

# BOOKS & BEYOND

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# MENNELLO MUSEUM OF AMERICAN ART

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101 E. Central Blvd. | Orlando Public Library | 3rd Floor  
Monday-Saturday: 10:30 a.m.-5 p.m.  
Sunday: 1:30-5 p.m.

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Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room  
Thursday, October 10, 6 p.m.

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#### Next Friends of the Library Board of Directors Meeting:

Orlando Public Library  
Wednesday, October 16, Noon

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## JOB FAIR

November 13, 2024 12-4PM

Bridging the gap between you and 100+ employers from the Central Florida area!

Orlando Fairgrounds Expo Building  
4603 W Colonial Dr.

- Dress interview ready & bring resumes.
- Entry, intermediate & experienced jobs.

[cfec.org/job-fairs](http://cfec.org/job-fairs)

## General Election Early Voting

October 21–November 3  
8 a.m.–8 p.m.



General Election for Assigned Districts\*

November 5  
8 a.m.–8 p.m.

Chickasaw Branch  
Fairview Shores Branch\*  
Hiawassee Branch  
South Creek Branch  
Southeast Branch\*

Southwest Branch\*  
Washington Park Branch  
West Oaks Branch  
Winter Garden Branch





# STRATEGIC PLAN

October '24–September '29

VISIT [OCLS.ORG](https://www.oclibrary.org)

**PURPOSE STATEMENT** Enriching lives through experiences and opportunities to learn, grow and connect.

## BE WELCOMING

We will provide excellent customer service, create inviting spaces and ensure accessibility so the community feels welcome at OCLS.

## BE CONNECTED

We will promote engagement, facilitate partnerships and generate awareness so the community feels connected to OCLS.

## BE FORWARD-THINKING

We will provide and explore services and technology to deliver relevant experiences for the community.

## BE EMPOWERED

We will enhance our employee training structure, support professional development and improve internal communication so OCLS staff are adaptable to community needs.

# We're Uncrating Something Fresh

Last year, we focused on the past. Our 100 Year Celebration gave us an opportunity to reflect on our history and our place in the community. But it also gave us a chance to consider what the future holds for Orange County Library System.

We've always been confident that there's a bright future ahead for our library system, but we needed a new road map. So last year, with the help of our staff, our customers and our community, we embarked on a journey to build a new strategic plan that reframes our approach to library service to reflect what's important to us today.

Over the past nine months, we have held focus groups and listening sessions, sent surveys and asked for feedback from our community. We've asked you to tell us what you think we do well, and what we can be doing differently. After reviewing the information we received from thousands of users, we crafted a new strategic plan that has four pillars to guide us to become more welcoming, more connected, more forward-thinking and more empowered to help the people who use our services daily.

So, what does this look like?

When we talk about being **Welcoming**, we want to provide excellent customer service, create inviting spaces, and ensure accessibility so the community feels welcome at OCLS.

When we talk about being **Connected**, we want to promote engagement, facilitate partnerships, and generate awareness of what OCLS does.

To be **Forward-Thinking**, we want to provide and explore services and technology to deliver relevant experiences for the community.

And we want our staff to be **Empowered**. We will enhance our employee training structure, support professional development, and improve internal communication so OCLS staff are adaptable to community needs.

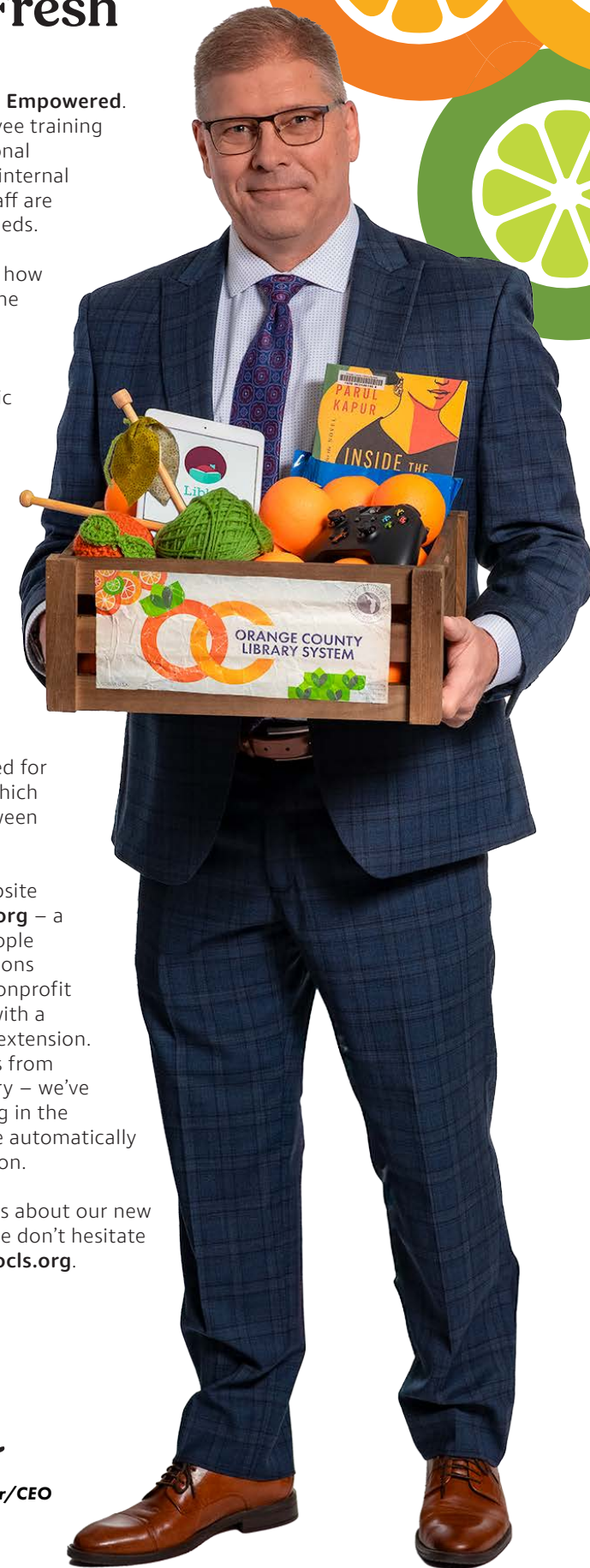
This is just the blueprint for how we'll shape our services in the years ahead. Our talented and passionate staff will be working hard to fill in the details and turn the strategic plan into a living document that will help us fulfill our purpose statement – the "why" of what we do:

**Enriching lives through experiences and opportunities to learn, grow, and connect.**

We're also making a couple of other big changes. On October 1, we rebranded with a new logo adapted from the special logo created for our 100 Year Celebration, which was the perfect bridge between the old OCLS and the new.

We've also changed our website URL from [ocls.info](https://www.oclibrary.org) to [ocls.org](https://www.oclibrary.org) – a small change that many people won't notice, but that positions our website among other nonprofit and government agencies with a familiar and reputable .org extension. If you've bookmarked pages from our former URL, not to worry – we've kept the old website running in the background, and you will be automatically redirected to your destination.

Want to share your thoughts about our new look or strategic plan? Please don't hesitate to email us at [comments@ocls.org](mailto:comments@ocls.org).



**Steve Powell, Library Director/CEO**  
Orange County Library System





## BREAST CANCER AWARENESS

Virtual

**Wednesday, October 16, 6:30 p.m.**

Learn about the importance of preventative care for breast cancer. Explore topics such as self-exams, early detection, mammograms, sonograms and breast biopsy.

### Plant Clinic

Windermere Branch  
**Tuesday, October 1, 10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.**

Alafaya Branch  
**Thursday, October 10, 11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.**

Winter Garden Branch  
**Saturday, October 12, 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.

### Adult Craft & Chat: Cozy Fall Coaster

Hiwassee Branch  
**Wednesday, October 2, 4–6 p.m.**  
Let's get crafty together and decorate a fall themed diamond art coaster.

### Spooky Flower Frames

Alafaya Branch  
**Wednesday, October 2, 5 p.m.**  
Get into the Halloween spirit and make your own pressed flower frame decoration! Ages 13 and up.

### Book to Film Series

Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room  
**Thursday, October 3, 11 a.m.–12:40 p.m.**  
**Friday, October 25, 2–3:40 p.m.**  
This month we'll watch *Something Wicked This Way Comes* and *Pride and Prejudice and Zombies*.

### CareerSource Central Florida Career Navigators

Washington Park Branch  
**Thursday, October 3, Noon–2 p.m.**  
CareerSource offers career exploration, training, internships and job placement.

### Career Academy: Perfecting Your Resume

Orlando Public Library  
**Thursday, October 3, 2:30 p.m.**  
Get noticed! Elevate your job application with best practices in crafting a resume and cover letter.

### Women in Science Tea Talks

Orlando Public Library  
**Thursday, October 3, 3 p.m.**  
Join us for tea and invigorating discussions on women in science.

### Karaoke: Spooky-oke!

Fairview Shores Branch  
**Thursday, October 3, 5–6:45 p.m.**  
It's a thriller night at the library! Join us for a spooky karaoke. Dress up is welcome!

### Navigating Divorce: Understanding the Financial Landscape & Legal Process

Chickasaw Branch  
**Thursday, October 3, 5:30–7 p.m.**  
Join Crockett Bohannon, certified divorce financial analyst with Orlando Divorce Planning, and gain insights to navigate a divorce.

### Intro to Foundation Center & Grant Resources

Orlando Public Library  
**Friday, October 4, 11 a.m.**  
Get the 101 on using this comprehensive directory to win grants and make a difference.

### Beginner Line Dancing

Southwest Branch  
**Saturday, October 5, 10:30 a.m.**  
Learn beginner line dance steps to all types of music. Ages 15 and up.

### Bridgerton Tea Social Hour

West Oaks Branch  
**Saturday, October 5, 11:30 a.m.**  
You are cordially invited to a Regency extravaganza worthy of Lady Danbury. Enjoy tea, treats and a craft while getting to know some fellow *Bridgerton* fans. Ages 18 and up.

### Dungeons & Dragons: Candlekeep Mysteries

Hiwassee Branch  
**Saturday, October 5, Noon–3 p.m.**  
Venture through Candlekeep whilst solving mysteries and fighting villains. Each adventure sucks you further into the keep and the secrets hidden within her tomes.

### Make Art and Be Well: Origami

Southwest Branch  
**Saturday, October 5, 2–3:30 p.m.**  
Join us to discover origami, the Japanese art of paper folding, with instructor Ai Aki. Registration required. Ages 14–18.

### History of the Color Pink

Orlando Public Library  
**Saturday, October 5, 2:30 p.m.**  
In honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, learn about the history of the color pink.

### Adult Game Time

Windermere Branch  
**Saturdays, October 5–26, 3–4:30 p.m.**  
Orlando Public Library  
**Saturday, October 12, 2:30–4:30 p.m.**  
Get your game on! Spend a fun afternoon playing games and meeting new friends. Ages 18 and up.



## MUSIC IN THE LIBRARY: CENTRAL FLORIDA SOUNDS OF FREEDOM

Orlando Public Library, Library Central  
**Sunday, October 13, 1:30 p.m.**

Celebrate Orlando Pride with Central Florida Sounds of Freedom (CFSOF). CFSOF promotes LGBTQ+ awareness, acceptance and equality through quality entertainment and fellowship.



Visit Orange County Library System at Come Out with Pride in Lake Eola Park on Saturday, October 19. Stop by our table at the event to register for library cards and learn more about programs and resources available to the community. You can also find us in the Family Zone and enjoy activities, crafts and a StoryWalk experience.

