

BOOKS & BEYOND

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New Book Drop at Fashion Square Mall

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Orlando, FL 32803

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Holiday TOY DRIVE

BEGINS FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2024

Please give a new, unwrapped gift for children ages 18 and under. Donations benefit Orange County Youth and Family Agencies.

TWO WAYS TO GIVE

ONLINE BY
TUESDAY, DEC. 3, 2024

IN PERSON BY
MONDAY, DEC. 9, 2024

Visit ocfl.net/ToyDrive for more information

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Next Board of Trustees Meeting:

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

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Next Friends of the Library Board of Directors Meeting:

Orlando Public Library
Wednesday, December 18, Noon



An Evening With
New York Times Bestselling Author

JOHN GREEN

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

Dr. Phillips Center for the
Performing Arts

Tickets on sale **now**



Presented by the Lillian Louise Pharr Endowment Fund



Give the Gift of the Library

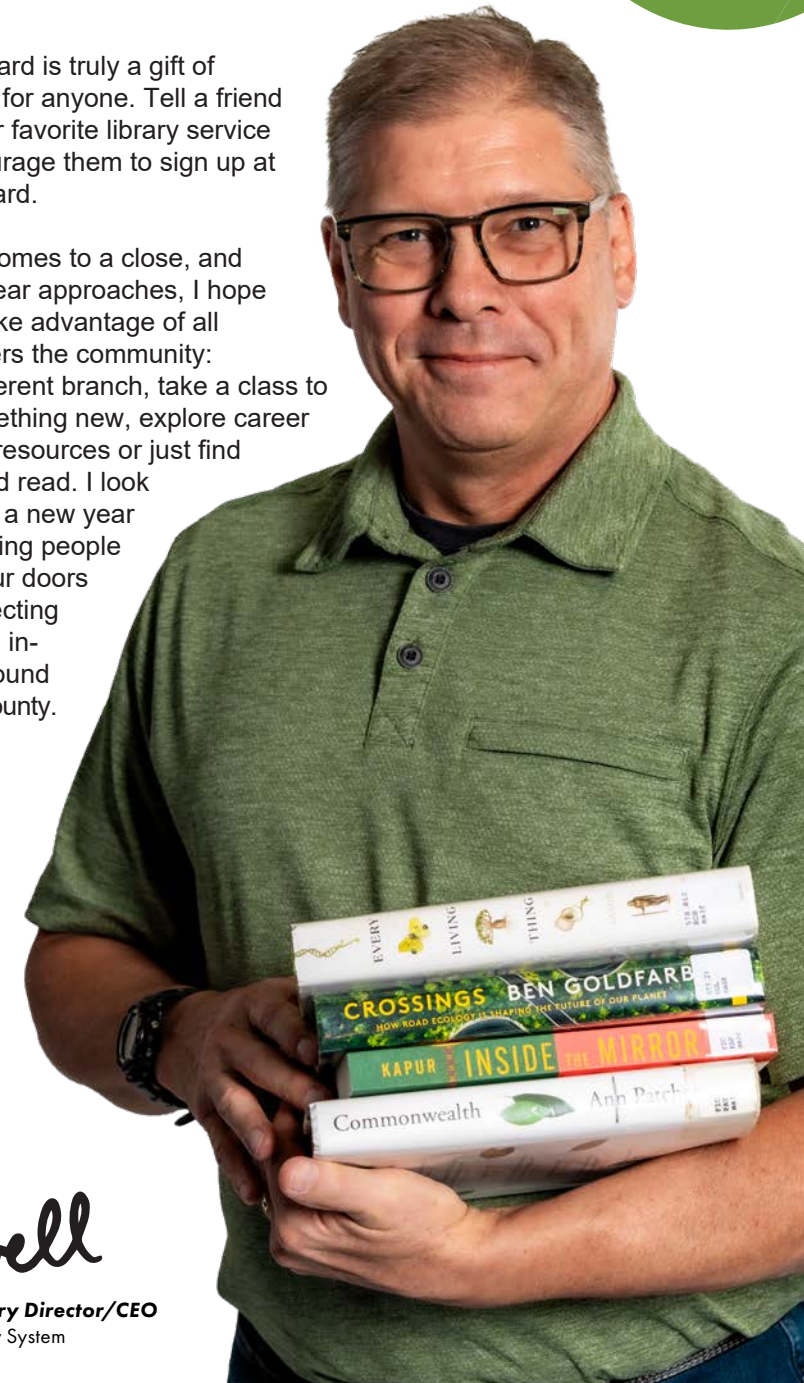
Many holidays and traditions that fall in December focus on giving and service. At the library, we're dedicated to doing what we can to serve our community, and last year, we realized that one small way we can help people out is to participate in the Orange County Mayor's Holiday Toy Drive. Last year, we collected more than 1,700 toys to be distributed to families in need during the holiday season.

This year, we are once again proud to participate in the Toy Drive. Since the beginning of November, we've been collecting new toys at each of our branches to help make the holidays brighter for children in our county. We'll continue accepting unwrapped, new gifts for children ages 18 and under at our branches until December 9 and I can't wait to see if we collect even more toys than we did last year. You can visit ocfl.net/ToyDrive for more information.

It is truly a season of learning, making and giving at OCLS, and opportunities abound if you flip through the pages of *Books & Beyond* this month. Whether you want to create something for yourself or craft a gift for a loved one, OCLS has something for you. On December 7, bring the family to Hiwassee Branch to learn about Japanese wood block painting master Hokusai, and leave with a beautiful work of art of your own. Create your own crochet pie earrings or magnet with a three-part virtual crochet class beginning December 4 that will step you through this quirky holiday craft. Or you can assemble cookie mix jars by following the simple instructions we include on page 19.

A library card is truly a gift of resources for anyone. Tell a friend about your favorite library service and encourage them to sign up at ocls.org/card.

As 2024 comes to a close, and the new year approaches, I hope you will take advantage of all OCLS offers the community: Visit a different branch, take a class to learn something new, explore career enriching resources or just find a book and read. I look forward to a new year of welcoming people through our doors and connecting online and in-person around Orange County.



Steve Powell

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The Nutcracker Presented by the Central Florida Ballet

Orlando Public Library, Library Central
Sunday, December 8, 2 p.m.

Enjoy a live performance of scenes from the classic ballet *The Nutcracker*. To learn more about the Central Florida Ballet, visit centralfloridaballet.com.



A Christmas Carol

Orlando Public Library, Library Central
Saturday, December 14, 3–4:15 p.m.

Broadway and film actor Duffy Hudson, without the aid of props or costumes while playing all 30 characters, brings this magical tale to life. Don't miss this unusual take on a seasonal favorite.



All-Levels Yoga

Virtual
Monday, December 2, 8 a.m.
Get moving with this energizing and relaxing yoga sequence for all levels.

Origami Pine Trees

Chickasaw Branch
Monday, December 2, 10:30 a.m.–Noon
Enhance the festive season with exquisite pine tree origami decorations. Registration required. Ages 18 and up.

Manage Your Winter Garden

Hiwassee Branch
Monday, December 2, 4 p.m.
Fleet Farming will show you how to maintain a healthy garden during the winter.

Plant Clinic

Windermere Branch
Tuesday, December 3, 10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
Alafaya Branch
Thursday, December 12, 11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.
Winter Garden Branch
Saturday, December 14, 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.

Women in Science Tea Talks

Orlando Public Library, Melrose Center
Tuesday, December 3, 3 p.m.
Join us for tea and invigorating discussions on women in science.

Adult Craft & Chat: Book Page Tree

Hiwassee Branch
Wednesday, December 4, 4–6 p.m.
Let's get crafty together and use recycled books and cardboard to create a unique tree.

Music in the Library: Rieko's Piano Studio Holiday Concert

Orlando Public Library, Library Central
Wednesday, December 4, 5 p.m.
Delight in a variety of holiday music performed by the students of Rieko's Piano Studio.

Tea Social Hour

North Orange Branch
Wednesdays, December 4 & 18, 5 p.m.
Need to unwind? Listen to music, snag a sweet treat with your cup of tea, relax and chat with a creative art activity. Ages 18 and up.

CareerSource Central Florida

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

Career Academy: Perfecting Your Resume

Orlando Public Library
Thursday, December 5, 2:30 p.m.
Get noticed! Elevate your job application with best practices in crafting a resume and cover letter.

Karaoke

Fairview Shores Branch
Thursday, December 5, 5–6:45 p.m.
It's beginning to look a lot like karaoke night. All skill levels are welcome.

Car Seat Safety

Alafaya Branch
Friday, December 6, 10 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
Certified technicians from Safe Kids Orange County will be available to check your car seat on a first-come, first-served basis.

City Year Info Session

West Oaks Branch
Friday, December 6, 4 p.m.
Join this info session with Q&A for an overview of City Year's mission and the role of tutors and mentors. Registration required.

Geeky Adventures

Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room
Friday, December 6, 4:30 p.m.
Join us as we talk about the food seen in popular anime. Ages 18 and up.

Winter Poetry Writing

Alafaya Branch
Friday, December 6, 4:30 p.m.
Write a winter-themed poem using repetition. Ages 18 and up.

World AIDS Day Remembrance

Orlando Public Library
Saturday, December 7, 2:30–4 p.m.
Join Harmony Healthcare in remembrance of lost family and friends. Harmony Healthcare will offer HIV/STI education along with no-cost HIV testing. For more information, visit myhho.org.

Adult Game Time

Windermere Branch
Saturdays, December 7–28, 3–4:30 p.m.
Orlando Public Library
Saturday, December 14, 2:30–4:30 p.m.
Get your game on! Spend a fun afternoon playing games and meeting new friends. Ages 18 and up.

Happy Little Trees

Hiwassee Branch
Saturday, December 7, 4–5:30 p.m.
Grab a brush, mellow out and paint some happy, little trees the Bob Ross way. Ages 18 and up.

Wood Slice Ornaments

West Oaks Branch
Sunday, December 8, 2 p.m.
Bring the best of the outdoors indoors with these rustic, sliced wood ornaments. Ages 18 and up.

Chair Yoga

Virtual
Monday, December 9, 8 a.m.
Requires use of a chair.

Small-Space Gardening

Hiwassee Branch
Monday, December 9, 4 p.m.
Fleet Farming will show you how to make use of a small space for a garden.

Paper Star Garlands

Chickasaw Branch
Monday, December 9, 5–6:30 p.m.
Add some twinkle for winter by creating your own paper star garlands. Ages 18 and up.

Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone Trivia

West Oaks Branch
Monday, December 9, 5:30 p.m.
Wear your house colors and test your Hogwarts knowledge at this magical trivia night.

Resilience and You

Virtual
Tuesday, December 10, 7 p.m.
Explore how living with resilience helps us be healthier, happier, creative and open to change.

