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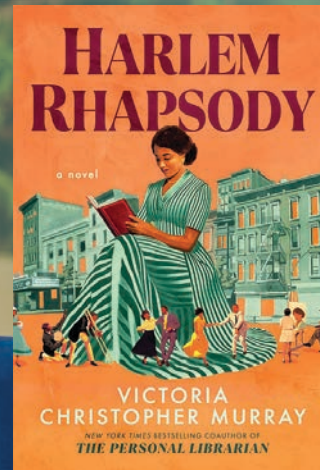
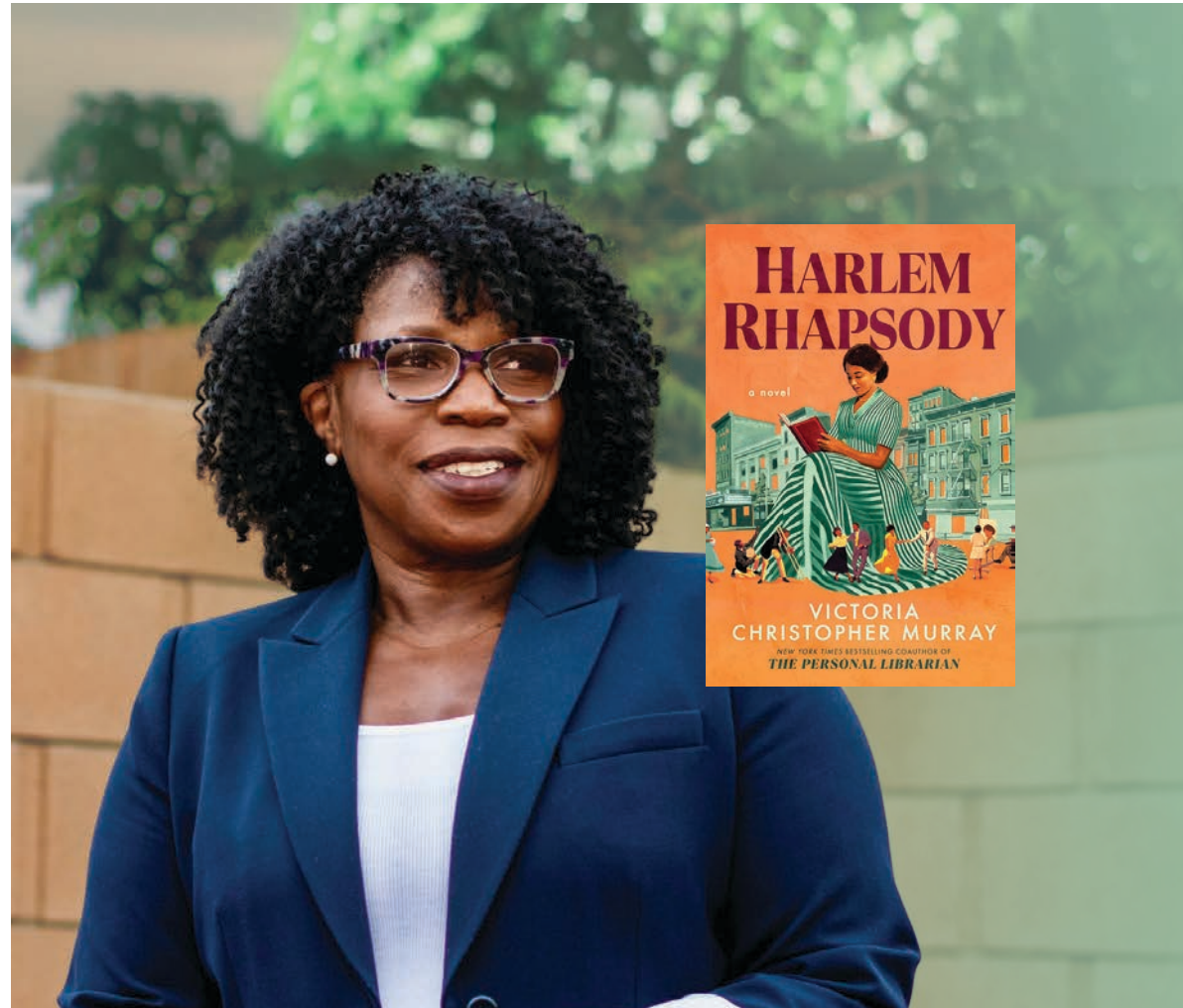
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18th Annual SOUTHWEST AUTHOR SERIES VICTORIA CHRISTOPHER MURRAY



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Join us for the 18th Annual Southwest Author Series featuring Victoria Christopher Murray. Presented in partnership with the Rotary Club of Dr. Phillips.

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and light refreshments will be served. Book sale and signing to follow.



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 Those needing special accommodations due to a disability may arrange for assistance by contacting the location at least 7 days prior to the event.

Women's History is Our History

March is Women's History Month and what better place than your library to discover and celebrate the stories of great women all month long. This year's theme is "Moving Forward Together! Women Educating & Inspiring Generations." OCLS is a treasury of resources – if you want to chat about a new author, dive deep into learning about women in science, create an inspired craft or engage with women artists in Central Florida, there's a program or event for every age and interest.

On March 8, vocalist Shannon Rae performs a concert that will appeal to all generations and have you singing along as part of Music in the Library. Caregivers with toddlers can explore the common empowering qualities of well-known women like Simone Biles, Frida Kahlo and Jane Goodall at Pow-HER-ful: Celebrate Women's History Month programs at Fairview, Washington Park and Southeast branches. And everyone can test their women's history knowledge and at Trivia Mania at Southeast Branch on March 21.

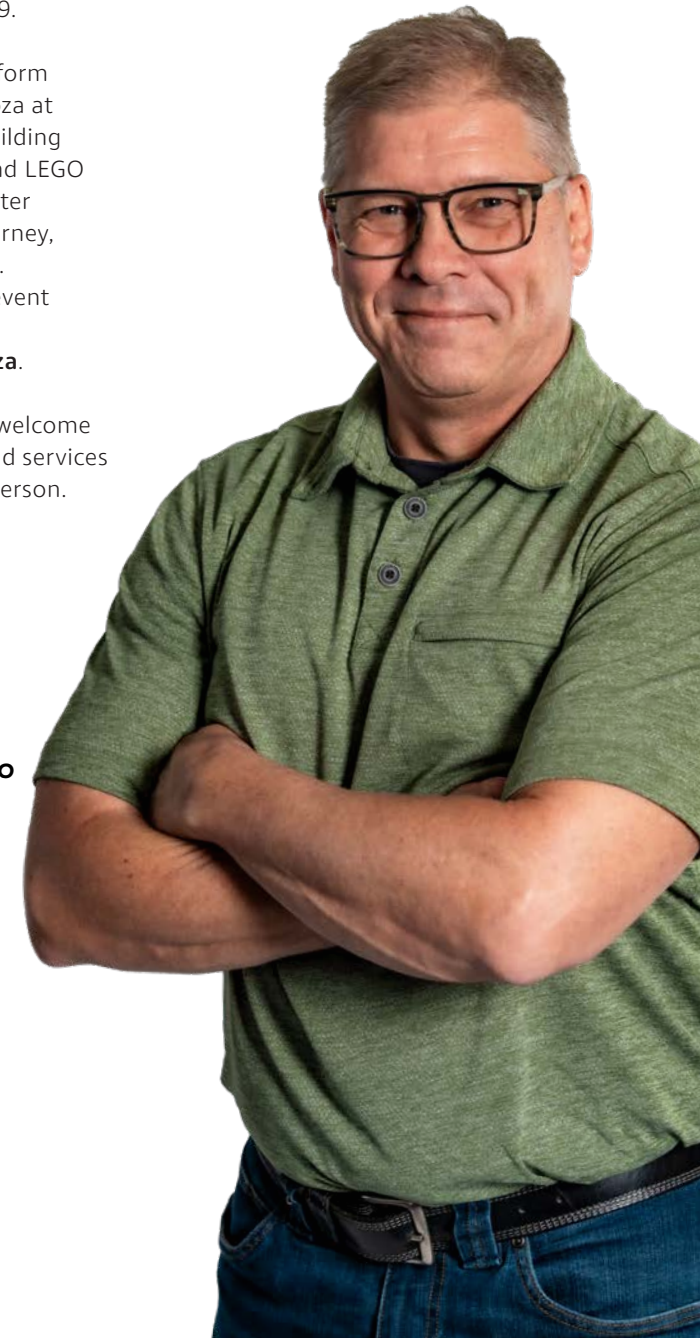
This year marks 15 years of collaboration between OCLS and Women in the Arts, Inc. The non-profit

organization recognizes the work of women artists and brings art education to the community. On March 29, the Women in the Arts Expo at Orlando Public Library brings together a remarkable group of women leaders in our arts community for a panel discussion on issues and opportunities for Central Florida artists. You can learn more and read an interview with the founder of Women in the Arts, Maria Guerrero, on page 19.

Experience art in a different form on March 22 during LEGOpalooza at Orlando Public Library. With building contests, displays, a brick pit and LEGO VR, whether you're a LEGO master builder or just starting your journey, there's something for everyone. Learn more about this unique event and register for the OCLS LEGO contest at ocls.org/legopalooza.

Whatever your interests, we welcome you to explore the programs and services we offer both virtually and in-person.

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Sun Salutation Workshop

This class will break down the sun salutation, giving a deeper grasp of the technique, practicing variations of the sequence, as well as understanding the benefits. Presented by Dana Brady, certified yoga instructor.

Virtual • Thu., Mar. 20 • 7 p.m.

Fruitful Endeavors: For Vibrant Seniors and Adults!

Join us as we learn about productive perennials who are creating new standards of living well.
Orlando Public Library • Sat., Mar. 1 • 1 p.m.

Tea Social Hour

Discover cultural delights and enjoy tea, treats and a craft. Ages 18 and up.
South Trail • Sat., Mar. 1 • 1 p.m.
North Orange • Wed., Mar. 5, 19 • 5 p.m.

Adult Game Time

Spend a fun afternoon playing games and meeting new friends.
Windermere • Sat., Mar. 1–29 • 3 p.m.
Orlando Public Library • Sat., Mar. 15, 29 • 2:30 p.m.

Puzzle Swap

Please bring at least one complete puzzle for adults.
Alafaya • Sat., Mar. 1 • 3 p.m.
Winter Garden • Sat., Mar. 15 • 3 p.m.

All-Levels Yoga

Virtual • Mon., Mar. 3 • 8 a.m.

DIY Flower Frog

Make flower arranging a breeze with this unique piece using air dry clay. Ages 18 and up.
Chickasaw • Mon., Mar. 3 • 10:30 a.m.

Total Lunar Eclipse

Learn what time to watch and why total lunar eclipses are called blood moons.
Windermere • Mon., Mar. 3 • 5:30 p.m.
• Tue., Mar. 11 • 3 p.m.

“Paint” with Buttons: Shamrocks

“Paint” with buttons to create your very own shamrock art!
Orlando Public Library • Wed., Mar. 5 • 5:30 p.m.

Yoga for Adults and Seniors

Attendees are encouraged to dress comfortably and bring their own mat.
North Orange • Thu., Mar. 6–27 • 1 p.m.

Decorate a Fairy Door

These doors can be placed in your garden as portals to enchanted worlds. Ages 18 and up.
North Orange • Thu., Mar. 6 • 5 p.m.

Karaoke

Do you love video games? We will have classic Anime songs and more! All skill levels welcome.
Fairview Shores • Thu., Mar. 6 • 5 p.m.

Solar United Neighbors

Join Solar United Neighbors to learn about the solar switch program, solar technology and financial considerations.
Chickasaw • Thu., Mar. 6 • 5:30 p.m.

Yoga for Neck Pain

Virtual • Thu., Mar. 6 • 7 p.m.

Get Your Non-Profit Noticed

Create a Candid profile and get listed on over 200 charitable sites. Ages 18 and up.
Orlando Public Library • Fri., Mar. 7 • 11 a.m.

Cozy Coloring Time

Relax with lo-fi beats and a variety of coloring pages. All materials provided.
Eatonville • Fri., Mar. 7 • 2:15 p.m.

Plant Clinic

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.
West Oaks • Sat., Mar. 8 • 10:15 a.m.
Chickasaw • Thu., Mar. 13 • 11:30 a.m.
South Creek • Fri., Mar. 14 • 10:15 a.m.

Beginner Line Dancing

Learn beginner line dance steps to all types of music. Ages 15 and up.
Southwest • Sat., Mar. 8 • 10:30 a.m.

Adult Art Expressions

Explore your artistic side in this guided visual art class.
Windermere • Sat., Mar. 8 • 1 p.m.

Cuisine Corner: Bacalaitos

Yamira Lee Johnson, head chef and founder of Breaking Bread with Mira, will demonstrate how to make delicious codfish fritters. Be inspired to make this savory snack at home.

Virtual • Wed., Mar. 19 • 6 p.m.



