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Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room
 Thursday, September 12, 6 p.m.

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 Wednesday, September 18, Noon



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FROM THE DIRECTOR |

September is National Library Card Signup Month, and this year we're trying something new. One of our talented graphic designers has created a beautiful new library card design that we're releasing for a limited run starting this month.

We're still feeling inspired by our 100 Year Celebration, so the new design (which you can see featured in the ad on page 22) is a throwback to the days when Orange County was at the center of the citrus industry and our library was just getting off the ground. You can get this special edition card starting September 1 at any library location by signing up for a new card or renewing your existing one. You'll get your choice of our 100 Year Celebration design or our new orange blossom card, while supplies last. You have to come to the library in person to get one, and we'll only have these until our stock runs out, so get them while you can!

This month, we're also giving you a sneak peek at a whole new look for OCLS. We've made some major changes to how we do things in the past several years. For example, we've eliminated fines for overdue materials, made it easier than ever to sign up for a card, reinvigorated our focus on outreach and made the library more accessible to people in our community. We've had the same look and logo for more than 20 years, so we thought it was time for an update to reflect our new approach to library service.

On September 13, we'll reveal the library's new logo to you on social media. Starting October 1, the new look is what you'll see on our website, social media and printed materials. We'll be spending some time getting all of our public-facing materials updated, but we want to give you a sneak peek at our fresh new look before we officially flip the switch.

We'll have more exciting news to share when we get a little bit closer to October, too, so if you're not following us on social media already, give us a follow on Facebook (ocslslib) or Instagram (@ocls), where you can keep up with the most up-to-date library news and information.

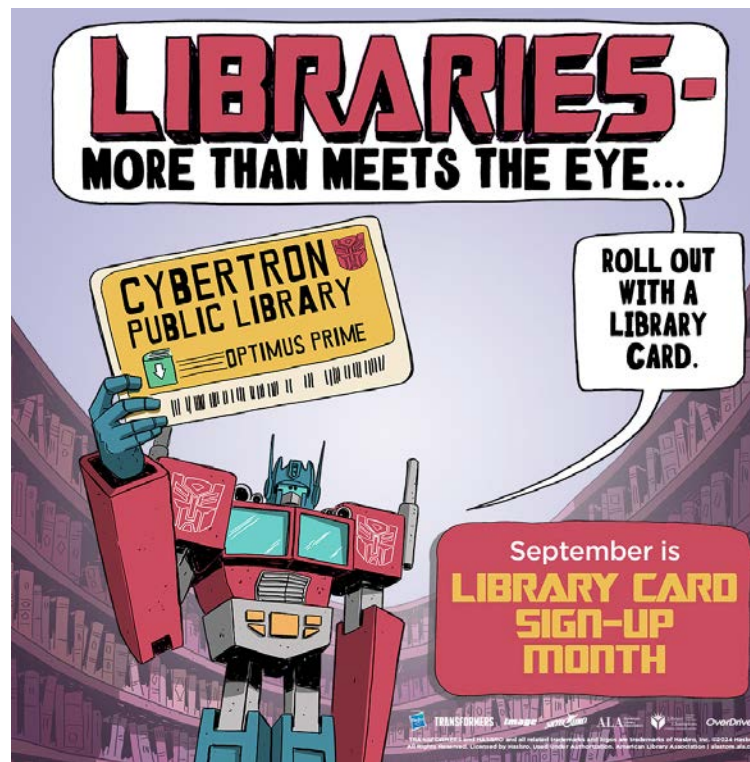
It's an exciting time for OCLS, and we can't wait to show you what we have in store!



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September is National Library Card Sign-up Month and this year Optimus Prime, Orange County Library System (OCLS) and The American Library Association (ALA) invite you to celebrate by rolling out to your library and signing up for a library card.

Just like the Transformers, there's more than meets the eye at OCLS and you can take advantage of all the materials, resources and programs available for free with your library card.

To help spread OCLS and Optimus Prime's message of respect and inclusivity and love of libraries, OCLS is teaming up with local comic and record shops – Epic Comics, Coliseum of Comics Millenia, Gods & Monsters, Park Ave CDs and West Orange Comics & Video Games – for a special giveaway. When you visit these shops, scan the QR code and enter to a win an ALA Transformers "Roll Out with a Library Card" poster or a "Reading Comics is Reading" tote bag.

Autobots, roll out ... to the library!



An Evening With
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JOHN GREEN

Friday, January 24, 2025 | 8 p.m.

Dr. Phillips Center for the
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MATERNAL TELEHEALTH PROGRAM

South Creek Branch
Thursday, September 5, 4 p.m.
Alafaya Branch
Friday, September 6, 2 p.m.
West Oaks Branch
Saturday, September 7, 10:30 a.m.
Hiwassee Branch
Monday, September 9, 4 p.m.
Windermere Branch
Friday, September 13, 10:30 a.m.
Eatonville Branch
Saturday, September 14, 2 p.m.
Southwest Branch
Friday, September 27, 10:30 a.m.
 Learn about the services provided by Orlando Health's Maternal Telehealth Program. These telehealth services support moms during pregnancy to improve the health of mom and baby.

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Hiwassee Branch
Monday, September 9, 5 p.m.
 Aprann sou sèvis Pwogram Maternal Orlando Health ofri yo. Sèvis telehealth sa yo sipòtemanman yo pandan gwosès pou amelyore sante manman ak tibebe.

En Español
Southeast Branch
Friday, September 20, 10:30 a.m.
 Conoce los servicios que ofrece el Programa de Telemedicina Materno-Infantil de Orlando Health. ¡Estos servicios brindan apoyo durante el embarazo para mejorar la salud de la madre y del bebé!



MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL CHINESE CALLIGRAPHY WORKSHOP

Virtual
Monday, September 16, 6:30 p.m.
 Learn how to write Chinese calligraphy celebration messages to celebrate the Mid-Autumn Festival, a traditional event where all families reunite and give each other presents.

Women in Science Tea Talks
Orlando Public Library, Melrose Center
Tuesday, September 3, 3 p.m.
 Join us for tea and invigorating discussions on women in science.

Book to Film Series
Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room
Thursday, September 5, 11 a.m.
Tuesday, September 24, 2 p.m.
 This month we'll be watching *Jungle Book* and *Pride and Prejudice*.

CareerSource Central Florida
Career Navigators
Washington Park Branch
Thursday, September 5, Noon–2 p.m.
 CareerSource offers career exploration, training, internships and job placement.

Karaoke
Fairview Shores Branch
Thursday, September 5, 5–6:15 p.m.
 All singing levels are welcome. Ages 18 and up.

Southwest Art Meetup
Southwest Branch
Saturday, September 7, 10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
 Bring your own projects or create something new with provided supplies. Ages 18 and up.

Musical Traditions Incorporated
Children's Concert
Orlando Public Library, Library Central
Saturday, September 7, 11 a.m.
 Talented young musicians from Musical Traditions Incorporated perform a range of music.

Dungeons & Dragons
Hiwassee Branch
Saturdays, September 7 & 21, Noon–3 p.m.
Windermere Branch
Saturday, September 7, Noon–2 p.m.
West Oaks Branch
Saturday, September 7, 2:30 p.m.–5:30 p.m.

Book Page Necklaces
Windermere Branch
Saturday, September 7, 2 p.m.
 immortalize your favorite words and phrases from books in a necklace. Ages 13 and up.

Adult Game Time
Windermere Branch
Saturdays, September 7–28, 3–4:30 p.m.
Orlando Public Library
Saturdays, September 14 & 28, 2:30–4:30 p.m.
Saturday, September 28, 2:30–4:30 p.m.
 Ages 18 and up.

Puzzle Swap
Alafaya Branch
Saturday, September 7, 3–4:30 p.m.
Orlando Public Library
Saturday, September 21, 2:30 p.m.
 Stop by and swap an old puzzle for a new-to-you one. Bring at least one complete puzzle for adults.

All-Levels Yoga
Virtual
Monday, September 9, 8 a.m.

Cancer Prevention
Virtual
Monday, September 9, 11 a.m.
 Join Jessica Daly, faculty librarian and assistant professor with Advent Health University, as she discusses what you can do to help lower your risk of cancer.

Let's Talk VA
South Trail Branch
Monday, September 9, 1 p.m.
Chickasaw Branch
Wednesday, September 18, 1 p.m.
 Orange County Veterans Services will discuss VA benefits. Veterans, family members caring for veterans and spouses of veterans are welcome. Learn about federal, state and local benefits.

Art 101: Fall Pumpkins Painting
Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room
Tuesday, September 10, 5:30 p.m.
 Welcome the fall into your home by creating a festive pumpkin scene on canvas.

Legal Learning Workshop
Eatonville Branch
Wednesday, September 11, 4 p.m.
 Highlights heirs' property issues and the importance of estate planning to avoid them.

Seminar in a Bottle –
Office of Tenant Services
Southwest Branch
Thursday, September 12, 10 a.m.–1 p.m.
 Learn about the Office of Tenant Services and play a game that tests public knowledge by asking questions inspired by real calls made to the office, posed to tenants and landlords in the community.

Plant Clinic
Chickasaw Branch
Thursday, September 12, 11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.
South Creek Branch
Friday, September 13, 10:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.
West Oaks Branch
Saturday, September 14, 10:15 a.m.–12:15 p.m.
 Bring your plants and ask questions of Master Gardener volunteers from the UF/IFAS Orange County Extension Office.

Let's Talk About Books: Science Fiction
Orlando Public Library, Magnolia Room
Thursday, September 12, 5:30 p.m.

Yoga for Back Pain
Virtual
Thursday, September 12, 7 p.m.

Therapeutic Pottery Program
Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room
Friday, September 13, 11 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
 Learn about the history of clay and the benefits of working with it. Registration required. Ages 18 and up.

How to Draw Cartoon Characters:
Star Trek Day
Hiwassee Branch
Saturday, September 14, 4–5:30 p.m.

Air Dry Clay Trinket Dish
Alafaya Branch
Sunday, September 15, 2 p.m.
 Come craft with us and create a trinket dish out of air-dry clay. Ages 16 and up.

Altered Books
West Oaks Branch
Sunday, September 15, 2:30–4:30 p.m.
 Bring your imagination and discover the possibilities of altered books. Registration required. Ages 18 and up.

Steampunk Craft
Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room
Sunday, September 15, 2:30 p.m.
 Venture into a world where steam-powered contraptions and Victorian elegance collide. Make a steampunk bookmark.

Panes for Pages
Winter Garden Branch
Monday, September 16, 5:30 p.m.
 Learn about the history of stained glass while making your own "stained glass" bookmark. Ages 18 and up.

Podcast Listening Club: Twins
Dr. P. Phillips YMCA
7000 Dr. Phillips, Orlando, FL 32819
Monday, September 16, 6:30–8 p.m.
 Discuss this month's listening list topic: twins. We're digging into all things twins – the biology, the bond and the fascination. Ages 18 and up.

Trivia Tuesday: Are You Smarter Than OCLS Staff?
Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room
Tuesday, September 17, 3:30 p.m.
 Join us and match wits against an OCLS staff member in a fun trivia game.

Snacks Around the World: Argentina
Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room
Wednesday, September 18, 5:30 p.m.
 Broaden your taste buds while learning about food and snacks from around the world.

Community Office Hours: Legal Advice and Know Your Rights
South Trail Branch
Thursday, September 19, 1–3 p.m.
 Join Florida Legal Services for Community Office Hours, supported by the Enhancing Access to Haitian Survivors Project. Explore legal services and learn about your legal rights.

Ink Blot Creatures
Orlando Public Library, Magnolia Room
Thursday, September 19, 5:30 p.m.
 Use your imagination to create unique fantastical creatures from random blots of ink.

Yoga for Couples
Virtual
Thursday, September 19, 7 p.m.
 Join Dana and Adam for a yoga class that can have a positive effect on your relationship that extends far beyond the physical.

Car Seat Safety
Winter Garden Branch
Friday, September 20, 10 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
 Did you know that three out of four car seats are installed and used incorrectly? Certified technicians from Safe Kids Orange County will be available to check your car seat on a first-come, first-served basis.

Sketching 101
Virtual
Friday, September 20, 11 a.m.
 Learn the basics of sketching through the use of simple art techniques.

Adult Art Expressions
Windermere Branch
Saturday, September 21, 1–2:30 p.m.
 Explore your artistic side in this guided art class.

Beginner Line Dancing
Southwest Branch
Saturday, September 21, 10:30 a.m.
 Partners not needed. Non-stick sole shoes are recommended. Ages 18 and up.

Chair Yoga
Virtual
Monday, September 23, 8 a.m.
 Requires use of a chair.



CUISINE CORNER: ONE-POT COOKING

Hiwassee Branch

Saturday, September 28, 4–5:30 p.m.
That is some good cookin! Make easy and quick meals all in one pot.