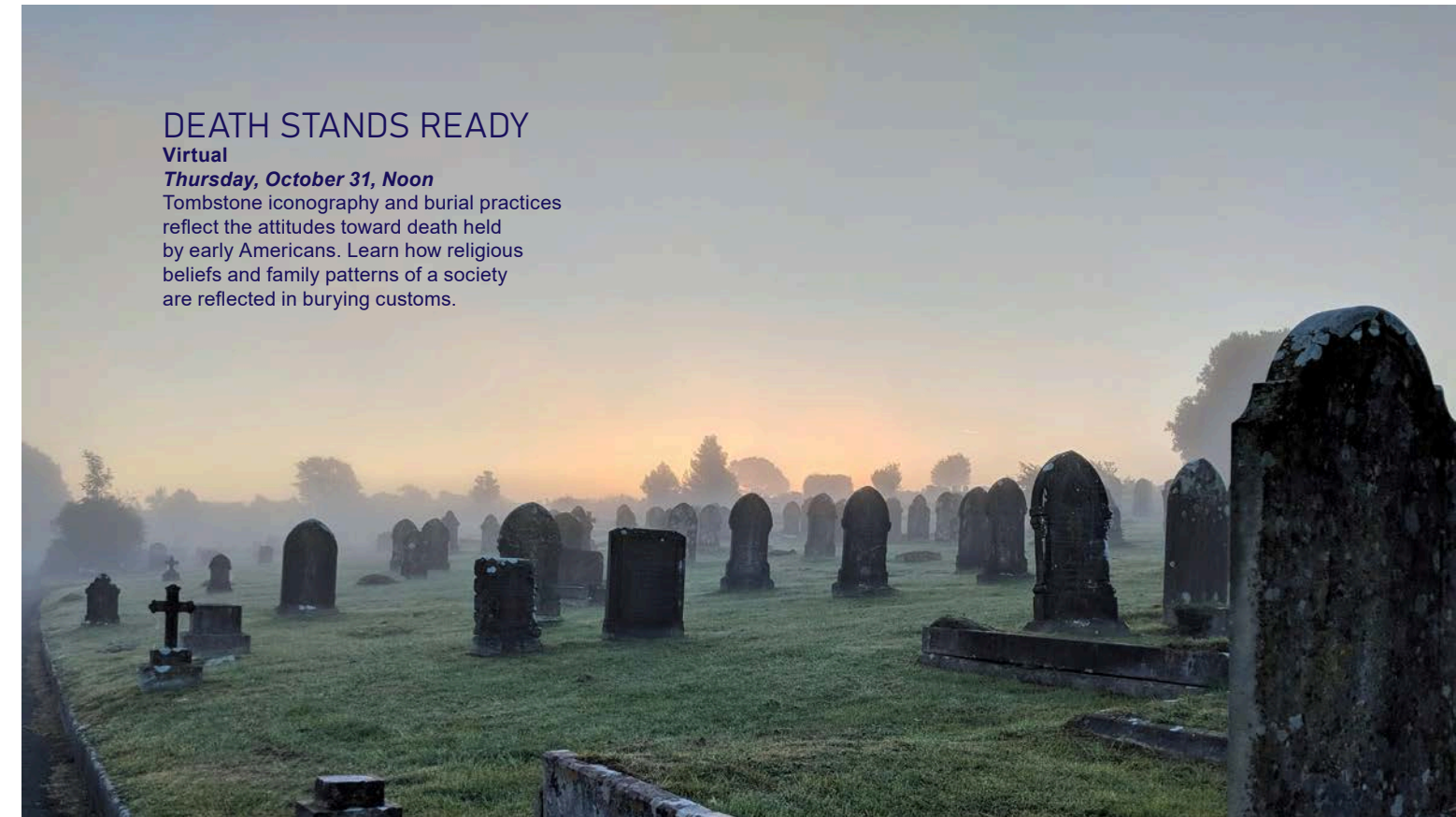




## COOKING AND SEASONING WITH HERBS

**Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room**  
**Friday, October 11, 11 a.m.**

Join Hillary Ayers, family and consumer sciences agent with UF/IFAS Extension Orange County, as she shares how to cook with herbs and limit salt intake to make healthier meals. Registration required.



## DEATH STANDS READY

**Virtual**

**Thursday, October 31, Noon**

Tombstone iconography and burial practices reflect the attitudes toward death held by early Americans. Learn how religious beliefs and family patterns of a society are reflected in burying customs.

### Career Academy: Interview Like a Pro

**Orlando Public Library**

**Thursday, October 17, 2:30 p.m.**  
You've landed an interview! Now what? Get tips that will help you to practice and prepare.

### Horror Films: Are You Afraid of the Dark?

**Orlando Public Library, Palm Room**

**Thursday, October 17, 3:30 p.m.**  
Delve into the exciting and thrilling world of horror. We will discuss many aspects of the horror genre.

### Sketching 101

**Virtual**

**Friday, October 18, 11 a.m.**

Learn the basics of sketching through use of simple art techniques and observing the world around you.

### Dungeons & Dragons

**Windermere Branch**

**Saturday, October 19, 12:30–2:30 p.m.**

A one-shot adventure for teens and adults. Players of all experience levels welcome.

### Creative Coloring For Adults

**Hiwassee Branch**

**Saturday, October 19, 1:30–3 p.m.**

Coloring is a great way to relax and unwind while channeling your inner child. Ages 18 and up.

### Puzzle Swap

**South Creek Branch**

**Saturday, October 19, 2:30 p.m.**

Stop by and swap an old puzzle for a new-to-you one. Please bring at least one complete puzzle for adults.

### Podcast Listening Club:

**Social Class Reflections**

**Southwest Branch**

**Monday, October 21, 6:30–8 p.m.**

Join us for a deep dive into the series *Classy* with Jonathan Menjivar which explores the ways class infiltrates our daily lives. Ages 18 and up.

### Chair Yoga

**Virtual**

**Monday, October 21, 8 a.m.**

### Pathway to Homeownership

**Virtual**

**Monday, October 21, 11 a.m.**

Explore each step a home buyer will walk through from beginning to end.

### Anxiety and Tantrum Help

**Windermere Branch**

**Wednesday, October 23, 10:30 a.m.**

Learn why they happen and how to prevent them.

### Lowering Blood Pressure and Cholesterol with Food

**Virtual**

**Wednesday, October 23, Noon**

Join KeyVion Miller, registered dietitian nutritionist, to learn about foods that will keep your heart healthy.

### Bullying & Cyberbullying: What Guardians Need to Know

**Virtual**

**Wednesday, October 23, 6:30 p.m.**

October is National Bullying Prevention Month. Join educators from Victim Service Center to learn about the signs of bullying and ways to prevent it.

### Cuisine Corner: Jamaican Sorrel Drink and Plantain Tarts

**Virtual**

**Monday, October 28, 6:30 p.m.**

Join culinary expert Dianne Morin as she teaches you how to make a delicious traditional Jamaican sorrel drink and plantain tarts.

### Focus on Hobbies

**Windermere Branch**

**Friday, October 25, 11 a.m.**

This month we will be focusing on plant identification. Ages 18 and up.

### Fireside Tales: Horror Stories to Chill Your Bones

**Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room**

**Sunday, October 27, 2:30 p.m.**

Join us for Fireside Tales, an afternoon dedicated to spine-tingling tales and eerie narratives that will send shivers down your spine.

### Food 101: Food Extinction

**Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room**

**Wednesday, October 30, 5:30 p.m.**

The Food 101 series introduces you to a new topic every month, examining the historical and social significance of what we eat.

### Exploring FamilySearch.org

**Virtual**

**Tuesday, October 1, 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.

### Finding Your Roots: Probate Records

**Virtual**

**Wednesday, October 2, 6:30 p.m.**

This series covers the core elements needed to build a foundation for your genealogical research.

### Finding Your Roots: Immigration Records

**Virtual**

**Wednesday, October 9, 6:30 p.m.**

This series covers the core elements needed to build a foundation for your genealogical research.

### Genealogy in the States: North Carolina

**Virtual**

**Tuesday, October 15, 1 p.m.**

Explore the rich research resources and collections that are held in a variety of archives and repositories in North Carolina.

### Finding Your Roots: Church & Cemetery Records

**Virtual**

**Wednesday, October 16, 6:30 p.m.**

This series covers the core elements needed to build a foundation for your genealogical research.

### Genealogy in the States: New York

**Virtual**

**Tuesday, October 22, 1 p.m.**

Explore the rich research resources and collections that are held in a variety of archives and repositories in New York.

### Finding Your Roots: Military Records

**Virtual**

**Wednesday, October 23, 6:30 p.m.**

This series covers the core elements needed to build a foundation for your genealogical research.

### Global Genealogy: Poland

**Virtual**

**Thursday, October 24, Noon**

Explore resources, tips, and tricks for finding records in the home countries of your ancestors.

### Genealogy in the States: Georgia

**Virtual**

**Tuesday, October 29, 1 p.m.**

Explore the rich research resources and collections that are held in a variety of archives and repositories in Georgia.

### Finding Your Roots: DNA Testing

**Virtual**

**Wednesday, October 30, 6:30 p.m.**

This series covers the core elements needed to build a foundation for your genealogical research.





## FIRST-DRAFT FALL WRITING WORKSHOP SERIES

Virtual  
Tuesdays, October 1–29, 7 p.m.  
Learn the skills you need to write  
a first draft this month.

**Plotting & Pacing with  
Author Michael Mammay**  
Tuesday, October 1, 7 p.m.

**Character Development with  
Author Jennie Jarvis**  
Tuesday, October 8, 7 p.m.

**Narrative Agency with  
Literary Agent Paula Weiman**  
Tuesday, October 15, 7 p.m.

**Worldbuilding with  
Author Cass Morris**  
Tuesday, October 22, 7 p.m.

**Narrative Voice & Writing Style  
with Editor Kristen Stieffel**  
Tuesday, October 29, 7 p.m.

### Character Goals and Motivations

Virtual  
Friday, October 4, 7 p.m.  
Your characters' goals and motivations  
are the nervous system of your  
novel, the part that connects plot to  
character. Editor and book coach  
Susan DeFreitas will discuss how  
to weave them into your book

### Writer's Meetup

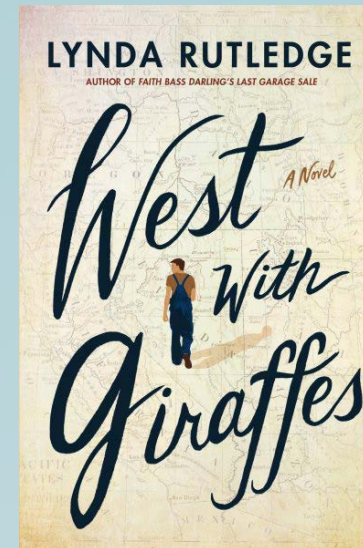
Winter Garden Branch  
Saturday, October 5, 3:30 p.m.  
Attend an hour-long workshop with local  
writers as we brainstorm ideas, discuss  
writing methods and give constructive  
feedback. Submissions must be sent  
ahead of time. Ages 18 and up.

### OCLS Writer's Group

Virtual  
Sunday, October 13, 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.

## TIPS FOR WRITING SPOOKY

Virtual  
Thursday, October 24, 7 p.m.  
Want to write stories that delight  
with fright? Author Shannon  
A. Thompson will provide tips  
for writing stories that strike  
fear in the hearts of readers.



**Alafaya Book Club**  
Alafaya Branch  
Thursday, October 3, 5 p.m.  
This month is an open discussion, where we'll  
discuss our favorite book we read this summer.