DIY Wedding Favors

Learn to make wedding favors. Ages 18 and up.
Alafaya • Sat., Mar. 8 • 4 p.m.

Never Too Old for Coloring

Relax and unwind with some music, colored pencils and good company. Ages 18 and up.
Winter Garden • Sat., Mar. 8 • 4:30 p.m.

Music in the Library: Blakemore School of Music

Enjoy a live performance by the students of the Blakemore School of Music.
Orlando Public Library • Sun., Mar. 9 • 2 p.m.

Comrades and Coffee

Veterans and their families connect with each other, share stories and experiences.
Chickasaw • Mon., Mar. 10 • 10:30 a.m.

Book Page Poetry

Create beautiful blackout poems using recycled books. Ages 18 and up.
Chickasaw • Mon., Mar. 10 • 5 p.m.

Britain's Loyal Colonies Lost: The American Revolution in Florida

Join historian Dr. David Head for a lecture and book signing to kick off the American Revolution Experience exhibition.
West Oaks • Mon., Mar. 10 • 5:30 p.m.

Cuisine Corner: Curry Shrimp and More

Join culinary expert Dianne Morin as she teaches how to make a mouth-watering curry shrimp recipe in various ways.
Virtual • Mon., Mar. 10 • 6:30 p.m.

Peace and Justice Institute

Join the Peace and Justice Institute for a reading of Together by Dr. Vivek Murthy.
Fairview Shores • Tue., Mar. 11 • Noon

Art 101: Medieval Illumination

Use watercolor and metallic paints to create medieval style letters for calligraphy or home décor. Ages 18 and up.
Orlando Public Library • Tue., Mar. 11 • 5 p.m.

Legal Learning Workshop: Child Custody

Learn about issues related to child custody and visitation in family law cases including things the court considers and the role of domestic violence.
Eatonville • Wed., Mar. 12 • 4 p.m.

Let's Talk About Menopause

Join Jessica Daly as she shares valuable information and resources on menopause.
Virtual • Wed., Mar. 12 • 6:30 p.m.

Career Academy: Perfecting Your Resume

Elevate your job application with best practices in crafting a resume and cover letter.
Orlando Public Library • Thu., Mar. 13 • 1:30 p.m.

Centerpiece Showcase

Discover budget options for table centerpieces. Ages 18 and up.
Alafaya • Thu., Mar. 13 • 5:30 p.m.

Container Herb Gardening

Create a window container herb garden and sow some seeds to take home. Ages 18 and up.
Orlando Public Library • Fri., Mar. 14 • 2 p.m.

Writing Vows and Wedding Speeches

Wow the crowd with your wedding vows or deliver a speech for cheers and tears.
Alafaya • Fri., Mar. 14 • 4:30 p.m.

In-Person E-Recycling

Got some e-junk? Urban Recycling will collect unwanted electronics for recycling.
Windermere • Sat., Mar. 15 • 10 a.m.

Acrylic Painting: Scottish Scenic Landscape

Artist Kerry Ezzo will walk us through a scenic Scottish landscape painting. Ages 18 and up.
Fairview Shores • Sat., Mar. 15 • 11 a.m.

Let's Talk VA

Orange County Veterans Services will discuss federal, state and local VA benefits. Veterans, family members caring for a veteran or the spouse of a veteran are welcome.

Alafaya • Wed., Mar. 26 • 1 p.m.



Mocktails 101

Experience a refreshing afternoon learning to craft delicious non-alcoholic mocktails. Ages 18 and up.

Chickasaw • Sat., Mar. 15 • 3:30 p.m.

Windermere • Wed., Mar. 26 • 1 p.m.

Alafaya • Fri., Mar. 28 • 4:30 p.m.

Flower Lanterns

Light up your space with hand-crafted floral inspired lanterns. Ages 18 and up.

West Oaks • Sat., Mar. 15 • 2:30 p.m.

Happy Little Trees

Grab a brush, mellow out and paint some happy, little trees the Bob Ross way. Ages 18 and up.

Hiwassee • Sat., Mar. 15 • 4 p.m.

Altered Books

Bring your imagination and discover the possibilities of altered books with instructor Kathy Boyle. Ages 18 and up.

West Oaks • Sun., Mar. 16 • 2:30 p.m.

“Yes And” Improv Basics

Learn foundational skills needed to create scenes from nothing more than a suggestion from the audience.

Orlando Public Library • Sun., Mar. 16 • 3 p.m.

Chair Yoga

Virtual • Mon., Mar. 17 • 8 a.m.

Potted Paper Clovers

Enjoy making potted clovers using cardstock and other embellishments. Ages 18 and up.

Chickasaw • Mon., Mar. 17 • 10:30 a.m.

Solar Observing

Celebrate solar maximum and stop by to safely observe the sun with our solar telescope!

Windermere • Mon.–Thu., Mar. 17–20 • 2:30 p.m.

Book Buddies

Speed date with a book to discover new reads and make book-loving friends. Ages 18 and up.

Alafaya • Mon., Mar. 17 • 5:30 p.m.

Podcast Listening Club: False Alarms

This listening playlist explores the gap between our perception and reality so we can better understand our responses to fear and uncertainty. Ages 18 and up.

Virtual • Mon., Mar. 17 • 6:30 p.m.

Spring Cleaning for the Soul

Welcome spring by learning mindfulness practices including meditation, chair yoga and positive affirmations. Ages 18 and up.

Orlando Public Library • Tue., Mar. 18 • 5:30 p.m.

Community Office Hours: Legal Advice and Know Your Rights

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.

South Trail • Thu., Mar. 20 • 1 p.m.

Pressed Flower Bookmarks

In honor of World Poetry Day, create beautiful, one-of-a-kind bookmarks using pressed flowers. Ages 18 and up.

North Orange • Thu., Mar. 20 • 5 p.m.

Sketching 101

Learn the basics of sketching using simple art techniques and observation.

Virtual • Fri., Mar. 21 • 11 a.m.

Celebrate World Puppetry Day

Learn about the history of puppetry and make your own silly bird marionette. Ages 18 and up.

Orlando Public Library • Fri., Mar. 21 • 4:30 p.m.

West Oaks Plant Swap

Bring your own plants and cuttings to share with others and you might walk away with a new favorite for your own garden!

West Oaks • Sat., Mar. 22 • 10 a.m.

Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Training

Join Victim Service Center of Central Florida for this training on how to understand, recognize and prevent sexual assault.

Virtual • Thu., Mar. 27 • 6:30 p.m.

Interior Design 101

Rebecca Hubler, interior designer, will show how to transform an ordinary space into the extraordinary.

Southwest • Sat., Mar. 22 • 10:30 a.m.

Duct Tape Flowers

Celebrate springtime by constructing a DIY corsage or boutonniere out of duct tape. Ages 18 and up.

Alafaya • Sat., Mar. 22 • 2 p.m.

Dungeons & Dragons at the Library!

Explore a brand-new adventure every session with this one-shot style game! Ages 18 and up.

West Oaks • Sat., Mar. 22 • 2:30 p.m.

Adult Craft & Chat: Rustic Spring Wreath

Let's get crafty and make a rustic wreath to celebrate the arrival of spring. Ages 18 and up.

Hiwassee • Sat., Mar. 22 • 4 p.m.

Sunshine State Planners

Enjoy a planner discussion and open planner project time. Bring your own supplies and connect and share ideas with other planners.

Orlando Public Library • Sun., Mar. 23 • 1:30 p.m.

Independent Reading Time

Bring a book for a brief meet and greet before joining other bibliophiles for silent book club. Ages 18 and up.

Alafaya • Sun., Mar. 23 • 4:30 p.m.

Pop-up Flower Cards

Make lovely greeting cards with pop-up flowers. Ages 18 and up.

Chickasaw • Mon., Mar. 24 • 5 p.m.

Spring Cleaning: Seven Organizing Mistakes to Avoid

Join author and expert organizer Jamie Novak as she shares the seven most common mistakes when tackling your spring cleaning.

Virtual • Mon., Mar. 24 • 6:30 p.m.

Cuisine Corner: One Pot Cooking

That is some good cookin'! Make easy and quick meals all in one pot.

Hiwassee • Wed., Mar. 26 • 4 p.m.

Career Academy: Interview Like a Pro

You've landed an interview! Now what? Get tips that will help you to practice and prepare.

Orlando Public Library • Thu., Mar. 27 • 1:30 p.m.

Wine Glass Painting

Keep it for yourself or use as inspiration for a bridesmaid gift. Ages 21 and up.

Alafaya • Thu., Mar. 27 • 5 p.m.

Book to Film Series: The Three Musketeers (2011) (PG-13)

Orlando Public Library • Fri., Mar. 28 • 2 p.m.

Embroidery Thread Bracelets

Fashion a cute bracelet with embroidery thread. Ages 18 and up.

Chickasaw • Sat., Mar. 29 • 3 p.m.

Watercolor Invitations

Join us in creating beautiful watercolor invitations! Ages 18 and up.

Alafaya • Sun., Mar. 30 • 3 p.m.

Creative Coloring For Adults

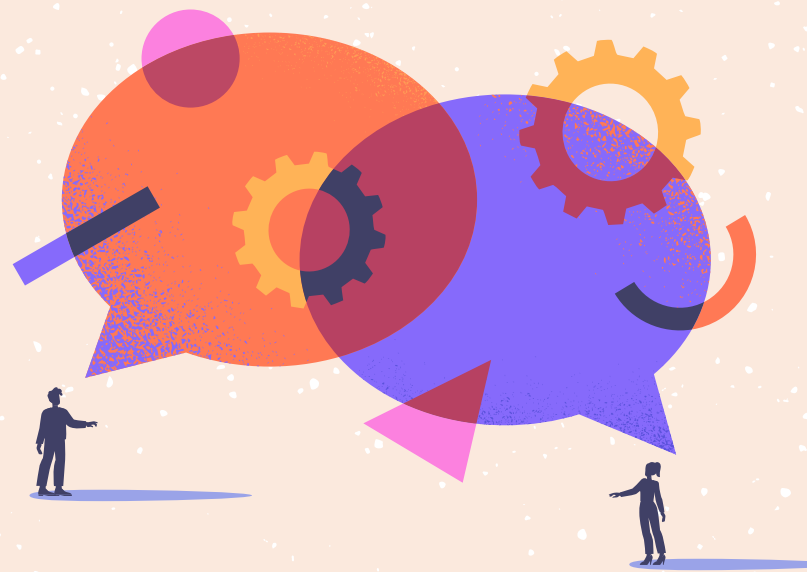
Enjoy a relaxing atmosphere to allow your imagination to create art. Ages 18 and up.

Hiwassee • Mon., Mar. 31 • 4 p.m.

How to Craft Dialogue Like a Playwright

Learn how to make your characters' dialogue interesting and natural from *New York Times* bestselling author Ginny Myers Sain.

Virtual • Tue., Mar. 18 • 7 p.m.



Reconnecting with Your Writing Life

Struggling to return to writing after a long break? Author and editor Alli Martin will discuss strategies and exercises to rebuild your confidence and redefine your writing life.

Virtual • Tue., Mar. 4 • 7 p.m.

Voyages in Verse: A Teen Poetry Camp

Join our piratical adventure with poetry. Sail into a port of dreams with the exploration of the shores of the genres of satires and fables. Ages 13–18.

Windermere • Sat., Mar. 8 • 11 a.m.

OCLS Writer's Group

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.

Virtual • Sun., Mar. 9 • 4 p.m.

Writing Satisfying Endings

Author and editor Kristen Stieffel will discuss how to avoid the most common climax and denouement errors, and how to ensure the character arc is reflected in the plot resolution.

Virtual • Tue., Mar. 11 • 7 p.m.

Writing Workshop: Putting Your World to Work

The world of your story can also be a source of plot, stakes, conflict, characterization and more. Author and editor Lorin Oberweger will discuss using your story world to make your stories richer.

Virtual • Sat., Mar. 15 • 4 p.m.

Voyages in Verse: A Teen Poetry Camp

Join our piratical adventure with poetry. Sail into the action with the currents of elegies and slam poetry. Ages 13–18.

Windermere • Sat., Mar. 22 • 11 a.m.

Book Launch: *Casualties of Truth* by Lauren Francis-Sharma

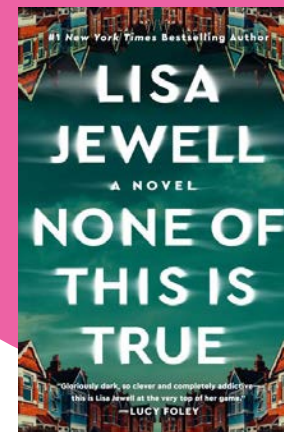
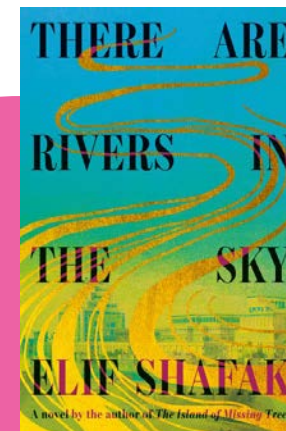
Join Lauren Francis-Sharma and Writers Atelier to celebrate the launch of *Casualties of Truth*, from the author of *Book of the Little Axe* and the critically acclaimed *'Til the Well Runs Dry*.