3D Flower Making

Hiwassee Branch

Monday, September 23, 4–6 p.m.
Create an exquisite paper bouquet and add your personal touch for any special occasion.

Fall Into Reading: Make Your Own Shrinky Dink Bookmark

Orlando Public Library

Tuesday, September 24, 4:30 p.m.

How to Maintain Mental Health in the Workplace

Virtual

Tuesday, September 24, 6:30–7:45 p.m.
Join NAMI, the nation's largest grassroots mental health organization, to learn how to maintain your mental health and promote awareness in your workplace.

Kidney Smart

Chickasaw Branch

Thursday, September 26, 11 a.m.
Provides tools necessary to maintain kidney health through lifestyle choices for those with diabetes, high blood pressure and kidney disease.

Orange County's COACH Program: Health Screenings

Winter Garden Branch

Thursday, September 26, 11 a.m.
The County Outreach Awareness Community Health Team will provide health screenings – blood pressure, sugar and cholesterol – for adults and provide health education if needed.

Focus on Books

Windermere Branch

Friday, September 27, 11 a.m.
This month we will be focusing on romance. Ages 18 and up.

Way Back When the Maya Chased the Sun

West Oaks Branch

Saturday, September 28, 3 p.m.
Learn about the culture, life and art of ancient Maya. Ages 18 and up.

Stand up! Comedy 101

Orlando Public Library, Library Central

Sunday, September 29, 3–5 p.m.
Learn the fundamental steps to get you on stage. Find out how to write up your comic set and focus on the setup and punchline to a joke.

Ask a Lawyer

Virtual

Monday, September 30, 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 family law.



FLAVORS IN FOCUS: A CULINARY PHOTOGRAPHY JOURNEY BY JUAN CLAUDIO CASTILLO

Eatonville Branch

September 1–October 31

Indulge your senses, as you embark on a culinary journey like no other through the lens of visionary artist Juan Claudio Castillo. In his exhibition, Castillo masters the art of blending taste and aesthetics with the magic of Colombian cuisine.

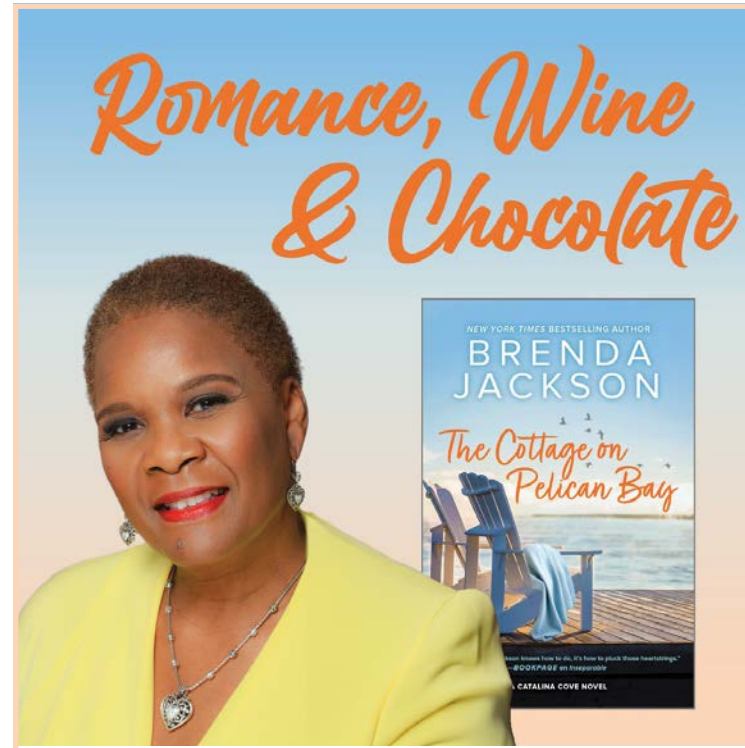
Meet the Artist: Juan Claudio Castillo

Eatonville Branch

Saturday, October 12, Noon

Immerse yourself in the captivating world of culinary photography and engage with Juan Claudio Castillo as he shares insight into his culinary inspirations and the art of capturing the perfect shot. This program will be presented in Spanish with an English interpreter.

Juan Claudio Castillo, a seasoned photographer with over 25 years of experience, embarked on a unique journey where his passion for photography infused with his culinary expertise. As a "chef by conviction and photographer by passion," Castillo's artistic vision is rooted in the essence of Colombian flavors and cultural richness.



ROMANCE, WINE & CHOCOLATE

Chickasaw Branch

Friday, September 20, 7–9:30 p.m.

Join us for an evening of romance with bestselling author Brenda Jackson. Jackson will discuss her newest book, *The Cottage on Pelican Bay*, and the inspiration behind her beloved novels. This is an after hours, ticketed event. Tickets are \$25, including one signed copy of *The Cottage on Pelican Bay*, complimentary wine and chocolate. To purchase tickets, visit ocls.info/rwc.

Author Talk with Garrett Graff

Virtual

Tuesday, September 10, 2 p.m.

Garrett Graff will speak about his body of work with particular focus on his oral histories, *The Only Plane in the Sky: An Oral History of 9/11* and *When the Sea Came Alive: An Oral History of D-Day*.

Author Talk with Nate Klemp, Ph.D.

Virtual

Wednesday, September 18, 2 p.m.

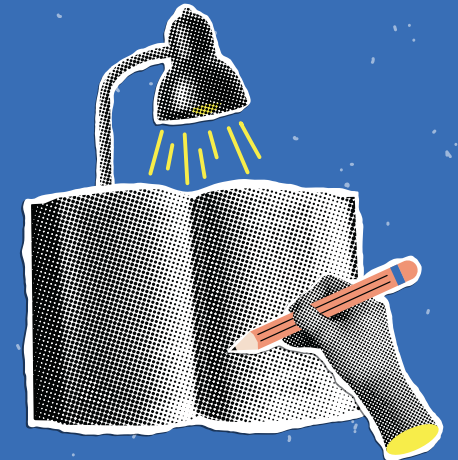
Join us author and philosopher Nate Klemp helps us explore pathways back to openminded living when he talks to us about the core tenets in his new book.

Author Talk: Liane Moriarty

Virtual

Saturday, September 21, 7 p.m.

If you knew your future, would you try to fight fate? Join us as we chat with mega-bestselling author Liane Moriarty about her newest novel, *Here One Moment*.



ORLANDO LITERARY EXPO

Orlando Public Library, Library Central
Sunday, September 22, 2–4 p.m.

Connect in person with Orlando-area literary organizations. Learn what they do, the resources available to local writers and how you can get more involved in our local literary community.

Writing an Effective Query Letter

Virtual

Tuesday, September 3, 7 p.m.

Literary agent Vicky Weber will discuss how to write a query letter for fiction projects to catch the attention of agents and editors.

The Stress-Free No-Hassle Outline

Virtual

Thursday, September 5, 7 p.m.

Author Jennie Jarvis will discuss how to build a basic, flexible road map for writing your novel while keeping your creative spark.

Writer's Meetup

Winter Garden Branch

Saturday, September 7, 3:30 p.m.

Join local writers as we brainstorm ideas, discuss writing methods and give constructive feedback. Submissions must be sent ahead of time. Walk-ins welcome.

OCLS Writer's Group

Virtual

Sunday, September 8, 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.

Revising Your Manuscript

Virtual

Tuesday, September 10, 7 p.m.

Learn how to revise your manuscript for publication. Author and mentor Shannon A. Thompson will provide self-editing tips and discuss how to handle feedback from critique partners.

Plot Pitfalls

Virtual

Tuesday, September 17, 7 p.m.

Freelance editor Kristen Stieffel will review some of the most common plotting problems editors find and how to fix them.

Transforming an Idea Into a Story

Virtual

Thursday, September 26, 7 p.m.

Author and editor Alli Martin will discuss how to mine your idea to discover the character's motivation, obstacles and secrets to create a story.

All You Touch You Change: The Core of Story

Virtual

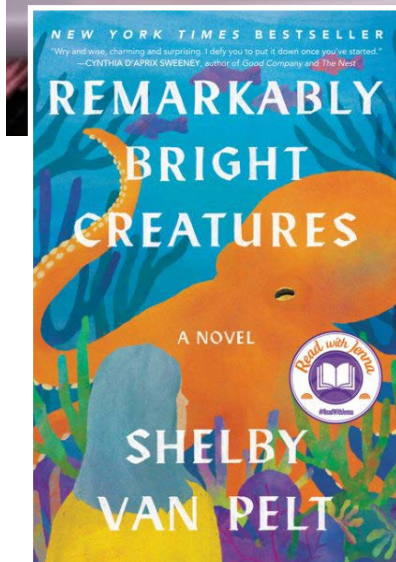
Friday, September 27, 7 p.m.

In this workshop, Sheree Greer challenges writers to think beyond conflict as the core of story by developing a broader, more nuanced view of what moves plot and characters forward in narrative work.

(NO PRESSURE!) SILENT BOOK CLUB

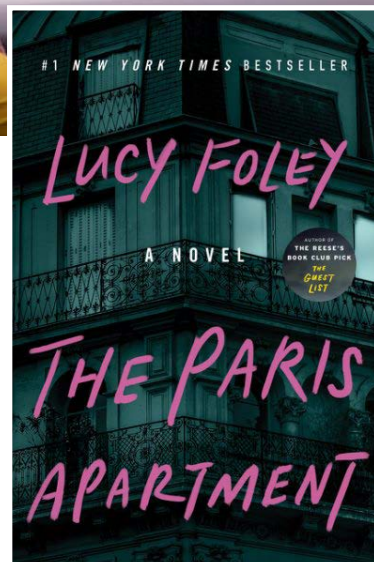
Eatonville Branch
Saturday, September 21, 3 p.m.

Do you want to join a book club but are afraid of the homework? If so, come relax with us at Eatonville for a buffet of books and tea, and a chance to learn about what some others might be reading!



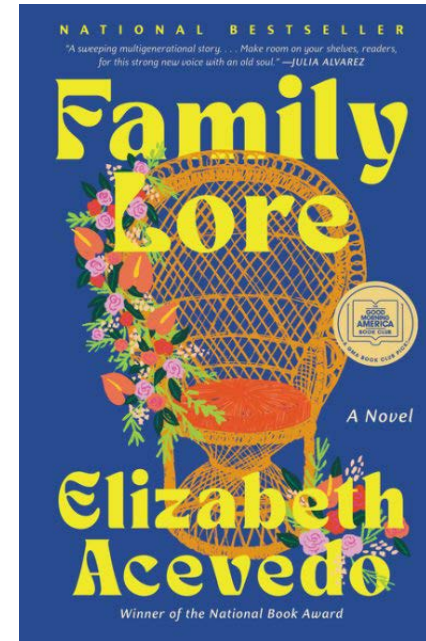
Southeast Book Club
Southeast Branch
Monday, September 9, 3 p.m.
Remarkably Bright Creatures
 by Shelby Van Pelt.

After her husband dies, widow Tova Sullivan starts working at the Sowell Bay Aquarium, where she forms a special bond with a giant Pacific octopus who holds the key to solving the mysterious disappearance of her 18-year-old son, Erik, over 30 years ago on the Puget Sound.



Hiawassee Book Club
Virtual
Monday, September 23, 7–8:30 p.m.
The Paris Apartment by Lucy Foley.

Arriving in Paris to stay with her brother Ben, Jess learns that he has gone missing, and to find him, starts digging into his life, realizing even though she has come to the City of Lights to escape her past, it's his future hanging in the balance.



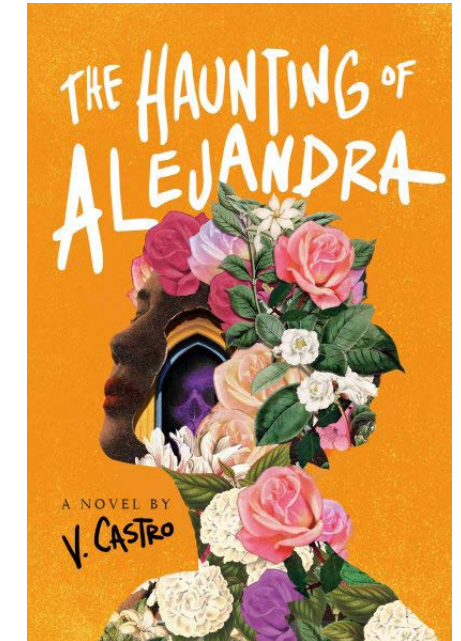
Family Lore
 by Elizabeth Acevedo

Follows the lives of several generations of women in the Marte family after gathering to honor Flor, who can predict the day someone will die, who decides to throw herself a huge party as a living wake.