**Y Read: Book Read Aloud**  
Dr. P. Phillips YMCA  
7000 Dr. Phillips Blvd., Orlando, FL 32819  
Saturdays, October 5–26, 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.

**South Creek Book Club**  
South Creek Branch  
Tuesday, October 8, 5:30 p.m.  
The South Creek Book Club meets on the second  
Tuesday of each month to discuss a new book.

### Winter Garden Book Club

Winter Garden Branch  
Thursday, October 10, 6 p.m.  
Virtual  
Thursday, October 31, 6 p.m.  
*West with Giraffes* by Lynda Rutledge.  
Inspired by true events, this part adventure, part historical  
saga and part coming-of-age love story follows Woodrow  
Wilson Nickel as he recalls his journey in 1938 to deliver  
Southern California's first giraffes to the San Diego Zoo.

### Nature Walk Book Club

Southwest Branch  
Monday, October 14, 10–Noon  
Join the Southwest Branch for a walk outdoors at Nehrling  
Gardens followed by a discussion of *The Great Divide* by  
Cristina Henriquez. Registration required. Ages 18 and up.

### Southwest Book Club

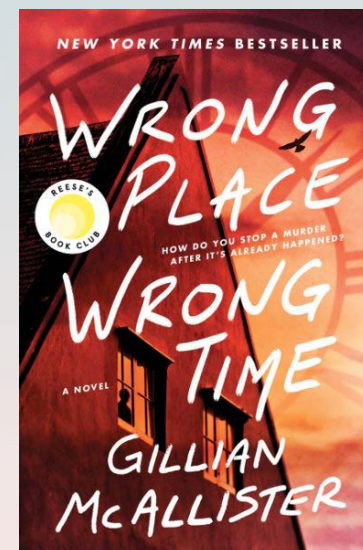
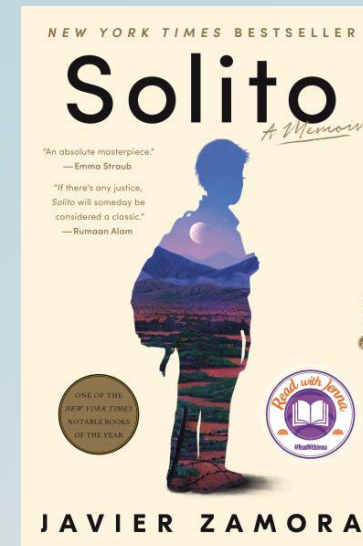
Southwest Branch  
Thursday, October 17, 2–3:30 p.m.  
Virtual  
Tuesday, October 22, 7–8:30 p.m.  
*Solito: A Memoir* by Javier Zamora.  
A young poet tells the inspiring story of his migration from  
El Salvador to the United States at the age of nine in this  
"gripping memoir" (NPR) of bravery, hope and finding family.  
Registration required. Ages 18 and up.

### (No Pressure!) Silent Book Club

Eatonville Branch  
Saturday, October 19, 3 p.m.  
Do you want to join a book club but are afraid of  
the homework? If so, come relax with us for a  
buffet of books and tea, and a chance to learn  
about what some others might be reading.

### Hiawassee Book Club

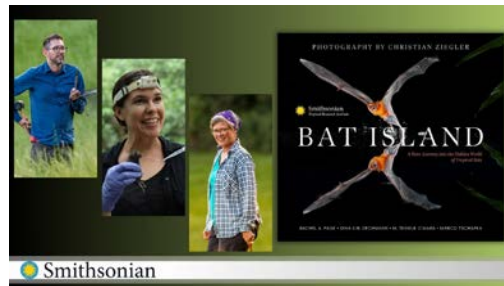
Virtual  
Monday, October 21, 7–8:30 p.m.  
*Wrong Place, Wrong Time* by Gillian McAllister.  
After witnessing her teenage son kill a man, a mother  
falls asleep in despair, wakes up and it is yesterday, and  
wakes up again and it is the day before yesterday, getting  
chance after chance to stop the murder and save her son.





# MEET THE AUTHOR

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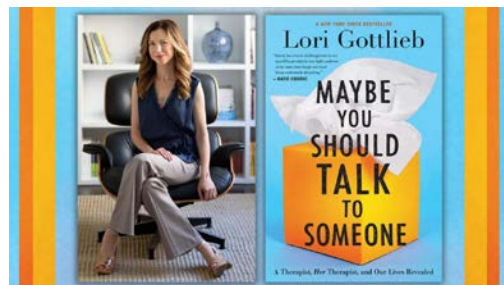
## Author Talk with Scientists from the Smithsonian Institute

**Virtual**  
**Wednesday, October 2, 2 p.m.**  
 Join us in kicking off October as we welcome three Smithsonian-affiliated scientists to teach us about the remarkable world of tropical bats!



## Author Talk with Silvia Moreno-Garcia

**Virtual**  
**Wednesday, October 9, 7 p.m.**  
 You're invited to free your mind with the highly acclaimed Silvia Moreno-Garcia, *New York Times* bestselling and award-winning author of several novels including *Mexican Gothic* and many more!



## Author Talk with Lori Gottlieb

**Virtual**  
**Tuesday, October 22, 2 p.m.**  
 In her book *Maybe You Should Talk to Someone*, Lori Gottlieb tells us that despite her license and training, her most significant credential is that she's a card-carrying member of the human race.

# ART EXHIBITS

ocls.org/art



## FLORAL ESCAPE

**Southwest Branch**  
**On Display Through December**  
 Nakia Gater's exhibit features hand-drawn illustrations that reflect the immense beauty of flowers and plants. Her art is a way of expressing, capturing and re-creating some of the beauty that she observes. Fascinated by black and white art, most of her pieces are done with graphite, charcoal or ink.



**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.

**Flavors in Focus: A Culinary Photography Journey by Juan Claudio Castillo**  
**Eatonville Branch**  
**On Display Through October**  
 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.



## PREPARING FOR RETIREMENT: MEDICARE/MEDICAID

**Southwest Branch**  
**Thursday, October 3, 10:30 a.m.**  
 As you prepare for retirement, understanding the ins and outs of Medicare and Medicaid is beneficial for your next phase in life. Learn what you need to have in place for your next chapter.

**Trivia Mornings for Seniors**  
**Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room**  
**Tuesday, October 1, 10:30 a.m.**  
 Travel through the decades during our monthly trivia game series. This month's game will focus on the 1970s.

**Senior Crafting Connections: Sand Art**  
**Hiawassee Branch**  
**Wednesday, October 9, 11 a.m.**  
 Pour colorful sand and create your own unique piece of art to take home.

**Qigong Movement and Breathing**  
**Southwest Branch**  
**Friday, October 11, 2 p.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.

**Senior Crafting Connections: Puzzle Party**  
**Hiawassee Branch**  
**Tuesday, October 15, 2-4 p.m.**  
 Chat and piece together an artwork. Enjoy a relaxing pastime with new and old friends.

**The Impact of Ageism in our Society**  
**LIFE Information for Elders**  
**Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room**  
**Thursday, October 17, 12:10 p.m.**  
 Join Brenda Lyle, care manager with One Senior Place, as she discusses the negative impacts of ageism and how having a positive outlook on aging allows us to enjoy a higher quality of life. Registration required. To register, email [OfficeonAging@ocfl.net](mailto:OfficeonAging@ocfl.net) or call 407.836.7446.



# English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)

## Basic English 1

**Southeast Branch**  
 Tuesdays, October 1 & 8, 10:15 a.m.  
 Wednesdays, October 2 & 9, 2 p.m.  
**Washington Park Branch**  
 Tuesdays, October 1–15, 2:30 p.m.  
**Windermere Branch**  
 Wednesdays, October 2–30, 3:30 p.m.  
**West Oaks Branch**  
 Thursdays, October 3 & 10, 4 p.m.  
**Fairview Shores Branch**  
 Mondays, October 7 & 14, 5 p.m.  
**Hiawassee Branch**  
 Thursdays, October 3–17 11:45 a.m.  
**Saturday, October 12, 11:30 a.m.**  
**Virtual**  
 Mondays, October 7–28, 6:45 p.m.  
 Practice basic English vocabulary and grammar.

## Basic English 2

**Southeast Branch**  
 Tuesdays, October 1 & 8, 11:15 a.m.  
 Wednesdays, October 2 & 9, 3:15 p.m.  
**Windermere Branch**  
 Wednesdays, October 2–30, 4:45 p.m.  
**Thursdays, October 3–31, 4:45 p.m.**  
**Chickasaw Branch**  
 Thursdays, October 3–17, 1 p.m.  
**Mondays, October 7 & 14, 5:30 p.m.**  
**Hiawassee Branch**  
 Thursdays, October 3–17, 3 p.m.  
**West Oaks Branch**  
 Thursdays, October 3 & 10, 5:30 p.m.  
**Alafaya Branch**  
 Saturdays, October 5 & 12, 10:30 a.m.  
**Virtual**  
 Saturdays, October 19 & 26, 10:30 a.m.  
 Continue to practice basic English vocabulary and grammar.

## English Conversation Hour

**Washington Park Branch**  
 Tuesdays, October 1–15, 4 p.m.  
**Windermere Branch**  
 Fridays, October 4–25, 3:30 p.m.  
**Alafaya Branch**  
 Saturdays, October 5 & 12, Noon  
**Hiawassee Branch**  
 Mondays, October 7 & 14, 5:30 p.m.  
**Virtual**  
 Wednesdays, October 2–30, Noon  
 Thursdays, October 3–31, 2 p.m.  
 Fridays, October 4, 11 & 25, 4:45 p.m.  
 Saturdays, October 19 & 26, Noon  
 Practice English speaking and listening skills.



## Practice Makes Perfect

**Chickasaw Branch**  
 Tuesdays, October 1 & 8, 2 p.m.  
 Taught by a certified ESOL instructor from the Adult Literacy League, this class focuses on developing various aspects of literacy.

## English for Families

**South Creek Branch**  
 Tuesday, October 1, 4:30–6:30 p.m.  
 Interactive classes for parents and children that focus on developing English vocabulary and literacy skills through strategic and fun story reading.

## English for Social Interactions

**Hiawassee Branch**  
 Thursdays, October 3–17, 5:30 p.m.  
**Fairview Shores Branch**  
 Mondays, October 7 & 14, 11 a.m.  
 Covers a wide array of topics from accepting and rejecting an invitation to engaging in small talk with strangers.