Legal Learning Workshop

Eatonville Branch
Wednesday, December 11, 4 p.m.
This workshop will highlight the difference between Social Security's disability programs (SSI and SSDI), the application and appeals processes and what to do if you receive an overpayment.

Winter Ornaments

Orlando Public Library, Magnolia Room
Wednesdays, December 11 & 18, 5:30 p.m.
Use air-dry clay and paint to create festive, winter-themed decorations in this two-part class. Ages 18 and up.

Digital Decluttering: Organize and Free Up Storage Space

Virtual
Wednesday, December 11, 6:30 p.m.
Join bestselling author and expert organizer Jamie Novak to learn how to declutter your devices and free up space just in time for the holidays.

Seminar in a Bottle: Office of Tenant Services

South Creek Branch
Thursday, December 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.

Intro to Foundation Center & Grant Resources

Orlando Public Library
Thursday, December 12, 1:30 p.m.
Get the 101 on using this comprehensive directory to win grants and make a difference.

Air Dry Clay Ornaments

Alafaya Branch
Thursday, December 12, 5 p.m.
Craft DIY air-dry clay ornaments to decorate your home.

Acrylic Painting: Holiday Joy

Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room
Friday, December 13, 11 a.m.–1 p.m.
Join artist Kerry Ezzo as she walks you through a holiday-themed acrylic painting. All materials provided. Ages 18 and up.

Acrylic Painting Meetup: Fun & Creative Painting

South Trail Branch
Friday, December 13, 2–4 p.m.
Explore a variety of fun and creative acrylic painting techniques to find your own artistic expression. Registration required. Ages 18 and up.



Phantasmagoria: End of Year Holiday Performance

Orlando Public Library, Library Central
Sunday, December 15, 2 p.m.
Critically acclaimed Victorian performance troupe Phantasmagoria brings us on a festive journey through whimsical and haunted tales of the holidays.



Cuisine Corner: Traditional Jamaican Black Cake

Virtual
Wednesday, December 4, 6:30 p.m.
Join culinary expert Dianne Morin as she teaches how to make a delicious traditional Jamaican black cake.

Make Your Own Snow Globe
Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room
Friday, December 13, 4:30 p.m.
Celebrate the holiday season and make a snow globe that can double as a candle holder. Ages 18 and up.

Beginner Line Dancing
Southwest Branch
Saturday, December 14, 10:30–11:45 a.m.
Learn beginner line dance steps to all types of music. Non-stick sole shoes are recommended. Ages 15 and up.

Music in the Library:
Central Florida Sounds of Freedom
Orlando Public Library, Library Central
Saturday, December 14, 11 a.m.
Central Florida Sounds of Freedom promotes LGBTQ+ awareness, acceptance, and equality through quality entertainment and fellowship. To learn more about CFSOF, visit centralfloridasoundsoffreedom.com.

Dungeons & Dragons
Hiawasse Branch
Saturday, December 14, Noon–3 p.m.
Venture through Candlekeep whilst solving mysteries and fighting villains. Ages 18 and up.

Book Page Gift Bags
Southwest Branch
Saturday, December 14, 2–4 p.m.
Create a one-of-a-kind gift bag made from book pages. Registration required. Ages 18 and up.

Winter Wonderland Canvas Painting
West Oaks Branch
Saturday, December 14, 2:30 p.m.
Embrace the beauty of winter with a creative twist! Join us for a delightful afternoon of canvas painting. All materials provided. Ages 18 and up.

Cookie Mix Gift Jars
Alafaya Branch
Saturday, December 14, 3 p.m.
Make a batch of cookie mix in a jar that you can give as a gift or use to bake a treat for yourself. Ages 18 and up.

Sunshine State Planners
Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room
Sunday, December 15, 1:30–3:30 p.m.
Enjoy a short presentation before open planner project time. Bring your own supplies and connect and share ideas with other planners.

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

Holiday DIY: Snowy Winter Card
North Orange Branch
Monday, December 16, 4:30 p.m.
Create a unique, homemade winter card with bubble wrap and scrapbook paper to send to someone special. Ages 18 and up.

Florida Snow Globe and Terrarium
Winter Garden Branch
Monday, December 16, 5:30 p.m.
Use sand, glitter, shells and miniature beach decorations to create your own Florida paradise in a terrarium or "snow" globe. Registration required. Ages 18 and up.

Podcast Listening Club: Favorites
Southwest Branch
Monday, December 16, 6:30–8 p.m.
Join us to share a favorite podcast from this past year's listening list and favorites on your personal playlist. Ages 18 and up.

Holiday Shrinky Dink Shaker Charm
Orlando Public Library
Tuesday, December 17, 4:30 p.m.
Shake up some holiday cheer and make your own Shrinky Dink shaker charm! Ages 18 and up.

Book to Film Series: The Muppet Christmas Carol
Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room
Wednesday, December 18, 3–4:30 p.m.
This series focuses on films that originated as books.

Cuisine Corner: Pasteles
Virtual
Wednesday, December 18, 6 p.m.
Yamira Lee Johnson, head chef and founder of Breaking Bread with Mira, will guide us through making traditional savory pasteles. This beloved dish highlights Puerto Rico's rich culinary heritage.

Community Office Hours:
Legal Advice and Know Your Rights
South Trail Branch
Thursday, December 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.

Career Academy: Interview Like a Pro
Orlando Public Library
Thursday, December 19, 2:30 p.m.
You've landed an interview! Now what? Get tips that will help you to practice and prepare.

Adult Story Time
Windermere Branch
Thursday, December 19, 5:30 p.m.
Come and enjoy the stories of winter at this exclusive Adult Story Time. Registration required. Ages 18 and up.

Focus on Books
Windermere Branch
Friday, December 20, 11 a.m.
In each session, we explore a different hobby. This month we will be focusing on art. Ages 18 and up.

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

DIY Trinket Dishes
Alafaya Branch
Friday, December 20, 4:30 p.m.
Decorate a winter-themed trinket dish and make some easy jewelry to keep in it. Ages 18 and up.

Festive Wine Glasses
Windermere Branch
Saturday, December 21, 11 a.m.
Make your own festive hand-painted wine glasses for a beautiful gift or just for decoration. Ages 18 and up.

Mocktails 101
Chickasaw Branch
Saturday, December 21, 2–3:30 p.m.
Warm up with the flavors of the season as you learn to craft three delicious, non-alcoholic winter mocktails. Registration required. Ages 18 and up.

Cuisine Corner: One-Pot Cooking
Hiawasse Branch
Saturday, December 21, 4 p.m.
That is some good cookin! Make easy and quick meals all in one pot.

Adult Craft and Chat: Winter Terrarium
Hiawasse Branch
Monday, December 23, 4–6 p.m.
Make a centerpiece, an adornment for your mantle or a gift for a friend with this winter creation. Ages 18 and up.

Dungeons & Dragons
Windermere Branch
Saturday, December 28, 11 a.m.–2 p.m.
A one-shot adventure for teens and adults. Players of all experience levels welcome.

DIY Planners
West Oaks Branch
Saturday, December 28, 2:30 p.m.
Get ready for the new year by creating a custom DIY planner with a Japanese book binding technique using a large sewing needle. Ages 13 and up.

Puzzle Swap
South Creek Branch
Saturday, December 28, 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.

South Creek Sketchbook Club
South Creek Branch
Saturday, December 28, 4 p.m.
Grab your sketchbook and join us for a laid-back hour of drawing! South Creek Sketchbook Club is a monthly gathering where artists can work on pieces and share them with others. Ages 13 and up.

Building a Rejection-Proof Mindset

Virtual

Tuesday, December 3, 7 p.m.

Author and editor Swati Hegde will reveal psychologically proven tips to build a rejection-proof mindset so querying authors can learn how to persevere, take rejection in stride and keep going.

The Writing Life: Tips and Techniques for Managing Life as a Working Writer

Virtual

Saturday, December 7, 11 a.m.

New York Times bestselling author Ginny Myers Sain will discuss navigating the writing life, including setting up a schedule, when (if) to quit your day job, navigating writer's block and more.

Recognizing and Combating Imposter Syndrome for Writers

Virtual

Thursday, December 12, 7 p.m.

Literary agent Daniel Cramer will highlight signs and symptoms of imposter syndrome, its impact on creative individuals and strategies for overcoming imposter syndrome.

Stretch & Movement Breaks for Writers

Virtual

Tuesday, December 17, 7 p.m.

Many writers develop muscle pain and joint stiffness after sessions at the keyboard. Learn how to take breaks to stretch and move your body with author and yoga teacher Deana Lisenby.

OCLS Writer's Group

Virtual

Sunday, December 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.

Transforming an Idea into a Story

Virtual

Friday, December 13, 7 p.m.

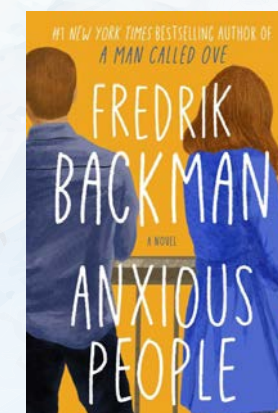
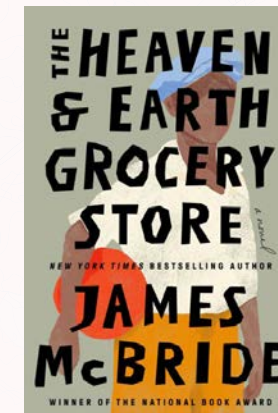
How do you go from idea to story? Author and editor Alli Martin will discuss how to mine your idea to discover the character's motivation, obstacles, and secrets to create a story.

How to Hook the Hollywood Reader

Virtual

Thursday, December 19, 7 p.m.

Author and filmmaker Jennie Jarvis will discuss what Hollywood readers are looking for when they are buying scripts or licensing novel adaptations.



Alafaya Book Club

Alafaya Branch

Thursday, December 5, 5 p.m.

Y Read: Book Read Aloud

Dr. P. Phillips YMCA

7000 Dr. Phillips Blvd., Orlando, FL 32819

Saturdays, December 7–28, 1:30–3:30 p.m.

Experience the joy and camaraderie of reading aloud great literature with others each week. Facilitated in partnership with the Dr. P. Phillips YMCA and Southwest Branch. Ages 18 and up.

Nature Walk Book Club

Bill Frederick Park

3401 S. Hiawassee Road, Orlando, FL 32835

Monday, December 9, 10 a.m.–Noon

Join Southwest Branch for a causal walk outdoors at Bill Frederick Park followed by a discussion of *The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store* by James McBride. Registration required. Ages 18 and up.

The Fairview Fantasy Book Club

Fairview Shores Branch

Tuesday, December 10, 5 p.m.

