Branch

200 E. Kennedy Blvd., Eatonville, FL 32751
Monday–Thursday: 10 a.m.–7 p.m.
Friday–Saturday: 10 a.m.–6 p.m.

Fairview Shores Branch

902 Lee Road, Suite 26, Orlando, FL 32810
Monday–Thursday: 10 a.m.–7 p.m.
Friday–Saturday: 10 a.m.–6 p.m.

Hiawassee Branch

7391 W. Colonial Drive, Orlando, FL 32818
Monday–Thursday: 10 a.m.–7 p.m.
Friday–Saturday: 10 a.m.–6 p.m.

North Orange Branch

1211 E. Semoran Blvd., Apopka, FL 32703
Monday–Thursday: 10 a.m.–7 p.m.
Friday–Saturday: 10 a.m.–6 p.m.
Sunday: 1–6 p.m. 🕒

South Creek Branch

1702 Deerfield Blvd., Orlando, FL 32837
Monday–Thursday: 10 a.m.–7 p.m.
Friday–Saturday: 10 a.m.–6 p.m.
Sunday: 1–6 p.m. 🕒

Sunday Hours: 🕒

South Trail Branch

4600 S. Orange Blossom Tr.,
Orlando, FL 32839
Monday–Thursday: 10 a.m.–7 p.m.
Friday–Saturday: 10 a.m.–6 p.m.

Southeast Branch

5575 S. Semoran Blvd.,
Orlando, FL 32822
Monday–Thursday: 10 a.m.–7 p.m.
Friday–Saturday: 10 a.m.–6 p.m.

Southwest Branch

7255 Della Drive, Orlando, FL 32819
Monday–Thursday: 10 a.m.–7 p.m.
Friday–Saturday: 10 a.m.–6 p.m.

Washington Park Branch

5151 Raleigh St., Suite A., Orlando, FL 32811
Monday–Thursday: 10 a.m.–7 p.m.
Friday–Saturday: 10 a.m.–6 p.m.

West Oaks Branch & Genealogy Center

1821 E. Silver Star Road, Ocoee, FL 34761
Monday–Thursday: 10 a.m.–7 p.m.
Friday–Saturday: 10 a.m.–6 p.m.
Sunday: 1–6 p.m. 🕒

Windermere Branch

530 Main St., Windermere, FL 34786
Monday–Thursday: 10 a.m.–7 p.m.
Friday–Saturday: 10 a.m.–6 p.m.

Winter Garden Branch

805 E. Plant St., Winter Garden, FL 34787
Monday–Thursday: 10 a.m.–7 p.m.
Friday–Saturday: 10 a.m.–6 p.m.

BOOK DROP LOCATIONS

Horizon West Book Drop

Hamlin Town Center
14416 Shoreside Way,
Winter Garden, FL 34787

Lake Nona Book Drop

Valencia College Lake Nona Campus
12350 Narcoossee Rd.,
Orlando, FL 32832

Materials placed in book drops are
picked up and returned to the
library Monday–Saturday.

CLOSURES

Memorial Day

All Locations:
Sunday & Monday, May 26 & 27

Día de los caídos

Todos las localidades:
el domingo y lunes, 26 y 27 de mayo



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