## Introductory English Course

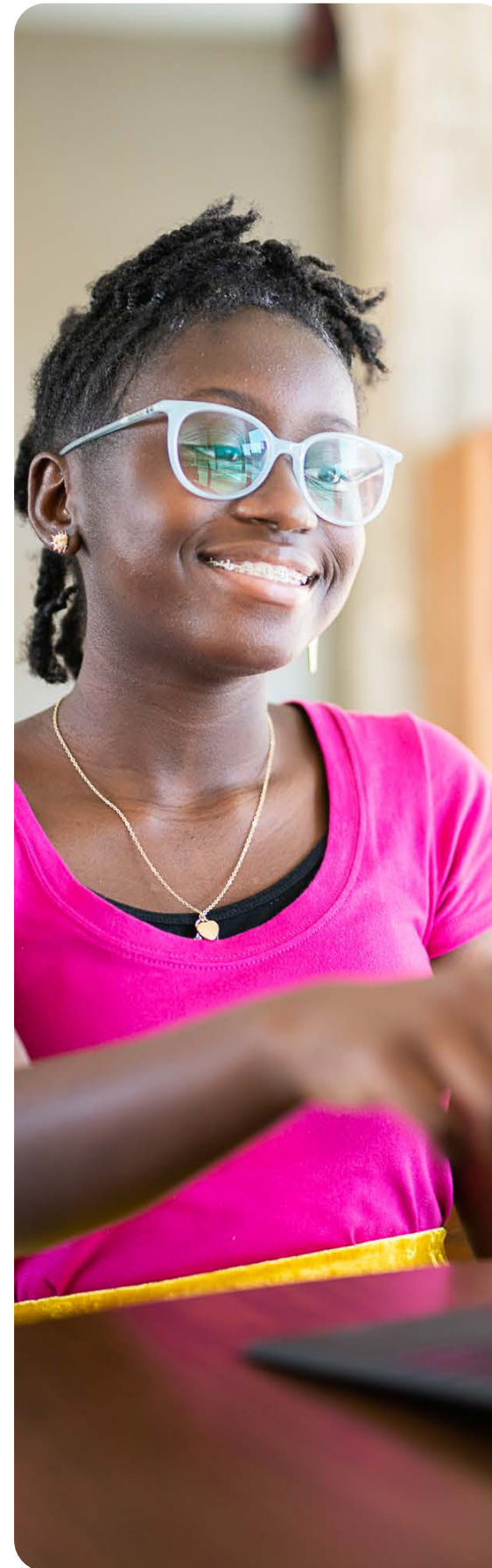
**Chickasaw Branch**  
 Saturdays, October 5 & 19, Noon  
**Friday, October 11, Noon**  
 Start from the beginning with letter sounds, syllables and basic vocabulary.

## Writing Clearly Intermediate

**Southeast Branch**  
 Thursdays, October 3 & 10, 1:30 p.m.  
**Virtual**  
 Tuesdays, October 1–29, 10:30 a.m.  
 Focus on grammar for complex ideas, including sentence structures, paragraph and essay writing.

## Writing Clearly Advanced

**Virtual**  
 Wednesdays, October 2–30, 10:30 a.m.  
 Practice academic style writing along with more complex vocabulary.



# French

## Beginner Adult French

**Windermere Branch**  
 Mondays, October 7–28, 2:30 p.m.  
**Virtual**  
 Fridays, October 11 & 25, 2 p.m.  
 Designed for students with no prior French exposure, combining face-to-face and independent learning. Ages 18 and up.

## Intermediate Adult French

**Virtual**  
 Tuesdays, October 1, 8, 15 & 29 1 p.m.  
 Wednesdays, October 2–30, 6 p.m.  
 Structured for those who have had previous exposure to or instruction in French but are not fully fluent. Ages 18 and up.

## Homeschool: French

**Windermere Branch**  
 Tuesdays, October 8 & 22, 2 p.m.  
 In this class, you will learn basic vocabulary, numbers, colors and much more. Ages 6–17.

## Beginner French for Children

**South Trail Branch**  
 Wednesdays, October 9 & 23, 4:30 p.m.  
 Bonjour et bienvenue. Join us for a fun-filled language learning experience with hands-on activities. Registration required. Ages 8–12.

# Spanish

## Spanish from Zero: Basics with Ms. Brenda

**Virtual**  
 Tuesdays, October 1–29, 4 p.m.  
 Come and learn basic Spanish.

## Spanish from Zero: Intermediate with Ms. Brenda

**Virtual**  
 Tuesdays, October 1–29, 5 p.m.  
 Tuesdays, October 1–29, 10:15 a.m.  
 Come and learn Spanish grammar.

## Spanish From Zero: Beginners with Ms. Brenda

**Virtual**  
 Tuesdays, October 1–29, 11:45 a.m.  
 Tuesdays, October 1–29, 6 p.m.  
 Learn and use Spanish for the first time.

## Homeschool: Spanish

**Windermere Branch**  
 Tuesday, October 29, 2 p.m.  
 Develop your Spanish skills with us! In this class, you will learn basic vocabulary, numbers, colors and much more. Ages 6–17.

# Citizenship Inspired

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## Citizenship Inspired

**Windermere Branch**  
 Thursdays, October 3–24, 3–4:30 p.m.  
**Hiawassee Branch**  
 Thursdays, October 3–17, 10:30 a.m.  
**Chickasaw Branch**  
 Fridays, October 4 & 18, 2:30–5:30 p.m.  
**Virtual**  
 Tuesdays & Wednesdays, October 8, 9, 15 & 16, 3–5 p.m.  
 Tuesdays & Wednesdays, October 22, 23, 29 & 30, 3–5 p.m.  
 During this program, students will meet to prepare for the U.S. Naturalization (Citizenship) Test and Interview.





**MAKERSPACE**

**EASY HALLOWEEN:  
CREATE A FRANKENSTEIN MASK**

Orlando Public Library, Melrose Center  
Saturday, October 5, 10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.  
Monday, October 21, 2–4 p.m.

Looking for a last-minute Halloween costume? Join us and put together a mask of one of the most famous monsters, Frankenstein! Ages 8 and up.

**SPOOKY SHADOW BOX:  
GHOSTLY ADVENTURES**

Orlando Public Library, Melrose Center  
Monday, October 14, 2–4 p.m.

Create your own spooktacular, ghostly, 3D shadow box to decorate your home for spooky season. Ages 13 and up.

**PHOTO STUDIO**

**Film Photography in the Digital Era**

Orlando Public Library, Melrose Center  
Thursdays, October 3 & 10, 5–6 p.m.  
Saturday, October 5, 10:30 a.m.–11:30 p.m.

Interested in film photography but not sure where to start? Join us for a three-part film series to learn more about film cameras, film formats, processing and how to scan your work. The second part will include a guided photo walk around Downtown Orlando, and the final part will demonstrate how to scan your film into the digital space.

**AUDIO STUDIO**

**Audio Recording Techniques**

Orlando Public Library, Melrose Center  
Guitar – Thursday, October 10, 5–6:30 p.m.  
Piano – Tuesday, October 29, 5–6:30 p.m.

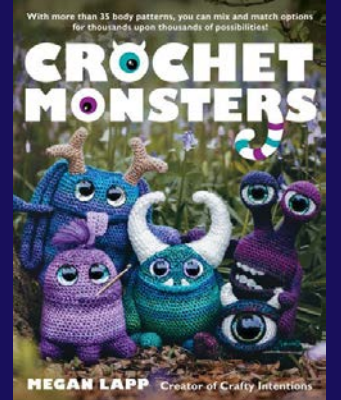
Record it right the first time. Join the Audio Production Instructors to learn the best techniques for capturing the perfect sound.



Creating your own Halloween costumes can be a fun and rewarding sewing project! Learn to crochet haunting plushies or a pumpkin bag for trick-or-treat time.



**FIBER ARTS  
BOOK OF THE MONTH:**



**Crochet Monsters**  
by Megan Lapp

With more than 35 Monster body options, plus myriad variations for limbs, mouths and teeth, horns, antennae, tails, scales, and so much more, you will never make the same monster twice.

**SEWING**

**Sewing Open Labs**

Orlando Public Library  
Thursdays, October 3–24, 10:30 a.m.  
Mondays, October 7–21, 2 p.m.

Get ready for Halloween and bring your sewing and costume projects. Bring your own materials. Machine sewing skills are required.

**Sewing: Witches Hat**

Orlando Public Library  
Mondays, October 14 & 21, 10:30 a.m.

This easy-to-make witch hat uses three fat quarters, interfacing and bias tape. Students are required to bring materials.

**Embroidery Level 2**

Eatonville Branch  
Saturday, October 12, 3 p.m.

Learn to create French knots, chain stitches and satin stitches, while practicing the running and back stitches.

**Sewing: Easy Superhero Cape**

Orlando Public Library  
Tuesdays, October 15 & 22, 2 p.m.

Make this easy superhero cape for a quick and easy costume in sizes from kids to adults. Students are required to bring materials.

**Hand Sewing Basics**

Hiawassee Branch  
Wednesday, October 16, 4 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: Hydrangea  
Chickasaw Branch

Thursday, October 17, 4 p.m.

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

**Embroidery: Garden Bunny**

Eatonville Branch

Saturday, October 26, 3 p.m.

Learn how to use the split stitch and the lazy daisy stitch while stitching a garden bunny.

**CROCHET**

**Crochet Dragon Scale Dice Bags**

Washington Park Branch  
Tuesdays, October 1 & 8, 10 a.m.

Carry your dice or small treasures in style – dragon scale style.

**Crochet Level 1 & 2**

Hiawassee Branch  
Monday, October 14, 4 p.m.

Learn basic techniques while creating your first project.

**Crochet: Ghost Plush**

Washington Park Branch  
Tuesday, October 15, 10 a.m.

Create a friend or some home decor while practicing crocheting in the round.

**Crochet: Mini Pumpkin Baskets**

South Creek Branch

Thursday, October 17, 4:30 p.m.

Learn crochet basics as you make this festive mini jack-o-lantern basket. Ages 18 and up.

**KNITTING**

**Knitting Level 1**

Chickasaw Branch  
Thursday, October 3, 3 p.m.

Hiawassee Branch

Monday, October 7, 4 p.m.

Learn basic techniques while creating your first project – a bookmark for your favorite read.

**Meet and Make Knitting Group**

Windermere Branch

Tuesday, October 8, 10:30 a.m.

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

**Knitting Level 2**

Chickasaw Branch  
Thursday, October 10, 3 p.m.

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

**Japanese Knitting Stitches**

Virtual  
Monday, October 21, 10:30 a.m.

Designed to introduce knitters to Japanese charts, symbols and techniques.

**Science Online**

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Infobase

The perfect resource for science research, homework help, diagrams & experiments, science videos, and much more!

- Get ideas and inspiration for reports, projects, and assignments
- Thousands of valuable printable diagrams and videos
- Science experiments and activities, indexed by grade, subject, and time required. Great for science fairs!
- Biographies, definitions, news articles, timeline, conversion calculator
- Dynamic citations in MLA, CMS, and APA formats.





**TRICK  
OR  
TREAT**  
Safe Zone



**Trick or Treat Safe Zone**  
Orlando Public Library  
Orange County Regional History Center  
**Saturday, October 26, 10 a.m.–2 p.m.**  
Dress up and trick or treat at Orlando Public Library and Orange County Regional History Center. Create creepy crafts and complete a scavenger hunt! Recommended for families with children ages 0–12.

*Bring your own candy bags. Costumes must be family-friendly. Costumes may not contain props or accessories that resemble or could be mistaken for real weapons. Adults may not wear costume masks that conceal their entire face.*

## ADULT EVENTS

**Hallow-READ**  
ocls.beanstack.org  
**October 1–31**

Spooky season is here! Explore the spooky side of reading. Feel the thrills and chills of the season as you read, write book reviews and complete activities throughout October. OCLS cardholders, 18 and older, can participate to earn digital badges.

**Senior Crafting Connections: Pumpkin Painting**

Hiawassee Branch  
**Tuesday, October 1, 2–3:30 p.m.**  
Enjoy a creative afternoon of painting and fun. Perfect for unleashing your artistic spirit this fall!

**Haunted Bouquets**  
Windermere Branch

**Saturday, October 12, 11 a.m.**  
Get in the spooky spirit and create your own haunted paper bouquet. Ages 18 and up.

**Make Your Own Resin Pet Ghost**  
Orlando Public Library

**Thursday, October 24, 4:30 p.m.**  
Celebrate the spooky season and learn how to make a pet ghost using UV resin. Registration required. Ages 18 and up.

**Trivia Tuesday: Are You Smarter Than OCLS Staff? Spooky Edition**  
Orlando Public Library

**Tuesday, October 29, 4:30 p.m.**  
Test your knowledge of all things spooky in a trivia game. Registration required. Ages 18 and up.