Flores and Miss Paula
 by Melissa Rivero

A 30-year-old living with her Peruvian immigrant mother in a Brooklyn apartment after her father's passing discovers a weird note under his urn that forces the pair to confront their complicated past.



The Haunting of Alejandra
 by V. Castro

A woman is haunted by the Mexican folk demon La Llorona as she unravels the dark secrets of her family history in this ravishing and provocative horror novel.

Alafaya Book Club
Alafaya Branch
Thursday, September 5, 5 p.m.
 The Alafaya Book Club discusses a new book every month.

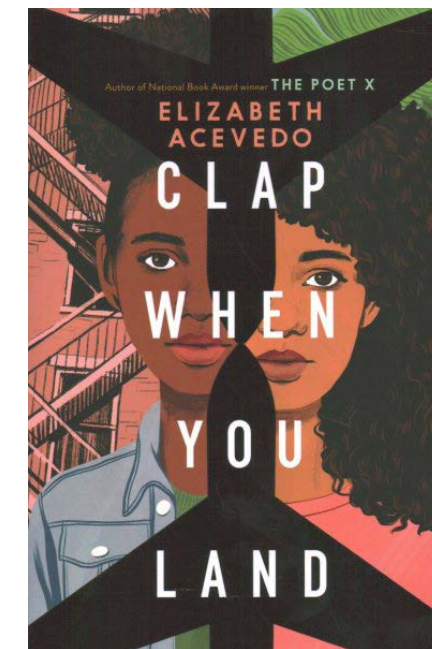
Y Read: Book Read Aloud
Dr. P. Phillips YMCA
 7000 Dr. Phillips Blvd., Orlando, FL 32819
Saturdays, September 7–28, 1:30–3:30 p.m.
 Experience the joy and camaraderie of reading aloud great literature with others each week. Facilitator-led in partnership with the Dr. P. Phillips YMCA and Southwest Branch. Ages 18 and up.

Joy of Reading: A No-Pressure Book Club
Southwest Branch
Thursday, September 26, 2–3:30 p.m.
Virtual
Tuesday, September 24, 7–8:30 p.m.
 Join us to chat about what you are reading in this fun and engaging social book club. No assigned book. Registration required. Ages 18.



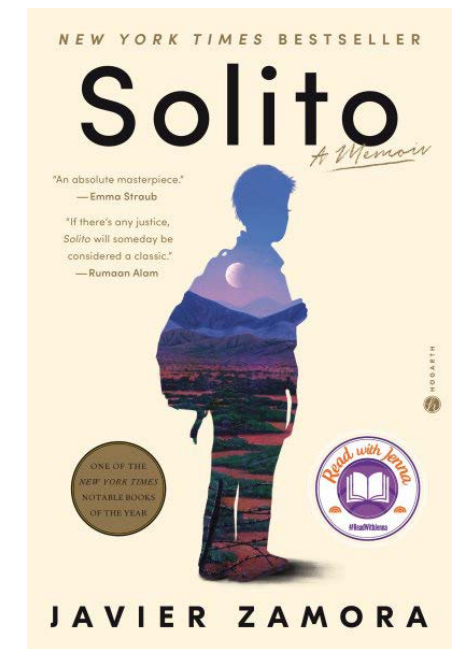
When We Make It
 by Elisabet Velasquez

Sarai uses verse to navigate the strain of family traumas and the systemic pressures of toxic masculinity and housing insecurity in a rapidly gentrifying Brooklyn, questioning the society around her, her Boricua identity and the life she lives.



Clap When You Land
 by Elizabeth Acevedo

An evocative novel in verse by the National Book Award-winning author of *The Poet X* follows the experiences of two grieving sisters who navigate the loss of their father and the impact of his death on their relationship.



Solito
 by Javier Zamora

A young poet reflects on his journey from El Salvador to the United States when he was 9 years old, during which he was faced with perilous boat trips, relentless desert treks, pointed guns, arrests and deceptions during two life-altering months alongside a group of strangers who became an unexpected family.

WEST OAKS BRANCH & GENEALOGY CENTER OVERVIEW

Virtual
Thursday, September 5, Noon

Learn about the services and resources that are offered by the library to help you with your genealogical research.



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WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT MEDICARE AND GETTING ASSISTANCE

LIFE Information for Elders
Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room
Thursday, September 19, 12:10 p.m.
Join Chandra E. Ewell, SHINE program coordinator, as she gives an overview of SHINE, a free program offered by the Florida Department of Elder Affairs and the local Area Agency on Aging. To register, email OfficeonAging@ocfl.net or call 407.836.7446.



AT HOME IN HOME: THRIVING IN PLACE

West Oaks Branch
Saturday, September 28, 10:30 a.m.–Noon
Join interior designer Rebecca Hubler, for an informative discussion on how seniors can continue to live at home safely, independently and comfortably, regardless of age or ability level. Registration required.



Building Your Family Tree on Ancestry.com

Virtual
Tuesday, September 3, 1 p.m.
Discover all of the tools and resources **Ancestry.com** has to help you build your family tree online.

Finding Your Roots: Genealogy 101

Virtual
Wednesday, September 4, 6:30 p.m.
Get an introduction to genealogical research, techniques and resources.

Genealogy in the States: Illinois

Virtual
Tuesday, September 10, 1 p.m.
Explore the rich research resources and collections that are held in a variety of archives and repositories in Illinois.

Finding Your Roots: Census Records

Virtual
Wednesday, September 11, 6:30 p.m.
Discover how to use information from census records in your research.

Genealogy Research Report Writing & Numbering

Virtual
Thursday, September 12, Noon
Learn to craft precise genealogy reports and master numbering systems in this focused lecture.

Working on the Railroad

Virtual
Tuesday, September 17, 1 p.m.
Do you have an ancestor who worked for the railroads? Discover information about the railroad, its records and where to find them.

Finding Your Roots: Vital Records

Virtual
Wednesday, September 18, 6:30 p.m.
Learn the basics of how you can use vital records to discover more about your family history.

Genealogy in the States: Massachusetts

Virtual
Thursday, September 19, Noon
Explore the rich research resources and collections that are held in a variety of archives and repositories in Massachusetts.

Sunday Morning Genealogy

Virtual
Sunday, September 22, 11 a.m.
Grab a cup of coffee (or tea) and join us for this Sunday morning genealogy hangout.

Social Security Records for Genealogy

Virtual
Tuesday, September 24, 1 p.m.
The Social Security Act was passed in 1935. Learn how this act impacted your ancestors and what records were created as a result.

Finding Your Roots: Land Records

Virtual
Wednesday, September 25, 6:30 p.m.
This series covers the core elements needed to build a foundation for your research. This week is land records.

Hard to Find Ancestors

Virtual
Thursday, September 26, Noon
Embark on an exciting journey with us as we unveil hidden strategies for uncovering your ancestors' stories.

Finding Your Roots: DNA Testing

West Oaks Branch
Friday, September 27, 3 p.m.
Learn the basics of genetic genealogy and how DNA testing can supplement your traditional genealogical research.



Trivia Mornings for Seniors
Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room
Tuesday, September 3, 10:30 a.m.
Travel through the decades during our new monthly trivia game series. This month's game will focus on the 1960s.

Take Me Away Suncatcher for Seniors
Hiawassee Branch
Wednesday, September 4, 11 a.m.
Take you away to a place you'd rather be in an instant. De-stress and create a piece of art.

Decades Jukebox Bingo
Hiawassee Branch
Tuesday, September 10, 2 p.m.
Jam out to snippets of your favorite songs while playing bingo against other music lovers!

Preparing for Retirement: Social Security
Southwest Branch
Wednesday, September 18, 1:30 p.m.
What is full retirement age? Can I get social security benefits if I am still working? Have these questions answered and more.

Senior Meditative Mandalas
Hiawassee Branch
Wednesday, September 18, 2 p.m.
Feeling stressed? Soothe your soul by creating a beautiful mandala to take home.

Senior's Scrapbook Circle
Hiawassee Branch
Tuesday, September 24, 2 p.m.
Enjoy an afternoon of memories and fellowship while scrapbooking. Bring photos, items or anything you want to include in your scrapbook.

Secrets of Timeless Beauty: The Power of Facial Massage
LIFE Information for Elders Branching Out Series
South Creek Branch
Wednesday, September 25, Noon
Join Egypt Bennett, owner and master esthetician at Bennett Aesthetics, as she reveals the transformative effects of facial massage and cutting-edge anti-aging techniques. To register, email OfficeonAging@ocfl.net or call 407.836.7446.

English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)

Basic English 1

Southeast Branch
Tuesdays, September 3–24, 10:15 a.m.
Wednesdays, September 4–25, 2 p.m.
Washington Park Branch
Tuesdays, September 3, 17 & 24, 2:30 p.m.
Saturdays, September 7–28, 1 p.m.
Saturdays, September 7–28, 2:15 p.m.
Windermere Branch
Wednesdays, September 4–25, 3:30 p.m.
Hiwassee Branch
Thursdays, September 5–19, 11:45 a.m.
Saturdays, September 14 & 28, 11 a.m.
West Oaks Branch
Thursdays, September 5–26, 4 p.m.
Fairview Shores Branch
Mondays, September 23 & 30, 5 p.m.
Virtual
Saturdays, September 7–28, 4 p.m.
Mondays, September 9–30, 6:45 p.m.
Designed for students with a beginner-level knowledge of English.

Basic English 2

Southeast Branch
Tuesdays, September 3–24, 11:15 a.m.
Wednesdays, September 4–25, 3:15 p.m.
Winter Garden Branch
Tuesdays, September 3–24, Noon–1:30 p.m.
Windermere Branch
Wednesdays, September 4–25, 4:45 p.m.
Thursdays, September 5–26, 4:45–6:15 p.m.
Hiwassee Branch
Thursdays, September 5–26, 3 p.m.
West Oaks Branch
Thursdays, September 5–26, 5:30 p.m.
Alafaya Branch
Saturdays, September 7, 21 & 28, 10:30 a.m.
Chickasaw Branch
Mondays, September 9–30, 5:30 p.m.
Thursdays, September 5–26, 1–2:30 p.m.
Designed for students with a high-beginner to intermediate level of English

English Conversation Hour

Washington Park Branch
Tuesdays, September 3, 17 & 24, 4 p.m.
Fairview Shores Branch
Thursdays, September 5 & 26, 4:45 p.m.
Windermere Branch
Fridays, September 6–27, 3:30 p.m.
Alafaya Branch
Saturdays, September 7, 21 & 28, Noon
Hiwassee Branch
Mondays, September 9–30, 5:30 p.m.
Southeast Branch
Fridays, September 13 & 27, 11:30 a.m.
Saturday, September 21, 11:30 a.m.
Virtual
Wednesdays, September 4–25, Noon
Thursdays, September 5–26, 2 p.m.
Fridays, September 6–27, 4:45 p.m.
Practice your English speaking and listening skills. Recommended for those with a basic understanding of English.

English for Social Interactions

Hiwassee Branch
Thursdays, September 5–26, 5:30 p.m.
Fairview Shores Branch
Mondays, September 23 & 30, 11 a.m.
Virtual
Mondays, September 9, 23 & 30, 4 p.m.
This class will cover a wide array of topics from accepting and rejecting an invitation to engaging in small talk with strangers. Recommended for those with a basic understanding of English.

Practice Makes Perfect

Chickasaw Branch
Tuesdays, September 3, 10 & 24, 2 p.m.
Taught by a certified ESOL instructor from the Adult Literacy League.

English for Families

South Creek Branch
Tuesdays, September 3–24, 4:30 p.m.
Interactive classes for parents and children that focus on developing English vocabulary and literacy skills through strategic and fun story reading.

Introductory English Course

Chickasaw Branch
Saturday, September 7, Noon
Friday, September 27, 1–2:30 p.m.
This course is designed for students who have very little English experience.



Speaking Clearly Beginners

Southeast Branch
Fridays, September 13 & 27, 10:30 a.m.
Saturday, September 21, 10:30 a.m.
Virtual
Mondays, September 9, 23 & 30, 11:30 a.m.
Designed to introduce learners to the basics of the sounds of English for pronunciation.

Speaking Clearly Intermediate

Southeast Branch
Tuesdays, September 3–24, 2 p.m.
Designed to introduce the rules of spelling and pronunciation of English words and phrases.

Speaking Clearly Advanced

Virtual
Mondays, September 9–30, 10 a.m.
Improve your English speaking and pronunciation skills.

Spanish Conversation

Chickasaw Branch
Wednesdays, September 4, 11 & 25, 5 p.m.
Develop your Spanish language skills through conversation. Conversational topics and themed vocabulary will be provided. Ages 18 and up.

Homeschool: Spanish

Windermere Branch
Tuesday, September 24, 2 p.m.
Learn basic vocabulary, numbers, colors and much more. Ages 6 and up.