Join the Fairview Shores Fantasy Book Club to discuss *The Blade Itself* by Joe Abercrombie. Immerse yourself in a dark and gritty world of violence and magic where every choice comes with a cost. Ages 18 and up.

South Creek Book Club

South Creek Branch

Tuesday, December 10, 5:30 p.m.

Central Florida Book Club

Fairview Shores Branch

Tuesday, December 10, 10:15–11:30 a.m.

Winter Garden Book Club

Winter Garden Branch

Thursday, December 12, 6 p.m.

Virtual

Thursday, December 19, 6 p.m.

The Christmas Bookshop by Jenny Colgan.

(No Pressure!) Silent Book Club

North Orange Branch

Saturday, December 14, 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! Ages 18 and up.

Hiawassee Book Club

Virtual

Monday, December 16, 7–8:30 p.m.

The Girl Before by JP Delaney.

Southwest Book Club:

Southwest Branch

Thursday, December 19, 2–3:30 p.m.

Virtual

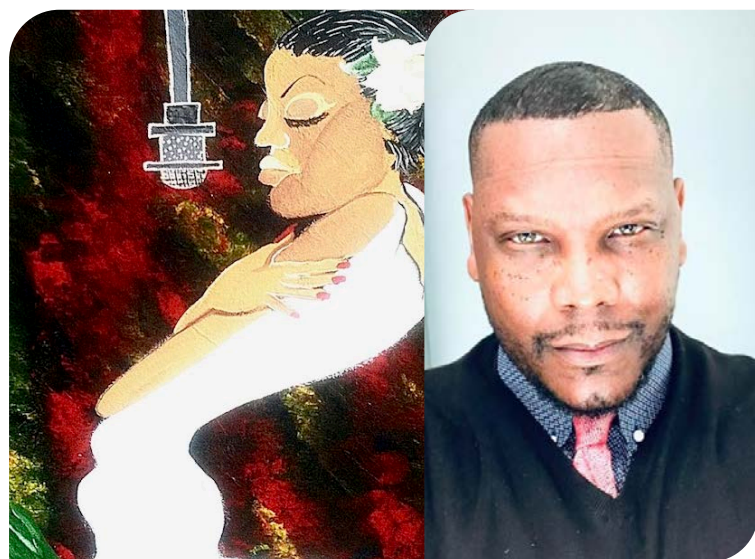
Tuesday, December 17, 7–8:30 p.m.

Anxious People by Fredrik Backman.

Registration required. Ages 18 and up.

ART EXHIBITS

ocls.org/art



Meet the Artist: Calvin Bell

Eatonville Branch
Saturday, December 7, Noon

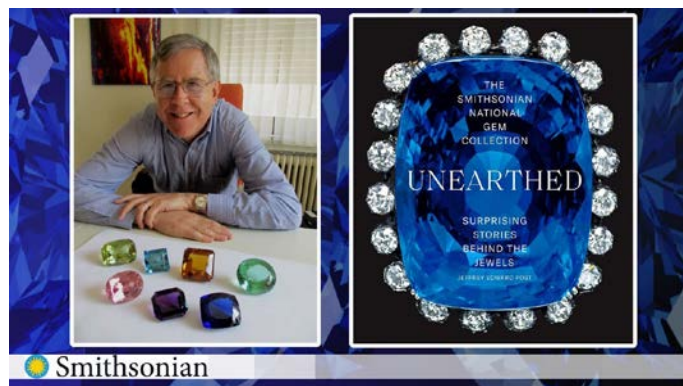
Join artist Calvin Bell to learn about the inspiration behind his latest collection entitled *I Can Hear My Granny*. With 28 years of experience in art exhibits, installations and working with veterans through art therapy, Calvin's two-dimensional artwork reflects his deep skill and passion. Calvin's art combines themes of joy, simple country living and spiritual comfort.

I Can Hear My Granny by Calvin Bell
Eatonville Branch

On Display Through December 31
 Reconnect with your emotions and experience happiness through art. In this exhibition, Calvin Bell pays homage to his grandmother's legacy of love and wisdom passed down through the generations.

MEET THE AUTHOR

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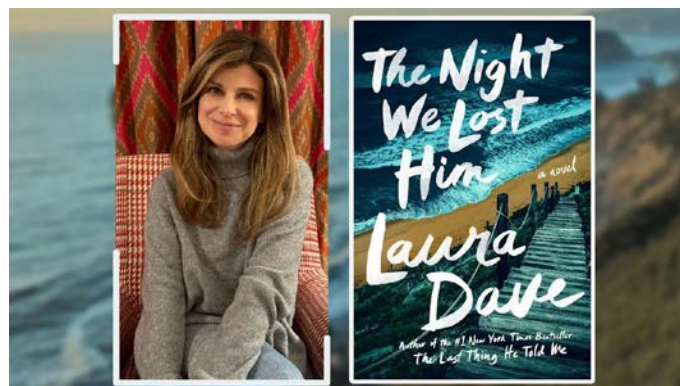


Author Talk: Jeff Post

Unearthed: Surprising Stories Behind the Jewels

Virtual
Wednesday, December 4, 2 p.m.

Join the emeritus curator of the Smithsonian's National Gem Collection, Dr. Jeffrey E. Post as he talks about *The Smithsonian National Gem Collection Unearthed: Surprising Stories Behind the Jewels*.



Author Talk: Laura Dave

On Pulse-Pounding, Family-Driven Mysteries

Virtual
Wednesday, December 11, 2 p.m.

Join us for a captivating conversation with number one *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Last Thing He Told Me*, Laura Dave, as she chats with us online about her newest book *The Night We Lost Him*.

Preparing for Retirement: Legal

Southwest Branch
Wednesday, December 4, 1:30 p.m.
 Learn what you need to have in place as you age regarding wills, trusts, estate planning, directives, power of attorney and probate.



How to Lower Costs of Prescription Drugs

Virtual
Monday, December 9, 11 a.m.
 Join Jessica Daly, faculty librarian and assistant professor with AdventHealth, as she shares online resources designed to locate lower prescription prices.



Bingo for Seniors
Winter Garden Branch
Thursday, December 5, 11 a.m.
 Do you love Bingo? Come play with us! Meet new people, listen to music and play for your chance to win a fun prize!

Senior Crafting Connections: Snow Man Ornaments
Hiawassee Branch
Tuesday, December 10, 2-4 p.m.
 Enjoy a relaxed atmosphere, socialize and take home a delightful winter decoration.

Just Paint It
LIFE Information for Elders Branching Out Series
North Orange Branch
Tuesday, December 17, Noon
 Join local artist Rosie Acosta and unleash your artistic talents with a beautiful holiday-themed painting in a relaxed and inspiring atmosphere. Registration required. To register, email OfficeonAging@ocfl.net or call 407.836.7446.

Senior Crafting Connections: Poinsettia Party
Hiawassee Branch
Wednesday, December 18, 11 a.m.
 Get into the crafting groove with poinsettias to enjoy all season long.

LIFE Information for Elders' End of Year Celebration
Orlando Public Library, Library Central
Thursday, December 19, 12:10 p.m.
 Join Orange County Office on Aging, Orange County Library System and our 2024 Life Information for Elders' presenters. Learn more about each presenter's resources and ask questions. Registration required. To register, email OfficeonAging@ocfl.net or call 407.836.7446.

Bingo for Adults
Alafaya Branch
Saturday, December 21, 2 p.m.
 Do you love Bingo? Come play with us! Meet new people, listen to music and play for your chance to win a fun prize! Designed for adults and seniors.

English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)

Basic English 1

South Trail Branch
 Mondays, December 2, 9, 23 & 30, 11:30 a.m.
 Tuesdays, December 3 & 10, 3:30 p.m.
 Thursdays, December 5–26, 11:30 a.m.
 Saturdays, December 7 & 21, 11:30 a.m.
 Fridays, December 13 & 27, 11:30 a.m.
Fairview Shores Branch
 Mondays, December 2–30, 5 p.m.
Southeast Branch
 Tuesdays, December 3–17, 10:15 a.m.
 Wednesdays, December 4–18 2 p.m.
West Oaks Branch
 Tuesdays, December 3–17, 4 p.m.
Windermere Branch
 Wednesdays, December 4–18, 3:30 p.m.
Hiwassee Branch
 Thursdays, December 5–26, 11:45 a.m.
 Saturdays, December 7 & 21, 11 a.m.
North Orange Branch
 Fridays, December 6–20, 11 a.m. & 4:30 p.m.

Designed for students with a beginner-level knowledge of English. Practice basic vocabulary and grammar.

Basic English 2

Southeast Branch
 Tuesdays, December 3–17, 11:15 a.m.
Wednesdays, December 4–18, 3:15 p.m.
Winter Garden Branch
 Tuesdays, December 3–17, Noon–1:30 p.m.
West Oaks Branch
 Tuesdays, December 3–17, 5:30 p.m.
South Trail Branch
 Wednesdays, December 4 & 11, 1:30 p.m.
Windermere Branch
 Wednesdays, December 4–18, 4:45 p.m.
Thursdays, December 5–26, 4:45 p.m.
Hiwassee Branch
 Thursdays, December 5–26, 3 p.m.
Alafaya Branch
 Saturdays, December 7–28, 10:30 a.m.
Chickasaw Branch
 Mondays, December 9 & 16, 5:30 p.m.
 Thursdays, December 12 & 19, 1 p.m.

Designed for students with a high beginner to intermediate level of English. Continue to practice basic vocabulary and grammar.

English Conversation Hour

Hiwassee Branch
 Mondays, December 2–30, 5:25 p.m.
North Orange Branch
 Tuesdays, December 3–17, 3 p.m.
South Trail Branch
 Tuesdays, December 3 & 10, 5 p.m.
 Thursdays, December 5–26, 1 p.m.
 Saturdays, December 7–21, 1 p.m.
Southeast Branch
 Fridays, December 6 & 20, 11:30 a.m.
 Saturday, December 14, 11:30 a.m.
Windermere Branch
 Friday, December 6, 2 p.m.
Alafaya Branch
 Saturdays, December 7–28, Noon
Chickasaw Branch
 Thursdays, December 12 & 19, 2 p.m.
Virtual
 Fridays, December 13 & 20, 4:45 p.m.
 Wednesdays, December 4–18, Noon
 Thursdays, December 5–26, 2 p.m.

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



English for Social Interactions

Fairview Shores Branch
 Mondays, December 2–30, 11 a.m.
North Orange Branch
 Tuesdays, December 3 & 10, 2 p.m.
Hiwassee Branch
 Thursdays, December 5–19, 5:30 p.m.
Virtual
 Mondays, December 2–23, 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, December 3 & 10, 2 p.m.
 Focus on developing various aspects of literacy with a certified ESOL instructor from the Adult Literacy League.