Orlando Public Library • Sat., Mar. 22 • 1 p.m.

Writer's Meetup

Attend this 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.

Winter Garden • Sat., Mar. 22 • 3:30 p.m.



Y Read: Book Read Aloud

Experience the joy and camaraderie of reading aloud with others. Facilitator-led in partnership with the Dr. P. Phillips YMCA. Ages 18 and up.

Dr. P. Phillips YMCA, 7000 Dr. Phillips Blvd., Orlando, FL 32819 • Sat., Mar. 1–29 • 1:30 p.m.

Alafaya Book Club

Bright Young Women by Jessica Knoll.

Alafaya • Thu., Mar. 6 • 5 p.m.

Nature Walk Book Club

A causal walk at Bill Frederick Park followed by discussion of *There are Rivers in the Sky* by Elif Shafak. Ages 18 and up.

3401 S. Hiwassee Road, Orlando 32835 • Mon., Mar. 10 • 10 a.m.

Southeast Book Club

The Cliffs by J. Courtney Sullivan

Southeast • Mon., Mar. 10 • 3 p.m.

South Creek Book Club

South Creek • Tue., Mar. 11 • 5:30 p.m.

Winter Garden Book Club

Little Fires Everywhere by Celeste Ng.

Winter Garden • Thu., Mar. 13 • 6 p.m.

Virtual • Thu., Mar. 27 • 6 p.m.

(No Pressure!) Silent Book Club

Ages 18 and up.

North Orange • Sat., Mar. 15 • 3 p.m.

Contemporary Romance Book Club

Alafaya • Sat., Mar. 15 • 4 p.m.

Hiwassee Book Club

None of This is True by Lisa Jewell.

Virtual • Mon., Mar. 17 • 7 p.m.

Chickasaw Book Club

The Briar Club by Kate Quinn.

Chickasaw • Sat., Mar. 22 • 11 a.m.

The Bleak Circle Horror Book Club

Do you delight in horror? Commune with like-minded souls at this horror book club.

West Oaks • Sun., Mar. 23 • 2 p.m.

Joy of Reading: A No-Pressure Book Club

Ages 18 and up.

Virtual • Tue., Mar. 25 • 7 p.m.

Southwest • Thu., Mar. 27 • 2 p.m.

Focus on Hobbies

This month's focus is fitness. Ages 18 and up.

Windermere • Fri., Mar. 28 • 11 a.m.



Youth Book Clubs

Horizon West Kids Book Club

Meet at the Waterleigh Phase 2 clubhouse to talk about our books of the month. Ages 7 and up.
16150 Pebble Bluff Loop, Winter Garden, FL 34787 • Mon., Mar. 3 • 6 p.m.

Teen Book Club

Delicious in Dungeon, Volume 1 by Ryoko Kui.
South Creek • Thu., Mar. 6 • 4:30 p.m.

Teen Book Party

Grab a free snack, drink and talk about the book you're reading.
Book Rack, 125 W. McKey St., Ocoee, FL 34761 • Sat., Mar. 8 • 2 p.m.

Lo-Fi Book Club

A relaxed discussion about your favorite books and graphic novels! Ages 13–18.
Virtual • Tue., Mar. 11 • 4 p.m.

Kids Graphic Novel Book Club

Dog Man by Dav Pilkey. Ages 7–13.
South Creek • Sat., Mar. 22 • 1:30 p.m.

ART EXHIBITS

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Meet the Artist: Angie Vazquez

View the Faces of Freedom and Equality through the artistic lens of artist Angie Vazquez whose works showcase individuals who played pivotal roles in advocating for freedom, equality and justice. The Faces of Freedom and Equality exhibition is on display at Eatonville Branch throughout March.

Eatonville • Sat., Mar. 15 • Noon



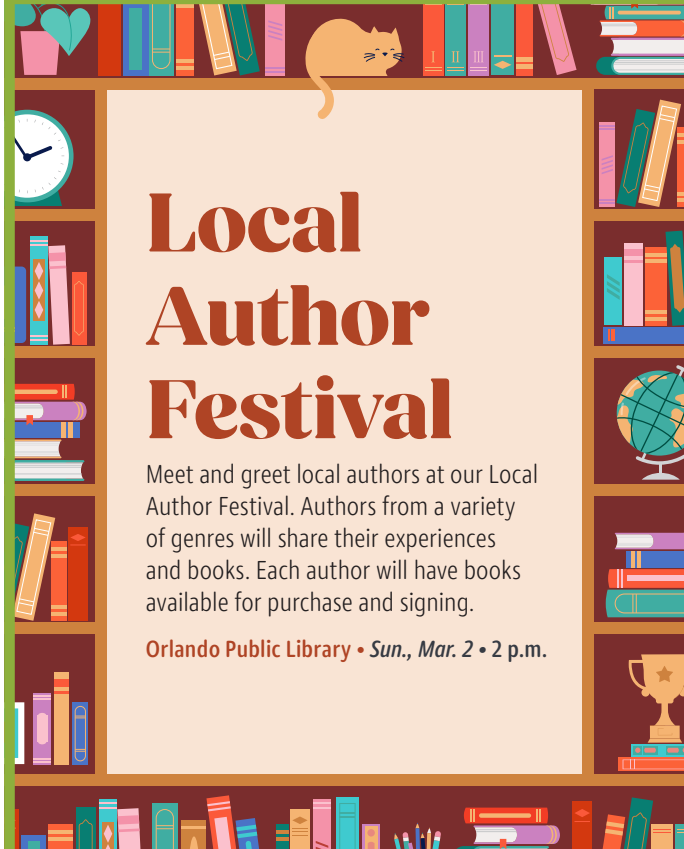
Puzzled Peace Artist Showcase: Featuring Jane Turner & Nicole Persley

Meet artists Jane Turner and Nicole Persley for a conversation with Dr. Rebeka McCloud about Puzzled Peace, an artistic initiative that advocates for the preservation of African American history.

Eatonville • Sat., Mar. 22 • 3 p.m.

MEET THE AUTHOR

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Local Author Festival

Meet and greet local authors at our Local Author Festival. Authors from a variety of genres will share their experiences and books. Each author will have books available for purchase and signing.

Orlando Public Library • Sun., Mar. 2 • 2 p.m.

Author Talk: Dan Heath

Are you ready for a revolutionary guide to fixing what's not working? Join us for an enlightening conversation with bestselling author Dan Heath.

Virtual • Wed., Mar. 12 • 2 p.m.

Author Talk: Clara Bingham

Join us for a transformative conversation with award-winning journalist and author Clara Bingham as she chats with us about her new book, *The Movement: How Women's Liberation Transformed America*.

Virtual • Thu., Mar. 20 • 2 p.m.

Author Talk: Jennifer Weiner

You're invited to a glimmering conversation with *New York Times* bestselling author Jennifer Weiner as we chat about the signature emotional depth of her books.

Virtual • Wed., Mar. 26 • 7 p.m.

Chair Yoga for Seniors

Tap into the strength, balance, flexibility and relaxation that your body can provide you. Requires use of a chair.

Windermere • Sat., Mar. 8, 22 • 10 a.m.



Preparing for Retirement: Social Security

What is full retirement age? Can I get social security benefits if I am still working? Have these questions answered and more.

Southwest • Sat., Mar. 1 • 11:30 a.m.

Craft Time for Seniors: Suncatcher Shamrocks

Create a shamrock shaped suncatcher mobile using paper towels, construction paper and watercolor paints!

Orlando Public Library • Sat., Mar. 1 • 3 p.m.

Senior Crafting Connections: Puzzle Party

Chat and piece together artwork. Enjoy a relaxing pastime with new and old friends. Puzzle will be provided.

Hiawassee • Tue., Mar. 4 • 11 a.m.

Watercolor for Seniors

Explore your creative side with watercolor painting through the use of watercolor pencils.

South Trail • Wed., Mar. 5 • 12:30 p.m.

Bingo for Seniors

Do you love bingo? Come play with us! Meet new people, listen to music and play for your chance to win a fun prize.

Winter Garden • Thu., Mar. 6 • 11 a.m.

North Orange • Mon., Mar. 10 • 11 a.m.

Alafaya • Sat., Mar. 29 • 2 p.m.

Health Tips for Seniors

Receive information on how to live a better and healthier life.

Hiawassee • Tue., Mar. 18 • 11 a.m.

Let's Play! Brain Health Bingo LIFE Information for Elders

Join Stephanie Cassidy for a fun and interactive activity focused on brain health! Participate in engaging discussions, answer questions, and discover practical tips for boosting cognitive well-being. To register, email OfficeonAging@ocfl.net or call 407.836.7446.

Orlando Public Library • Thu., Mar. 20 • 12:10 p.m.

Springtime Origami for Seniors

Stretch your fingers and creativity by creating some simple, spring-themed origami.

Orlando Public Library • Thu., Mar. 20 • 1:30 p.m.

How to Spot AI Images

Discover simple tips and tricks to recognize fake visuals, boost your digital skills and stay safe in the online world.

Hiawassee • Wed., Mar. 26 • 11 a.m.

Qigong Movement and Breathing

Embark on a transformative journey with Jasmine Win, a modern qigong instructor, and discover the ancient practice of qigong. Learn at your own pace and ability in this joyful and relaxing class.

Southwest • Fri., Mar. 28 • 2 p.m.

English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)



Basic English 1

Practice basic vocabulary and grammar.

Hiawassee • Sat., Mar. 1, 15, 29 • 11 a.m.

• Thu., Mar. 6, 13, 27 • 11:45 a.m.

South Trail • Sat., Mar. 1, 15 • 11:30 a.m.

• Mon., Mar. 3–24 • 11:30 a.m.

• Tue., Mar. 4–25 • 3:30 p.m.

• Thu., Mar. 6–27 • 11:30 a.m.

Washington Park • Sat., Mar. 1–29 • 1 p.m.

• Tue., Mar. 4–25 • 2:30 p.m.

• Wed., Mar. 5–26 • 10:30 a.m.

Virtual • Sat., Mar. 1, 8, 22, 29 • 4 p.m.

Fairview Shores • Mon., Mar. 3–31 • 5 p.m.

Chickasaw • Mon., Mar. 3, 10, 17, 31 • 5:30 p.m.

Southeast • Tue., Mar. 4–25 • 10:15 a.m.

• Wed., Mar. 5, 12, 26 • 2 p.m.

Windermere • Wed., Mar. 5–26 • 3:30 p.m.

North Orange • Fri., Mar. 7, 14, 28 • 11 a.m.

• Fri., Mar. 7, 14, 28 • 4:30 p.m.

Basic English 2

Continue to practice basic vocabulary and grammar.

Alafaya • Sat., Mar. 1–29 • 10:30 a.m.

Southeast • Tue., Mar. 4–25 • 11:15 a.m.

• Wed., Mar. 5, 12, 26 • 4 p.m.

Winter Garden • Tue., Mar. 4–25 • Noon

Windermere • Wed., Mar. 5–26 • 4:45 p.m.

• Thu., Mar. 6–27 • 4:45 p.m.

Chickasaw • Thu., Mar. 6–20 • 1 p.m.

Hiawassee • Thu., Mar. 6, 13, 27 • 3 p.m.

South Trail • Fri., Mar. 7, 21 • 11:30 a.m.

Washington Park • Sat., Mar. 8, 29 • 2:15 p.m.

English Conversation Hour

Students can practice their English speaking and listening skills.

South Trail • Sat., Mar. 1, 15 • 1 p.m.

• Tue., Mar. 4–25 • 5 p.m.

• Thu., Mar. 6–27 • 1 p.m.

Hiawassee • Mon., Mar. 3–31 • 5 p.m.

Northwest • Mon., Mar. 3, 17 • 5:30 p.m.

North Orange • Tue., Mar. 4–25 • 3 p.m.

Washington Park • Tue., Mar. 4–25 • 4 p.m.

Virtual • Wed., Mar. 5–26 • Noon

• Thu., Mar. 6–27 • 2 p.m.

• Fri., Mar. 7–28 • 4:45 p.m.

Southeast • Wed., Mar. 5, 12, 26 • 3 p.m.

Chickasaw • Thu., Mar. 6–20 • 2 p.m.

Windermere • Fri., Mar. 7–28 • 3:30 p.m.

Southeast • Fri., Mar. 14, 28 • 11:30 a.m.

English Conversation Hour 2

Alafaya • Sat., Mar. 1–29 • Noon

South Trail • Wed., Mar. 5–26 • 3 p.m.

• Fri., Mar. 7, 21 • 1 p.m.

English for Social Interactions

Covers a wide array of topics from accepting and rejecting an invitation to engaging in small talk with strangers.

Fairview Shores • Mon., Mar. 3–31 • 11 a.m.