Spanish From Zero: Beginners

with Ms. Brenda
Virtual
Tuesdays, September 3, 17 & 24, 6 p.m.
Learn and use Spanish for the first time.

Spanish from Zero: Basics

with Ms. Brenda
Virtual
Tuesdays, September 3, 17 & 24, 4 p.m.
Learn basic Spanish.

Spanish from Zero: Intermediate

with Ms. Brenda
Virtual
Tuesdays, September 3, 17 & 24, 10:15 a.m.
Tuesdays, September 3, 17 & 24, 5 p.m.
Learn Spanish grammar.

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Beginner Adult French

Windermere Branch
Mondays, September 9–30, 2:30 p.m.
Virtual
Fridays, September 20 & 27, 2 p.m.
This series is specifically designed for students with no prior French exposure. It combines face-to-face class time with the flexibility of independent learning. Ages 18 and up.

Intermediate Adult French

Virtual
Tuesdays, September 3, 17 & 24, 1 p.m.
Wednesdays, September 4, 18 & 25, 6 p.m.
This class is structured for those who have had previous exposure to or instruction in French but are not fluent. Ages 18 and up.

Beginners French for Children

South Trail Branch
Wednesday, September 11, 4 p.m.
Bonjour et Bienvenu. Join us for a fun-filled language learning experience with hands-on activities. Ages 8–12. Registration required.

Homeschool: French

Windermere Branch
Tuesday, September 17, 2 p.m.
Develop your French skills with us! Learn basic vocabulary, numbers, colors and much more. Ages 6 and up.

CITIZENSHIP INSPIRED



Writing Clearly Intermediate

Southeast Branch
Thursdays, September 5–26, 1:30 p.m.
Virtual
Tuesdays, September 3–24, 10:30 a.m.
Focus on the parts of speech, the organization of sentences and vocabulary building.

Writing Clearly Advanced

Virtual
Wednesdays, September 4–25, 10:30 a.m.
Practice academic-style writing.

Citizenship Inspired

Hiwassee Branch
Thursdays, September 5–26, 10:30 a.m.
Windermere Branch
Thursdays, September 5–26, 3–4:30 p.m.
Southeast Branch
Saturdays, September 7 & 14, 10 a.m.–1 p.m.
West Oaks Branch
Mondays, September 9–30, 4 p.m.–7 p.m.
Virtual
Tuesdays & Wednesdays, September 3, 4, 10 & 11, 3–5 p.m.
Tuesdays & Wednesdays, September 17, 18, 24 & 25, 3–5 p.m.
During this program, students will meet to prepare for the U.S. Naturalization (Citizenship) Test and Interview.

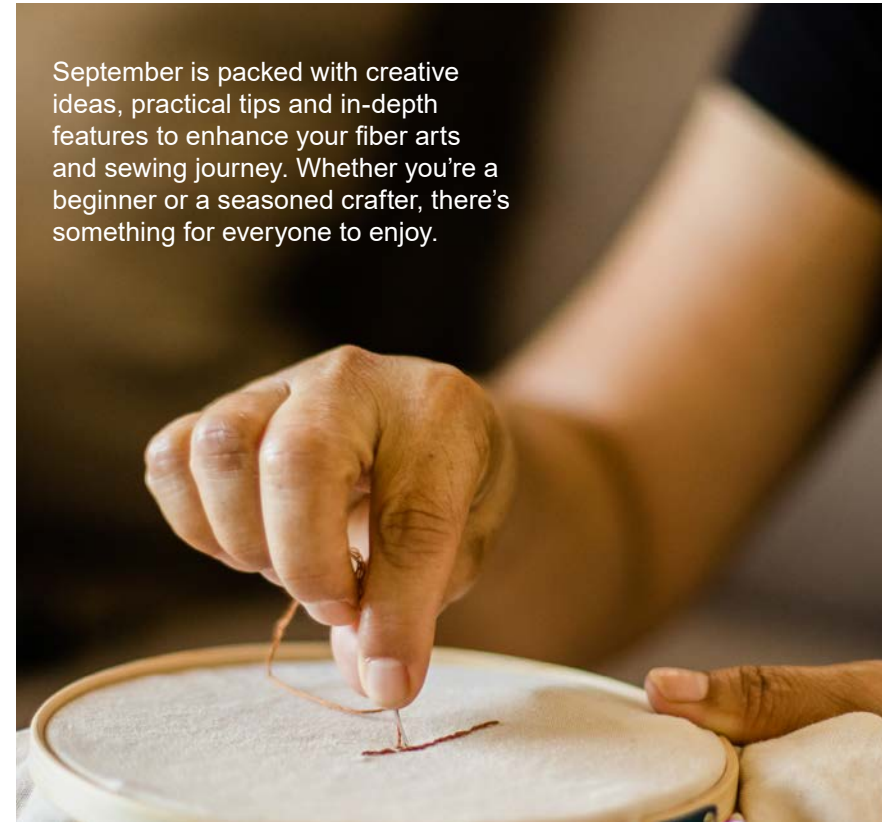




MELROSE FILM FESTIVAL 2024

Orlando Public Library, Melrose Center
Saturday, September 28, 12:30–5 p.m.

Join us for an afternoon of short film screenings and a filmmaker Q&A panel. Programs include Animation, Short Films, Documentary and AI. For details, visit ocls.info/melrose-film-festival.



September is packed with creative ideas, practical tips and in-depth features to enhance your fiber arts and sewing journey. Whether you're a beginner or a seasoned crafter, there's something for everyone to enjoy.

**FIBER ARTS
 BOOK OF THE MONTH:**



Maker Comics: Create a Costume!
 by Sarah Myer

You can make amazing budget-friendly costumes – all you need are the right tools, a little know-how and a lot of imagination.

COMPUTER ANIMATION

Blender: Animation Fundamentals
 Orlando Public Library, Melrose Center
 Saturday, September 7, 12:30–2 p.m.

Animate the walk cycle of a humanoid character and learn the most common tools and techniques used for animating in Blender.

Blender: 12 Principles of Animations in 3D
 Orlando Public Library, Melrose Center
 Saturday, September 14, 10:30 a.m.–Noon

Animate a bouncy ball and learn how to apply the 12 principles of animation to enhance the 3D animation in Blender.

Blender: Motion Capture Animation Fundamentals

Orlando Public Library, Melrose Center
 Saturday, September 14, 12:30–2 p.m.

Record motion capture data, retarget the mocap data to animate a digital character and learn how to use the Perception Neuron motion capture system and a simple retargeting add-on in Blender.

COSTUMING

Sewing a Historical Costume Skirt
 Orlando Public Library, Melrose Center

Fridays, September 13–27, 10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

A historically inspired adjustable pleated skirt that always fits, is highly customizable, and does not require a pattern? It's not movie magic, it's an 18th-century petticoat!

SCRIPTWRITING

Fundamentals of Screenwriting
 Orlando Public Library, Melrose Center
 Sunday, September 8, 2–3:30 p.m.

If you are new to screenwriting or planning to write a script, this event is just for you! Learn the basics of script formatting, get some useful tips and see a demo of a free script writing software.

Character Study: Character Development
 Orlando Public Library, Melrose Center
 Monday, September 9, 2 p.m.

Strong characters make up the foundation of a good story. Learn to design complete characters to construct your script's narrative.

Screenwriting Workshop

Orlando Public Library, Melrose Center
 Sundays, September 15 & 22, 4–5:30 p.m.

We will quickly review screenplay formatting before you create an account in a free scriptwriting software and practice writing a screenplay in the proper format.



CROCHET CLASSES

Crochet Level 1 & 2
 South Trail Branch

Thursdays, September 12 & 26, 10:30 a.m.

Hiawassee Branch

Mondays, September 16 & 30, 4 p.m.

Start crocheting today! Learn basic techniques while creating your first project, a bookmark for your favorite read. Techniques include creating a slip knot, chaining and single crochet stitches.

Kid's Crochet
 Alafaya Branch

Monday, September 16, 4 p.m.

Learn how to crochet a new project each month. Beginners welcome. Materials will be provided. Ages 8–12.

Crochet in the Round
 Chickasaw Branch

Tuesday, September 17, 3 p.m.

Add to your project possibilities by crocheting in the round! Create amigurumi, hats, bowls and more. Learn how to create circles with increase stitches and use stitch markers to track your work.

Crochet Amigurumi
 Chickasaw Branch

Tuesday, September 24, 3 p.m.

Crochet cute amigurumi stuffed toys. Learn the basics of amigurumi, including crocheting 3D shapes in the round and embroidering facial features.

SEWING CLASSES

Hand Sewing Basics
 Hiawassee Branch

Wednesdays, September 4 & 18, 4 p.m.

Basic hand sewing skills are essential skills needed in everyday life. Learn the basic techniques to get started, including how to make a quilter's knot, thread a needle and sew a running stitch.

Embroidery Level 1
 South Trail Branch

Thursday, September 5, 4–5:30 p.m.

Start hand embroidery today. Learn the basics of using a hoop and needles to create running, back and cross stitches to create a beautiful sampler.

Cargo Shorts
 Orlando Public Library

Mondays, September 9–30, 10:30 a.m.

Unleash your creativity and sewing skills in our specialized class focused on cargo shorts! Learn to add zippers, pockets and other custom elements. Students are required to bring fabric.

Sewing Open Lab
 Orlando Public Library

Mondays, September 9–30, 2 p.m.

Thursdays, September 5–26, 10:30 a.m. Get ready for Halloween and bring your sewing and costume projects. All the tools are here for you. Students are required to bring their own materials. Machine sewing skills are required.

Infinity Scarf
 Washington Park Branch

Thursday, September 12, 3:30 p.m.

Finishing a project is not a one-size-fits-all endeavor. Choosing the right seam to enclose fabric edges can elevate a project from good to great.

Essentials Behind the Seams
 Orlando Public Library

Tuesday, September 17, 2 p.m.

Finishing a project is not a one-size-fits-all endeavor. Choosing the right seam to enclose fabric edges can elevate a project from good to great.

Easy Placemats and Napkins
 Washington Park Branch

Thursday, September 19 & 26, 3:30 p.m.

Get ready for your next dinner party with your very own placemats! We will be using straight stitching and turning out techniques with batting.

Beginner Embroidery
 Alafaya Branch

Thursday, September 19, 5 p.m.

Start hand embroidery today. Learn the basic running and back stitches to embroider a Halloween-themed tea towel. Ages 13 and up. Registration required.



MUSIC IN THE LIBRARY: EL MARIACHI SHOW

Orlando Public Library, Library Central
Saturday, September 28, 11 a.m.
Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month with the unique sounds of El Mariachi Show. Listen as they take you on a musical journey to Latin countries.

Hispanic Heritage Month Reading Challenge

ocls.beanstack.org
September 15–October 15
Join us as we honor and celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month! We invite you to explore and read about the rich cultural heritage and remarkable contributions of Hispanic Americans.

Family Art Adventures: Patterns of Peru

West Oaks Branch
Saturday, September 14, 3 p.m.
Weave in some art time as we travel up and down the Andes! Create a vibrant paper tapestry inspired by the traditional patterned textiles of Peru. Recommended families with children ages 5 and up.

Cuisine Corner Junior: Holy Guacamole!

Eatonville Branch
Tuesday, September 17, 3:30 p.m.
Nothing is better than fresh guacamole! Learn how to prepare this classic dip that's both easy to whip up and delicious. Ages 9 and up.

Homeschool Snack Around the World

Alafaya Branch
Thursday, September 19, 2 p.m.
Learn about a different country each month and try some local snacks! Food will be served at this event, please see staff about specific needs concerning food allergies.

Crafternoons: Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month

Fairview Shores Branch
Tuesday, September 24, 4 p.m.
Learn how to create new crafts in celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month. Use creativity and collaboration for an hour-long crafting event.

Pirates Adventures! Voyage to Cuba

Fairview Shores Branch
Wednesday, September 25, 3:30 p.m.
Ahoj mateys! Set sail with our friendly pirate crew. We'll read a classic tale, sing songs and play trivia with everyone's favorite parrot, Petey! Recommended for families.

Hispanic Heritage Month Trivia & Craft

Orlando Public Library
Sunday, September 29, 2:30 p.m.
Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month with trivia and a craft. Ages 14 and up.

HUICHOL YARN ART

Alafaya Branch
Wednesday, September 25, 5 p.m.
Make your own yarn painting inspired by the indigenous Huichol people of Mexico. Ages 6–12. Registration required.

Huichol Style Yarn Art

Hiawassee Branch
Thursday, September 26, 4–5:30 p.m.
Discover the rich cultural heritage and intricate beauty of Huichol-style yarn art, where vibrant threads intricately weave to tell stories. Ages 6 and up.