English Conversation Hour 2

South Trail Branch
 Wednesdays, December 4 & 11, 3 p.m.
 Intended for intermediate and advanced English language learners.

English Reading Session

Hiwassee Branch
 Wednesdays, December 4–18, 4:45 p.m.
 Students will read an excerpt from a story, discuss it and look up the meaning of the words.

Introductory English Course

Chickasaw Branch
 Saturday, December 14, Noon
 Friday, December 20, Noon
 Designed for students who have very little or no English experience. Start from the beginning with letter sounds, syllables and basic vocabulary.

Let's Get Talking

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Speaking Clearly Beginners

Southeast Branch
 Fridays, December 6 & 20, 10:30 a.m.
 Saturday, December 14, 10:30 a.m.
Virtual
 Mondays, December 2–23, 11:30 a.m.
 Designed to introduce the basics of the sounds of English for pronunciation.

Speaking Clearly Intermediate

Southeast Branch
 Tuesdays, December 3–17, 2 p.m.
 Learn rules of spelling and pronunciation of English words and phrases.

Speaking Clearly Advanced

Virtual
 Mondays, December 2–23, 10 a.m.
 Improve your English speaking and pronunciation skills.



Writing Clearly Beginner

North Orange Branch
 Tuesday, December 10, 5:30 p.m.
South Trail Branch
 Fridays, December 13 & 27, 1 p.m.
 Focuses on parts of speech, organization of sentences and vocabulary building.

Writing Clearly Intermediate

North Orange Branch
 Tuesdays, December 3 & 17, 5:30 p.m.
Southeast Branch
 Thursdays, December 5–19, 1:30 p.m.
Virtual
 Tuesdays, December 10 & 17, 10:30 a.m.
 Focus on grammar for complex ideas, including sentence structures, paragraphs and essay writing.

Writing Clearly Advanced

Virtual
 Wednesdays, December 11 & 18, 10:30 a.m.
 Practice academic-style writing along with more complex vocabulary.

French

Beginner Adult French

Windermere Branch
 Mondays, December 2–16, 2:30 p.m.
Virtual
 Fridays, December 13 & 20, 2 p.m.
 Designed for students with no prior French exposure. Ages 18 and up.

Intermediate Adult French

Virtual
 Tuesdays, December 3–17, 1 p.m.
 Wednesdays, December 4–18, 6 p.m.
 Designed for those with previous exposure to or instruction in French but are not fluent. Ages 18 and up.

Beginner French for Children

South Trail Branch
 Wednesdays, December 4 & 18, 4 p.m.
 Bonjour et Bienvenue. Join us for a fun-filled language learning experience with hands-on activities. Registration required. Ages 9–12.

Homeschool: French

Windermere Branch
 Tuesday, December 17, 2 p.m.
 Develop your French skills with us! Learn basic vocabulary, numbers, colors and much more. Ages 6–12.

Spanish

Spanish Conversation

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

Spanish from Zero: Basics with Ms. Brenda

Virtual
 Tuesdays, December 3 & 10, 4 p.m.

Spanish from Zero: Intermediate with Ms. Brenda

Virtual
 Tuesdays, December 3 & 10, 10:15 a.m. & 5 p.m.

Spanish From Zero for Beginners with Ms. Brenda

Virtual
 Tuesdays, December 3 & 10, 11:45 a.m. & 6 p.m.

Beginner Spanish Storytime

South Creek Branch
 Thursday, December 5, 10:30 a.m.
 Introduce beginner Spanish words and phrases to your little one through stories, songs and interactive play. Ages 3–5.

Citizenship Inspired

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Citizenship Inspired

South Creek Branch
 Wednesdays & Thursdays, December 4, 5, 11 & 12, 5–6:30 p.m.
Hiwassee Branch
 Thursdays, December 5–26, 10:30 a.m.
Windermere Branch
 Thursdays, December 5–26, 3–4:30 p.m.
Chickasaw Branch
 Fridays, December 13 & 27, 2:30–5:30 p.m.
Virtual
 Tuesdays & Wednesdays, December 3, 4, 10 & 11, 3–5 p.m.
 During this program, students will meet to prepare for the U.S. Naturalization (Citizenship) Test and Interview.





Show Production

Show Production classes offer students hands-on experience to better understand the technical and artistic elements necessary in bringing a production to life.

Introduction to Show Production Systems
Orlando Public Library, Melrose Center
Sunday, December 8, 2–3:30 p.m.
In this introduction course, we will define live-production components and systems. You will also learn the basic concepts of live-event terminology and technical systems.

Stage Lighting Equipment
Orlando Public Library, Melrose Center
Sunday, December 8, 4–5:30 p.m.
Learn some lighting instruments commonly used in professional stage lighting. In this class you will learn about ellipsoidal spotlights by using an ETC Source Four LED Series 2 Lustr.

Introduction to LED Video Walls
Orlando Public Library, Melrose Center
Sunday, December 15, 3–4:30 p.m.
Using the new LED wall at the Melrose Center as a case study, learn about the components of a system and talk about the types of LED walls.

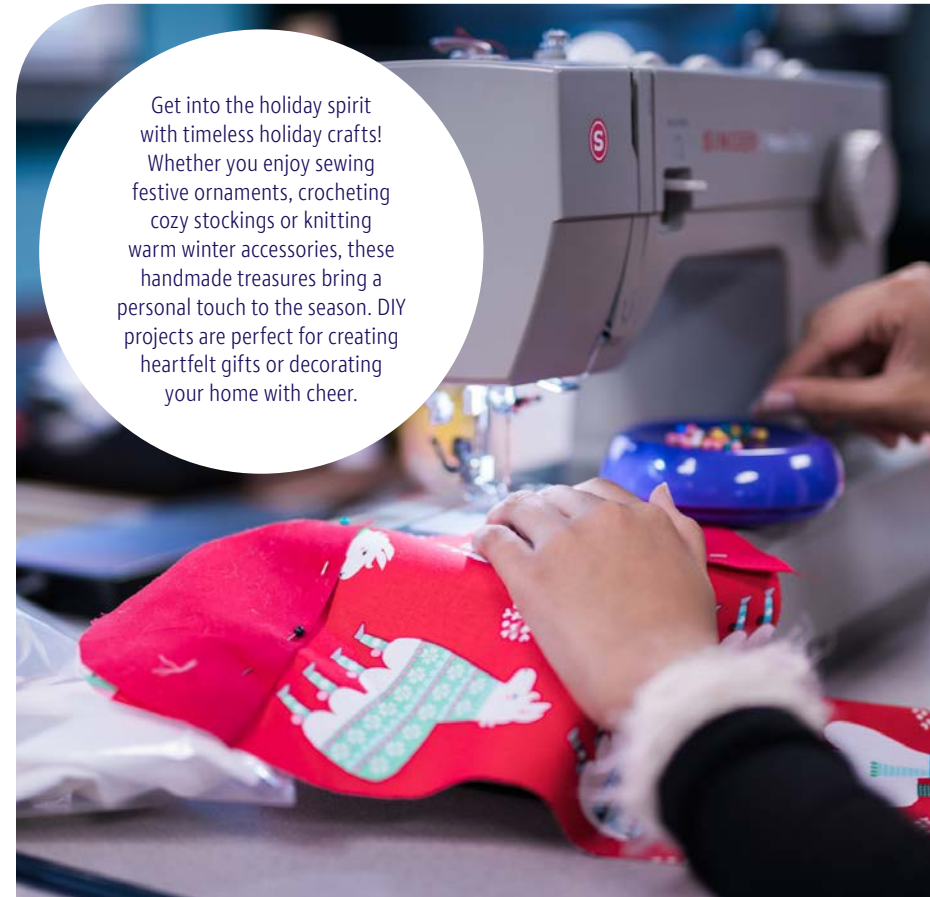
Wireless Microphone Techniques
Orlando Public Library, Melrose Center
Wednesday, December 18, 2–3:30 p.m.
Learn the basics of a wireless microphone system to help you on your next production. Using Shure and GTD Wireless systems, we'll cover its components, setup and some common issues.

Video Projection Fundamentals
Orlando Public Library, Melrose Center
Wednesday, December 18, 5–6:30 p.m.
In this class you will learn common terminology for video projection as well as optimal setup techniques for them. We will also cover modes of geometric correction commonly found on projectors.

Sound Booths

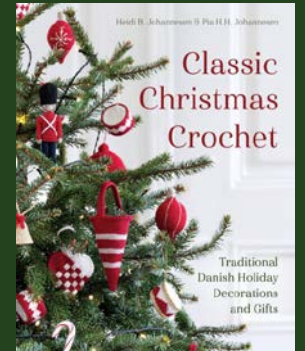
Perfect for recording podcasts, voiceovers or song vocals, our sound booths are open and ready for your next audio recording project! Orange County Library System cardholders who have completed a General Orientation for the Melrose Center may book two-hour sessions, up to three at a time. Visit our Rooms & Studios page or call 407.835.7323 to reserve.

Looking to get familiar with the equipment and software in the Melrose Podcast Booth before your first booking? Sign up for our Podcast Booth Fundamentals class offered multiple times each month. Learn how to effectively record with two to four microphones, save and export files and more. Visit ocls.org/melrose for a full list of Melrose Center classes and events.



Get into the holiday spirit with timeless holiday crafts! Whether you enjoy sewing festive ornaments, crocheting cozy stockings or knitting warm winter accessories, these handmade treasures bring a personal touch to the season. DIY projects are perfect for creating heartfelt gifts or decorating your home with cheer.

FIBER ARTS BOOK OF THE MONTH:



Classic Christmas Crochet: Traditional Danish Holiday Decorations and Gifts
by Heidi B. Johannesen & Pia H. H. Johannesen
Gorgeous Christmas decorations brimming with nostalgia, perfect for the tree, windowsills, wreaths, centerpieces and more. New from Scandinavian knit designers Heidi and Pia Johannesen, this classic selection of holiday designs evokes the spirit of the season with compelling simplicity.

KNITTING AND CROCHET

Knit and Crochet Meetup
Chickasaw Branch
Tuesdays, December 3–17, 4:30 p.m.
Windermere Branch
Tuesday, December 10, 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.

Crochet Granny Squares
Eatonville Branch
Saturday, December 7, 2:30 p.m.
Crochet a classic granny square. Granny squares are the foundation of many blankets, bags and sweaters. Learn how to crochet in circles and then use increase stitches to make a square.

Kid's Crochet
Alafaya Branch
Monday, December 9, 4 p.m.
Learn how to crochet a new project each month. Beginners welcome. Materials will be provided. Ages 8–12.

Crochet Winter Ornament
Alafaya Branch
Friday, December 13, 4 p.m.
Learn the basics of how to crochet a winter ornament.