Virtual • Mon., Mar. 3, 10, 24, 31 • 4 p.m.

North Orange • Tue., Mar. 4–25 • 2 p.m.

Hiawassee • Thu., Mar. 6, 13, 26 • 5:30 p.m.

Practice Makes Perfect

Taught by a certified ESOL instructor from the Adult Literacy League and focuses on developing various aspects of literacy.

Chickasaw • Tue., Mar. 4–25 • 2 p.m.



Reading Clearly Beginners

Explores English grammar and vocabulary.

Chickasaw • Fri., Mar. 14 • 1 p.m.

Speaking Clearly Beginners

Introduces the sounds of English for pronunciation.

Virtual • Mon., Mar. 3, 10, 24, 31 • 11:30 a.m.

Southeast • Fri., Mar. 14, 28 • 10:30 a.m.

Speaking Clearly Intermediate

Introduces the rules of spelling and pronunciation of English words.

Southeast • Tue., Mar. 4–25 • 2 p.m.

Speaking Clearly Advanced

Improve your English speaking and pronunciation skills.

Virtual • Mon., Mar. 3, 10, 24, 31 • 10 a.m.



Writing Clearly Beginner

Focuses on parts of speech, organization of sentences and vocabulary building.

South Trail • Wed., Mar. 5–26 • 1:30 p.m.

Writing Clearly Intermediate

Focuses on sentence structures, paragraph and essay writing.

Virtual • Tue., Mar. 4–18 • 10:30 a.m.

North Orange • Tue., Mar. 4–25 • 5:30 p.m.

Hiawassee • Fri., Mar. 7–28 • 4:45 p.m.

Writing Clearly Advanced

Practice academic style writing.

Virtual • Wed., Mar. 5–19 • 10:30 a.m.



Spanish

Bilingual Interactions with Ms. Brenda

Virtual • Mon., Mar. 10, 24, 31 • 6 p.m.

Spanish Conversation

Ages 18 and up.

Chickasaw • Wed., Mar. 5–26 • 5 p.m.

Spanish from Zero: Basics with Ms. Brenda

Virtual • Tue., Mar. 11, 25 • 4 p.m.

Spanish From Zero: Beginners with Ms. Brenda

Virtual • Tue., Mar. 11, 25 • 11:30 a.m.

• Tue., Mar. 11, 25 • 6 p.m.

Spanish from Zero: Intermediate with Ms. Brenda

Virtual • Tue., Mar. 11, 25 • 10:15 a.m.

• Tue., Mar. 11, 25 • 5 p.m.

Homeschool: Spanish

Ages 6–12.

Windermere • Tue., Mar. 11 • 2 p.m.

Practica Spanish Conversations for Seniors and Beyond

¡Practica tu español! Develop your Spanish language skills through conversations. Conversation topics and themed vocabulary will be provided. Ages 18 and up.

Virtual • Wed., Mar. 12, 26 • 4 p.m.

French

Beginner Adult French

Designed for students with no prior French exposure. Ages 18 and up.

Windermere • Mon., Mar. 3, 10, 24, 31 • 2:30 p.m.

Virtual • Fri., Mar. 7, 21 • 2 p.m.

Intermediate Adult French

This class is structured for people who have had previous exposure to, but are not fluent in, French. Ages 18 and up.

Virtual • Tue., Mar. 4–25 • 1 p.m.

• Wed., Mar. 5–26 • 6 p.m.

Beginner French for Children

A fun-filled language learning experience with hands-on activities. Ages 8–12.

South Trail • Wed., Mar. 5, 19 • 4 p.m.

Homeschool: French

Learn basic French vocabulary, numbers, colors and much more. Ages 6–12.

Windermere • Tue., Mar. 25 • 2 p.m.

Citizenship Inspired

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Citizenship Inspired

During this program, students will prepare for the U.S. Naturalization (Citizenship) Test and Interview.

Southeast • Sat., Mar. 1, 8 • 10 a.m.

Virtual • Tue. & Wed., Mar. 4, 5, 11, 12 • 3 p.m.

• Tue. & Wed., Mar. 18, 19, 25, 26 • 3 p.m.

Washington Park • Wed., Mar. 5–26 • 1:30 p.m.

Hiawassee • Thu., Mar. 6–27 • 10:30 a.m.

Windermere • Thu., Mar. 6–27 • 3 p.m.

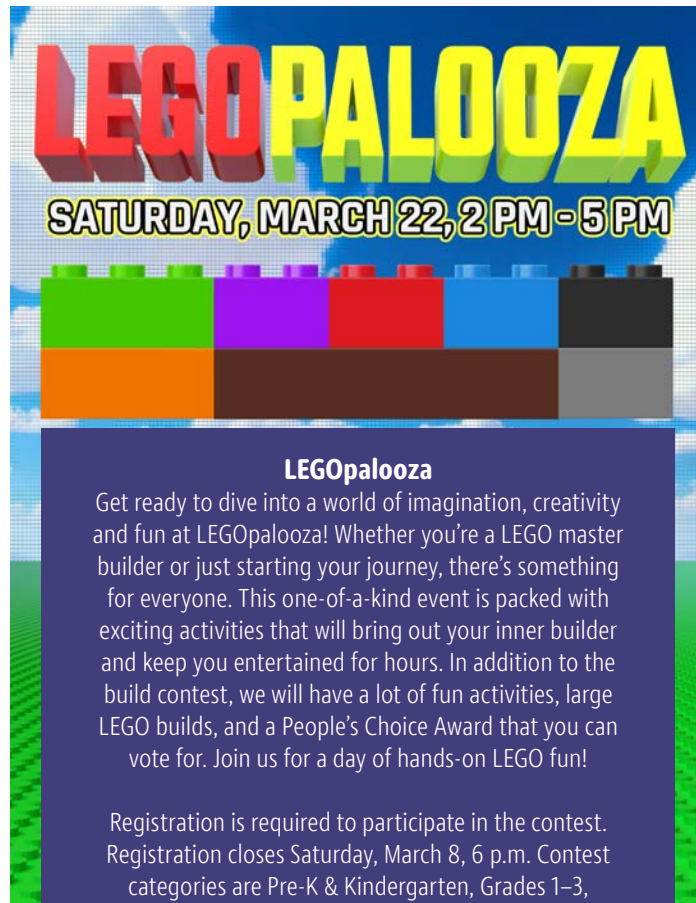
Alafaya • Thu., Mar. 27 • 10:30 a.m.





Melrose Film Festival

Calling all filmmakers and video creators! Driven by innovation and creativity, the Melrose Film Festival highlights the work of imaginative filmmakers across the globe. Submissions will be accepted from March 1 to May 1 and select films will be showcased at our September 2025 screening event. For more information and a complete list of rules, visit filmfreeway.com/melrosefilmfestival.



LEGOpalooza

Get ready to dive into a world of imagination, creativity and fun at LEGOpalooza! Whether you're a LEGO master builder or just starting your journey, there's something for everyone. This one-of-a-kind event is packed with exciting activities that will bring out your inner builder and keep you entertained for hours. In addition to the build contest, we will have a lot of fun activities, large LEGO builds, and a People's Choice Award that you can vote for. Join us for a day of hands-on LEGO fun!

Registration is required to participate in the contest. Registration closes Saturday, March 8, 6 p.m. Contest categories are Pre-K & Kindergarten, Grades 1-3, Grades 4-6 and Grades 7-12. For more information and to register, visit ocls.org/legopalooza.

Orlando Public Library • Sat., March 22 • 2 p.m.

Maker Space

Paper MARIO

Bring the Mario Bros. to life with Mario and Luigi papercrafts and celebrate Mario Day! Attendees will assemble pre-cut and decorated cardstock into Mario and Luigi as they appear from one of their many adventures. This take-home project will be a guided craft, and the final piece will be able to stand on its own.

Orlando Public Library • Mon., Mar. 10 • 4 p.m.

Game Development

Game Development Adventure Day

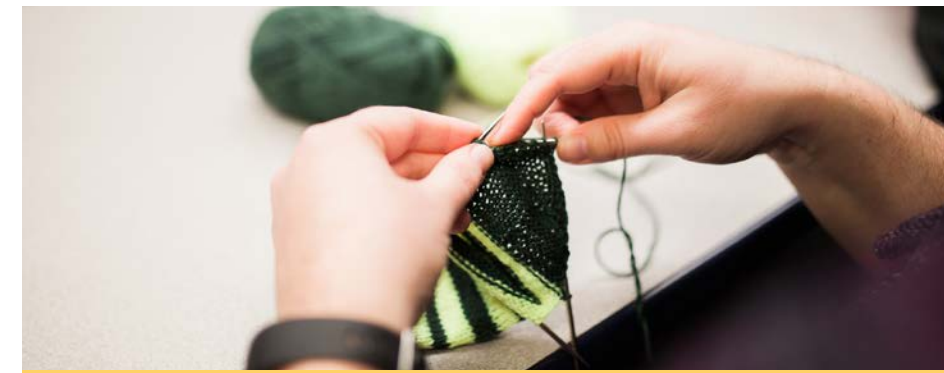
Join us the first Saturday of each month for a Meetup at Melrose in partnership with the Indiemicon Foundation. This is a fan-favorite event that brings our gaming community together, featuring guest speakers, video game demos, round table discussions on trending topics in the game industry, networking opportunities, skill-building to become a future game leader and board games to play with fellow enthusiasts.

Orlando Public Library • Sat., Mar. 1 • 10:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, MARCH 2, 1-5:30 P.M.
ORLANDO PUBLIC LIBRARY, MELROSE CENTER

Play, give feedback and vote on games created during the **Orlando Game Jam**. Find out which teams will be crowned the winners! Mingle with local video game studios, educators and developers to learn about the amazing things being developed in your town. Closing ceremony to announce the winners will begin at 5 p.m.

Exhibitor Registration: ocls.org/orlando-gaming-expo.



March is the perfect time to explore your creativity and dive into the world of textiles and fibers! Whether you're a beginner or looking to refine your skills, free classes in sewing, crochet, knitting and embroidery are an excellent way to get started. From cozy knitted scarves to intricate embroidered patterns, the possibilities are endless. Take advantage of these free opportunities this March and bring your creative ideas to life!

SEWING

Sewing Open Lab

Bring your sewing projects, all the tools are here for you. Machine sewing skills required.
Chickasaw • Sat., Mar. 1 • 2 p.m.

Introduction to the Sewing Machine

Learn about sewing safety, basic sewing machine skills and stitching seams.
Hiawassee • Mon., Mar. 3 • 4 p.m.
Chickasaw • Wed., Mar. 19 • 3 p.m.

Hand Sewing Sashiko Patterns

This Japanese technique uses the simple running stitch to form geometric patterns.
Virtual • Thu., Mar. 6, 27 • 10:15 a.m.
Southwest • Tue., Mar. 11 • 10:15 a.m.

Hand Sewing Basics

Learn how to make a quilter's knot, thread a needle and sew a running stitch.
Hiawassee • Wed., Mar. 12 • 4 p.m.
Chickasaw • Sat., Mar. 29 • 10:30 a.m.

Easy Pot Holders for St. Patrick's Day

Learn to make a simple and easy pot holder with fabric and batting.
Orlando Public Library • Mon., Mar. 17 • 10:30 a.m.

Easy Fabric Corner Bookmark

Create a fun corner bookmark, a perfect gift for any book lover or yourself! Ages 13-17.
Chickasaw • Thu., Mar. 20 • 3 p.m.

KNITTING AND CROCHET

Fiber Arts Meetup

Mingle with other fiber artists while working on your craft. All levels are welcome.
Chickasaw • Tue., Mar. 4-18, 4:30 p.m.

Knitting Level 1

Learn basic techniques while creating your first project, a bookmark for your favorite read.
Chickasaw • Thu., Mar. 6 • 3 p.m.
Hiawassee • Mon., Mar. 17 • 4 p.m.

Knitting Level 2

Level up your knitting. Learn how to combine knit and purl stitches to create smooth fabric.
Chickasaw • Fri., Mar. 7 • 3 p.m.

Crochet Level 1

Learn basic techniques while creating your first project, a bookmark for your favorite read.
Chickasaw • Tue., Mar. 4 • 3 p.m.
Hiawassee • Mon., Mar. 10 • 4 p.m.

Crochet Level 2

Level up your crocheting. Learn how to create more open fabric with new stitches.
Eatonville • Sat., Mar. 1, 2:30 p.m.
Fairview Shores • Mon., Mar. 3 • 2:30 p.m.
Chickasaw • Tue., Mar. 11 • 3 p.m.

Crochet: Intermediate Level

Create flowers for a floral arrangement or to decorate for the season.
South Creek • Tue., Mar. 4 • 12:30 p.m.

Featured Book



Fair Isle Knitting by Carina Olsson

Carina Olsson, one of Sweden's leading experts in Fair Isle knitting, is here to guide you through this technique's fundamental principles plus inspiration and instructions for designing a Fair Isle sweater of your own.