CUISINE CORNER: TEMBLEQUE AND SORULLITOS DE MAIZ

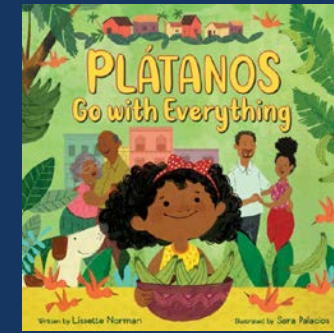
Virtual
Wednesday, September 18, 6 p.m.
Yamira Lee Johnson, head chef and founder of Breaking Bread with Mira, will demonstrate how to make coconut pudding and corn fritters for Hispanic Heritage Month.

MUSIC IN THE LIBRARY: LA CALLE BAND

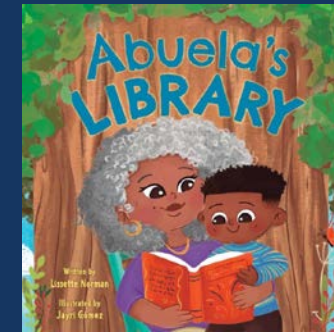
Orlando Public Library, Library Central
Saturday, September 21, 11 a.m.
The Latin-pop La Calle Band delivers the quintessential Latin street party – a seamless blend of music and dance. The energetic, up-tempo music is always sure to get a crowd moving.

MEXICAN DANZA

Orlando Public Library
Sunday, September 15, 2 p.m.
Alafaya Branch
Sunday, September 22, 2 p.m.
Experience a Mexican folkloric dance performance by México Danza Orlando. Enjoy traditional dances from the states of Jalisco, Sinaloa and Veracruz.



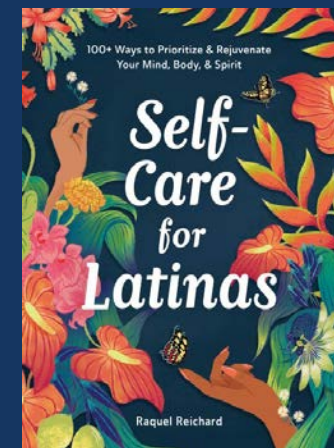
Plátanos Go With Everything
by Lissette Norman
Yesenia introduces readers to her favorite food – plátanos – which go with everything, especially love, in this ode to the star of Dominican cuisine.



Abuela's Library
by Lissette Norman
Alfonso and Abuela love to spend Saturday afternoons finding books at the library and reading them together beneath their favorite oak tree. But when their beloved tree is cut down, can Alfonso transform the stump into something magical for their whole community – their very own neighborhood library?



Mañanaland
by Pam Muñoz Ryan
Twelve-year-old Max loves the legend Buelo tells him about a mythical gatekeeper who can guide brave travelers on a journey into tomorrow. Max sets out on a dangerous quest to discover if he is true of heart and what the future holds, armed with a treasured compass, a mysterious stone rubbing and Buelo's legend as his only guides.



SELF-CARE FOR LATINAS
by Raquel Reichard
This life-altering guidebook provides 150 exercises designed specifically to help Latinas make the radical decision to prioritize their wellness, both physically and mentally.

Meet you There



LAURA LIZARDI

BRANCH OUTREACH SPECIALIST

Greetings everyone! I'm Laura Lizardi and I'm part of the new Community Engagement Department that collaborates and connects with our Orange County communities. I am the Outreach Specialist for South Creek Branch so I am responsible for bringing my library to the community. My start at OCLS began 18 years ago at South Creek branch, the same branch I represent today. This library witnessed my beginnings in the United States after relocating from a small town located on the northwest coast of the island of Puerto Rico named Aguadilla. South Creek for me and my family has been more than a library – a fundamental part of our progress and a new beginning. We took English classes, the library provided us with computers and every weekend we rented movies.

In 2015, I was given the opportunity to start my career at the South Creek branch as a Branch Circulation Clerk. I was later promoted to Customer Service Tech and currently hold the position of Branch Outreach Specialist. My office is the whole South Creek community that serves Hunter's Creek, Taft, Meadow Woods and even Lake Nona. I am fascinated by learning more about my community's needs and facilitating access to Orange County libraries. I am proud to be part of this new vision in which libraries are present in our communities. We want to be there! The events and services I provide in my community are focused on literature and art and I do it in my language. Being bilingual has helped me connect more with my community. If you don't see me reading to the kids, or teaching them art, or traveling around South Orlando (I literally carry the library in my car), then maybe you'll find me visiting local thrift store stores or planning new travel destinations. If you see me in the community, say hello to me with a "wepa" or hello. See you soon.

EN ESPAÑOL

¡Saludo mi gente! Soy Laura Lizardi y soy parte del nuevo departamento Community Engagement que se encarga de colaborar y conectarse con nuestras comunidades del Condado de Orange. Yo soy la Branch Outreach Specialist de la Sucursal de South Creek en la cual me encargo de llevar mi biblioteca a la comunidad. Mis inicios en las bibliotecas del Condado de Orange comenzaron hace 18 años en la sucursal de South Creek, la misma sucursal que represento. Dicha biblioteca fue testigo de mis comienzos en los Estados Unidos, después de haberme mudado de un pueblo ubicado en la costa noroeste de la isla de Puerto Rico, llamado Aguadilla. South Creek para mí y mi familia ha sido más que una biblioteca, si no una parte fundamental de nuestro avance y un nuevo comienzo, ya que llegamos a tomar clases de inglés, nos facilitaron computadoras y cada fin de semana rentábamos películas.

En el año 2015, se me dio la oportunidad de iniciar mi ahora carrera en la sucursal de South Creek como Branch Circulation Clerk. Posteriormente fui promovida a Customer Service Tech y actualmente ejerzo la posición de Branch Outreach Specialist. Este trabajo es remoto, pero yo siento que mi oficina es la comunidad de South Creek que sirve las comunidades de Hunter's Creek, Taft, Meadow Woods y hasta Lake Nona. Me fascina promover, crear y conocer más a fondo mi comunidad en sus necesidades y facilitar el acceso a las bibliotecas del Condado Orange. Me enorgullece ser parte de esta nueva visión en que las bibliotecas están presentes en nuestras comunidades. ¡Queremos estar ahí! Los eventos y servicios brindando en la que sigue siendo mi comunidad, son enfocados en despertar la literatura, el arte y lo hago en mi idioma. Ser bilingüe me ha ayudado a conectarme más con mi comunidad. Si no me ves leyéndoles a los niños, o enseñándoles arte o viajando por el sur de Orlando (Literalmente llevo la biblioteca en mi carro). Tal vez me encuentres visitando tiendas locales de Thrift Store o planificando nuevos destinos de viajes. Si me ves en la comunidad, saludame con un "wepa" u hola. Nos vemos pronto.

OUTREACH EVENTS:

Horizon West Crafts Class for Adults
16150 Pebble Bluff Loop, Winter Garden, FL 34787
Tuesday, September 3, 11 a.m.

Storytime at Bill Frederick Park
3401 S. Hiawasse Road, Orlando, FL 32835
Wednesday, September 4, 10 a.m.
Saturday, September 7, 10 a.m.

Oakland Storytime
126 W. Petris Ave., Oakland, FL 34760
Thursday, September 5, 10 a.m.

Storytime in the Garden
Nehrling Gardens
2267 Hempel Ave., Gotha, FL 34734
Saturday, September 14, 10 a.m.

Teen Book Club
125 W. McKey St., Ocoee, FL 34761
Saturday, September 14, 2 p.m.

Horizon West Book Club:
Waterleigh Daytime Readers
16150 Pebble Bluff Loop, Winter Garden, FL 34787
Wednesday, September 18, 1 p.m.

Guided Story Walk at Bill Frederick Park
3401 S. Hiawasse Road, Orlando, FL 32835
Saturday, September 28, 11 a.m.

Horizon West Storytime
15572 Marina Bay Drive, Winter Garden, FL 34787
Wednesday, September 25, 11 a.m.



BOOK BIKE:

Ocoee Community Market
125 N. Lakeshore Drive,
Ocoee, FL 34761
Thursday, September 5, 5–9 p.m.

Lake Eola Playground
501 E. Washington St.,
Orlando, FL 32801
Sunday, September 22, 10 a.m.

3rd Thursday at Heritage Square Park
65 E. Central Blvd., Orlando, FL 32801
Thursday, September 19, 5 p.m.

Oakland Farmer's Market: Meet the Book Bike!
126 W. Petris Ave., Oakland, FL 34760
Thursday, September 26, 10, 1 p.m.

Oakland Nature Fest: Meet The Book Bike!
747 Machete Trail, Oakland, FL 34760
Saturday, September 21, 10 a.m.

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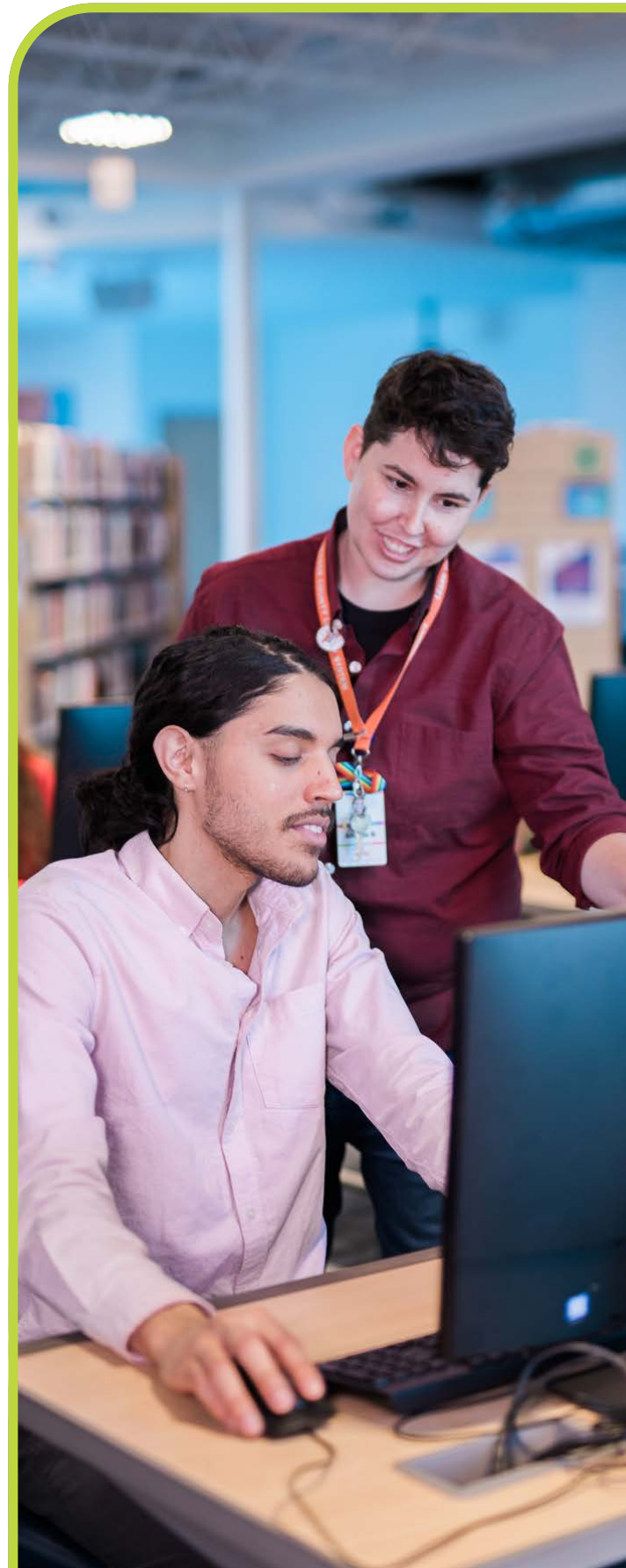
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TECH CLASSES

[OCLS.INFO/TECHCLASSES](https://ocls.info/techclasses)



A GREAT MONTH FOR TECHNOLOGY

Delve into Adobe Photoshop for blending modes and more. Explore HTML for web design. Create digital notebooks in Microsoft OneNote for all your creative ideas or to remember important points as you learn.

Web Design – HTML Level 1
South Trail Branch
Thursday, September 5, 3:15 p.m.
Alafaya Branch
Thursday, September 5, Noon
Orlando Public Library
Saturday, September 7, 10:30 a.m.
Virtual
Tuesday, September 3, 10:30 a.m.
Want to expand your skills? Learn how to lay out webpages using HTML5 tags. In this class, learn how to create a header, footer and different sections in a webpage.

Web Design – HTML Level 2
Alafaya Branch
Thursday, September 12, Noon
South Trail Branch
Thursday, September 12, 3:15 p.m.
Orlando Public Library
Saturday, September 14, 10:30 a.m.
Virtual
Wednesday, September 4, 10:30 a.m.
Learn basic web design processes and terminology and how to create a simple webpage using HTML tags.