Let's Crochet Level 1 & 2
Hiawassee Branch
Mondays, December 16 & 30, 4 p.m.
Start crocheting today! Learn basic techniques while creating your first project. Techniques include creating a slip knot, chaining and single crochet stitches.

SEWING CLASSES

Sewing: Holiday Stockings
Orlando Public Library
Monday, December 2 & 9, 10:30 a.m.
Stockings are a must-have for the holidays. Use a simple pattern to create a custom stocking. Learn some basic lining and cuff sewing techniques. Students are required to bring fabric.

Sewing: Introduction to the Sewing Machine
Chickasaw Branch
Thursday, December 5, 3 p.m.
Ever wanted to make your own custom clothes, home decor, costumes or accessories? Join us in this basic sewing class and learn about sewing safety, basic sewing machine skills and stitching seams.

Hand Sewing Basics
Hiawassee Branch
Wednesday, December 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.

Sewing: Introduction to the Sewing Machine
Chickasaw Branch
Thursday, December 26, 3 p.m.
Ever wanted to make your own custom clothes, home decor, costumes or accessories? Join us in this basic sewing class and learn about sewing safety, basic sewing machine skills and stitching seams. Ages 11–17.

Craft a Stress Free Season

Relax, craft holiday gifts and spend time together – free of charge at your local library.

Resin Bookmarks

Chickasaw Branch
Saturday, December 14, 2–3:30 p.m.
 Create your own custom bookmark using resin and assorted embellishments for a unique design. Registration required. Ages 18 and up.



Yoga for Holiday Stress

Virtual
Thursday, December 5, 7 p.m.
 Combines movement, meditation and breathing to help minimize stress. Presented by certified yoga instructor Dana Brady.



Cookie Mix Gift Jars

Follow these simple instructions from Alafaya Branch to make Cookie Mix Gift Jars at home!

- 3/4 C All Purpose Flour
- 1/2 tsp Baking Soda
- 1/2 tsp Baking Powder
- 1/2 tsp Salt
- 1/2 C Rolled Oats
- 1/3 C Chocolate Chips or M&Ms
- 1/4 C Brown Sugar
- 1/4 C Sugar

Combine flour, baking soda, baking powder and salt. Beginning with flour mixture, layer ingredients in a quart jar, packing each layer tightly.

Add a ribbon and a tag with instructions:

Combine contents of jar, 1/4 cup melted butter, 1 beaten egg and 1/2 teaspoon vanilla. Mix until blended. Roll into 1-inch balls, place on ungreased cookie sheet and bake at 375° for 12–14 minutes. Makes 1 dozen cookies.

Crochet Pie Earrings

Virtual
Wednesdays, December 4, 11 & 18, 10–11:30 a.m.
 Celebrate the season of feasting with these adorable, customizable pie earrings!



Book Cover Gift Bags

Chickasaw Branch
Monday, December 16, 10:30 a.m.–Noon
 Create your own cute gift bags for the holidays using book covers. Registration required. Ages 18 and up.



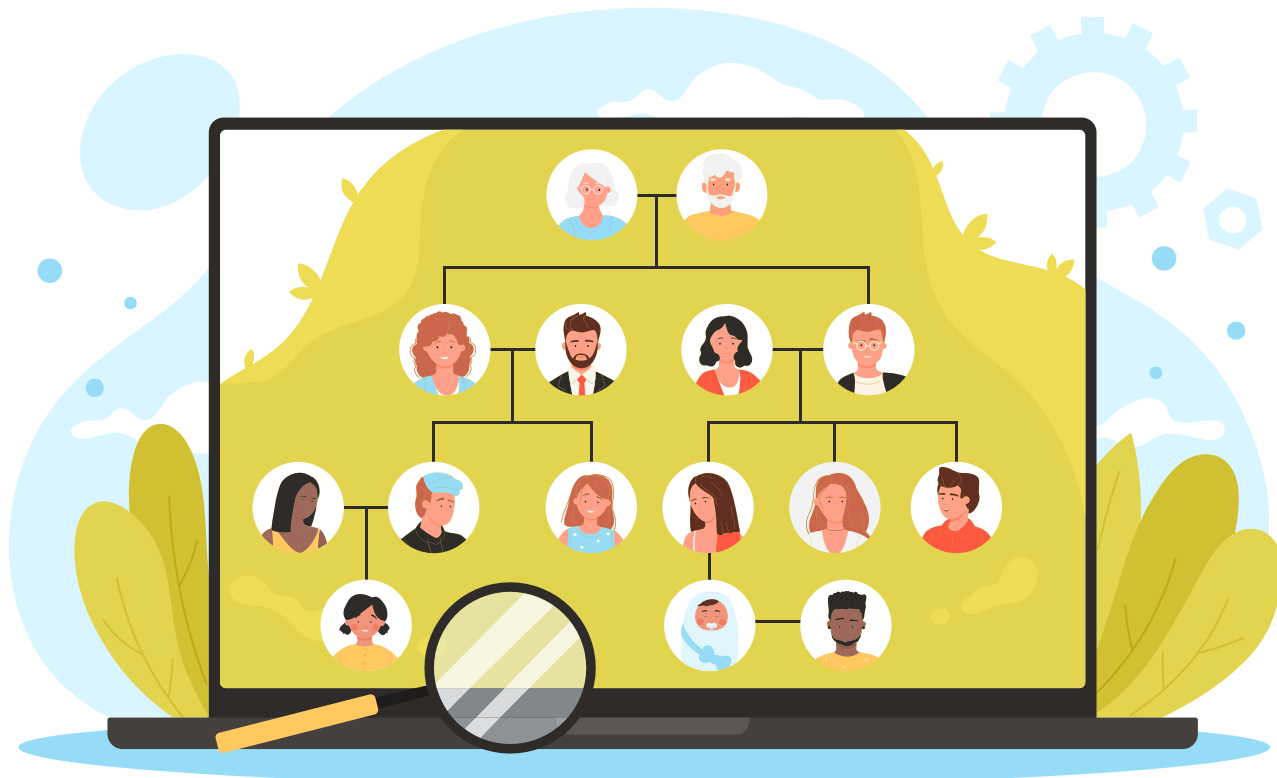
Sewing: Gift Bags for Every Occasion

Orlando Public Library
Monday, December 16, 10:30 a.m.
 Southwest Branch
Saturday, December 21, 2 p.m.
 Impress that special someone in your life by wrapping their gift in a handmade gift bag! These gift bags can be made for any occasion. They are fast and easy to make and each one is unique.



Anime Craft: Ornament

Hiwassee Branch
Friday, December 6, 4–5:30 p.m.
 Create your own winter-themed anime ornament for the season. Ages 13–18.



Make the Most Out of Your Searches on Ancestry.com
 Virtual
 Wednesday, December 4, 6:30 p.m.
 Learn how to make the most out of your searches on Ancestry Library Edition and **Ancestry.com**.

Organizing Your Family History Research
 Virtual
 Thursday, December 5, Noon
 Keep your genealogy research on track by staying organized. Learn how to organize your genealogy documents and do your research in a systematic manner.

Hathi Trust Digital Library and Genealogy
 Virtual
 Tuesday, December 10, 1 p.m.
 Discover the Hathi Trust Digital Library and learn how you can use this amazing resource to enhance your genealogical research.

Exploring FamilySearch.org
 Virtual
 Wednesday, December 11, 6:30 p.m.
 FamilySearch is a tremendous and free source for family history research. Learn how to navigate this website and how to make the most of the information that it contains.

Genealogy Box: Organizing Documents
 Virtual
 Thursday, December 12, Noon
 Have you ever received a box of family memorabilia from a relative and weren't sure how to process the items? Learn how to scan, catalog, and handle a box full of surprise genealogical keepsakes.

Exploring DNA Websites
 Virtual
 Tuesday, December 17, 1 p.m.
 Explore four DNA websites: Ancestry DNA, FamilyTreeDNA, MyHeritage and 23andme. Learn the differences between the companies and see how to navigate each company's website.

Navigating Fold3.com
 Virtual
 Wednesday, December 18, 6:30 p.m.
 Fold3 is a valuable resource for military records and family history research. Learn how to navigate this website and make the most of the records it offers to enhance your genealogical research.

Lucidchart for Genealogy
 Virtual
 Thursday, December 19, Noon
 Discover how you can use Lucidchart for your genealogy research. Learn how to build family trees, pedigree charts and more!

Conducting Family History Interviews
 Virtual
 Thursday, December 26, Noon
 Oral history is an important part of genealogical research. Learn how to get the most information from the family members you interview.



Coding Concepts Level 1

Fairview Shores Branch
 Wednesdays, December 4 & 18, 10:30 a.m.
 Southwest Branch
 Thursday, December 5, 10:30 a.m.
 Eatonville Branch
 Tuesday, December 10, 11:30 a.m.
 Orlando Public Library
 Tuesday, December 10, 4 p.m.
 South Trail Branch
 Friday, December 13, 10:15 a.m.
 Alafaya Branch
 Friday, December 13, 1 p.m.
 Begin your journey into the world of coding. Learn to use the Visual Studio Code editor to write coding languages like HTML, CSS, JavaScript or even Python.

Coding Concepts Level 2

Southwest Branch
 Thursday, December 5, 1 p.m.
 Fairview Shores Branch
 Wednesday, December 11, 10:30 a.m.
 Thursday, December 26, 10:30 a.m.
 Eatonville Branch
 Wednesday, December 11, 11:30 a.m.
 Orlando Public Library
 Wednesday, December 11, 4 p.m.
 Alafaya Branch
 Friday, December 20, 1 p.m.
 South Trail Branch
 Friday, December 27, 10:15 a.m.
 Learn the foundational, universal programming terminology to help you succeed in creating apps, games and other solutions.

Javascript Fundamentals
 Alafaya Branch
 Thursday, December 12, Noon
 Fairview Shores Branch
 Friday, December 13, 11 a.m.
 Orlando Public Library
 Saturday, December 14, 10:30 a.m.
 Southwest Branch
 Thursday, December 19, 10:30 a.m.
 South Trail Branch
 Friday, December 27, 2:45 p.m.
 Develop interactive webpages with rich media content. Students will learn the fundamental of JavaScript and useful techniques to bring a static webpage to life.

Python Programming
 Orlando Public Library
 Thursday, December 12, 4 p.m.
 South Trail Branch
 Friday, December 13, 2:45 p.m.
 Southwest Branch
 Thursday, December 19, 1 p.m.
 Create a program with Python, an easy to learn programming language. Assign variables, input data and develop calculations to make an interactive application.

Introduction to Object-Oriented Programming
 Orlando Public Library
 Friday, December 13, 3:30 p.m.
 Take your knowledge of coding to the next level with Object-Oriented Programming. Learn modern application development by defining classes, creating objects and simplifying code.