Crochet Amigurumi Astronaut

Learn the basics of amigurumi while making an astronaut that's out of this world!
Chickasaw • Thu., Mar. 6-27, 10:30 a.m.

Crochet Flower Earrings

Make your own crochet flower earrings! Prior crochet experience necessary. Ages 18 and up.
Alafaya • Mon., Mar. 10 • 5 p.m.

Crochet in the Round

Add to your project possibilities by crocheting in the round! Create amigurumi, hats, bowls and more.
Eatonville • Sat., Mar. 15 • 2:30 p.m.

Crochet Meetup

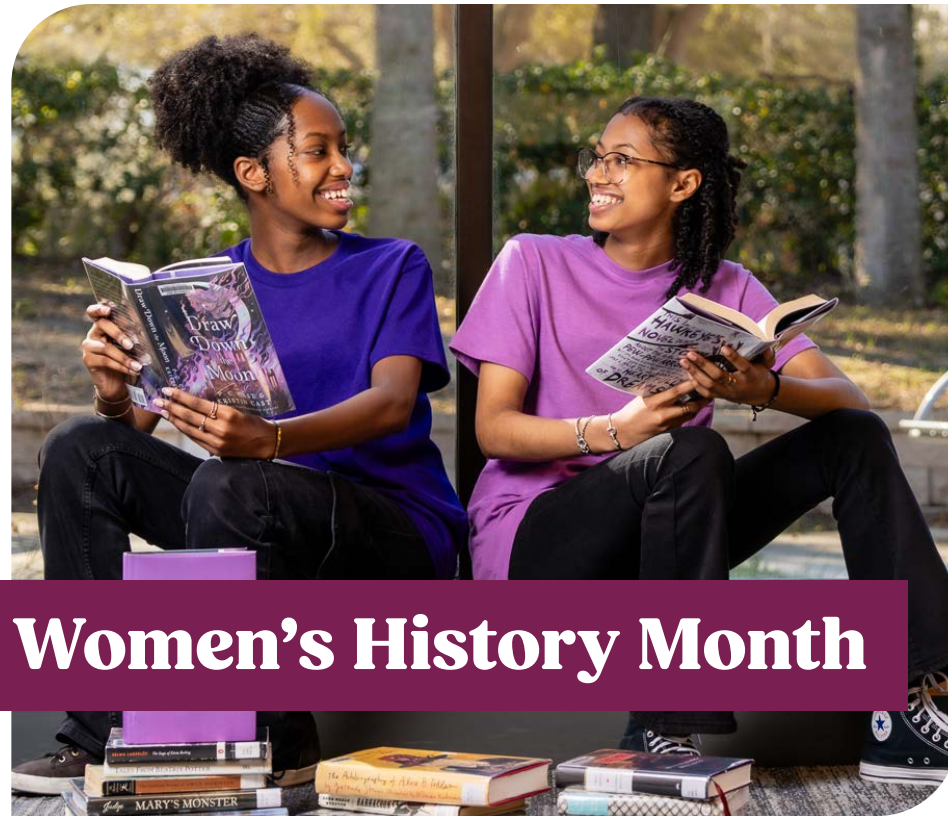
Connect with other fiber artists in person while sharing your creations! Ages 18 and up.
Alafaya • Fri., Mar. 21 • 4 p.m.

Tapestry Crochet: Spaceship

Learn how to read a grid to create a tapestry design using the single crochet stitch.
Chickasaw • Tue., Mar. 25 • 3 p.m.

Crochet Granny Squares

Learn how to crochet in circles and then use increase stitches to make a square.
Eatonville • Sat., Mar. 29 • 2:30 p.m.



Women's History Month

Flying High

Design paper airplanes in recognition of women who dared to fly. Ages 5 and up.
Southeast • Sat., Mar. 1 • 10:30 a.m.

Important Women in History

Celebrate women who have influenced the future by leaving their mark on the past!
West Oaks • Sat., Mar. 1 • 3 p.m.

Women in Science Tea Talks

Join us for tea and invigorating discussions on women in science. Ages 18 and up.
Orlando Public Library • Tue., Mar. 4 • 3 p.m.

Leaf Detective

Learn about Margaret Lowman and her discoveries as one of the first scientists to explore the rainforest canopy.
Washington Park • Wed., Mar. 5 • 4 p.m.

Art Adventures

Learn about artist Yayoi Kusama and create your own polka-dotted work of art. Ages 6–12.
Alafaya • Wed., Mar. 5 • 5 p.m.

ARTventures

Explore works by trailblazing women artists and create your own masterpiece.
Fairview Shores • Sat., Mar. 8 • 3 p.m.

Homeschool: Women's History Month

Learn about artist Mary Blair and then create a colorful collage in her art style. Ages 6–12.
Alafaya • Mon., Mar. 10 • 11 a.m.

Women Make History

Recognize the impact of powerful women who made awesome contributions to our history.
Eatonville • Tue., Mar. 11 • 3:30 p.m.

Hiawassee Art Club: Sculptures

Create colorful 3D flower sculptures inspired by Yayoi Kusama.
Hiawassee • Tue., Mar. 11 • 4:30 p.m.

Senior Crafting Connections: Friendship Through the Ages

Discover the rich history of female friendships, share your own stories and create a unique bracelet to represent the important people in your life. Ages 18 and up.
Hiawassee • Wed., Mar. 12 • 11 a.m.

Women Make History through EqualTEA

Enjoy tea and cookies as we discuss the women who made awesome contributions to our history with stories and activities. Ages 18 and up.
Windermere • Wed., Mar. 12 • 1 p.m.

Cuisine Corner Junior: Julia Child

Learn about chef Julia Child and make some snacks inspired by her French recipes.
Alafaya • Wed., Mar. 12 • 4 p.m.

Women in Science

Explore hands-on STEAM activities while learning about female inventors and scientists.
West Oaks • Wed., Mar. 12 • 4 p.m.
Washington Park • Wed., Mar. 19 • 4 p.m.

Wild Watercolors: Maria Sibylla Merian

Learn about Maria Sibylla Merian, a pioneering artist of flora and fauna. Recommended for families.
Hiawassee • Tue., Mar. 18 • 4:30 p.m.

Family Stem Adventure: Emily Warren Roebling Bridge Building

Learn about Emily Warren Roebling, the woman who helped complete the Brooklyn Bridge. Ages 6 and up.
Hiawassee • Thu., Mar. 20 • 4 p.m.

Trivia Mania

Team up and show off your trivia knowledge for this month's topic focusing on Women's History Month! Ages 13 and up.
South Trail • Fri., Mar. 21 • 4 p.m.

Mini Zine Collages

Create a zine using collage methods and repurposing magazines for Women's History Month.
Alafaya • Sat., Mar. 22 • 4 p.m.

Resin Charms!

Celebrate incredible women and their contributions to our world with charms.
Hiawassee • Mon., Mar. 24 • 4 p.m.

Q&A with Women in the Arts, Inc.

Women in the Arts, Inc. (WITA) hosts its annual event, the Women in the Arts Expo, March 29 at Orlando Public Library. We spent time with founder Maria Guerrero to talk about the organization, the Expo and her organization's impact in the Central Florida arts community.

Tell us more about your organization's beginnings and how it has changed through the years. What can we expect to see from WITA in the future?

WITA was founded in 2007 in response to socioeconomic issues we cared about such as access to art education for children and creating visibility and opportunities for women artists. We began as a ministry at St. Andrew Catholic Church, then evolved into a partnership with OCLS, extending the reach of our programs to those in the community who needed it most.



In 2010, we presented Orlando's first public women's art exhibition at Orlando Public Library. The exhibition grew over a decade to include artists from across the U.S. and the world,

amplifying our voices and creating social awareness of the inequality and challenges women face in the arts environment. Last year we presented the first Women in the Arts Expo to focus on creating opportunities and building consistent support for women artists through the length of their careers.

The Expo brings together art enthusiasts and notable members of the Central Florida arts community. What can guests look forward to at this year's event and from the panel discussion?

WITA has worked in the Orlando region for a long time, and we draw on our network to create a gathering that both deepens relationships and expands them with new growth. The energy in the space is bold and joyful – a reunion, a summit and a brainstorm, all merged into one.

This year, the event presents a panel of industry leaders, top experts and professionals in their field: Jennifer Evins, CEO of United Arts; Elyse Jardine, Senior Director of Community Outreach at United Arts; Keidra Daniels Navaroli, Independent Curator and Adjunct Faculty at the University of Central Florida; and Visual Artist Gisela Romero. The panel moderator is Katherine Page, Curator

of Art and Education at the Mennello Museum of American Art. It's a rare opportunity to take part in a dialogue between artists and art institutions.

There is much more to WITA than the annual Expo. Can you tell us about other events and activities in the community?

After the Expo in the spring, we turn to preparing the art summer program for kids and families. In partnership with OCLS, the Community School of the Arts program (CSA) offers a six-week art school experience – tuition free, supplies included – through take-home kits and online lessons for students and in-person awards at Hiawassee Branch.

During the fall, older students participate in CSA at the Museum, a series of on-site classes in partnership with the Mennello Museum of American Art and centered thematically around their current museum exhibition.

Our Instagram, @womenintheartsinc, is our "everyday home," where artists, cultural organizations, students and the public are welcome to engage as part of our community. On behalf of Women in the Arts, I warmly invite you to join us on March 29. ■

Read the full interview at ocls.org/blog.

Music in the Library: Shannon Rae

Vocalist Shannon Rae will perform adored classics by female artists. Hear songs every generation will enjoy, you might even catch yourself singing along.

Orlando Public Library • Sat., Mar. 8 • 11 a.m.

Women in the Arts Expo Celebrating the Genius of Women

Engage with the professional fine arts community of Central Florida in a two-hour networking event cultivating inclusivity and equity for women artists.

Orlando Public Library • Sat., Mar. 29 • 2 p.m.



Hard to Find Ancestors

Unveil strategies for uncovering your ancestors' stories, even in the absence of extensive records.

Virtual • Wed., Mar. 5 • 6:30 p.m.



Genealogy in the States: New York

Explore the research resources and collections held in a variety of repositories in New York.

Virtual • Tue., Mar. 4 • 1 p.m.

Finding Your Roots: DNA Testing

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

Virtual • Thu., Mar. 6 • 12 p.m.

GALE Genealogy Connect

Gale Genealogy Connect is a fully searchable collection of digitized online genealogy and history books.

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Spring into action. Learn how to create excellent presentations and efficiently manage your data. Take your PowerPoint and Excel skills to the next level this March.

Microsoft PowerPoint Level 1

Learn how to create a presentation by using templates, text and picture files.

Fairview Shores • Tue., Mar. 4, 25 • 10:30 a.m.

Eatonville • Tue., Mar. 4 • 11:30 a.m.

South Trail • Wed., Mar. 5 • 10:15 a.m.

Alafaya • Wed., Mar. 5 • Noon

Washington Park • Thu., Mar. 6 • 10:15 a.m.

Orlando Public Library • Thu., Mar. 6 • 10:30 a.m.

Hiawassee • Fri., Mar. 7 • 1 p.m.

Virtual • Tue., Mar. 11 • 4 p.m.

Windermere • Fri., Mar. 14 • 10:30 a.m.

Microsoft PowerPoint Level 2

Learn how to insert and customize SmartArt graphics, tables, charts and video.

Fairview Shores • Wed., Mar. 5, 26 • 10:30 a.m.

South Trail • Wed., Mar. 5 • 11:30 a.m.

• Mon., Mar. 24 • 10:15 a.m.

Eatonville • Wed., Mar. 5 • 11:30 a.m.

Washington Park • Thu., Mar. 6 • 11:30 a.m.

Orlando Public Library • Thu., Mar. 6 • Noon

Virtual • Tue., Mar. 11 • 5:30 p.m.

Alafaya • Wed., Mar. 12 • Noon

Windermere • Fri., Mar. 14 • 11:45 a.m.

Hiawassee • Fri., Mar. 14 • 1 p.m.

Microsoft PowerPoint Level 3

Learn how to insert slide transitions, add animations and hyperlinks.

Fairview Shores • Thu., Mar. 6, 27 • 10:30 a.m.

Eatonville • Thu., Mar. 6 • 11:30 a.m.

South Trail • Wed., Mar. 12 • 10:15 a.m.

• Mon., Mar. 24 • 11:30 a.m.

Washington Park • Thu., Mar. 13 • 10:15 a.m.

Orlando Public Library • Thu., Mar. 13 • 10:30 a.m.

Virtual • Tue., Mar. 18 • 4 p.m.

Alafaya • Wed., Mar. 19 • Noon

Windermere • Fri., Mar. 21 • 10:30 a.m.

Hiawassee • Fri., Mar. 21 • 1 p.m.

Microsoft PowerPoint: Create Custom Templates

Make universal style changes to all slides in your presentation. Learn how to customize a theme and to format slides through the slide master.

Fairview Shores • Fri., Mar. 7, 28 • 10:30 a.m.

South Trail • Wed., Mar. 12 • 11:30 a.m.