Web Design – HTML Level 3
South Trail Branch
Thursday, September 12, 5 p.m.
Alafaya Branch
Thursday, September 19, Noon
Orlando Public Library
Saturday, September 21, 10:30 a.m.
Virtual
Friday, September 6, 10:30 a.m.
Want to display data properly on your webpage? Learn how to build a responsive table to showcase your data.

Web Design – HTML Level 4
Alafaya Branch
Thursday, September 26, Noon
Orlando Public Library
Saturday, September 28, 10:30 a.m.
Virtual
Monday, September 9, 10:30 a.m.
Do you want to interact with your users? Learn how to create an interactive form to collect data from your site visitors.

Adobe Photoshop – Black & White Effects
Orlando Public Library
Tuesday, September 17, 5:30 p.m.
Alafaya Branch
Monday, September 23, 11 a.m.
South Trail Branch
Saturday, September 28, 3 p.m.
Make photos pop with black-and-white effects. Learn multiple ways to convert photos to black and white, apply adjustment layers and create enhancing effects.

Adobe Photoshop – Layer Blending Modes
Orlando Public Library
Tuesday, September 17, 4:15 p.m.
South Trail Branch
Saturday, September 28, 10:30 a.m.
Alafaya Branch
Monday, September 30, 11 a.m.
Applying blending modes to image layers to quickly fix problems with exposure, shadows and highlights. Learn to use blending modes to generate artistic and creative effects on photos.

Microsoft OneNote Fundamentals
Orlando Public Library
Friday, September 6, 10:30 a.m.
Windermere Branch
Friday, September 6, 10:30 a.m.
Eatonville Branch
Tuesday, September 10, 11 a.m.
Virtual
Monday, September 9, 5:30 p.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.



APPLAUSE DANCE

South Trail Branch
Saturday, September 14, 1 p.m.
Talented students from the local dance studio Applause Dance will showcase various dance styles.



BUBBLE PLAYTIME

Alafaya Branch
Wednesday, September 4, 10:30 a.m.
South Creek Branch
Wednesday, September 4, 10:30 a.m.
Hiawasse Branch
Friday, September 20, 11 a.m.
Help your child develop gross motor skills in this interactive bubble party. Ages 2–5.

Mindful Play Learning: Yoga for Preschoolers
Eatonville Branch
Tuesdays, September 3–24, 10:15 a.m.
South Trail Branch
Wednesdays, September 4–25, 10:15 a.m.
Playfully uses yoga and imagination to teach early learners social-emotional skills, support cognitive development and enhance creativity. Ages 3–5.

Box Engineers
South Creek Branch
Wednesday, September 4, 4:30 p.m.
Work together to design and construct an architectural marvel. Ages 5 and up.

Study Hall
Hiawasse Branch
Thursdays, September 5 & 19, 3:30–5:30 p.m.
There's no better place to study than the library. Ages 6 and up.

Afternoon with a Balloon
Southeast Branch
Friday, September 6, 4 p.m.
Get hands-on with balloon science and games. Ages 5 and up.

Fun Family Film
South Trail Branch
Saturdays, September 7–28, 10:30 a.m.
Join us for a movie that's fun for the whole family.

Puppet Boot Camp
Windermere Branch
Saturdays, September 7–November 2, 10:30 a.m.
Explore, make and perform within this five-program series. Ages 8 and up.

Family Bingo
Hiawasse Branch
Saturday, September 7, 1–3 p.m.
Spend an afternoon with family playing bingo to win some cool prizes.

Family Game Night
Alafaya Branch
Sunday, September 8, 3–5 p.m.
South Creek Branch
Wednesday, September 25, 4:30 p.m.
Bond with family and new friends over classic board games.

Dungeons & Dragons
Windermere Branch
Mondays, September 9 & 23, 4–5:30 p.m.
Ages 9 and up.

LEGO Challenge
Hiawasse Branch
Thursday, September 12, 4–5:30 p.m.
Are you a LEGO Master? See if you can complete these LEGO challenges! Ages 6 and up.

Autumnfest
Southeast Branch
Saturday, September 14, 10:30 a.m.
Celebrate fall with stories, carnival-style games and lots of fun. Ages 5 and up.

Family Art Adventures
South Trail Branch
Saturday, September 14, 2 p.m.
Saturday, September 28, 10:30 a.m.
Learn about author, illustrator and muralist Rafael Lopez. Ages 5 and up.

Creatures of the Night
West Oaks Branch
Wednesday, September 18, 4 p.m.
Southeast Branch
Friday, September 20, 4 p.m.
Dream big like Pedro Linares and let your imagination soar. Create fantastical Mexican folk art creatures called alebrijes and see them come to life! Ages 5 and up.

Movie Matinee:
Ghostbusters: Frozen Empire
Hiawasse Branch
Saturday, September 21, 1–3 p.m.
Who you gonna call!? Watch the latest movie for fun, action and busting ghosts in New York City.

Make With Me
Alafaya Branch
Saturday, September 21, 3 p.m.
Paper mâché a mason jar to make a pumpkin or ghost. Ages 5 and up. Registration required.

Zora Neale Hurston: Amazing Anthropology
Windermere Branch
Saturday, September 28, 11 a.m.
Do you have what it takes to dive into a culture like Zora Neale Hurston? Explore the field of anthropology and create an anthropological study. Ages 10 and up.

Family Trivia: Disney Movies
Alafaya Branch
Saturday, September 28, 3 p.m.
Be our guest for Disney movie trivia! Answer questions about animated movies, then create your own Forky craft! Registration required.

BABY (Ages 0–18 Months)

Babies en la Biblioteca
Southeast Branch
Thursdays, September 5 & 19, 10:30 a.m.
Discover new words with your child as we sing, talk and play to connect and foster a love for reading.

Mother Goose on the Loose
Orlando Public Library
Mondays, September 9–30, 10:30 a.m.
Southwest Branch
Mondays, September 9 & 23, 11 a.m.
Use rhymes, songs, puppets, musical instruments and more to help develop important pre-literacy skills.

Welcome to Shape School
Windermere Branch
Monday, September 9, 10:30 a.m.
Explore, learn and play with shapes to expand your baby's print awareness.

Baby Bookworms
Southwest Branch
Monday, September 16, 11 a.m.
Introduce your baby to literacy practices that encourage learning and developmental growth.

Bilingual Baby Time
Alafaya Branch
Wednesday, September 18, 10:30 a.m.
Grow your baby's language skills with this English/Spanish storytime.

Mama Gansa
Southwest Branch
Monday, September 30, 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.

TODDLER (Ages 18–36 Months)

B is for Bailar
West Oaks Branch
Tuesday, September 3, 11 a.m.
Southeast Branch
Monday, September 16, 10:15 a.m.
Orlando Public Library
Wednesday, September 25, 10:30 a.m.
¡Azúcar! Celebrate National Hispanic Heritage Month with a music appreciation storytime for all little ones.

Tiny Travelers: El Caribe
Southwest Branch
Tuesday, September 3, 11 a.m.
¡Vámonos! Discover the sights, sounds and treasures of Hispanic culture through a world of color in this bilingual program.

Bilingual Storytime
Winter Garden Branch
Wednesdays, September 4–25, 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.

Sensory Free Play
Winter Garden Branch
Wednesdays, September 4 & 18, 11 a.m.
Build motor skills, boost creativity and develop independent thinking while engaging in sensory-based play. Ages 2–5.

Toddler Playground
Southwest Branch
Wednesday, September 4, 11 a.m.
Use unstructured play to advance physical and cognitive development and have fun.

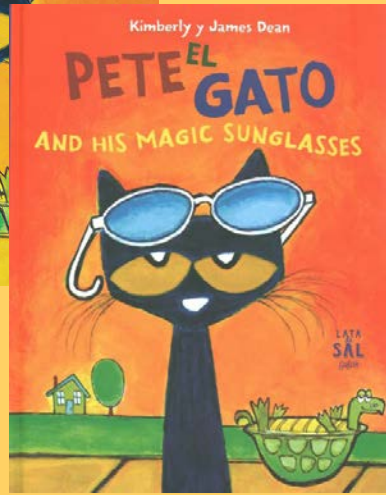
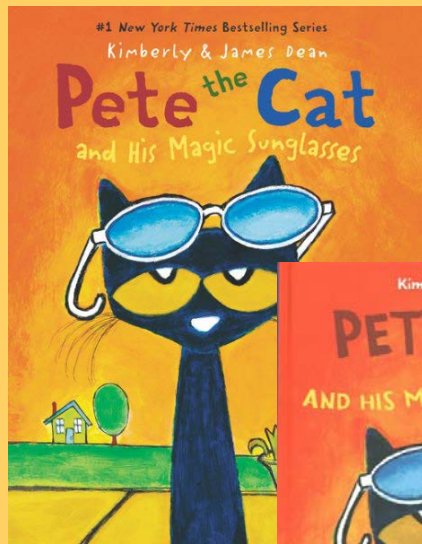
Storytime Craft
Southwest Branch
Thursdays, September 5–26, 10 a.m.–Noon
Drop in before and after storytime to create a make-and-take craft. Ages 2–5.

Vamos a Bailar/Let's Dance
Hiawasse Branch
Friday, September 6, 11 a.m.
Celebrate Latin dance and music with fun songs and dance-alongs! Ages 0–5.

Artsy Toddler
Alafaya Branch
Wednesday, September 11, 10:30 a.m.
Southwest Branch
Wednesday, September 11, 11 a.m.
Orlando Public Library
Tuesday, September 17, 10:30 a.m.
Learn new fine motor skills using paint, paste, glue and stamps to create!

STEAM Free Play Jr.
Winter Garden Branch
Wednesdays, September 11 & 25, 11 a.m.
Help your child build observation skills, boost creativity and develop critical thinking while engaging in STEAM-based play. Ages 2–5.

Fall Craft and a Snack
Eatonville Branch
Friday, September 13, 10:30 a.m.
Join us for an autumn-inspired craft and enjoy a small snack while creating! Ages 2–4.



IT'S ALL GROOVY

Windermere Branch
Monday, September 16, 10:30 a.m.
 Learn basic concepts with sing-along stories and activities inspired by Pete the Cat.

IT'S ALL GROOVY! ¡TODO ES FANTÁSTICO!

Southeast Branch
Monday, September 23, 10:15 a.m.
Tuesday, September 24, 4:30 p.m.
 Learn basic concepts with stories and activities inspired by Pete the Cat. Aprende conceptos básicos con historias y actividades inspiradas en Pete el Gato.

FABULOUS FROGS

South Trail Branch
Thursday, September 19, 10:30 a.m.
 Ribbit! Explore the world of frogs with fun songs and stories perfect for your preschooler.



Little Lit Classics
Southwest Branch
Wednesday, September 18, 11 a.m.
 Introduce your toddler to classic literature through basic concepts.

Jumpin' Jubilee
Winter Garden Branch
Thursday, September 19, 10:30 a.m.
 Celebrate the joy of birthdays with stories, songs, dancing and crafts.

Sesame Street Storytime
Southwest Branch
Wednesday, September 25, 11 a.m.
 Learn the alphabet and numbers with stories and activities inspired by *Plaza Sésamo!* Ages 2–5.

Exploring Colors
Hiwassee Branch
Friday, September 27, 11 a.m.
 Dive into a world of vibrant hues and endless creativity in this color exploration program!

PRESCHOOL (Ages 3–5)

Cuéntame un Cuento
Orlando Public Library
Tuesday, September 3, 11 a.m.
West Oaks Branch
Tuesday, September 17, 11 a.m.
 An interactive storytime featuring books and songs in English and Spanish that are suitable for speakers of either language.

Number Countdown
Alafaya Branch
Tuesday, September 3, 11 a.m.
 Count from one to ten, and then back to one again with stories, activities and crafts.

Little Chef: Apple Pie Parfait
Southeast Branch
Tuesday, September 3, 4:30 p.m.
 Celebrate apple pie in a brand-new way and learn to layer and scoop. Adult participation required.

Stories & Stretches
Orlando Public Library
Wednesday, September 4, 10:30 a.m.
Southwest Branch
Tuesday, September 10, 11 a.m.
 Wiggle and stretch to stories, songs and rhymes focusing on motor development.

Storytime: Animal Sounds
Alafaya Branch
Thursday, September 5, 2 p.m.
 “Hoot” and “moo” with us during a storytime with books, songs and a craft. Registration required.

Playtime!
Alafaya Branch
Fridays, September 6–27, 11:45 a.m.
 Little ones are invited to explore and tinker while engaging in imaginative play. Ages 0–5.

All About Birds
Winter Garden Branch
Saturday, September 7, 11 a.m.
 Join the Orange Audubon Society for a fun story and craft time all about birds. Ages 2–5.