STAFF SPOTLIGHT

ANGELA OHL

BRANCH OUTREACH SPECIALIST



Hello, everyone! My name is Angela Ohl and I am the Outreach Specialist for the Hiwassee Branch. As an Orlando native, I grew up taking the bus to Southeast Branch where I was able to foster a lifelong love of reading. The library saw me through homework, projects, graduating from high school, eventually college, and becoming a teacher. I would not have the opportunities I have today without the support of my local library.

The love of reading led to a love of teaching. I taught preschool for eight years before becoming a Middle School Civics Teacher. Teaching middle school, I saw gaps in my students' ability to read, comprehend and enjoy books, which led to a lot of struggles with their schoolwork and test-taking skills. I knew I wanted to foster that same love of reading that I had at their age which led me right back to where it all began – the library.

In this role, I am able to bring the library and all the amazing resources it offers out into the community! I get to continue to teach in a wider variety of ways, concentrating on how fun learning is. I host writing workshops for seniors, bring the community pop-up libraries, provide interactive story times and literacy activities for local schools, execute STEM challenges and even conduct art classes. When I'm not out meeting the diverse community where they are, you can find me thrifting, exploring Florida's nature with my husband and son, and reading. If you see me around, please say hi and tell me what the library means to you!

OUTREACH EVENTS

Storytime at the Lake Eola Playground
501 E. Washington St.,
Orlando, FL 32801
Sunday, December 1, 10:30 a.m.

Storytime at Leu Gardens
1920 N. Forest Ave.,
Orlando, FL 32803
Monday, December 2, 10 a.m.

Horizon West Kids Book Club
16150 Pebble Bluff Loop,
Winter Garden, FL 34787
Monday, December 2, 6 p.m.
Ages 7 and up.

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

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

Oakland Storytime
126 W. Petris Ave.,
Oakland, FL 34760
Thursday, December 5, 10 a.m.
Ages 0–4.

Symphony Storytime
425 N. Bumby Ave.,
Orlando, FL 32803
Saturday, December 7, 9:30 a.m.

Storytime at the Airport
Orlando Executive Airport
365 Rickenbacker Drive,
Orlando, FL 32803
Tuesday, December 10, 10:30 a.m.

Horizon West Book Club: Waterleigh Daytime Readers
16150 Pebble Bluff Loop,
Winter Garden, FL 34787
Wednesday, December 18, 12:30 p.m.

BOOK BIKE

Book Bike at Lake Eola
501 E. Washington St.,
Orlando, FL 32801
Sunday, December 1, 10 a.m.

Book Bike at Leu Gardens
1920 N. Forest Ave.,
Orlando, FL 32803
Monday, December 2, 10 a.m.

Oakland Farmer's Market: Meet the Book Bike!
126 W. Petris Ave.,
Oakland, FL 34760
Thursday, December 12, 9 a.m.–Noon

Third Thursday at Heritage Square Park
65 E. Central Blvd.,
Orlando, FL 32801
Thursday, December 19, at 5 p.m.

Cocoa and Construction

Washington Park Branch
Wednesday, December 4, 4 p.m.

South Trail Branch
Wednesday, December 11, 4:30 p.m.

Test your marshmallow engineering skills while drinking a cup of hot cocoa. Registration required.



Family Game Time December
Alafaya Branch
Sunday, December 1, 2–4 p.m.
Come play board games and card games with family and friends.

Mindful Start Family Yoga
Winter Garden Branch
Mondays, December 2–30, 10:15 & 11:15 a.m.
Southwest Branch
Tuesdays, December 3–17, 11 a.m.
West Oaks Branch
Wednesdays, December 4–18, 10 a.m.

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

Dungeons & Dragons
Windermere Branch
Mondays, December 2–30, 4:30–6 p.m.
Have you ever wanted to play Dungeons & Dragons? Now's your chance! Ages 9–17.

Winter Bingo!
Fairview Shores Branch
Tuesday, December 3, 4:30 p.m.
Bingo! You could win cool winter-themed prizes to take home.

Storytime Crafts
Southwest Branch
Thursdays, December 5–26, 10 a.m.–Noon
Drop in before and after storytime to create a make-and-take craft. Ages 0–5.

Reboot Boutique
Eatonville Branch
Thursday, December 5, 4:30 p.m.
It's time to add to your closet with new-to-you pieces. Join us for a free shopping experience with gently used clothing.

Southeast Thursday Kids Club
Southeast Branch
Thursdays, December 5–26, 4:30 p.m.
Every week offers a different adventure: games, STEM challenges and more. Ages 5 and up.

Storytime Crafts
Southwest Branch
Thursdays, December 5–26, 10 a.m.–Noon
Drop in before and after storytime to create a make-and-take craft. Ages 0–5.

Box Engineers
Southeast Branch
Saturday, December 7, 10:30 a.m.
Alafaya Branch
Saturday, December 21, 4 p.m.
Fuel your creativity with a cardboard box! Families will work together to construct an architectural marvel. Registration required. Ages 5 and up.

ArtMazing
South Creek Branch
Saturday, December 7, 10:30 a.m.
Unleash your inner artist and discover your creative side in this art exploration. Ages 6 and up.

Growing Up Wild: Spider Web Wonders
Southwest Branch
Saturday, December 7, 11 a.m.
Children learn about spiders and spider webs. Ages 4–7.

Bunny Care 101
Winter Garden Branch
Saturday, December 7, Noon
Learn all about the care and keeping of bunnies as house pets and meet some adoptable rabbits! Registration required.

Family Art Adventures: Hokusai
Hiwassee Branch
Saturday, December 7, 1–3 p.m.
Learn about Hokusai, the Japanese artist who created the wood block painting, "The Great Wave," then create a masterpiece in his style.

Holiday DIY Crafts
Chickasaw Branch
Saturday, December 7, 2 p.m.
Create handmade decorations, ornaments or simple gifts for the holiday season.



Gingerbread Build-Off

South Creek Branch
 Saturday, December 14, 2:30 p.m.
 Chickasaw Branch
 Monday, December 23, 11 a.m.
 Grab your gumdrops and frosting, it's time to construct the gingerbread house of your dreams!



Ice, Ice Baby

West Oaks Branch
 Tuesday, December 10, 11 a.m.
 Winter Garden Branch
 Thursday, December 12, 10:30 a.m.
 Discover the season of cold with your baby. Stories, songs and rhymes will introduce your baby to all things cold.

Blades of Flurry
 West Oaks Branch
 Saturday, December 7, 3 p.m.
 Learn to skate across the floor while staying toasty inside with some hot cocoa.

Make With Me
 Alafaya Branch
 Saturday, December 14, 11 a.m.
 Paper mâché a mason jar to make a snowman or reindeer. Registration required. Ages 5 and up.

No-Ice Ice Skating
 Hiawassee Branch
 Thursday, December 19, 4 p.m.
 Learn to skate across the floor while staying warm inside with some hot cocoa.

BABY (Ages 0–18 Months)
Baby Animals: In the Snow
 Southeast Branch
 Monday, December 2, 10:15 a.m.
 Explore baby animals in the winter with a story and sensory play all while warming up to new friends.

Bubble Playtime
 Alafaya Branch
 Wednesday, December 4, 10:30 a.m.
 Hiawassee Branch
 Friday, December 27, 11 a.m.
 Help your child develop gross motor skills in this interactive bubble party. Ages 2–5.

Toddler Playground
 Southwest Branch
 Wednesday, December 18, 11 a.m.
 Use unstructured play to advance physical and cognitive development and have fun.

Family Trivia: Star Wars
 Alafaya Branch
 Wednesday, December 11, 5 p.m.
 Answer trivia questions about Star Wars, then make your own paper droid! Registration required. Age 5 and up.

Sensory Storytime
 Chickasaw Branch
 Monday, December 16, 11 a.m.
 Promote your child's literacy and learning in a welcoming storytime for kids with sensory integration challenges. Registration required.

Fun Family Film
 South Trail Branch
 Saturdays, December 21 & 28, 10:30 a.m.
 Join us for a movie that's fun for the whole family!

Mother Goose on the Loose
 Orlando Public Library
 Mondays, December 2–30, 10:30 a.m.
 Southwest Branch
 Mondays, December 2, 9, 16 & 30, 11 a.m.
 Using rhymes, songs, puppets, musical instruments and more, interact together to help develop important pre-literacy skills.

Storytime Craft
 North Orange Branch
 Wednesdays, December 4–18, 10:30 a.m.
 Drop in before and after storytime to create a make-and-take craft. Ages 2–5.

Winter Craft and a Snack
 Eatonville Branch
 Friday, December 20, 10:30 a.m.
 Join us for a winter-inspired craft and enjoy a small snack while creating. Ages 2–4.

Jukebox Bingo '90s and 2000s
 Hiawassee Branch
 Thursday, December 12, 4–5:30 p.m.
 Compete against fellow music lovers while enjoying a lively atmosphere filled with tunes.

Bubble Playtime
 Winter Garden Branch
 Wednesday, December 18, 11 a.m.
 Help your child develop gross motor skills in this interactive bubble party. Ages 0–5.

Growing Up WILD: Looking at Leaves
 Southwest Branch
 Saturday, December 21, 11 a.m.
 Children practice their observation skills by comparing leaves. Ages 4–7.

Brrr Babies
 Fairview Shores Branch
 Thursdays, December 5–19, 10:30 a.m.
 Baby, it's cold outside! We'll introduce your baby to stories, songs and rhymes about all things winter.

Chilly Critters
 Southwest Branch
 Wednesday, December 4, 11 a.m.
 Orlando Public Library
 Tuesday, December 17, 10:30 a.m.
 Discover chilly animal friends and their snowy homes with fun stories, crafts and activities.

PRESCHOOL (Ages 3–5)

Hora de Cuentos en Español
 Chickasaw Branch
 Lunes, 2 de diciembre, 11 a.m.
 Ayude a su hijo a desarrollar habilidades clave de alfabetización temprana a través de la música, el movimiento e historias en esta hora de cuentos en español.

Winter Watercolors
 South Trail Branch
 Thursday, December 12, 4–5:30 p.m.
 Learn and practice the art of watercolors to depict a beautiful winter landscape. Registration required.

Pirates of Arendelle
 Fairview Shores Branch
 Wednesday, December 18, 3:30 p.m.
 Ahoy mateys! Set sail for Arendelle with our friendly pirate crew. We'll read Hans Christian Anderson's *The Snow Queen*, and play games with everyone's favorite parrot, Petey!

Homeschool Makerspace Meetup
 Eatonville Branch
 Thursday, December 26, 11:15 a.m.
 Discover the joy of crafting everyday items. Learn skills and embrace the art of making!

TODDLER (Ages 18–36 Months)

Peppermint Pals
 Fairview Shores Branch
 Tuesday, December 3, 10:30 a.m.
 Southeast Branch
 Monday, December 16, 10:15 a.m.
 Join us for stories, crafts and activities inspired by sweet peppermint treats.