• Fri., Mar. 28 • 2:45 p.m.

Orlando Public Library • Thu., Mar. 13 • Noon

Virtual • Tue., Mar. 18 • 5:30 p.m.

Microsoft Excel: Data Management Level 1

Learn how to use advanced sort and filter options; apply data validation and other data tools to organize your data.

South Trail • Mon., Mar. 3 • 10:15 a.m.

• Fri., Mar. 7 • 3:30 p.m.

Fairview Shores • Tue., Mar. 4, 25 • 4:45 p.m.

• Thu., Mar. 6, 27 • 4:45 p.m.

Orlando Public Library • Thu., Mar. 27 • 4 p.m.

Microsoft Excel: Data Management Level 2

Learn how to apply data subtotals, outlines, data consolidation and conditional formatting to organize your data.

Fairview Shores • Wed., Mar. 5, 26 • 4:45 p.m.

• Fri., Mar. 7, 28 • 4:45 p.m.

South Trail • Mon., Mar. 10 • 10:15 a.m.

• Fri., Mar. 21 • 3:30 p.m.

Orlando Public Library • Thu., Mar. 27 • 5:30 p.m.



Microsoft Word Level 1-4

Create polished documents in Microsoft Word. Navigate the user interface and apply basic word processing techniques to create a formatted letter.

Chickasaw Branch • Wed., Mar. 5-26 • 10:30 a.m.

Microsoft Word Nivel 1-4

Crea documentos pulidos en Microsoft Word. Navegue por la interfaz de usuario y aplique técnicas básicas de procesamiento de texto.

Chickasaw Branch • Lun., Mar. 3-24 • 3:30 p.m.

Workstation Open Lab

Workstation Open Lab provides free access to industry-leading design and editing software such as Photoshop, Illustrator, Premiere Pro and more.

Chickasaw Branch • Tue., Mar. 4, 11, 25 • 10:30 a.m.

Yvette Shelton-Edmonds Outreach Social Worker



Hello everyone! I am Yvette Shelton-Edmonds, the Outreach Social Worker with the Community Engagement Department. I started this amazing position in March 2024. I have been serving as a social worker for over 30 years. Even as a child, I had a desire to help and make a positive impact in the community. My goal is to engage you in service and help you feel connected.

As an Outreach Social Worker, I have the pleasure of helping people every day. Whether it is through providing pop-up social worker services in a branch or in the community; developing partnerships with nonprofits, businesses, and the faith-based organizations to expand opportunities for Orange County residents; or serving on various committees to advocate for your needs, I am committed to helping you thrive.

What I love most about my position is instilling hope in others and helping them see themselves through a new lens. We all have innate gifts and a purpose that we can share with others to make the world a better place for everyone. Sometimes we just need a little help to dream and believe in ourselves. My goal is to help you enrich your life.

Outside of work you can find me spending quality time with loved ones, volunteering in the community and experiencing the beauty of nature. I love watching glints of sun on the water and beautiful Florida sunsets.

If you would like help creating the life you want or your organization would like to partner, I would love to connect. ■

Community Outreach Events

Storytime at Bill Frederick Park

3401 S. Hiawasse Road, Orlando, FL 32835
• Sat., Mar. 1 • 10 a.m.

Storytime at Leu Gardens

1920 N. Forest Ave., Orlando, FL 32803
• Mon., Mar. 3 • 10 a.m.

Storytime at Orlando Executive Airport

365 Rickenbacker Dr., Orlando, FL 32803
• Tue., Mar. 4 • 10:30 a.m.

Storytime at Nehrling Gardens

2267 Hempel Ave., Gotha, FL 34734
• Sat., Mar. 8 • 10 a.m.

Horizon West Crafts Class for Adults

All supplies provided.
16150 Pebble Bluff Loop, Winter Garden, FL 34787
• Tue., Mar. 4 • 11 a.m.

Oakland Storytime

Enjoy a storytime on the porch of the Oakland Arts and Heritage Center! Ages 0–4.
126 W. Petris Ave., Oakland, FL 34760
• Thu., Mar. 13 • 10:30 a.m.

Horizon West Book Club: Waterleigh Daytime Readers

This month we're reading *The Girl in the Castle* by James Patterson and Emily Raymond.
16150 Pebble Bluff Loop, Winter Garden, FL 34787
• Wed., Mar. 19 • 12:30 p.m.

Book Bike Events

Book Bike at Lake Eola

The book bike will be at Lake Eola playground with a pop-up library and a storytime!
512 E. Washington St., Orlando, FL 32801
• Sun., Mar. 2 • 10 a.m.

Third Thursday at Heritage Park

65 E. Central Blvd., Orlando, FL 32801
• Thursday, Mar. 20 • 5 p.m.

Oakland Farmer's Market

The book bike will be at the Oakland Farmer's Market with a library of books available for checkout!
126 W. Petris Ave., Oakland, FL 34760
• Thursday, March 27 • 9 a.m.



Level up all week long by exploring programs inspired by classic video games and characters!

Arcade Bingo

Game on! This month's Bingo will feature classic arcade games. Recommended for families.
Fairview Shores • Mon., Mar. 17 • 3 p.m.

Peach Tea Time

Attend a royal tea party inspired by Princess Peach. Snacks will be provided.
Fairview Shores • Tue., Mar. 18 • 10:30 a.m.

Let's Play Pokken Tournament

Enter the arena with your favorite Pokémon champion! Pokken Tournament is a fun fighting game that takes place in the wonderful world of Pokémon!
Fairview Shores • Tue.–Fri., March 18–21 • 3 p.m.

Science Explorers: Go Kart

Build and race your own go kart inspired by Nintendo's Mario Kart!
Fairview Shores • Tue., Mar. 18 • 3 p.m.

Villagers' Campfire Storytime

This program will include a craft and a storytime inspired by Animal Crossing.
Fairview Shores • Wed., Mar. 19 • 10:30 a.m.

Pirates vs. Princesses

Can your favorite arcade princesses battle it out against a swashbuckling crew in this fun-filled storytime?
Fairview Shores • Wed., Mar. 19 • 3 p.m.

Perler Beads Art

Create pixelated characters inspired by Nintendo's Yoshi with Perler beads. Ages 13–18.
Fairview Shores • Thu., Mar. 20 • 3 p.m.

Crochet Open Lab: Super Star Amigurumi

Bring your crochet projects, yarn and tools to this open lab. All levels are welcome. Ages 18 and up.
Fairview Shores • Fri., Mar. 21 • 10:30 a.m.

Escape the Dungeon

Solve the puzzles and defeat the dark lord to escape the dungeon. Inspired by The Legend of Zelda.
Fairview Shores • Fri., Mar. 21 • 3 p.m.

Movie & Craft

Let's-a-go! Watch *The Super Mario Bros. Movie* while creating a fire flower craft.
Fairview Shores • Sat., Mar. 22 • 3 p.m.

Chess Clubs

Join us for a game of chess. All experience levels welcome.

Windermere • *Mon., Mar. 3, 17* • 4 p.m.

Fairview Shores • *Tue., Mar. 4–25* • 3:30 p.m.

Winter Garden • *Wed., Mar. 5, 19* • 4:30 p.m.

Orlando Public Library • *Sat., Mar. 8* • 2:30 p.m.



Mindful Start Family Yoga

Silly and fun yoga poses designed for kids! Ages 0–7.

Winter Garden • *Mon., Mar. 3–31* • 10:15 & 11:15 a.m.

Southwest • *Tue., Mar. 4–25* • 11 a.m.

West Oaks • *Wed., Mar. 5–26* • 10 a.m.

Celebrate! World Wildlife Day

Celebrate world wildlife day with family games and crafts.

Winter Garden • *Tue., Mar. 4* • 4:30 p.m.

Dungeons & Dragons

Have you ever wanted to play Dungeons & Dragons? Now's your chance!

Washington Park • *Tue., Mar. 4, 18* • 5 p.m.

Windermere • *Mon., Mar. 10, 24* • 4:30 p.m.

Holi: Festival of Colors

Learn how the Hindu spring festival of Holi is celebrated around the world. Ages 5 and up.

Southeast • *Fri., Mar. 7* • 4 p.m.

Balloon Flowers: Roses

Twist and turn balloons into a beautiful rose!

Hiwassee • *Sat., Mar. 8* • 4 p.m.

MARIO DAY

Let's-a-go to the library! Celebrate with fun activities, including an escape adventure!

Fairview Shores • *Mon., Mar. 10* • 4 p.m.

I Love Manatees

Show some love for Florida's state marine animal with stories, crafts and activities.

Winter Garden • *Tue., Mar. 11* • 4:30 p.m.

Sensory Free Play

Explore, discover and learn through sensory play! Ages 0–5.

Winter Garden • *Wed., Mar. 12* • 11 a.m.

Family Table: Flower Grams

Create flowers that are beautiful to look at and delicious to eat!

Hiwassee • *Thu., Mar. 13* • 4:30 p.m.

Reboot Boutique

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

Eatonville • *Thu., Mar. 13* • 4:30 p.m.

Cuisine Corner:

My Parent + Me Rainbow Pancakes

Chefs ages 5–12 can team up with their grown-ups for a dash of fun and a sprinkle of learning.

West Oaks • *Mon., Mar. 17* • 10:30 a.m.

Bubble Playtime

Help your child develop gross-motor skills in this interactive bubble party. Ages 0–5.

North Orange • *Tue., Mar. 18* • 11 a.m.

Winter Garden • *Wed., Mar. 26* • 11 a.m.

Mindful Start Family Yoga & Weather Jars STEAM Sensory Crafts

Silly and fun yoga poses designed for kids and a take-home sensory STEAM craft. Ages 0–8.

Alafaya • *Thu., Mar. 20* • 11 a.m.

Play Dough Palooza Sensory Play Lab

Explore the importance of sensory play and its connection to mindfulness. Ages 5 and up.

Fairview Shores • *Thu., Mar. 20* • 11 a.m.

Puzzle Party for Families

Swap an old puzzle for a new-to-you one. Bring at least one complete puzzle. Ages 5 and up.

Southwest • *Fri., Mar. 21* • 11 a.m.

Won't You Be Our Neighbor?

Celebrate Mister Rogers with a story, craft and snack. Ages 3–7.

Windermere • *Fri., Mar. 21* • 2 p.m.

Alice in Wonderland: Watch, Make and Play Together

Join us for a showing of the 1951 classic, *Alice in Wonderland*.

Washington Park • *Fri., Mar. 21* • 4 p.m.

Pokémon Party

Listen to stories, do activities and create crafts!

Winter Garden • *Tue., Mar. 25* • 4:30 p.m.

Homeschool Makerspace Meetup

Eatonville • *Wed., Mar. 26* • 11:15 a.m.

Sailor Moon Social

Moon tiara, action! Celebrate the pretty guardians with crafts and activities.

South Creek • *Wed., Mar. 26* • 4:30 p.m.

It Came From an Egg

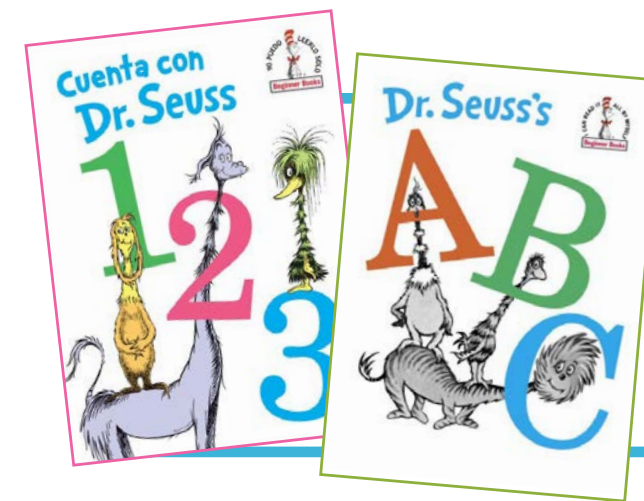
Find out what lives and grows inside of eggs. Ages 5 and up.

Southeast • *Sat., Mar. 29* • 10:30 a.m.

Mulan: Watch, Make and Play Together

Loyal, brave and true. Join us for a showing of the 1998 classic, *Mulan*.

Washington Park • *Sat., Mar. 29* • 4 p.m.



Seuss-a-palooza

Celebrate the world of Dr. Seuss with whimsical stories, activities and more! Ages 2–5.

Chickasaw • *Wed., Mar. 5* • 11 a.m.

BABY (Ages 0–18 Months)

Springtime Sprouts

It's baby's first spring! Discover new ways to play and interact with sensory activities.

Southeast Branch • *Mon., Mar. 3* • 10:15 a.m.

Mother Goose on the Loose

Help develop important pre-literacy skills in our littlest ones!

Orlando Public Library • *Mon., Mar. 3–31* • 10:30 a.m.

Southwest Branch • *Mon., Mar. 3–31* • 11 a.m.

Playtime!

Little ones are invited to explore and tinker while engaging in imaginative play.