Lots of Leaves
Southeast Branch
Monday, September 9, 10:15 a.m.
Tuesday, September 10, 4:30 p.m.
 Enjoy the sights and sounds of fall with stories, songs and crafts.

Sesame Street Storytime
Virtual
Mondays, September 9–30, 11 a.m.
 Let’s make it a sunny day with a storytime and craft celebrating our favorite friends.

Pajama Party
Virtual
Mondays, September 9–30, 7 p.m.
 Put on your pajamas and enjoy an interactive virtual storytime.

Countdown to Kindergarten
Windermere Branch
Tuesdays, September 10–24, 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.

Letter A is Awesome!
Winter Garden Branch
Tuesday, September 10, 10:30 a.m.
 Enjoy stories and engage in hands-on activities that show how awesome the letter A really is!

Little Chef: Paletas
Orlando Public Library
Tuesday, September 10, 11 a.m.
 Mash and pour fresh fruit to create a sweet Mexican treat. Adult participation is required.

Never Land Adventures
West Oaks Branch
Tuesday, September 10, 11 a.m.
 Journey to find treasure with stories and activities inspired by *Jake and the Never Land Pirates*.

Shape Monster
Alafaya Branch
Tuesday, September 10, 11 a.m.
 Learn your shapes with the help of a friendly monster!

Homeschool Jr.
Windermere Branch
Wednesday, September 11, 10:30 a.m.
 Listen to stories and engage in activities about basic concepts.

Tiny House
Orlando Public Library
Wednesday, September 11, 10:30 a.m.
 Learn, grow and play with hands-on activities inspired by using objects in your kitchen.

Wild Creatures
South Creek Branch
Wednesday, September 11, 10:30 a.m.
 Learn about an exciting animal through stories and a craft.

Little Chef: Banana Pudding
Hiwassee Branch
Friday, September 13, 11 a.m.
 Bring your little one for mixing, mashing and stacking as they create this classic recipe.

Little Readers
Virtual
Saturday, September 14, 10 a.m.
 Start your child’s reading journey with engaging activities focused on phonics and sight words.

Encanto Storytime
Alafaya Branch
Tuesday, September 17, 11 a.m.
 Celebrate the family Madrigal with stories, songs and games inspired by *Encanto*.

Fall Festival
Southwest Branch
Tuesday, September 17, 11 a.m.
Winter Garden Branch
Tuesday, September 24, 10:30 a.m.
Alafaya Branch
Tuesday, September 24, 11 a.m.
 Celebrate fall with stories, games and activities featuring apples, pumpkins and autumn leaves.

B is for Bailar
Southeast Branch
Tuesday, September 17, 4:30 p.m.
 ¡Azúcar! Celebrate National Hispanic Heritage Month with a music appreciation storytime for all little ones.

Pajama Jamboree
Windermere Branch
Tuesday, September 17, 4:30 p.m.
 Put on your favorite jammies for a fun-filled evening of a story, craft and a snack. Ages 3–7.

Around the World
South Creek Branch
Wednesday, September 18, 10:30 a.m.
 Learn about the world through stories and a craft.

Tiny Travelers: El Caribe
Orlando Public Library
Wednesday, September 18, 10:30 a.m.
 ¡Vámonos! Discover the sights, sounds and treasures of Hispanic culture in this bilingual event.

Little Chef: Avocado Smash & Chips!
West Oaks Branch
Tuesday, September 24, 11 a.m.
 Learn how to make guacamole with fresh ingredients. Adult participation is required.

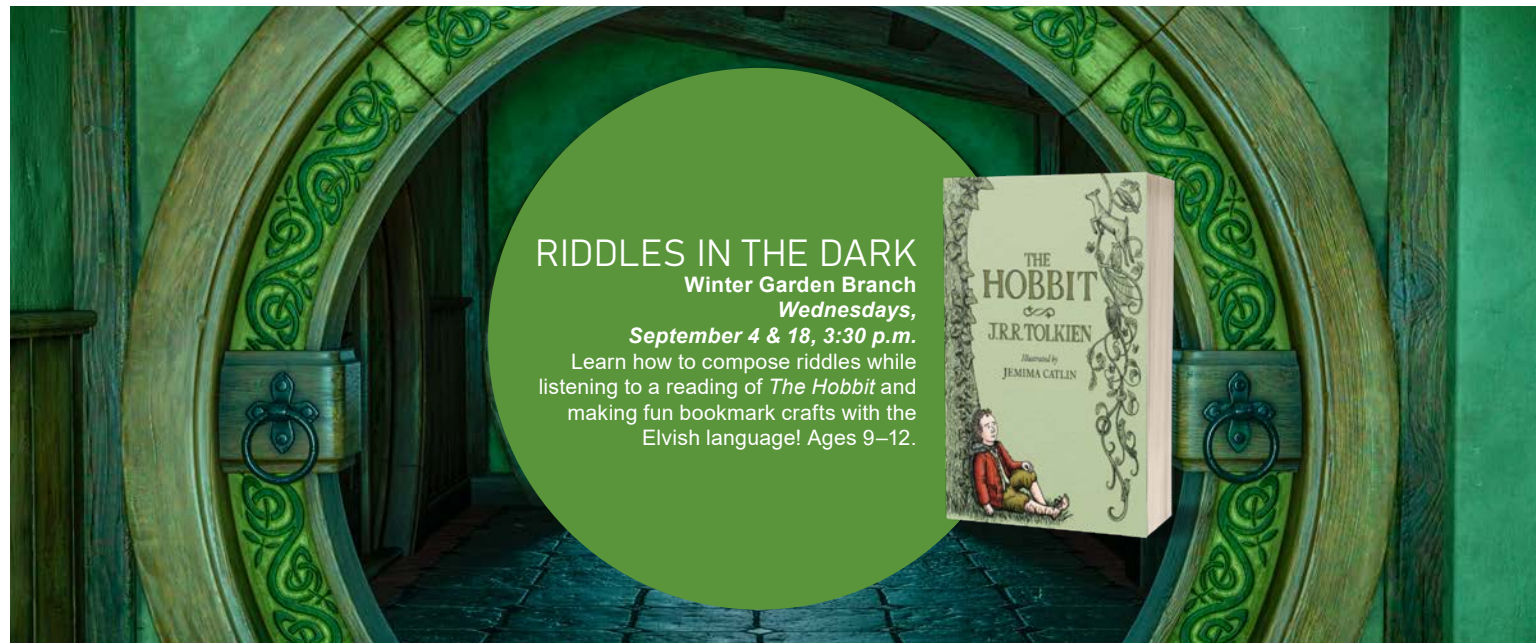
Growing Up WILD
Orlando Public Library
Tuesday, September 24, 10:30 a.m.
 Engage in stories and activities comparing the lives of wild and tame animals.

This is My Name
Southwest Branch
Tuesday, September 24, 11 a.m.
 Help your child learn to recognize and spell their name through fun crafts and activities.

Move and Play
Alafaya Branch
Wednesday, September 25, 10:15 a.m.
 Get ready to move and groove!

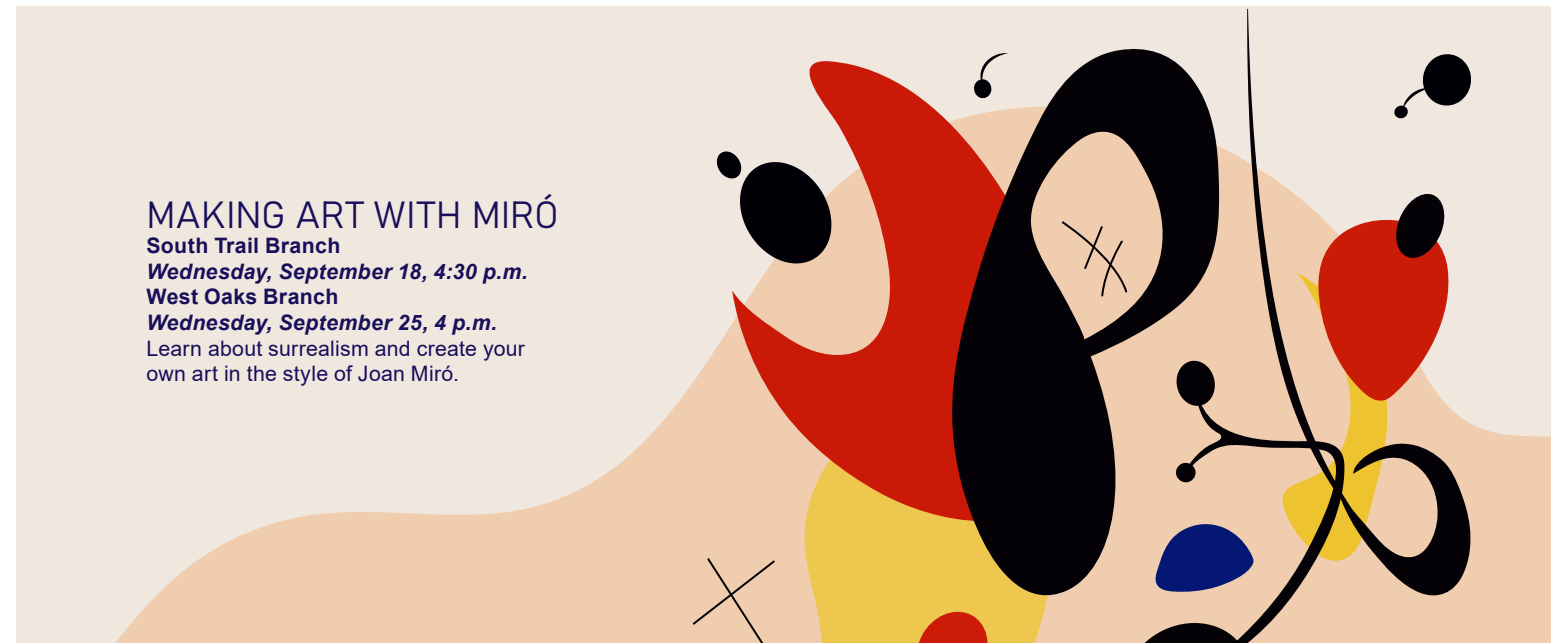
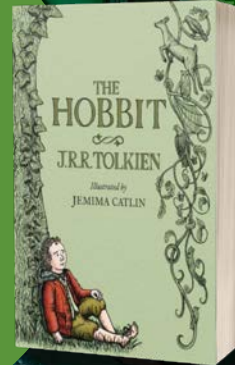
Little Chef: Bear Snacks
South Creek Branch
Wednesday, September 25, 10:30 a.m.
 Teach your little one basic kitchen skills with hands-on recipes. Adult participation is required.

Little Chef: Pumpkin Patch
Southeast Branch
Monday, September 30, 10:15 a.m.
 Create your own pumpkin patch from sweet treats! Adult participation is required.



RIDDLES IN THE DARK

Winter Garden Branch
Wednesdays,
September 4 & 18, 3:30 p.m.
Learn how to compose riddles while listening to a reading of *The Hobbit* and making fun bookmark crafts with the Elvish language! Ages 9-12.



MAKING ART WITH MIRÓ

South Trail Branch
Wednesday, September 18, 4:30 p.m.
West Oaks Branch
Wednesday, September 25, 4 p.m.
Learn about surrealism and create your own art in the style of Joan Miró.

Homeschool Technology Class

Wintermere Branch
Tuesday, September 3, 2 p.m.
Explore the fundamentals of technology and hone your computer literacy skills.

Hiwassee Art Club

Hiwassee Branch
Tuesday, September 3, 4:30-6 p.m.
Experience new artistic techniques with your fellow artists! Ages 7 and up.

LEGO Clubs

Wintermere Branch
Tuesdays, September 3, 10 & 24, 4:30 p.m.
Southwest Branch
Wednesdays, September 4-25, 4 p.m.
South Trail Branch
Mondays, September 9, 16 & 30, 4:30 p.m.
South Creek Branch
Wednesday, September 11, 4:30 p.m.
Alafaya Branch
Friday, September 20, 4 p.m.
LEGO bricks will be provided but cannot go home with you.

Homeschool Kindergarten Technology Class

Wintermere Branch
Wednesday, September 4, 10:30 a.m.
Explore the fundamentals of technology and hone your computer literacy skills. Ages 5-6.

A Very Merry Unbirthday

Washington Park Branch
Wednesday, September 4, 4 p.m.
Take a trip to Wonderland and celebrate your "unbirthday" with whimsical crafts and fun activities. Ages 6-8.

September Crafternoon

Alafaya Branch
Wednesday, September 4, 4 p.m.
Get ready for spooky season early by painting and decorating a salt dough ornament! Registration required.

The Legend of El Coquí

West Oaks Branch
Wednesday, September 4, 4 p.m.
Discover the Taíno legend of the coquí and explore the indigenous art and culture of Puerto Rico. Learn Taíno games and create art inspired by this vibrant culture. Ages 6-8.