## YOUTH EVENTS

**Little Chef: Monster Smash Trail Mix**

West Oaks Branch  
**Tuesday, October 1, 11 a.m.**

Windermere Branch  
**Monday, October 7, 10:30 a.m.**

Winter Garden Branch  
**Tuesday, October 8, 10:30 a.m.**

Mix and mash along with the monsters for a Halloween-themed treat. Adult participation is required. Ages 3–5.

**Cauldrons Bubble**

Winter Garden Branch  
**Thursday, October 3, 4:30 p.m.**

Chickasaw Branch  
**Saturday, October 19, 11 a.m.**

Eatonville Branch  
**Tuesday, October 29, 3:30 p.m.**  
Intriguing ingredients combine to make bewitching brews and potions. Ages 6–12.

**Halloween Perler Bead Earrings**

Hiawassee Branch  
**Saturday, October 5, 4–5:30 p.m.**

Let's get spooky with Perler beads! Create your own pair of earrings with bats, pumpkins and ghosts. Ages 10–18.

**Enchanting Herbarium Jars**

Hiawassee Branch  
**Friday, October 11, 4–5:30 p.m.**

Enchanting botanical blends preserved in glassware. Ages 13–18.

**Cuisine Corner Junior: Spooky Snacks**  
Windermere Branch

**Saturday, October 12, 1 p.m.**

Learn how to make some spooky and delicious Halloween-themed snacks. They're so good, it's scary! Ages 6–17.

**Cats, Bats & Babies**

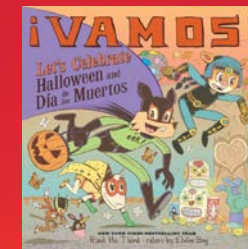
Windermere Branch  
**Monday, October 14, 10:30 a.m.**

Bring your baby to this Halloween storytime filled with not-so-spooky activities that introduce pre-literacy concepts. Baby costumes are encouraged. Ages 0–18 months.

# HALLOWEEN READS



**Show-How Guides: Pumpkin Carving**  
by Renée Kurilla & Keith Zoo  
*Pumpkin Carving* is a primer for curious minds with a clear, fun graphic style that invites any kid to get started designing their pumpkins.



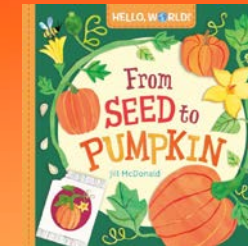
**Vamos! Let's Celebrate Halloween and Día de los Muertos**  
by Raul the Third

This vibrant story of two fall holidays follows Little Lobo and his friends as they decorate ofrendas in the cemetery after celebrating Halloween so they can enjoy Día de los Muertos with the spirits of those they love.



**Boo the Library Ghost**  
by Becky Paige

Boo the ghost spends his days haunting the local library and scaring everyone away. But little Poppy thinks she may know why Boo is acting so scary, and she knows just how to fix it!



**Hello World! From Seed to Pumpkin**  
by Jill McDonald

How do pumpkins grow? Families can explore fall's favorite fruit together in this nonfiction board book from the bestselling series Hello, World.



**Pumpkin Dissection**  
Eatonville Branch

**Thursday, October 17, 3:30 p.m.**  
Join us for a festive science project where we will dissect a pumpkin and identify its parts. Ages 6–10.

**Spooky STEM**  
Hiawassee Branch

**Friday, October 18, 4:30 p.m.**  
Break out your lab coat and join us for mad science experiments! What gooey, grimy and spectacular experiments will occur?

**Design a Haunted House**  
Eatonville Branch

**Tuesday, October 22, 3:30 p.m.**  
Unleash your spooky creativity! Design a haunted house combining STEM and crafting using the DIY materials provided. Ages 6–12.

**Which Witch is Which**  
Windermere Branch

**Saturday, October 26, 11 a.m.**  
Hop on your broomstick and cackle your way into the world of famous witches. Spell your way into identifying the witches and their favorite potions. Recommended for families with children ages 8 and up.

**3D Design with TinkerCad**  
Windermere Branch

**Saturday, October 26, 1 p.m.**  
Use TinkerCad, a free online application, to design your own custom 3D jack-o'-lantern. Learn the basics of 3D design using shapes, cutouts and colors. Ages 10–12.

**Homeschool Jr. Halloween Party**

Windermere Branch  
**Wednesday, October 30, 10:30 a.m.**  
Kickstart your child's education! Listen to stories and engage in activities about basic concepts. Ages 3–5.

**Homeschool Branch Out Halloween Party**

Windermere Branch  
**Thursday, October 31, 1 p.m.**  
Branch out and develop new skills. Socialize with friends as you expand your horizons during this exploratory recreation time. Ages 6–17.

**Happy Halloween!**  
Eatonville Branch

**Thursday, October 31, 3:30–5:30 p.m.**  
Join us for open crafting this Halloween! Kids can create spooky decorations, masks and more in a fun, hands-on session. Bring your creativity! Ages 6–12.



# HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

**World Traveler: South America**  
Winter Garden Branch

*Tuesday, October 1, 4 p.m.*  
South Creek Branch  
*Saturday, October 12, 10:30 a.m.*  
Become a world traveler! Take a trip to South America with fun trivia, activities and crafts. Ages 6–8.

**B is for Bailar**

Chickasaw Branch  
*Wednesday, October 2, 11 a.m.*  
Winter Garden Branch  
*Thursday, October 3, 10:30 a.m.*  
¡Azúcar! Celebrate National Hispanic Heritage Month with a music appreciation storytime for all little ones. Ages 18–36 months.

**Hispanic Fiesta: Take Home A Recipe!**

Fairview Shores Branch  
*Wednesday, October 2, 4–5:30 p.m.*  
Do you love Hispanic food? Need an appetizer for a fiesta? Learn how to make two appetizers and a drink. Samples will be provided and recipes as well. Recommended for families. Registration required.

**Global Genealogy: Puerto Rico**  
Virtual

*Thursday, October 3, Noon*  
Explore resources, tips, and tricks for finding records in the home countries of your ancestors.

**Homeschool Snack Around the World: Mexico**

Alafaya Branch  
*Thursday, October 3, 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. Registration required. Ages 6–12.

**Researching Your Hispanic Ancestors**  
Virtual

*Tuesday, October 8, 1 p.m.*  
Explore and learn about key internet resources and databases for researching your Hispanic ancestors.

**Notable Hispanic Americans**

Washington Park Branch  
*Wednesday, October 9, 4 p.m.*  
Get to know more about some inspiring Hispanic Americans with a program that celebrates National Hispanic Heritage Month. Ages 6–12.

**Global Genealogy: Mexico**  
Virtual

*Thursday, October 10, Noon*  
Explore resources, tips and tricks for finding records in the home countries of your ancestors.



**CUISINE CORNER: TEQUEÑOS**

Orlando Public Library, Cypress Room  
*Monday, October 14, 11 a.m.*  
Personal Chef Jose Nenke prepares tequeños, Venezuelan cheese sticks wrapped in a soft dough. Registration required.



**OCTOBER CREATIVITY AND YOU**

Jump into our design-themed classes. Canva, Adobe Photoshop and Adobe Illustrator are applications jam-packed with features. Learn graphic editing, restoration, retouching and more.

**Adobe Photoshop Level 1: Editing Tools**

Eatonville Branch  
*Tuesday, October 1, 11:30 a.m.*  
Alafaya Branch  
*Wednesday, October 2, 5 p.m.*  
Orlando Public Library  
*Thursday, October 3, 10:30 a.m.*  
South Trail Branch  
*Saturday, October 12, 10:30 a.m.*  
Virtual  
*Tuesday, October 8, 11 a.m.*

Learn about the functionality of Photoshop and explore the environment. Become familiar with using the brush, eraser, selection, move and crop tools.

**Adobe Photoshop Level 2: Working with Layers**

Eatonville Branch  
*Wednesday, October 2, 11:30 a.m.*  
Alafaya Branch  
*Wednesday, October 9, 5 p.m.*  
Orlando Public Library  
*Thursday, October 10, 10:30 a.m.*  
South Trail Branch  
*Saturday, October 12, 12:15 p.m.*  
Virtual  
*Tuesday, October 15, 11 a.m.*

Learn how to use layers, layer masks and layer styles. Become familiar with additional Photoshop tools like paint bucket, type and free transform. Explore Photoshop's adjustment layers.

**Adobe Photoshop Level 3: Retouching & Restoration**

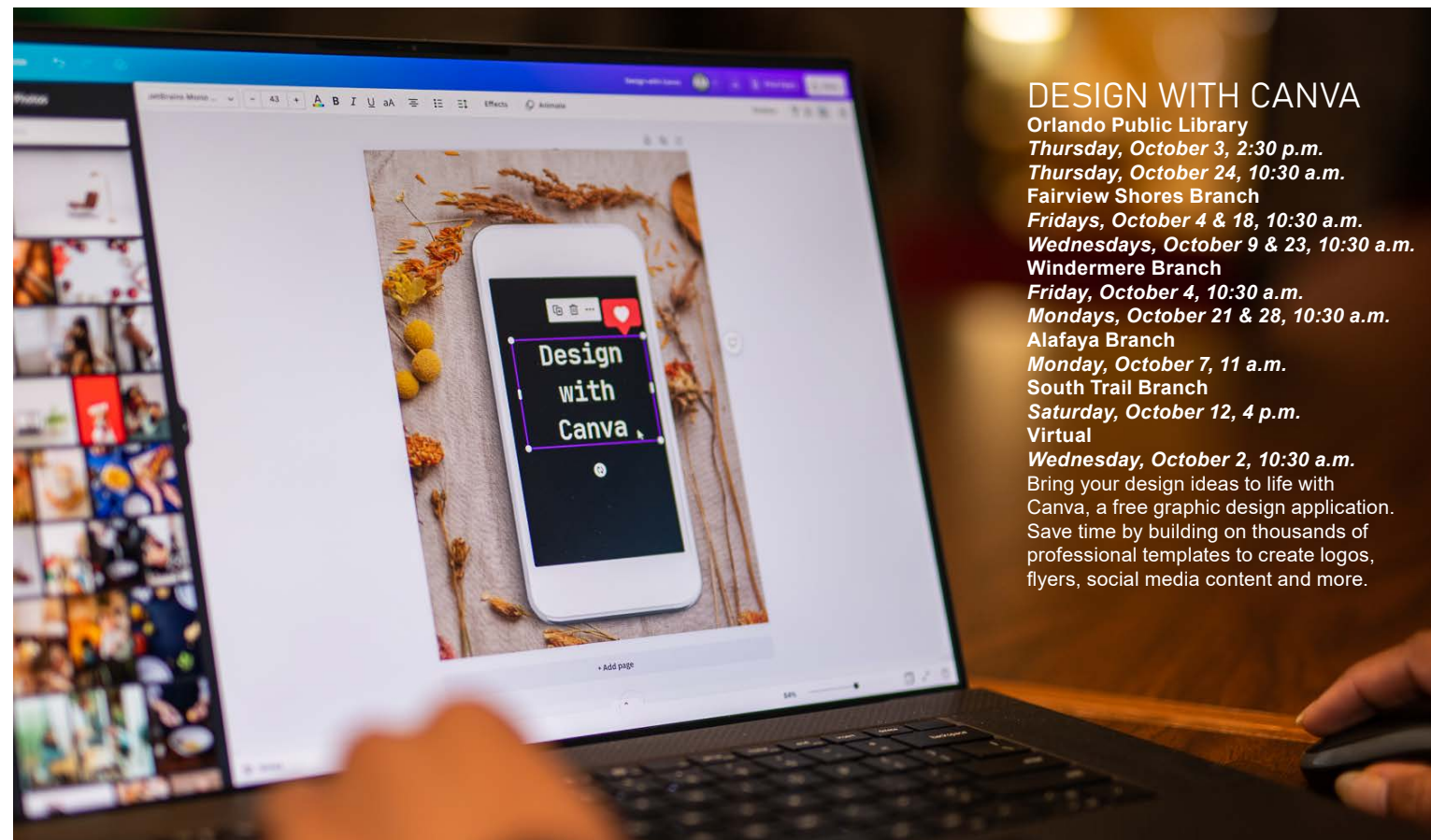
Eatonville Branch  
*Thursday, October 3, 11:30 a.m.*  
Alafaya Branch  
*Wednesday, October 16, 5 p.m.*  
Orlando Public Library  
*Thursday, October 17, 10:30 a.m.*  
South Trail Branch  
*Saturday, October 26, 10:30 a.m.*  
Virtual  
*Tuesday, October 22, 11 a.m.*

Learn how to add Photoshop filters. Apply powerful retouching and restoration techniques to revitalize your images. Become familiar with Photoshop's artificial intelligence capabilities.