Dachshund Through the Snow
 Fairview Shores Branch
 Tuesday, December 10, 10:30 a.m.
 Read stories, sing songs and make a winter craft inspired by the popular dachshund dog.

Sesame Street Storytime
 Virtual
 Mondays, December 2–23, 11 a.m.
 Let's make it a sunny day with a storytime and craft celebrating our favorite friends.

Escape the '80s
 Fairview Shores Branch
 Friday, December 13, 3 p.m.
 Do you have what it takes to solve puzzles and escape the '80s before we're caught by mall security?

It Doesn't Snow in Florida
 Winter Garden Branch
 Wednesday, December 18, 4:30 p.m.
 It may not snow in Florida, but that doesn't mean we can't make our own winter fun!

Winter Movie: Home Alone
 Hiawassee Branch
 Saturday, December 28, 1–3 p.m.
 Bring the whole family to enjoy a classic movie screening!

Artsy Toddler
 Orlando Public Library
 Tuesday, December 3, 11 a.m.
 Chickasaw Branch
 Wednesday, December 4, 11 a.m.
 Alafaya Branch
 Wednesday, December 11, 10:30 a.m.
 Enjoy stories, songs and exploring age-appropriate art experiences.

I Spy Winter
 Southwest Branch
 Wednesday, December 11, 11 a.m.
 Explore a winter wonderland through a story and hands-on activities to warm up your little fingers.

Little Chef: Build a Snowman
 Alafaya Branch
 Monday, December 2, 2 p.m.
 Build a snowman by decorating cookies with frosting, candy and other sweet treats! Adult participation required. Registration required.

A Frozen Storytime
 Fairview Shores Branch
 Tuesday, December 17, 10:30 a.m.
 It's Queen Elsa's birthday! We'll celebrate with stories, themed songs and a craft to take home.

Pajama Party
 Virtual
 Mondays, December 2–23, 7 p.m.
 Enjoy an interactive storytime with a book, songs, games and a craft.

Little Chef: Winter Cake in a Jar

West Oaks Branch
 Tuesday, December 3, 11 a.m.
 Hiwassee Branch
 Friday, December 6, 11 a.m.
 Chickasaw Branch
 Saturday, December 21, 11 a.m.

Layer cake, sweet frosting and colorful sprinkles to make a delicious gift. Adult participation required.



Happy Noon Year

South Creek Branch
 Thursday, December 26, 11:30 a.m.
 Fairview Shores Branch
 Monday, December 30, 11:30 a.m.

Make some noise and ring in the noon year with your little ones! Join us for fun and games with an exciting countdown at noon.

STORYTIMES

ocls.org/storytime

TINY TALES

(ages 0–18 months)

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

TODDLER TIME

(ages 18–36 months)

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

STORYBOOK FUN

(ages 3–5)

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

ZERO TO FIVE STORYTIME

(ages 0–5)

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

FAMILY STORYTIME

Alafaya Branch, Second Sunday, 2 p.m.
 South Creek Branch, Third Sunday, 2 p.m.
 West Oaks Branch, Fourth Sunday, 2 p.m.

Mindful Play Learning: Yoga for Preschoolers

Eatonville Branch
 Tuesdays, December 3–17, 10:15 a.m.
 Uses yoga to teach social-emotional skills, support cognitive development and enhance creativity.

Little Chef Jr.

Winter Garden Branch
 Tuesday, December 3, 10:30 a.m.
 Bring a tasty gingerbread person to life with decorations. Adult participation required.

Button Up

North Orange Branch
 Tuesday, December 3, 11 a.m.
 Eatonville Branch
 Wednesday, December 11, 10:15 a.m.
 Chickasaw Branch
 Wednesday, December 18, 11 a.m.
 It's cold outside! Be sure to button up. Join us for stories, crafts and activities all about buttons.

Frozen Storytime

Alafaya Branch
 Tuesday, December 3, 11 a.m.
 Let it go, and join us into the unknown for *Frozen*-themed songs, stories and activities!

Bilingual Storytime

Winter Garden Branch
 Wednesdays, December 4–18, 10:30 a.m.
 Help your child develop key early literacy skills through music, movement and stories in English and Spanish. Ages 2–5.

Homeschool Jr.

Windermere Branch
 Wednesday, December 4, 10:30 a.m.
 Kickstart your child's education! Listen to stories and engage in activities about basic concepts.

Penguin Party

Fairview Shores Branch
 Wednesday, December 4, 10:30 a.m.
 Winter Garden Branch
 Thursday, December 5, 10:30 a.m.
 North Orange Branch
 Thursday, December 5, 11 a.m.
 Alafaya Branch
 Tuesday, December 10, 11 a.m. & 2 p.m.
 South Creek Branch
 Tuesday, December 17, 10:30 a.m.
 Hiwassee Branch
 Friday, December 20, 11 a.m.
 Waddle with us as you enjoy cozy stories, activities and crafts.

STEAM Free Play Jr.

Winter Garden Branch
 Wednesday, December 4, 11 a.m.
 Build observation skills, boost creativity and develop critical thinking. Ages 2–5.

Countdown to Kindergarten

Washington Park Branch
 Thursdays, December 5–19, 4 p.m.
 Help preschoolers develop skills to become readers and succeed in kindergarten. Ages 4–5.

Playtime!

Alafaya Branch
 Fridays, December 6–20, 11:45 a.m.
 Little ones are invited to explore and tinker while engaging in imaginative play. Ages 0–5.

Look, I'm a Scientist: Iceberg Animal Rescue!

Southeast Branch
 Monday, December 9, 10:15 a.m.
 Tuesday, December 10, 4:30 p.m.
 North Orange Branch
 Tuesday, December 10, 11 a.m.
 Learn what happens when it gets very cold and interact while rescuing animals from an iceberg.

Stories & Stretches

Orlando Public Library
 Wednesday, December 11, 10:30 a.m.
 Wiggle and stretch to stories, songs and rhymes focusing on motor development.

Lots of Dots

Chickasaw Branch
 Wednesday, December 11, 11 a.m.
 Some dots are big. Some dots are small. Some dots fly. Some dots fall. Enjoy stories, activities and crafts around us all!

Sensory Free Play

Winter Garden Branch
 Wednesday, December 11, 11 a.m.
 Build motor skills, boost creativity and develop independent thinking. Ages 2–5.

Little Chef:

Milk Carton Gingerbread Houses
 Winter Garden Branch
 Wednesday, December 11, 4:30 p.m.
 West Oaks Branch
 Tuesday, December 17, 11 a.m.

Celebrate the season with your little one as they build their very own gingerbread house. Adult participation required.

Little Chef: Gingerbread House

South Creek Branch
 Thursday, December 12, 10:30 a.m.
 Teach your little one basic kitchen skills as you interact with hands-on recipes. Adult participation required.

Little Artist

North Orange Branch
 Thursday, December 12, 11 a.m.
 Explore art techniques, play with bubbles and learn letters, numbers and colors.

Dance Party: Arctic Rhythm

Hiwassee Branch
 Friday, December 13, 11 a.m.
 Get your toes tapping to some polar beats!

Little Readers

Virtual
 Saturday, December 14, 10 a.m.
 Start your child's reading journey with engaging activities focused on phonics and sight words.

Snowman Shuffle

Alafaya Branch
 Tuesday, December 17, 11 a.m.
 Do you want to build a snowman? Come on by for snowman stories, songs and crafts.

Pajama Jamboree

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

Move and Play December

Alafaya Branch
 Wednesday, December 18, 10:15 a.m.
 Get ready to move and groove!

Little Chef: Snowman Cookies

Washington Park Branch
 Wednesday, December 18, 4 p.m.
 Get cozy as we build a snowman with wintry sweets and a cup of hot chocolate. Adult participation required.

Winter Tales

South Creek Branch
 Thursday, December 19, 10:30 a.m.
 Celebrate the changing of the seasons with cozy stories and a wintry craft.

Little Chef: Chocolate Covered Anything

North Orange Branch
 Thursday, December 19, 11 a.m.
 Celebrate National Chocolate Covered Anything Day by adding chocolate to your favorite treats! Registration required.



Wishing for Winter

Winter Garden Branch

Tuesday, December 3, 4:30 p.m.

Improve your child's literacy skills through stories, crafts and games all centered around the joys of winter.

Homeschool Meetup

Southwest Branch

Mondays, December 2, 9, 16 & 30, 1 p.m.

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

Read to a Therapy Dog

Winter Garden Branch

Monday, December 2, 4 p.m.

Encourages children to practice their reading skills with an attentive furry listener.

LEGO Clubs

South Trail Branch

Mondays, December 2–30, 4:30 p.m.

Windermere Branch

Tuesdays, December 3 & 10, 4:30 p.m.

Southwest Branch

Wednesdays, December 4–18, 4 p.m.

Hiawassee Branch

Friday, December 13, 4:30 p.m.

Chickasaw Branch

Saturdays, December 14 & 28, 11 a.m.

Hiawassee Branch

Thursday, December 26, 4–5:30 p.m.

Join us for lots of building fun. We provide the LEGO, you provide the creativity.

Chess Clubs

Fairview Shores Branch

Tuesdays, December 3–17, 3:30 p.m.

Winter Garden Branch

Wednesdays, December 4 & 18, 3:30 p.m.

Windermere Branch

Mondays, December 9 & 23, 4 p.m.

Orlando Public Library

Saturday, December 14, 2:30–4:30 p.m.

Chess sets are available for play and rule sheets are provided.

Beachy Snow Men

Hiawassee Branch

Tuesday, December 3, 4:30 p.m.

Get in the Florida winter spirit. Make snow men from sand, and dress them up for a fun beach day.

Holiday Card Workshop

South Creek Branch

Tuesday, December 3, 4:30 p.m.

Use a variety of art supplies to create unique cards for your loved ones this holiday season.

Homeschool Discovery

Eatonville Branch

Wednesday, December 4, 10:30 a.m.

Windermere Branch

Thursdays, December 5 & 12, 1 p.m.

Discover the world around us through STEM, geography, art, culture, history and literature.

Adventures in Homeschooling

Orlando Public Library

Wednesdays, December 4 & 18, 1 p.m.

Explore lessons and hands-on activities to inspire curiosity and learning. Ages 6–17.

Cuisine Corner Junior: Snowman Dessert Dip

West Oaks Branch

Wednesday, December 4, 4 p.m.

South Trail Branch

Thursday, December 19, 4:30 p.m.

Do you want to build a snowman? Come pour, mix and taste a dip that will melt in your mouth.

December Crafternoon

Alafaya Branch

Wednesday, December 4, 4 p.m.