Alafaya Branch • *Fri., Mar. 7–28* • 11:45 a.m.

Baby Shamrock

Listen to a story, sing songs, and learn through sensory play.

North Orange Branch • *Tue., Mar. 25* • 11 a.m.

Bounce Into Books

Introduce your baby to early literacy skills through movement, music, rhymes and stories.

Winter Garden Branch • *Thu., Mar. 27* • 10:30 a.m.

Toddler (Ages 18–36 Months)

Bubble Playtime

Help your child develop gross-motor skills in this interactive bubble party.

South Creek • *Tue., Mar. 4* • 10:30 a.m.

Alafaya • *Wed., Mar. 5* • 10:30 a.m.

Little Lit Classics

Learn basic concepts using shapes from *Treasure Island*, counting from *Jane Eyre* and more!

Fairview Shores • *Tue., Mar. 4, 11* • 10:30 a.m.

Tiny House

Little explorers learn, grow and play with hands-on activities.

Orlando Public Library • *Tue., Mar. 4* • 10:30 a.m.

Little Shamrock

Follow the rainbow with your little lucky charms for an Irish feast of fun.

West Oaks • *Tue., Mar. 4* • 11 a.m.

Hooray for Birds

Stretch your wings and enjoy a storytime and craft highlighting our feathered friends.

Southwest • *Wed., Mar. 5* • 11 a.m.

Sensory Free Play

Explore, discover and learn through sensory play. Ages 2–5.

Southeast • *Thu., Mar. 6–27* • 10:30 a.m.

Artsy Toddler

Enjoy stories, songs and exploring age-appropriate art experiences.

Washington Park • *Mon., Mar. 10, 17* • 10:30 a.m.

Alafaya • *Wed., Mar. 12* • 10:30 a.m.

Toddler Sensory Playtime

Encourage your child to explore their curiosity and creativity in this unstructured playtime.

Windermere • *Tue., Mar. 11* • 10:30 a.m.

Busy Bees, Busy Blooms!

Learn about the importance of bees with stories, games, and crafts.

West Oaks • *Tue., Mar. 11* • 11 a.m.

Plant a Little Seed

Toddlers will learn how seeds grow and plant a seed to take home.

Southwest • *Wed., Mar. 12* • 11 a.m.

St. Patrick's Day Craft and Snack

Join us for a St. Patrick's Day inspired craft and enjoy a small snack while creating. Ages 2–5.

Eatonville • *Fri., Mar. 14* • 10:30 a.m.

Little Bugs

Let's grow and play as we learn about our favorite bugs with interactive stations for all!

Orlando Public Library • *Tue., Mar. 18* • 10:30 a.m.

West Oaks • *Tue., Mar. 18* • 11 a.m.

I Love Rain

Pitter-patter! Listen to stories and participate in activities with your toddler celebrating rain.

Southwest • *Wed., Mar. 19* • 11 a.m.

Super Women Storytime

Read stories and participate in activities featuring favorite women superheroes such as Ms. Marvel and Wonder Woman.

Fairview Shores • *Tue., Mar. 25* • 10:30 a.m.

A Perfect Picnic

Toddlers march one by one with the ants and are treated to stories and activities.

Chickasaw • *Wed., Mar. 26* • 11 a.m.



Countdown to Spring

Help us get ready with stories and activities to welcome the season.

Washington Park • Thu., Mar. 6 • 3 p.m.

Eatonville • Wed., Mar. 12 • 10:15 a.m.

Winter Garden • Thu., Mar. 20 • 10:30 a.m.

Toddler Peekaboo!

Fun surprises await toddlers with stories and songs inspired by our favorite game, peekaboo!

North Orange • Thu., Mar. 27 • 11 a.m.

Preschool (Ages 3–5)

Code with Osmo

Go on a coding adventure. Help Awbie, the lovable monster, find his animal friends with tangible Osmo coding blocks. Ages 5–6.

Orlando Public Library • Sun., Mar. 2 • 2 p.m.

• Tue., Mar. 11 • 11 a.m.

Cat-in-the-Hat Seusstacular Jamboree

Engage in fun-filled fantasticals and receive your own signature hat.

Windermere • Mon., Mar. 3 • 10:30 a.m.

Hora de Cuentos

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.

Chickasaw • Lun., Mar. 3 • 11 a.m.

Sesame Street Storytime

Let's make it a sunny day with a storytime and craft celebrating our favorite friends.

Virtual • Mon., Mar. 3, 10, 24, 31 • 11 a.m.

Stories & Stretches

Wiggle and stretch to stories, songs and rhymes focusing on motor development.

Alafaya • Mon., Mar. 3 • 2 p.m.

Pajama Party

Enjoy an interactive storytime with book, songs, games and a craft.

Virtual • Mon., Mar. 3, 10, 24, 31 • 7 p.m.

Mindful Play Learning: Yoga for Preschoolers

Uses yoga and imagination to teach social-emotional skills, support cognitive development and enhance creativity. Ages 3–5.

Eatonville • Tue., Mar. 4–25 • 10:15 a.m.

S is for Spring ... and Summer!

Spring into the season with stories, crafts and activities that involve the letter S.

Winter Garden • Tue., Mar. 4 • 10:30 a.m.

Fairy Tale Fun: Imagine You're Casting a Spell

Explore spells with mesmerizing stories, magical crafts and enchanting activities.

North Orange • Tue., Mar. 4 • 11 a.m.

Little Chef: Edible Garden

Bring your little one to learn cooking skills as you interact with a delicious recipe.

Southeast • Tue., Mar. 4 • 4:30 p.m.

Bilingual Storytime

Bilingual storytime featuring books and songs in English and Spanish.

Winter Garden • Wed., Mar. 5–26 • 10:30 a.m.

Dance Party: Hip Hop

Hip hop into some awesome beats!

Hiawassee • Fri., Mar. 7 • 11 a.m.

Little Chef: Banana Pudding

Bring your little one for mixing, mashing and stacking.

Washington Park • Fri., Mar. 7 • 4 p.m.

Little Readers

Start your child's reading journey with activities focused on phonics and sight words.

Virtual • Sat., Mar. 8 • 10 a.m.

Little Chef: Lucky Charm Snack Mix

Combine, stir and shape a fun treat that will be magically delicious!

Winter Garden • Tue., Mar. 11 • 10:30 a.m.

West Oaks • Tue., Mar. 25 • 11 a.m.

Out of This World Storytime

We come in peace! Join friends for space and alien stories followed by a craft.

South Creek • Tue., Mar. 11 • 10:30 a.m.

Look, I'm a Scientist: Liquid and Solids

Learn about what makes a liquid or solid and mix ingredients to make your very own slime!

North Orange • Tue., Mar. 11 • 11 a.m.

Cuéntame un Cuento

An interactive bilingual storytime featuring books and songs in English and Spanish.

Orlando Public Library • Wed., Mar. 12 • 10:30 a.m.

North Orange • Thu., Mar. 20 • 11 a.m.

Southeast • Mon., Mar. 31 • 10:15 a.m.

Homeschool Jr.

Listen to stories and engage in activities about basic concepts.

Windermere • Wed., Mar. 12 • 10:30 a.m.

Pow-HER-ful

With great power comes great responsibility.

Explore the common empowering qualities of well-known women like Simone Biles, Frida Kahlo, Jane Goodall and more.

Southeast • Mon., Mar. 10 • 10:15 a.m.

Southeast • Tue., Mar. 11 • 4:30 p.m.

Washington Park • Thu., Mar. 13 • 3 p.m.

Fairview Shores • Wed., Mar. 26 • 10:30 a.m.



Festival of Colors

Play with colors and enjoy stories and activities inspired by the Hindu spring festival of Holi.

Chickasaw • Wed., Mar. 12 • 11 a.m.

Play Dough Party

De-stress and express your creativity with a play dough party.

Winter Garden • Thu., Mar. 13 • 10:30 a.m.

Little Artist

Explore art techniques, play with bubbles, and learn letters, numbers and colors.

North Orange • Thu., Mar. 13 • 11 a.m.

Little Chef: Key Lime Pie Parfaits

Crush and layer ingredients to make one of Florida's famous treats!

Hiawassee • Fri., Mar. 14 • 11 a.m.

Little Chef: Rainbow Snacks

Bring your little one to create colorful rainbow-themed snacks for St. Patrick's Day!

Alafaya • Mon., Mar. 17 • 2 p.m.

Flutter By

Explore the butterfly life cycle through engaging activities and crafts.

Washington Park • Thu., Mar. 20 • 3 p.m.

Critter Quest

Explore the secret life of insects through stories, songs and learning stations.

Hiawassee • Fri., Mar. 21 • 11 a.m.

Listen, Move & Play Among the Bugs

What do those creepy crawlies do all day? Investigate the world of bugs with us!

Southeast • Mon., Mar. 24 • 10:15 a.m.

• Tue., Mar. 25 • 4:30 p.m.

Bilingual Storytime

Bilingual storytime featuring books and songs in English and Portuguese.

Windermere • Tue., Mar. 25 • 10:30 a.m.

Bluey Bash

Celebrate your favorite cartoon dog with this storytime followed by a craft.

South Creek • Tue., Mar. 25 • 10:30 a.m.

Little Chef: Strawberry Yogurt Parfait

Children will practice layering, measuring, smearing, tasting and presentation.

Winter Garden • Tue., Mar. 25 • 10:30 a.m.

Monkey Storytime

Enjoy stories and activities while learning about Jane Goodall and her work with animals.

Alafaya • Tue., Mar. 25 • 11 a.m.

Little Chef: Bird's Nest Treats

Celebrate the season with a bird's nest inspired treat. Adult participation is required.

Orlando Public Library • Wed., Mar. 26 • 11 a.m.

Hello, Spring!

Learn, explore and play with all the things this season brings.

Washington Park • Thu., Mar. 27 • 3 p.m.

STORYTIMES

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Tiny Tales (Ages 0–18 Months)

South Creek • Mon. • 11:15 a.m.

Chickasaw • Tue. • 11:15 a.m.

North Orange • Wed. • 11:15 a.m.

Southeast • Wed. • 11:15 a.m.

West Oaks • Thu. • 11:15 a.m.

Windermere • Thu. • 11:15 a.m.

Southwest • Thu. • 11:30 a.m.

Alafaya • Fri. • 11:15 a.m.

Winter Garden • Fri. • 11:15 a.m.

Orlando Public Library • Sat. • 11:30 a.m.

Toddler Time (Ages 18–36 Months)

South Creek • Mon. • 10:45 a.m.

Chickasaw • Tue. • 10:45 a.m.

North Orange • Wed. • 10:45 a.m.

Southeast • Wed. • 10:45 a.m.

West Oaks • Thu. • 10:45 a.m.

Windermere • Thu. • 10:45 a.m.

Southwest • Thu. • 11:00 a.m.

Alafaya • Fri. • 10:45 a.m.

Winter Garden • Fri. • 10:45 a.m.

Orlando Public Library • Sat. • 11:00 a.m.

Storybook Fun (Ages 3–5)

South Creek • Mon. • 10:15 a.m.

Chickasaw • Tue. • 10:15 a.m.

North Orange • Wed. • 10:15 a.m.

Southeast • Wed. • 10:15 a.m.

West Oaks • Thu. • 10:15 a.m.

Windermere • Thu. • 10:15 a.m.

Southwest • Thu. • 10:30 a.m.

Alafaya • Fri. • 10:15 a.m.

Winter Garden • Fri. • 10:15 a.m.

Orlando Public Library • Sat. • 10:30 a.m.

Zero to Five Storytime (Ages 0–5)

Hiawassee • Mon. • 10:15 a.m.

Fairview Shores • Mon. • 10:30 a.m.

Washington Park • Tue. • 10:15 a.m.

Eatonville • Thu. • 10:15 a.m.

South Trail • Fri. • 10:15 a.m.

LEGO Spike Essentials: Great Adventures

Build and program machines with LEGO Education SPIKE. Join us on a Great Adventure as we discover STEAM concepts, use creative problem solving and tell stories.

Orlando Public Library • Mon., Mar. 3 • 11 a.m.
Fairview Shores • Wed., Mar. 5, 12, 26 • 3:30 p.m.
Eatonville • Tue.–Fri., Mar. 18–21 • 3 p.m.
Southwest • Mon., Mar. 24 • 4 p.m.



READING Paws

Improves children's reading skills by reading to a therapy dog.

Chickasaw • Sat., Mar. 1 • 10 a.m.
Windermere • Sat., Mar. 8 • 11:30 a.m.
Alafaya • Sat., Mar. 22 • 10 a.m.
Washington Park • Sat., Mar. 22 • 11 a.m.

LEGO One Scoop

Create greatness with one single scoop! The challenge is on so let's see what you can build.

Windermere • Sat., Mar. 1 • 10:30 a.m.
Alafaya • Wed., Mar. 19 • 11 a.m.

Pokémon TCG Trade Meet Up

Meet with other Pokémon Trading Card Game fans to discuss and trade cards! Ages 8–12.