**Adobe Illustrator Fundamentals**

South Trail Branch  
*Saturday, October 26, 3 p.m.*  
Orlando Public Library  
*Thursday, October 31, 10:30 a.m.*

Create logos, advertisements, marketing flyers and other illustrations with ease using vector tools. Learn to draw and manipulate simple and custom shapes, brush strokes and text in unique ways.



**DESIGN WITH CANVA**

Orlando Public Library  
*Thursday, October 3, 2:30 p.m.*  
*Thursday, October 24, 10:30 a.m.*  
Fairview Shores Branch  
*Fridays, October 4 & 18, 10:30 a.m.*  
*Wednesdays, October 9 & 23, 10:30 a.m.*  
Windermere Branch  
*Friday, October 4, 10:30 a.m.*  
*Mondays, October 21 & 28, 10:30 a.m.*  
Alafaya Branch  
*Monday, October 7, 11 a.m.*  
South Trail Branch  
*Saturday, October 12, 4 p.m.*  
Virtual  
*Wednesday, October 2, 10:30 a.m.*

Bring your design ideas to life with Canva, a free graphic design application. Save time by building on thousands of professional templates to create logos, flyers, social media content and more.





# STAFF SPOTLIGHT

## JOAN MARKS

COMMUNITY OUTREACH SPECIALIST

Hello, Readers!

I am Joan, an Outreach Specialist proudly serving the Windermere community and nearby areas. In my role, I engage with everybody – at any time and anywhere – sharing the library’s vast array of resources and services.

As an immigrant from Jamaica, I relied on these very services to learn technology, improve career skills, and other soft skills that helped me assimilate into a new culture. This first-hand experience has fueled my passion to impart this positive impact the library provided during my personal journey.

My favorite part of the job is connecting with people across our diverse community. I simply cannot get enough of the smiles, comments of appreciation and invitations to return as I share information and host programs and activities to people of all ages.

As a wife (of many years) and a mother to successful adult children, I recognize the crucial role of family and education. I enjoy traveling, going to unfamiliar places, and meeting new people, readily embracing cultural differences and norms. My love for people has allowed me to converse easily and naturally even in a strange or unusual setting. The ability to do this has made my job effortless and gratifying.

If you see me around town, I invite you to come and say hello so that we can do what I love most – connect!

### OUTREACH EVENTS:

**Horizon West Crafts Class for Adults!**  
16150 Pebble Bluff Loop,  
Winter Garden, FL 34787  
Tuesday, October 1, 11 a.m.

**Storytime at Bill Frederick Park**  
3401 S. Hiwassee Road,  
Orlando, FL 32835  
Wednesday, October 2, 10 a.m.  
Saturday, October 5, 10 a.m.

**Oakland Storytime**  
126 W. Petris Ave., Oakland, FL 34760  
Thursday, October 3, 10 a.m.

**Storytime at Leu Gardens**  
1920 N. Forest Ave., Orlando, FL 32803  
Monday, October 7, 10 a.m.

**Storytime in the Garden: Nehrling Gardens**  
2267 Hempel Ave., Gotha, FL 34734  
Saturday, October 12, 10 a.m.

**Teen Book Club: Book Rack**  
125 W. Mckey St., Ocoee, FL 34761  
Saturday, October 12, 2 p.m.

**Horizon West Book Club: Waterleigh Daytime Readers**  
16150 Pebble Bluff Loop,  
Winter Garden, FL 34787  
Wednesday, October 16, 1 p.m.

**Horizon West Storytime**  
15572 Marina Bay Drive,  
Winter Garden, FL 34787  
Wednesday, October 23, 11 a.m.

### BOOK BIKE:

**Book Bike at Lake Eola Playground**  
501 E. Washington St.,  
Orlando, FL 32801  
Sunday, October 6, 10 a.m.

**Leu Gardens**  
1920 N. Forest Ave., Orlando, FL 32803  
Monday, October 7, 10 a.m.

**3rd Thursday at Heritage Park**  
65 E. Central Blvd., Orlando, FL 32801  
Thursday, October 17, 5–9 p.m.

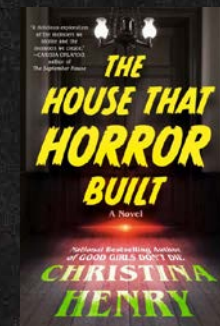
## HALLOWEEN READS FOR ADULTS



**Bury Your Gays**  
by Chuck Tingle  
An Oscar-nominated showrunner of a streaming series fights studio pressure to kill off the gay characters in the season finale while fighting real-life monsters from his horror movie days who are stalking him and his friends through the Hollywood Hills.



**Horror Movie**  
by Paul Tremblay  
The only surviving cast member of a notorious, disturbing 1993 art house horror movie joins the remake but begins having trouble distinguishing between reality and film in this new novel by the author of *The Pallbearers Club*.



**The House That Horror Built**  
by Christina Henry  
When single mother Harry Adams takes a job cleaning house for a reclusive horror director who values discretion, she keeps her head down until she starts hearing noises from behind a locked door and soon finds this forbidding house may be home to secrets she can't ignore.



**Secrets Never Die**  
by Ralph Vincent  
Each Halloween Sam, Haran, Elisha, Lauren and Dom hold a funeral for their secrets in an abandoned hut, but when their ritual is disrupted and they start receiving threatening messages, the friends must uncover their blackmailer before all their secrets are told and their lives ruined.

# New Book Drop at Fashion Square Mall

Returning materials to the library just got even easier!

Located at the corner of E. Colonial Drive and Fashion Square in the Macy's parking lot.

Fashion Square Mall | 3505 E. Colonial Drive, Orlando, FL 32803







## FAMILY ART ADVENTURES: HALLOWEEN SILHOUETTE ART

Hiawassee Branch  
Thursday, October 17, 4 p.m.–5:30 p.m.  
Dive into crafting spooky silhouettes with your family.

### Mindful Play Learning: Yoga for Preschoolers

Eatonville Branch  
Tuesdays, October 1–29, 10:15 a.m.  
South Trail Branch  
Wednesdays, October 2–30, 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.

### Mindful Start Family Yoga

Southwest Branch  
Tuesdays, October 1–15, 11 a.m.  
West Oaks Branch  
Wednesdays, October 2 & 9, 10 a.m.  
Winter Garden Branch  
Monday, October 7, 10:15 & 11:15 a.m.

Flow through an imaginative journey filled with puppets, parachute games and relaxing rest time! Ages 0–7.

### A Dungeons & Dragons Adventure

Washington Park Branch  
Tuesday, October 1, 5–6:30 p.m.  
Have you ever wanted to play Dungeons & Dragons? Now's your chance!

### Let's Talk About Bruno

Southeast Branch  
Friday, October 4, 10:30 a.m.  
Discover your gift with magical crafts and activities while dancing to songs from Disney's *Encanto*. Ages 5 and up.

### Fun Family Film

South Trail Branch  
Saturdays, October 5–26, 10:30 a.m.–Noon  
Join us for a movie that's fun for the whole family!

### Puppet Boot Camp

Windermere Branch  
Saturdays, October 5 & 19, 10:30 a.m.  
Explore, make and perform within this five-program series. Ages 8 and up.

### Family Game Time October

Alafaya Branch  
Sunday, October 6, 2–4 p.m.  
Play board and card games with family and friends.

### Dungeons & Dragons

Windermere Branch  
Mondays, October 7 & 21, 4–5:30 p.m.  
Have you ever wanted to play Dungeons & Dragons? Now's your chance! Ages 9 and up.

### Give a Hoot

Winter Garden Branch  
Wednesday, October 9, 3:30 p.m.  
Learn about our owl friends, play trivia and make a clay owl charm to take home. Ages 9 and up.

### Meet A Firefighter!

Washington Park Branch  
Thursday, October 10, 3 p.m.  
Listen as firefighters explain how they protect themselves with special gear. Walk along the big red truck to see the tools they use. Ages 0–12.

### Bunny Care 101

Alafaya Branch  
Friday, October 11, 4 p.m.  
Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room  
Friday, October 18, 2 p.m.  
Learn all about the care and keeping of bunnies as house pets in this informative class, and meet some adoptable rabbits! Registration required.

### Box Engineers

Southeast Branch  
Saturday, October 12, 10:30 a.m.  
Fuel your creativity with a cardboard box! Families will work together to design and construct an architectural marvel. Ages 5 and up.

### Solar Observing

Windermere Branch  
Monday–Thursday, October 14–17, 3 p.m.  
Celebrate solar maximum with this four-day event. Observe the sun safely with our solar telescope.

### Indigenous Tales

South Creek Branch  
Monday, October 14, 4:30 p.m.  
In honor of Indigenous Peoples Day, learn about some of the groups native to North America. Listen to stories of real Native Americans in their own words.

### Spooky Crafts

South Creek Branch  
Wednesday, October 16, 4:30 p.m.  
Get creative with these Halloween crafts. Ages 5–12.

### STEAM Free Play

South Trail Branch  
Wednesday, October 16, 4:30 p.m.  
Explore and play as we have fun with STEAM-related toys! Kits such as LEGO and K'NEX will be available.



## ITSY-BITSY SPIDERS

Southwest Branch  
Wednesday, October 9, 11 a.m.  
West Oaks Branch  
Tuesday, October 8, 11 a.m.  
Winter Garden Branch  
Thursday, October 17, 10:30 a.m.

Join us for not-so-creepy, crawly crafts and stories about our eight-legged friends. Ages 2–5.

### BABY (Ages 0–18 Months)

#### Playtime!

Alafaya Branch  
Fridays, October 4 & 11, 11:45 a.m.  
Little ones are invited to explore and tinker while engaging in imaginative play. Ages 0–5.

#### Spooktacular Babies

Southeast Branch  
Monday, October 7, 10:15 a.m.  
Calling all little monsters for some spooktacular fun! We're brewing up Halloween rhymes, activities and BOOs for everyone! Costumes encouraged.

#### Mother Goose on the Loose

Orlando Public Library  
Mondays, October 7–28, 10:30 a.m.  
Using rhymes, songs, puppets, musical instruments and more, we will be interacting to help develop important pre-literacy skills!

### TODDLER (Ages 18–36 Months)

#### Bilingual Storytime

Winter Garden Branch  
Wednesdays, October 2–16, 10:30 a.m.  
Help your child develop key early literacy skills through music, movement and stories in in English and Spanish. Ages 2–5.