Get festive and decorate gingerbread cookies with lots of different toppings. Registration required.

After School Animanga

Orlando Public Library

Thursday, December 5, 3:30 p.m.

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

Fun Phonics: CVC Words

Hiawassee Branch

Thursday, December 5, 4 p.m.

Make phonics fun with games and activities focused on consonant-vowel-consonant words.

Homeschool: Art Expressions

Windermere Branch

Fridays, December 6 & 20, 2 p.m.

Windermere Branch

Friday, December 20, 2 p.m.

Be creative as you learn various art techniques.

Winter Chalk

Alafaya Branch

Sunday, December 8, 2–4 p.m.

Come make winter-themed chalk art.

Homeschool Art: Stained Glass Cards

West Oaks Branch

Monday, December 9, 11 a.m.

Create a card inspired by stained glass mosaics.

Homeschool Technology Class

Windermere Branch

Tuesday, December 10, 2 p.m.

Friday, December 13, 2 p.m.

Explore the fundamentals of technology and hone your computer literacy skills.

Minute to Win It: Winter Games

South Creek Branch

Tuesday, December 10, 4:30 p.m.

Compete against the best in the branch in challenging minute-to-win it mini games.

Homeschool Kindergarten

Windermere Branch

Wednesday, December 11, 10:30 a.m.

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

Homeschool Science: Winter

Alafaya Branch

Wednesday, December 11, 2 p.m.

Winter is here! Chill out and learn some cool science through hands-on science experiments.

Make a Stop Motion Movie

Eatonville Branch

Wednesday, December 11, 2:15 p.m.

Explore the basics of animation while creating your own stop motion movie! Ages 7–9.

Let's Sketch: Winter Zoo

South Trail Branch

Tuesday, December 17, 4:30 p.m.

Learn how to make adorable sketches of various winter animals.



Drive-In Movie Night: Ice Age

Hiawassee Branch

Wednesday, December 11, 4–5:30 p.m.

Let's all go to the drive-in! Design your vehicle and then enjoy a movie snack as we watch *Ice Age*.

Winter Wonderland

Washington Park Branch

Wednesday, December 11, 4 p.m.

South Trail Branch

Thursday, December 19, 10:30 a.m.

South Creek Branch

Friday, December 20, 4:30 p.m.

Join us for winter-themed activities and crafts to get into the spirit of colder weather.

Homeschool: What Is Snow?

Winter Garden Branch

Thursday, December 12, 10:30 a.m.

Discover the science behind winter weather with experiments and crafts. Ages 5–9.

Homeschool Home Ec

Alafaya Branch

Thursday, December 12, 2 p.m.

Learn different fiber arts techniques. This month we'll sew a felt snowman. Registration required.

Arctic Animal Exploration

Eatonville Branch

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

Engage in fun activities to introduce animal species that live in that climate.

Masterpiece Junior: Leonardo da Vinci

Orlando Public Library

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

Learn about his history and create a piece inspired by his historic art. Ages 9–12.

Botanical Collages

South Creek Branch

Saturday, December 14, 10:30 a.m.

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

Pokémon TCG Meetups

Orlando Public Library

Saturday, December 14, 10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Winter Garden Branch

Saturday, December 14, 1 p.m.

Alafaya Branch

Sunday, December 22, 2–4 p.m.

Meet with other Pokémon Trading Card Game enthusiasts. Play with your own deck or trade cards with other players to build better a deck.

Homeschool Science: DIY Snow Slime

West Oaks Branch

Monday, December 16, 11 a.m.

Let it snow, let it snow, let it slime! Learn about chemical reactions and create a winter slime man.

Paper Pizzazz

Winter Garden Branch

Tuesday, December 17, 4 p.m.

Learn to make cool paper decorations to add pizzazz to your own room or to give as a gift.

READING Paws

Chickasaw Branch
Saturday, December 7, 11 a.m.–1 p.m.
Windermere Branch
Saturday, December 14, 11:30 a.m.
Alafaya Branch
Saturday, December 28, 11 a.m.
The Reading Education Assistance Dogs program improves children's reading and communication skills by employing a powerful method: reading to a therapy dog.



Sparkly Snowflakes

Hiwassee Branch
Tuesday, December 17, 4:30 p.m.
Tis the season to sparkle! Create your own keepsake snowflake to gift or enjoy.

Backyard Birds of Prey

Eatonville Branch
Wednesday, December 18, 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.

Happy Habitats

Alafaya Branch
Wednesday, December 18, 4 p.m.
Learn about habitats, plants and animals through books and crafts. This month we're learning about tropical rainforests. Registration required.

Icy Science

West Oaks Branch
Wednesday, December 18, 4 p.m.
Combine ice, cold and fun for experiments that will make your teeth chatter!

Muggle Quidditch

South Creek Branch
Wednesday, December 18, 4 p.m.
Enjoy the sport of wizards and witches. This program is taking place outside, weather permitting. Registration required. Ages 9–18.

Homeschool Branch Out

Windermere Branch
Thursday, December 19, 1 p.m.
Socialize with friends as you expand your horizons during this exploratory recreation time.

Cuisine Corner Junior: Gingerbread Cookie Workshop

Orlando Public Library
Thursday, December 19, 3:30 p.m.
Run, run as fast as you can to catch the gingerbread man! Decorate a famous holiday treat. Ages 9 and up.

BINGO: For Kids!

Alafaya Branch
Thursday, December 19, 4 p.m.
Learn how to play Bingo for a chance to win prizes! Registration required. Ages 5 and up.

Hearts of Gold Therapy Dogs

South Creek Branch
Saturday, December 21, 10:30 a.m.
Southwest Branch
Saturday, December 28, 10:30 a.m.
Children can improve their reading skills by reading to a therapy dog with Golden Retriever Rescue of Mid-Florida.

Macaroni Mania

Windermere Branch
Monday, December 23, 4:30 p.m.
Create a macaroni masterpiece! Use pasta to create one-of-a-kind crafts.

Eco Explorers: Citizen Science

Hiwassee Branch
Friday, December 27, 4:30 p.m.
Try your hand at citizen science and learn about ways you can make a difference.

Be Safe Online

Orlando Public Library
Sunday, December 29, 2 p.m.
Learn safety tips and good practices when using the internet.

Mayor Buddy's Book Club End of Book Party

Orlando Public Library, Library Central
Wednesday, December 18, 4 p.m.
Orlando Mayor Buddy's Book Club is celebrating the completion of their latest book, *The Aquanaut* by Dan Santat! Ages 8–12.

Advancing to Adulthood: Building a Resume

Virtual

Tuesday, December 17, 4 p.m.
Challenge your skills and develop some new ones! Learn through games and activities designed to help prepare you for post high school independence.

High School Advisory Board Meeting

Virtual
Tuesday, December 3, 4 p.m.
Earn community service testing out new programs, brainstorming services and more. Grades 9–12.

Holiday Movie and Crafts

Eatonville Branch
Wednesday, December 4, 3–5 p.m.
'Tis the season to show us your ugliest holiday sweater during this movie and craft spectacular.

Teen Volunteering: Literary & Creative Arts Magazines

Southeast Branch
Wednesday, December 4, 3–5 p.m.
Alafaya Branch
Saturday, December 7, 3–5 p.m.
Hiwassee Branch
Saturday, December 14, 3:30–5:30 p.m.
South Trail Branch
Saturday, December 21, 3:30–5:30 p.m.
Earn community service hours by getting involved in literary and creative arts magazines.

Middle School Advisory Board Meeting

Virtual
Wednesday, December 4, 4 p.m.
Earn community service testing out new programs, brainstorming services and more. Grades 6–8.

Punch Needle Embroidery

Hiwassee Branch
Wednesday, December 4, 4–6 p.m.
Create beautiful, textured embroidery art using the punch needle method.

Teen Board Game Meetup

Winter Garden Branch
Monday, December 9, 2 p.m.
West Oaks Branch
Friday, December 13, 11 a.m.
South Creek Branch
Friday, December 13, 4–5:30 p.m.
Play games, socialize and share resources. Games will be provided or bring one to share!

Lo-Fi Book Club

Virtual
Tuesday, December 10, 4 p.m.
Join us for a relaxed discussion about your favorite books and graphic novels.

Teen Art Adventures: Doodle Art

North Orange Branch
Wednesday, December 11, 5 p.m.
Discover how to use simple repetitive patterns to create brilliant works of art.

Teen Volunteering

Eatonville Branch
Saturday, December 14, 11 a.m.–1 p.m.
Southeast Branch
Wednesday, December 18, 3–5 p.m.
Hiwassee Branch
Saturday, December 21, 1–3 p.m.
Earn two hours of community service by assisting with various tasks for the library.

Going Vintage

Eatonville Branch
Saturday, December 14, 1 p.m.
From bell-bottoms to The Beatles, go-go wild as we travel back to the '60s! Ages 11–18.

DIY Winter Stamps

South Trail Branch

Tuesday, December 10, 4:30 p.m.
Learn how to design and shape a stamp inspired by the winter season. Registration required.



DIY: Clay Craft

Windermere Branch
Saturdays, December 14 & 28, 1 p.m.
Use air-dry clay and paint to create a tic-tac-toe board game in this two-part class.

Animanga Club

Orlando Public Library, Club Central
Saturday, December 14, 2 p.m.
Share your love of anime and manga at the library, complete with snacks and activities.

Delicious in Dungeon

South Creek Branch
Tuesday, December 17, 5:30 p.m.
Indulge in your love of *Dungeon Meshi* with crafts and snacks sure to delight those daring enough to brave the dungeon!

Kids on Brooms

Fairview Shores Branch
Friday, December 20, 4:30 p.m.
Embark on an adventure in a magical boarding school, where you'll dive into a world of fantasy just like in *Dungeons & Dragons*! Ages 11–17.

Cozy Kindle

Fairview Shores Branch
Saturday, December 21, 3 p.m.
Bring your e-reader and case for a decorating event. A winter drink and snack will be provided.

Build LEGO Characters: Bowser

Windermere Branch
Monday, December 23, 2–3:30 p.m.
Use LEGO to bring Bowser from the Super Mario Bros. Movie to life, and code him to play the piano!

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. 🟢

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

Hiawasse Branch

7391 W. Colonial Drive
Orlando, FL 32818

North Orange Branch 🟢

1211 E. Semoran Blvd.
Apopka, FL 32703

Orlando Public Library 🟢

101 E. Central Blvd.
Orlando, FL 32801

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

Christmas

All Locations
Tuesday & Wednesday, December 24 & 25

Día de Navidad

Todos las localidades
Martes y miércoles, 24 y 25 de diciembre

New Year's

All Locations
Tuesday & Wednesday,
December 31 & January 1

Año Nuevo

Todos las localidades
Martes y miércoles, 31 de diciembre y 1 de enero



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