Homeschool Discovery

Wintermere Branch
Wednesdays, September 5-19, 1 p.m.
Eatonville Branch
Thursday, September 12, 1 p.m.
Discover the world around us through STEM, geography, the arts, culture, history and literature with hands-on activities. Ages 6 and up.

Masterpiece Junior: Fabergé Eggs

Orlando Public Library
Thursday, September 5, 3:30 p.m.
Learn about the history and create a piece inspired by this jeweled art. Ages 9-12.

Southeast Thursday Kids Club

Southeast Branch
Thursdays, September 5-26, 4:30 p.m.
Every week offers a different kind of adventure: games, STEM challenges and more!

Library Scavenger Hunt

Hiwassee Branch
Friday, September 6, 4 p.m.
Use your best detective skills to discover the secrets hidden in plain sight.

Origami Club

South Creek Branch
Friday, September 6, 4:30 p.m.
Orlando Public Library
Thursday, September 12, 3:30 p.m.
Go on a fun and educational journey into the world of paper folding.

Muggle Quidditch

South Creek Branch
Saturday, September 7, 11 a.m.
Enjoy the sport of wizards and witches. Weather permitting. Ages 9-18. Registration required.

READING Paws

Chickasaw Branch
Saturday, September 7, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
Wintermere Branch
Saturday, September 14, 11:30 a.m.
Alafaya Branch
Saturday, September 28, 11 a.m.
Improve children's reading and communication skills by reading to a therapy dog.

Homeschool Meetup

Southwest Branch
Mondays, September 9-23, 1 p.m.
Come participate in math, science, history, art and literature-based learning.

Read to Sydney

Winter Garden Branch
Monday, September 9, 4 p.m.
Encourages children to practice their reading skills with an attentive furry listener.

Watercolor Techniques

Alafaya Branch
Monday, September 9, 4 p.m.
Learn different watercolor techniques and paint with us. Ages 8-12.

Adventures in Homeschooling

Orlando Public Library
Wednesdays, September 11 & 25, 1 p.m.
Explore lessons and hands-on activities to inspire curiosity and learning. Ages 6 and up.

Chess Club

Winter Garden Branch
Wednesday, September 11 & 25, 3:30 p.m.
Wintermere Branch
Mondays, September 16 & 30, 4 p.m.
Drop in for a game of chess at the library.

Fancy Fingerprints

West Oaks Branch
Wednesday, September 11, 4 p.m.
Create a special piece of art with your very special fingerprint. Ages 6-8.

STEM Explorer's Club

Hiwassee Branch
Wednesdays, September 11 & 25, 4 p.m.
Join us to learn about a new STEM topic and conduct an experiment or demonstration.

Tween Art Adventures: Folk Art Arpilleras

Washington Park Branch
Wednesday, September 11, 4 p.m.
South Creek Branch
Thursday, September 19, 4:30 p.m.
Celebrate National Hispanic Heritage Month! Learn about folk art arpilleras from Chile and Peru and create one of your own. Ages 9-12.

BINGO: For Kids!

Alafaya Branch
Wednesday, September 11, 5 p.m.
Learn how to play bingo for a chance to win prizes!

Homeschool: The Joy of Failure

Winter Garden Branch
Thursday, September 12, 10:30 a.m.
Learn how to persevere in difficult situations and how failures lead to discoveries and inventions. Ages 6-8.

Homeschool Home Ec

Alafaya Branch
Thursday, September 12, 2 p.m.
This month we'll stitch plastic canvas. Ages 8-12. Registration required.

Homeschool: Art Expressions

Wintermere Branch
Fridays, September 13 & 27, 2 p.m.
Come and be creative as you learn various art techniques. Ages 6 and up.

Homeschool Art: High Five!

West Oaks Branch
Monday, September 16, 11 a.m.
Explore ways to turn your hand into a work of art! Ages 6 and up.

Homeschool: National Hispanic Heritage Month

Alafaya Branch
Monday, September 16, 11 a.m.
Explore a variety of subjects through special occasions! Ages 6-10.

Books and a Treat

Winter Garden Branch
Tuesday, September 17, 4:30 p.m.
Discover your new favorite title with a book-tasting. Find a new book and try a few treats. Ages 9-12.

Snack Your Way Around The World

Hiwassee Branch
Tuesday, September 17, 4:30 p.m.
See which snack is popular in another country and get the back story on it.

Happy Habitats

Alafaya Branch
Wednesday, September 18, 4 p.m.
This month we're learning about extreme environments. Registration required. Ages 6-8.

Kids' Free Art Time

South Creek Branch
Wednesday, September 18, 4:30 p.m.
Make a masterpiece using a variety of supplies.

Music Masters

Orlando Public Library
Thursday, September 19, 3:30 p.m.
Learn all things musical literacy with a fun instrument. Ages 9-12.

Nerdy Nanoscience

South Trail Branch
Thursday, September 19, 4:30 p.m.
Zoom in and discover the science of all things very small.

D&D for Young Adventurers

Hiwassee Branch
Friday, September 20, 4-5:30 p.m.
Take your first steps into the world of D&D. Work together to face obstacles and defeat monsters.

CUISINE CORNER JUNIOR: CHURROS

Orlando Public Library

Thursday, September 26, 3:30 p.m.

Celebrate Hispanic heritage with sweet churros and a traditional Mexican game!



TEENS

AGES 13-18
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ADULTING 101 FOR TEENS: EASY MEALS

Hiwassee Branch

Friday, September 27, 4 p.m.

Are you ready to be an adult? Let us help get you started with creating a budget-conscious grocery list and then preparing a simple meal.



REBOOT BOUTIQUE WITH J. MACHELL OF TAILORED LOOKS

Eatonville Branch

Thursday, September 5, 4:30 p.m.

Join us for a free shopping experience with gently used clothing.



Snack Around the World: The Baltics West Oaks Branch

Friday, September 20, 4 p.m.

Each month we'll learn about a different culture and sample the yummiest snacks it has to offer. Registration required.

Hearts of Gold Therapy Dogs

South Creek Branch

Saturday, September 21, 10:30 a.m.

Southwest Branch

Saturday, September 28, 10:30 a.m.

Children can improve their reading skills by reading to a therapy dog.

Feeling Good

South Creek Branch

Saturday, September 21, 4:30 p.m.

Learn some chill skills with self-calming techniques, tips and tricks.

Macaroni Mania

Windermere Branch

Monday, September 23, 4 p.m.

Explore the versatility of using pasta to create one-of-a-kind crafts.

World Traveler: South America

Winter Garden Branch

Tuesday, September 24, 4:30 p.m.

Take a trip to South America with fun trivia, activities and crafts. Ages 6-8.

Backyard Birds of Prey

Eatonville Branch

Wednesday, September 25, 3:15 p.m.

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

Barriletes Gigantes

Washington Park Branch

Wednesday, September 25, 4 p.m.

Learn about the Giant Kite Festival held each year in Guatemala and make a replica Mayan kite. Ages 9-12.

Magic Tree House Expeditions

Virtual

Wednesday, September 25, 4:30 p.m.

Jack and Annie need your help with their latest voyage in the Magic Tree House. Ages 6-8.

Polymer Clay Owls

South Trail Branch

Wednesday, September 25, 4:30 p.m.

Sculpt a cute owl from polymer clay. Ages 11 and up.

Super Service Dogs

Winter Garden Branch

Wednesday, September 25, 4:30 p.m.

Learn about tasks service dogs are trained to do, create a craft and meet a service dog! Ages 6-8.

Homeschool Branch Out

Windermere Branch

Thursday, September 26, 1 p.m.

Socialize with friends as you expand your horizons during this recreation time. Ages 6 and up.

Homeschool Science: DNA Extraction

Alafaya Branch

Thursday, September 26, 2 p.m.

Join us for a hands-on experiment and learn more about the science behind this incredible molecule. Ages 9-12.

Book Bonanza!

Eatonville Branch

Thursday, September 26, 3:30 p.m.

Dive into the magical world of Harry Potter, Percy Jackson, Dog Man and other fan favorites with crafts and activities during Library Card Sign-Up Month! Let's make reading an adventure!

Homeschool Makerspace Meetup

Eatonville Branch

Friday, September 27, 1 p.m.

Learn hands-on skills and embrace the art of making. Ages 6 and up.

Homeschool: National Fall Foliage Week

Alafaya Branch

Monday, September 30, 11 a.m.

Explore a variety of subjects through special occasions. Ages 6-10. Registration required.

Homeschool Science: Eye See It!

West Oaks Branch

Monday, September 30, 11 a.m.

Using games and hands-on experiments, children will learn more about using their vision. Ages 6 and up.

Homeschool Meet Up

Southwest Branch

Monday, September 30, 1 p.m.

Play games, socialize and share resources. Bring your favorite board games and card games to share.

Great Li'l Gastropods

South Creek Branch

Monday, September 30, 4:30 p.m.

Explore the various snails and slugs in Florida's ecosystem. Ages 6-8.

Teen Volunteering: Literary and Creative Arts Magazine

Southeast Branch

Wednesday, September 4, 3-5 p.m.

Alafaya Branch

Saturday, September 7, 3-5 p.m.

South Trail Branch

Saturday, September 14, 3:30-5:30 p.m.

Earn community service hours by getting involved in our teen literary and creative arts magazines.

High School Advisory Board Meeting

Virtual

Tuesday, September 3, 4 p.m.

Earn community service by testing out new programs, brainstorm new services and more.

Middle School Advisory Board Meeting

Virtual

Wednesday, September 4, 4 p.m.

Earn community service by testing out new programs, brainstorm new services and more.

Homeschool Teen Rec Time

Windermere Branch

Wednesdays, September 4 & 18, 4:45-6 p.m.

Play games, do crafts, learn a life skill or just hang out with friends. Light snacks provided.

Coloring Time!

South Creek Branch

Monday, September 9, 4:30 p.m.

Dust off your crayons and markers and see if you can stay in the lines.

Lo-Fi Book Club

Virtual

Tuesday, September 10, 4 p.m.

Each month, choose your own book to read and share with other teens based on a rotating theme.

Animanga Clubs

Washington Park Branch

Tuesdays, September 10 & 24, 5 p.m.

Orlando Public Library, Club Central

Saturday, September 14, 2 p.m.

Share your love of anime and manga at the library.

Homeschool Teen Art: Bad Art Time!

West Oaks Branch

Friday, September 13, 11 a.m.

Leave your talent at the door because it is time to make some truly dreadful art.

Teen Volunteering

Hiwassee Branch

Saturday, September 14, 1-3 p.m.

Southeast Branch

Wednesday, September 18, 3-5 p.m.

Eatonville Branch

Saturday, September 21, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Help out your local library! High school students will earn two hours of community service.

Ending the Silence

Alafaya Branch

Saturday, September 14, 2 p.m.

This training for teens will teach you how to identify the signs of mental health conditions, cope with symptoms and better support loved ones who are struggling. Registration required.

Teen Art Jam

Winter Garden Branch

Saturdays, September 14 & 28, 3-4:30 p.m.

Compete to create the best crafts. Winning crafts will get a prize and be displayed for one month.

Teen Board Game Meetup

South Creek Branch

Saturday, September 14, 4-5:30 p.m.

Friday, September 20, 4-5:30 p.m.

Come learn a fast-paced miniature battle game at the library.

Advancing to Adulthood

Virtual

Tuesday, September 17, 4 p.m.

Learn through games and activities designed to help prepare you for post-high school independence.

Return to the Hunger Games

Eatonville Branch

Wednesday, September 18, 3-4:30 p.m.

Join us in District 14 as we return to the Hunger Games. Enjoy a film screening and make crafts.

Navigate Your Way to Success

Eatonville Branch

Saturday, September 21, 1 p.m.

Tackle the stress of college financial aid by learning the basics on securing funds.

Teen Cuisine: Macaroni and Cheese

Orlando Public Library, Cypress Room

Saturday, September 21, 4 p.m.

Homeschool Teen Board Game Meetup

West Oaks Branch

Friday, September 27, 11 a.m.

Inviting all teen homeschoolers to play games, socialize and share resources.

Teen Art Adventures: Doodle Art

South Creek Branch

Friday, September 27, 4:30 p.m.

Discover how to use simple repetitive patterns to create brilliant works of art.

Bad Art Crafternoon

Hiwassee Branch

Saturday, September 28, 1-2:30 p.m.

Do your worst art. Only sad little trees here.

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

Labor Day

All Locations:
Sunday & Monday, September 1 & 2

Conmemoración del día del trabajo

Todos las localidades:
domingo y lunes, 1 y 2 de septiembre

Fairview Shores Branch

Closed for Repairs
September 9–22

North Orange Branch

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