### Bubble Playtime

Alafaya Branch  
Wednesday, October 2, 10:30 a.m.  
Hiawassee Branch  
Friday, October 11, 11 a.m.  
Winter Garden Branch  
Wednesday, October 16, 11 a.m.  
Help your child develop gross motor skills in this interactive bubble party. Ages 2–5.

### Batty for Halloween

Southwest Branch  
Wednesday, October 2, 11 a.m.  
Learn about the secret life of bats and their behaviors through books, riddles and a craft.

### Sensory Free Play

Winter Garden Branch  
Wednesday, October 2, 11 a.m.  
Encourage your child to build motor skills, boost creativity and develop independent thinking while engaging in sensory-based play. Ages 2–5.

### Storytime Craft

Southwest Branch  
Thursdays, October 3–17, 10 a.m.–Noon  
Drop in before and after storytime to create a make-and-take craft. Ages 2–5.

### Little Chef: Witches' Brew

Hiawassee Branch  
Friday, October 4, 11 a.m.  
Bring a little magic into the kitchen and brew a delicious drinkable potion! Ages 2–5.

### Autumn Apples

Chickasaw Branch  
Wednesday, October 9, 11 a.m.  
Southwest Branch  
Wednesday, October 16, 11 a.m.  
Create and participate in fall crafts, activities and sorting games.

### STEAM Free Play Jr.

Winter Garden Branch  
Wednesday, October 9, 11 a.m.  
Explore, discover and learn with STEAM-related toys. Ages 2–5.

### Artsy Toddler

Orlando Public Library  
Tuesday, October 15, 10:30 a.m.  
Toddlers will enjoy stories and songs about spooky friends, and then create a monster craft.

### Toddler Dance Party: Monster Mash

Hiawassee Branch  
Friday, October 18, 11 a.m.  
Bust out your best monster moves and get ready to BOO-gie! This dance party is going to be a scary good time. Costumes encouraged.

### Teddy Bear Storytime

Windermere Branch  
Tuesday, October 22, 10:30 a.m.  
Interact with your teddy through stories, songs and rhymes for a one-of-a-kind story time. Ages 2–5.

### Toddler Carnival

Orlando Public Library  
Wednesday, October 23, 10:30 a.m.  
Step right up with your little one to enjoy magnificent carnival games and a story.





## LITTLE CHEF: PUMPKIN PATCH

**Southeast Branch**  
**Tuesday, October 1, 4:30 p.m.**  
**Alafaya Branch**  
**Wednesday, October 2, 2 p.m.**  
**Washington Park Branch**  
**Friday, October 4, 4 p.m.**  
**Orlando Public Library**  
**Tuesday, October 8, 11 a.m.**

Create a pumpkin patch from pudding, cookies and more sweet treats! Registration required.

## PRESCHOOL (Ages 3–5)

### Countdown to Kindergarten

**Windermere Branch**  
**Tuesdays, October 1–15, 10:30 a.m.**

Explore families and feelings through stories, rhymes and activities designed to help preschoolers develop skills to become readers and succeed in kindergarten. Ages 4–5.

### Monster Trouble

**Winter Garden Branch**  
**Tuesday, October 1, 10:30 a.m.**

Did you know that monsters can be silly, spooky and not too scary? Explore monster trouble with stories, crafts and your creativity.

### Cuéntame un Cuento: Little Skeletons

**Orlando Public Library**  
**Tuesday, October 1, 11 a.m.**  
 Celebrate El Día de los Muertos! This event features books and songs in English and Spanish.

### Sesame Street Halloween

**Alafaya Branch**  
**Tuesday, October 1, 11 a.m.**  
 Elmo says boo to you! Celebrate Halloween with stories, songs and crafts inspired by your *Sesame Street* friends.

### Homeschool Jr.

**Windermere Branch**  
**Wednesday, October 2, 10:30 a.m.**  
 Kickstart your child's education! Listen to stories and engage in activities about basic concepts.

### Stories & Stretches

**Orlando Public Library**  
**Wednesday, October 2, 10:30 a.m.**  
 Wiggle and stretch to stories, songs and rhymes focusing on motor development.

### Sesame Street Storytime

**Virtual**  
**Mondays, October 7–28, 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 storytime and craft celebrating our favorite friends.

### Pajama Party

**Virtual**  
**Monday, October 7–28, 7 p.m.**  
 Put on your pajamas and enjoy an interactive storytime with book, songs, games and a craft.

### Halloween Storytime

**Alafaya Branch**  
**Tuesday, October 8, 11 a.m.**  
 Wear your costume and join us for not-so-scary Halloween stories.

### Ghost, Monsters, Bats and Crows

**Southeast Branch**  
**Tuesday, October 8, 4:30 p.m.**  
**South Creek Branch**  
**Thursday, October 17, 10:30 a.m.**  
 Calling all witches, zombies and monsters. Sing and dance during this spooky storytime.

### Move and Play October

**Alafaya Branch**  
**Wednesday, October 9, 10:15 a.m.**  
 Get ready to move and groove!

### Little Chef: Monster Snack

**South Creek Branch**  
**Wednesday, October 9, 10:30 a.m.**  
 Teach your little one basic kitchen skills as you interact with hands-on recipes.

### Tiny House

**Orlando Public Library**  
**Wednesday, October 9, 10:30 a.m.**  
 Learn, grow and play with hands-on activities inspired by using objects in your garage!

### Little Readers

**Virtual**  
**Saturday, October 12, 10 a.m.**  
 Start your child's reading journey with engaging activities focused on phonics and sight words.

### Monsters Read Too!

**Southeast Branch**  
**Monday, October 14, 10:15 a.m.**  
**Tuesday, October 15, 4:30 p.m.**  
 Did you know that monsters love to read? Join us for not-so-scary stories and crafts featuring our favorite monsters.

### Pajama Jamboree

**Windermere Branch**  
**Tuesday, October 15, 4 p.m.**  
 Put on your favorite jammies for a fun-filled evening of a story, craft and a snack.

### Monster Mash-Up

**Eatonville Branch**  
**Wednesday, October 16, 10:15 a.m.**  
 Monsters are magical and are filled with the free spirit of creativity. Therefore, they can look like anything so let's make our very own monsters!

### I'm Not Scared!

**Orlando Public Library**  
**Wednesday, October 16, 10:30 a.m.**  
 Calling all courageous preschoolers! Enjoy fearless stories, activities and crafts.

### Make Believe Dress and Play

**Chickasaw Branch**  
**Wednesday, October 16, 11 a.m.**  
 Turn on your imaginations and learn why pretend play is more than just fun! Dress up is welcome.

### Growing Up WILD

**Orlando Public Library**  
**Tuesday, October 22, 10:30 a.m.**  
 Play a game of hide and seek as we learn about camouflage and how it helps animals in the wild!

### Halloween Sensory Play

**Orlando Public Library**  
**Tuesday, October 29, 10:30 a.m.**  
 Celebrate the spooky season with Halloween-themed sensory play. Explore textures, colors, creatures and more through exploration and play.

### Nighttime Critters

**Orlando Public Library**  
**Wednesday, October 30, 10:30 a.m.**  
 Explore the lives of nocturnal animals through stories while making a spooky scene with some crafted critters of your own.

# STORYTIMES

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## TINY TALES

(ages 0–18 months)

Windermere Branch, Thursdays, 11:15 a.m.  
 Alafaya Branch, Fridays, 11:15 a.m.  
 Orlando Public Library, Saturdays, 11:30 a.m.

## STORYBOOK FUN

(ages 3–5)

Windermere Branch, Thursdays, 10:15 a.m.  
 Alafaya Branch, Fridays, 10:15 a.m.  
 Orlando Public Library, Saturdays, 10:30 a.m.

## TODDLER TIME

(ages 18–36 months)

Windermere Branch, Thursdays, 10:45 a.m.  
 Alafaya Branch, Fridays, 10:45 a.m.  
 Orlando Public Library, Saturdays, 11:00 a.m.

## ZERO TO FIVE STORYTIME

(ages 0–5)

Eatonville Branch, Thursdays, 10:15 a.m.  
 South Trail Branch, Fridays, 10:15 a.m.

## FAMILY STORYTIME

Alafaya Branch, Second Sunday, 2 p.m.







## MEDUSA & OTHER MONSTERS

**West Oaks Branch**  
**Wednesday, October 2, 4 p.m.**  
**Eatonville Branch**  
**Wednesday, October 16, 3 p.m.**  
**South Trail Branch**  
**Thursday, October 31, 4:30 p.m.**  
 Monsters are everywhere in mythology. Celebrate these great Greek beasts with mythical crafts.



### Homeschool Technology Class

**Windermere Branch**  
**Tuesdays, October 1 & 15, 2 p.m.**  
 Explore the fundamentals of technology and hone your computer literacy skills.

### Chess Clubs

**Fairview Shores Branch**  
**Tuesdays, October 1–15, 3:30 p.m.**  
**Winter Garden Branch**  
**Wednesday, October 9, 3:30 p.m.**  
**Windermere Branch**  
**Mondays, October 14 & 28, 4 p.m.**  
 Chess sets and rule sheets will be available for play.

### Intro to Birding

**South Creek Branch**  
**Tuesday, October 1, 4 p.m.**  
 Join the Orange Audubon Society for an introduction to the wonderful world of bird watching!

### Music in Me! Handbells for Kids

**Hiawasse Branch**  
**Tuesdays, October 1 & 8, 4:30 p.m.**  
 Learn the basics of reading music, rhythm, melody and playing a simple song on handbells.

### LEGO Clubs

**Windermere Branch**  
**Tuesdays, October 1, 8, 22 & 29, 4:30 p.m.**  
**Southwest Branch**  
**Wednesdays, October 2–16, 4 p.m.**  
**South Trail Branch**  
**Mondays, October 7–28, 4:30 p.m.**  
**Hiawasse Branch**  
**Saturday, October 12, 1–3 p.m.**  
**Alafaya Branch**  
**Saturday, October 12, 2 p.m.**  
 Bricks will be provided but cannot go home with you.

### Monster Bugs

**Washington Park Branch**  
**Wednesday, October 2, 4 p.m.**  
 Identify the creepiest bugs on Earth, learn their diabolical traits and make your own. Ages 6–8.

### Masterpiece Junior: Piet Mondrian

**Orlando Public Library**  
**Thursday, October 3, 3:30 p.m.**  
 Learn Piet Mondrian's history and create a piece inspired by his work. Ages 9–12.

### Study Hall

**Hiawasse Branch**  
**Thursday, October 3, 3:30–5:30 p.m.**  
 There's no better place to study than the library. Ages 6 and up.

### Remember Me

**South Trail Branch**  
**Thursday, October 3, 4:30 p.m.**  
**Orlando Public Library**  
**Thursday, October 31, 3:30 p.m.**  
 Gather your friends and family as we explore traditions and a bright-colored world of music through stories and activities all inspired by Disney Pixar's *Coco*.

### Southeast Thursday Kids Club

**Southeast Branch**  
**Thursdays, October 3–17, 4:30 p.m.**  
 Every week offers a different kind of adventure: games, STEM challenges and more!

### Handy Hands STEM

**Hiawasse Branch**  
**Friday, October 4, 4:30 p.m.**  
 Create your own moving hand model and get a feel for all the work they do.

### Coco: Movie & Craft

**South Creek Branch**  
**Saturday, October 5, 10:30 a.m.**  
 Join us for a showing of Disney Pixar's *Coco*! Sing and dance along to the beat and make a craft.