North Orange • Sat., Mar. 1 • 2 p.m.

Snack Around the World

We'll learn about Irish culture and sample the yummiest snacks it has to offer.

Chickasaw • Sat., Mar. 1 • 2 p.m.

Homeschool Meetup: Glue Batik

This series will teach students the batik method of creating colored designs on cloth.

Southwest • Mon., Mar. 3, 10 • 1 p.m.

Read to a Therapy Dog

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

Winter Garden • Mon., Mar. 3 • 4 p.m.

LEGO Block Party

We provide the LEGO, you provide the creativity.

South Trail • Mon., Mar. 3–31 • 4:30 p.m.
Washington Park • Mon., Mar. 17 • 4 p.m.
Hiawassee • Sat., Mar. 29 • 2 p.m.

Create Animated GIFs

Learn the animation capabilities of Photoshop by creating an animated GIF. Ages 10–12.

Orlando Public Library • Tue., Mar. 4 • 11 a.m.
South Trail • Fri., Mar. 14 • 2:45 p.m.

Homeschool Technology Class

Explore the fundamentals of technology and hone your computer literacy skills. Ages 7–12.

Windermere • Tue., Mar. 4 • 2 p.m.
 • Fri., Mar. 7 • 2 p.m.

LEGO Clubs

Expand your creativity and imagination with LEGO!

Windermere • Tue., Mar. 4, 11, 25 • 4:30 p.m.
Southwest • Wed., Mar. 5–26 • 4 p.m.
South Creek • Wed., Mar. 5 • 4:30 p.m.

Homeschool Discovery

Discover the world through STEM, geography, the arts, culture, history and literature.

Eatonville • Wed., Mar. 5 • 10:15 a.m.
Windermere • Thu., Mar. 6–20 • 1 p.m.

The Great Paper Airplane Challenge

Learn about flight and work to construct and test your own paper airplanes.

Hiawassee • Wed., Mar. 5 • 11 a.m.

Adventures in Homeschooling

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

Orlando Public Library • Wed., Mar. 5, 19 • 1 p.m.

Backyard Birds of Prey

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.

Eatonville • Wed., Mar. 5 • 3:15 p.m.

Fun Phonics: Short A

Get ready to read! We make phonics fun with games and activities focused on letter sounds.

Hiawassee • Wed., Mar. 5 • 4 p.m.

Spring Into Crafts

Drop in and celebrate spring with easy to make crafts!

West Oaks • Wed., Mar. 5 • 4 p.m.
Orlando Public Library • Thu., Mar. 13 • 3:30 p.m.

Art Adventures

Learn about artist Yayoi Kusama and create your own polka-dotted work of art.

Alafaya • Wed., Mar. 5 • 5 p.m.

Mayor Buddy's Book Club

Engage in a lively discussion and fun activities about *Finally Seen* by Kelly Yang, followed by a Q&A with the author. Ages 8–12.

Virtual • Wed., Mar. 12 • 4 p.m.

Kelly Yang is the number one *New York Times* bestselling author of the Front Desk series – *Finally Heard*, *Finally Seen*, *New From Here* – and the young adult novels *Parachutes* and *Private Label*. *Front Desk* was awarded the Asian/Pacific American Award for Literature and Parents' Choice Gold Medal in 2019, was the 2019 Global Read Aloud selection, and was named a Best Book of the Year by multiple publications, including Kirkus Reviews, the School Library Journal and more.

Mindful Play Learning: Yoga for Tweens

Combines physical postures, conscious breathing and meditation. Ages 9–12.

South Trail • Thu., Mar. 6, 20 • 3 p.m.

Masterpiece Junior: Botanical Illustrations

Learn about it's history and create a piece inspired by this historic art.

Orlando Public Library • Thu., Mar. 6 • 4 p.m.

Southeast Thursday Kids Club

Discover a world of fun with games, STEM challenges and more! Ages 5 and up.

Southeast • Thu., Mar. 6–27 • 4:30 p.m.

Making Moo-Lah

Welcome to the farm! Players work together to see if they can run a financially successful farm.

South Creek • Fri., Mar. 7 • 4:30 p.m.

Fuel, Fun, Fitness

Get ready, eat a snack and get active!

South Creek • Sat., Mar. 8 • 2:30 p.m.

Spring Chalk

Come make spring-themed chalk art.

Alafaya • Sun., Mar. 9 • 2 p.m.

American Girl Doll Etiquette Teatime

Learn about American Girl pastimes and games while enjoying a vintage craft.

West Oaks • Mon., Mar. 10 • 11 a.m.

Finding Wild

Explore nature with different activities, crafts and challenges.

Washington Park • Wed., Mar. 12 • 4 p.m.

Let's Sketch: Spring Garden

Learn how to make adorable sketches of various spring flowers and animals.

South Trail • Wed., Mar. 12 • 4 p.m.

Paper House Architect

Learn how architects use paper to represent plans for buildings. Ages 9–12.

South Creek • Wed., Mar. 12 • 4:30 p.m.
South Trail • Thu., Mar. 13 • 4:30 p.m.

Homeschool: Art Expressions

Alafaya • Thu., Mar. 13 • 2 p.m.
Windermere • Fri., Mar. 28 • 2 p.m.

Happy Pi Day!

Celebrate Pi Day by enjoying some pi activities and creating your own mini pie.

Windermere • Fri., Mar. 14 • 2 p.m.

Snack Around the World: The United Kingdom

Treat yourself to tasty snacks from a land far away!

West Oaks • Fri., Mar. 14 • 4 p.m.

LEGO Spike Prime: Science & Engineering

Apply science concepts and the engineering design process through hands-on learning.

South Trail • Sat.–Fri., Mar. 15, 18, 19, 21 • 10:15 a.m.

Hearts of Gold Therapy Dogs

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

South Creek • Sat., Mar. 15 • 10:30 a.m.
Southwest • Sat., Mar. 22 • 10:30 a.m.

Google Earth

Fly around the globe and view famous world landmarks using Google Earth. Ages 10–12.

Orlando Public Library • Sat., Mar. 15 • 11 a.m.

Piece It Together

It's all about speed, strategy and teamwork! Race against the clock to finish a puzzle.

Orlando Public Library • Sat., Mar. 15 • 2 p.m.

Painting with Georgia

Discover the art style of Georgia O'Keefe and paint your own larger than life work of art.

South Creek • Sat., Mar. 15 • 4 p.m.

Homeschool Meetup

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

Southwest • Mon., Mar. 17–31 • 1 p.m.

Barbie World

Be who you want to be! Join us to learn the origin behind one of our favorite icons and her empowering effect on many! We will then engage in Barbie-inspired activities!

Eatonville • Tue., Mar. 25 • 3:30 p.m.

St. Patrick's Day!

Celebrate St. Patrick's day the leprechaun way. Don't forget to wear green!

Eatonville • Mon., Mar. 17 • 3:30 p.m.

Code with Dash Robots

Complete a code challenge by guiding Dash through an obstacle course. Ages 10–12.

South Trail • Tue., Mar. 18 • 11:45 a.m.
• Thu., Mar. 20 • 3:15 p.m.

Cuisine Corner Junior: Dirt and Worms in a Cup

Create a delicious dessert and explore critters and ecosystems found in the dirt.

Eatonville • Tue., Mar. 18 • 1 p.m.

Happy Habitats

Learn about habitats, plants and animals through books and crafts.

Alafaya • Wed., Mar. 19 • 4 p.m.

Project WILD: Turtle Hurdle

Learn about the wonderful world of sea turtles with games and crafts.

West Oaks • Wed., Mar. 19 • 4 p.m.

STEM Explorers: King Kong Engineering

Help King Kong rebuild! Learn engineering concepts and conduct experiments.

Hiawassee • Wed., Mar. 19 • 4 p.m.

Magic Tree House Expeditions

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

Virtual • Wed., Mar. 19 • 4:30 p.m.

Code with Osmo

Help Awbie find his animal friends with Osmo coding blocks in this fun game. Ages 7–9.

South Trail • Thu., Mar. 20 • 10:15 a.m.

Spring Shrinky Dink Magnets

Decorate and shrink a fun magnet to celebrate the first day of spring!

Alafaya • Thu., Mar. 20 • 4 p.m.

BINGO: For Kids!

Learn how to play bingo with a musical twist for a chance to win prizes!

Alafaya • Mon., Mar. 24 • 4 p.m.

Project WILD: Good Buddies

Learn about animal pairs and classify them according to their symbiotic relationships.

Hiawassee • Tue., Mar. 25 • 4:30 p.m.

DIY Pom Pom Launcher

Make a pom pom launcher out of everyday materials.

Alafaya • Wed., Mar. 26 • 4 p.m.

Way Back When the Ashanti Dressed in Gold

Explore Adinkra symbols, soul washers, mythology and ancient Ashanti history.

West Oaks • Wed., Mar. 26 • 4 p.m.

What's Bugging You?

Learn all about creepy, crawly critters with stories, games and activities.

Washington Park • Wed., Mar. 26 • 4 p.m.

Homeschool Out

Socialize with friends as you expand your horizons.

Windermere • Thu., Mar. 27 • 1 p.m.

Creative Watercolors: Spring

Learn the basics of watercolor painting through the use of watercolor pencils and paint.

South Trail • Thu., Mar. 27 • 4 p.m.

Cuisine Corner Junior: Will It Smoothie?

Explore healthy options and try new smoothie flavors.

Orlando Public Library • Thu., Mar. 27 • 4 p.m.

Project WILD: Mermaids and Manatees

Learn about how mythical creatures are inspired by aquatic wildlife.

Winter Garden • Thu., Mar. 27 • 4:30 p.m.

Google Earth

Fly around the globe and view famous world landmarks using Google Earth. Ages 7–9.

Orlando Public Library • Mon., Mar. 31 • 11 a.m.

Macaroni Mania

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

Windermere • Mon., Mar. 31 • 4 p.m.

Spring Herbarium Jars

Embrace the spirit of spring by designing a jar to showcase the vibrant flowers of the season.

Hiawassee • Sat., Mar. 22 • 4:30 p.m.



Anime and a Snack

Eat some Japanese snacks while you enjoy an anime movie screening!

South Trail • Sat., Mar. 1 • 3 p.m.

Teen Board Game Meetups

North Orange • Mon., Mar. 3 • 4 p.m.

West Oaks • Fri., Mar. 7 • 11 a.m.

Winter Garden • Mon., Mar. 10 • 2 p.m.

South Creek • Thu., Mar. 20 • 4 p.m.

Hand Embroidery: Pin Cushion

Create a custom pin cushion to hold all of your favorite pins and needles. Beginner friendly!

West Oaks • Thu., Mar. 6–20 • Noon

Amigurumi Planets

Learn the basics, including crocheting 3D shapes and embroidering facial features.

South Trail • Thu., Mar. 6, 20 • 4:30 p.m.

How to Draw Cartoon Characters: Cat in the Hat

It's somebody's birthday, you can count on that, the man who created *The Cat in the Hat*.

Hiawassee • Fri., Mar. 7 • 4 p.m.

Animanga Club

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

Orlando Public Library • Sat., Mar. 8 • 2 p.m.

Lucky Charms No Sew Felt Pins

Design and make your own Lucky Charm felt pins – no sewing required.

West Oaks • Sun., Mar. 9 • 2:30 p.m.

Anime Club

Discover new anime and create cool crafts of your favorite characters.

Alafaya • Sat., Mar. 15 • 2 p.m.

Upcycled Planters

Watch your plants thrive in a recycled home!

Hiawassee • Sat., Mar. 15 • 4:30 p.m.

Advancing to Adulthood

Games and activities designed to help prepare you for your post high school independence.

Virtual • Tue., Mar. 18 • 4 p.m.

Coloring Time!

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

South Creek • Tue., Mar. 18 • 4 p.m.

Create Animated GIFs

Learn the frame animation capabilities of Photoshop by creating an animated GIF.

Orlando Public Library • Thu., Mar. 20 • 11 a.m.

Dungeons & Dragons

A one-shot adventure for teens and adults.

Windermere • Sat., Mar. 22 • 12:30 p.m.

Teen Cuisine: Burrito Bowls

Satisfy your cravings and learn tips and tricks for making a filling burrito bowl.

Orlando Public Library • Sat., Mar. 22 • 2 p.m.

Teen Cuisine Corner: Edible Cookie Dough

Join us for a fun, no-bake cookie recipe.

Hiawassee • Fri., Mar. 28 • 4 p.m.

DIY Window Cling

Design and create your own DIY window cling inspired by the spring season!

South Trail • Sat., Mar. 29 • 11:30 a.m.

Teen Art Jam

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

Winter Garden • Sat., Mar. 29 • 3 p.m.

South Creek Sketchbook Club

Grab your sketchbook and join us for a laid-back hour of drawing.

South Creek • Sat., Mar. 29 • 4 p.m.

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Teen Volunteer League

Orange County Library's Teen Volunteer League currently offers multiple opportunities for middle and high school students to earn community service hours!

ocls.org/teenvolunteerleague

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



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