### Jack's Halloween Town Spooktacular

**Alafaya Branch**  
**Saturday, October 5, 11 a.m.**  
 Celebrate Jack, Sally, Oogie Boogie at this gruesome event full of nightmarish crafts and games. Ages 5 and up.

### Reading Paws

**Chickasaw Branch**  
**Saturday, October 5, 11 a.m.**  
**Windermere Branch**  
**Saturday, October 12, 11:30 a.m.**  
 Improves children's reading and communication skills by reading to a therapy dog.

### Homeschool: World Day of Architecture

**Alafaya Branch**  
**Monday, October 7, 11 a.m.**  
 Explore a variety of subjects through special occasions. Ages 6–10. Registration required.

### Homeschool Meetup

**Southwest Branch**  
**Mondays, October 7 & 14, 1 p.m.**  
 Participate in math, science, history, art and literature-based learning to support your child's homeschool curriculum.

### Read to Sydney

**Winter Garden Branch**  
**Monday, October 7, 4 p.m.**  
 Encourages children to practice their reading skills with an attentive furry listener.

### Crafternoons

**Winter Garden Branch**  
**Mondays, October 7 & 14, 4:30 p.m.**  
 Get ready for an hour of crafting fun with friends!

### Water Heroes vs the MESS!

**West Oaks Branch**  
**Tuesday, October 8, 4 p.m.**  
 Learn what to throw out, what to recycle and ways to reduce your waste. Presented by the City of Ocoee.

### Adventures in Homeschooling

**Orlando Public Library**  
**Wednesdays, October 9 & 23, 1 p.m.**  
 Explore lessons and hands-on activities to inspire curiosity and learning. Ages 6 and up.

### Homeschool Science: Barfing Pumpkin

**Alafaya Branch**  
**Wednesday, October 9, 2 p.m.**  
 Join us for a hands-on experiment and learn more about the science behind acids and bases.

### Monster Mash, Halloween Bash!

**West Oaks Branch**  
**Wednesday, October 9, 4 p.m.**  
 Wear your costume and join us for ghoulish games, creepy crafts and spooky stories.

### October Crafternoon

**Alafaya Branch**  
**Wednesday, October 9, 4 p.m.**  
 Get ready for spooky season by making and a Halloween-themed magnet. Registration required.

### Goosebumps

**South Creek Branch**  
**Wednesday, October 9, 4:30 p.m.**  
 Enter the world of R.L. Stine and enjoy games and crafts inspired by Goosebumps ... if you dare! Ages 8 and up.

### Homeschool Discovery

**Eatonville Branch**  
**Thursday, October 10, 1 p.m.**  
**Windermere Branch**  
**Thursdays, October 10–24, 1 p.m.**  
 Discover the world around us through STEM, geography, the arts, culture, history, literature with hands-on activities. Ages 6–17.

### Homeschool Home Ec

**Alafaya Branch**  
**Thursday, October 10, 2 p.m.**  
 Learn about weaving for Hispanic Heritage Month and weave a cup. Ages 8–12. Registration required.

### Origami Club

**Orlando Public Library**  
**Thursday, October 10, 3:30 p.m.**  
 Fold paper pumpkins just in time for Halloween and unravel the fun of this ancient craft! Ages 8–12.

### BINGO: For Kids!

**Alafaya Branch**  
**Thursday, October 10, 4 p.m.**  
 Learn how to play bingo (with a spooky twist!) for a chance to win prizes! Ages 5 and up.



## DEM BONES, DEM BONES

Washington Park Branch

Wednesday, October 16, 4 p.m.

The arm bone is connected to the ... what bone? Make skeleton crafts, shake your bones and learn a little about what holds us all together.



### Wizardly Fall Feast

South Creek Branch

Friday, October 11, 4:30 p.m.

Don your dress robes and hop on your best broom for snacks and activities.

### Tween Art Adventures:

Folk Art Arpilleras

Chickasaw Branch

Saturday, October 12, 11 a.m.

Celebrate National Hispanic Heritage month! Learn about folk art arpilleras from Chile and Peru and create one of your own. Ages 9–12.

### Homeschool: World Traveler:

South America

Winter Garden Branch

Tuesday, October 15, 2:30 p.m.

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

### Wilderness Club: Animals in the Night

Hiawassee Branch

Tuesday, October 15, 4:30 p.m.

What creatures wake up as the sun goes down? Explore the world of nocturnal animals!

### Homeschool Kindergarten

Technology Class

Windermere Branch

Wednesday, October 16, 10:30 a.m.

Explore the fundamentals of technology and hone your computer literacy skills. Ages 5–6.

### Algodoo with Physics

Eatonville Branch

Wednesday, October 16, 2:15 p.m.

Simulate physics in the real world with Algodoo. Experiment with objects and see how they react to the forces of gravity and friction. Ages 10–12.

### Mayor Buddy's Book Club

End of Book Party

Orlando Public Library

Wednesday, October 16, 4 p.m.

Orlando Mayor Buddy's Book Club is celebrating the completion of their latest book, *The Cursed Moon* by Angela Cervantes! Ages 8–12.

### Homeschool: Riddles in the Dark

Winter Garden Branch

Thursday, October 17, 11 a.m.

Learn how to compose riddles while listening to a dramatic reading of *The Hobbit* and making fun bookmark crafts with the Elvish language! Ages 9–12.

### Cuisine Corner Junior:

Spooky Cake Pops

Orlando Public Library

Thursday, October 17, 3:30 p.m.

Satisfy your sweet tooth with a spooky treat. Just in time for Halloween! Ages 8–12.

### Spooky Science

South Trail Branch

Thursday, October 17, 4:30 p.m.

Let out your mad scientist with experiments, games and crafts! Ages 6–8.

### Coloring with Photoshop

Eatonville Branch

Friday, October 18, 3:15 p.m.

Use Adobe Photoshop to bring library mascots Squirt and Juicy to life! Ages 7–9.

### Hearts of Gold Therapy Dogs

South Creek Branch

Saturday, October 19, 10:30 a.m.

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

### Backyard Birds of Prey

Eatonville Branch

Wednesday, October 23, 3:15 p.m.

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

### Homeschool Makerspace Meetup

Eatonville Branch

Thursday, October 24, 1 p.m.

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

### Macaroni Mania

Windermere Branch

Monday, October 28, 4 p.m.

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

### Magic Tree House Expeditions

Virtual

Wednesday, October 30, 4:30 p.m.

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



## MEET THE AUTHOR NATALIA SYLVESTER

### Sunshine State Author Series

Virtual

Wednesday, October 2, 7 p.m.

Meet Natalia Sylvester, award-winning author of the Florida Teens Read book *Breathe and Count Back From Ten*.

### Teen Volunteering

Fairview Shores Branch

Saturday, October 5, 11 a.m.–1 p.m.

Orlando Public Library

Saturday, October 5, 2–4 p.m.

Southeast Branch

Wednesday, October 16, 3–5 p.m.

Eatonville Branch

Saturday, October 19, 11 a.m.–1 p.m.

High school students will earn two hours of community service by assembling craft kits.

### Teen Volunteering:

Literary And Creative

Arts Magazines

Southeast Branch

Wednesday, October 2, 3–5 p.m.

Alafaya Branch

Saturday, October 5, 3–5 p.m.

South Trail Branch

Saturday, October 12, 3:30–5:30 p.m.

Hiawassee Branch

Saturday, October 19, 3:30–5:30 p.m.

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

### High School Advisory

Board Meeting

Virtual

Tuesday, October 1, 4 p.m.

Earn community service by collaborating with your peers to test out new programs, brainstorm new teen services and more! Grades 9–12.

### Middle School Advisory

Board Meeting

Virtual

Wednesday, October 2, 4 p.m.

Earn community service by collaborating with your peers to test out new programs, brainstorm new teen services and more! Grades 6–8.

### Halloween Nail Art

South Creek Branch

Thursday, October 3, 4:30 p.m.

Get in the spooky spirit this Halloween season with haunting nail designs!

### Reboot Boutique

Eatonville Branch

Thursday, October 3, 4:30 p.m.

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

### Teen Board Game Meetup

South Creek Branch

Saturday, October 5, 4–5:30 p.m.

Thursday, October 15, 4:30–6 p.m.

Learn a fast-paced miniature battle game! Other board games will be available. Registration required.

### Lo-Fi Book Club

Virtual

Tuesday, October 8, 4 p.m.

Join us for a relaxed discussion about your favorite books and graphic novels.

### Teen Art Adventures

Southeast Branch

Wednesday, October 9, 3–4:30 p.m.

South Creek Branch

Saturday, October 12, 3:30 p.m.

We'll provide the supplies and instructions, you bring the imagination!

### Homeschool Teen Rec Time

Windermere Branch

Wednesdays, October 9 & 23, 4:45–6 p.m.

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

### Homeschool:

How to Survive a Nightmare

Winter Garden Branch

Thursday, October 10, 11 a.m.

Dream-inspired event with crafts and activities that will leave you knowing how to survive a nightmare.

### Fall Watercolors

South Trail Branch

Thursday, October 10, 4:30 p.m.

Learn the basics of watercolor painting inspired by fall symbols and scenery.

### Animanga Club

Orlando Public Library

Saturday, October 12, 2 p.m.

Share your love of anime and manga, complete with snacks, activities and tech explorations.

### Teen Art Jam

Winter Garden Branch

Saturday, October 12, 3–4:30 p.m.

Compete to create the best themed crafts with provided supplies in an hour.

### Navigate Your Way to Success

Eatonville Branch

Saturday, October 19, 1 p.m.

Planning to take the college admissions exams? We're here to help!

### Petite Patches

Winter Garden Branch

Saturday, October 19, 3:30 p.m.

Embrace the fall season by crafting your own mini pumpkin patch!

### Teen Cuisine: Candy Apples

Orlando Public Library

Saturday, October 19, 4 p.m.

Get into the spooky spirit by making this sweet treat from scratch.



## Library Locations

All library locations are open Monday–Saturday

Monday–Thursday • 10 a.m.–7 p.m. | Friday–Saturday • 10 a.m.–6 p.m.

Locations with Sunday Hours • 1–6 p.m. 

### Orlando Public Library

101 E. Central Blvd.  
Orlando, FL 32801

### Alafaya Branch

12000 E. Colonial Drive  
Orlando, FL 32826

### Chickasaw Branch

870 N. Chickasaw Trail  
Orlando, FL 32825

### Eatonville Branch

200 E. Kennedy Blvd.  
Eatonville, FL 32751

### Fairview Shores Branch

902 Lee Road, Suite 26  
Orlando, FL 32810

### Hiawassee Branch

7391 W. Colonial Drive  
Orlando, FL 32818

### North Orange Branch

1211 E. Semoran Blvd.  
Apopka, FL 32703

### South Creek Branch

1702 Deerfield Blvd.  
Orlando, FL 32837

### South Trail Branch

4600 S. Orange Blossom Trail  
Orlando, FL 32839

### Southeast Branch

5575 S. Semoran Blvd.  
Orlando, FL 32822

### Southwest Branch

7255 Della Drive  
Orlando, FL 32819

### Washington Park Branch

5151 Raleigh St., Suite A  
Orlando, FL 32811

### West Oaks Branch & Genealogy Center

1821 E. Silver Star Road  
Ocoee, FL 34761

### Windermere Branch

530 Main St.  
Windermere, FL 34786

### Winter Garden Branch

805 E. Plant St.  
Winter Garden, FL 34787

## Book Drop Locations

### Fashion Square Book Drop

Fashion Square Mall  
3505 E. Colonial Drive  
Orlando, FL 32803

### 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

## Closures

### North Orange Branch

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