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This December at Orange County Library System: Holiday Happenings and School Break Programming

ORLANDO, Fla. (Nov 20, 2025) This December, your library has sweet ways to get into the holiday spirit. Decorate your own snowman cupcake and enjoy a fun activity perfect for little hands and big imaginations at [Little Chef: Snowman Cupcakes](#) on Friday, December 5, at North Orange. Children can learn basic cooking skills during [Little Chef: Gingerbread House](#) at South Creek on Thursday, December 18, at 10:30 a.m. Learn how to make simple and seasonal mocktails to bring cheer to your celebrations at [Cuisine Corner: New Year's Mocktails](#) on Tuesday, December 30, at Hiawassee.

Enjoy time-treasured holiday performances this season at Orlando Public Library, including a performance of excerpts from the classic ballet [The Nutcracker, presented by the Central Florida Ballet](#) on Sunday, December 7, at 2 p.m. Share in the origins of a modern favorite with Hans Christian Andersen's tale of mystery and adventure during [Atlantic Coast Theatre Presents: The Snow Queen](#) at Orlando Public Library on Saturday, December 20, at 3 p.m.

School is out but learning doesn't have to stop. Visit your library and discover STEAM concepts and use creative problem solving with [LEGO Education Spike](#) programs, offered at locations throughout the county. Visit ocls.org/LEGO for more details. Or, teens on school break can join a four-day [Python Programming Camp](#) at Windermere Branch on December 22, 23, 29 and 30 from 2-3 p.m. and learn the core concepts of Python including variables, data types, conditional statements, loops and functions. Find a complete list of programs at ocls.org/classes-events.

Please note, all OCLS locations are closed on December 24-25 in observance of the Christmas holiday and will be closed December 31 and January 1 in observance of the New Year.

Orange County Library System (OCLS) is a public library system serving Orange County, Fla. With 15 public locations and a vast network of online and outreach resources, OCLS enriches lives through experiences and opportunities to learn, grow and connect. From cutting edge technology and inventive fiber arts to enriching storytimes and bestselling author events, OCLS employees bring innovation and education to more than 4 million visitors in our branches and beyond. For more information visit ocls.org, follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#), or download our app available now in your app store.

General Events:

Sustainable Gifts for Plastic Consumption Reduction

Alafaya – Monday, December 1 – 5:30 p.m.

Reduce plastic use and support local artisans and sustainable businesses with Fleet Farming. Registration required.

Paper Mask Decorating

Winter Garden – Tuesday, December 2 – 4:30 p.m.

Learn about the cultural uses of masks while creating your own paper mask. Ages 18 and up. Registration required.

Holiday DIY Ornaments

Fairview Shores – Wednesday, December 3 – 5 p.m.

Decorate ornaments using two different techniques. Ages 18 and up. Registration required.

Easy Decoupage Greeting Cards and Gift Tags

Southwest – Friday, December 5 – 2 p.m.

Learn how to layer paper to create personalized greeting cards and gift tags. Ages 18 and up. Registration required.

Sugar Plum Fairy Scrub

Washington Park – Monday, December 8 – 5 p.m.

Create your very own sugar scrub for the holiday season. Ages 18 and up. Registration required.

Tai Chi Chuan

Windermere – Wednesday, December 10– 10:30 a.m.

Join us for light exercises from the traditions of tai chi chuan.

Legal Learning Workshop: Legal Issues After Disaster

Eatonville – Wednesday, December 10 – 4 p.m.

Explore the most common legal needs after a disaster including housing issues, FEMA appeals and obtaining disaster assistance. Registration required.

Jane Austen Theatricals with Audience Participation and

Orlando Public Library – Saturday, December 13 – 2 p.m.

Theatrical readings from Jane Austen's works with audience participation. Ages 18 and up. Registration required.

Book Frosting: Adults

Alafaya – Saturday, December 13 – 3 p.m.

Bring a book and frost its cover with sticker rhinestones. Ages 18 and up. Registration required.

Jane Austen's 250th Anniversary Birthday Celebration!

Orlando Public Library – Saturday, December 13 – 3 p.m.

An invitation to celebrate the life and literature of Jane Austen with tea and cake, of course. Registration required.

Holiday DIY: Mini Winter Hat Garland

North Orange – Monday, December 15 – 4:30 p.m.

Ages 18 and up. Registration required.

Senior Showcase

Chickasaw – Thursday, December 18 – 5 p.m.

Calling all creative seniors to sing, play music, dance, perform comedy or anything in between.

Career Discovery

Windermere – Friday, December 19 – 11 a.m.

Learn to use a variety of library resources to discover what jobs are right for you.

Advanced Improv: Power2Improv Workshop Series

Orlando Public Library – Sunday, December 21 – 3 p.m.

Focuses on games that are physical, dramatic and highly interactive with the audience. Registration required.

Cuisine Corner: New Year's Mocktails

Hiawassee – Tuesday, December 30 – 11 a.m.

Learn how to make simple and seasonal non-alcoholic "mocktail" drinks to bring cheer to your New Year's celebrations. Registration required.

Youth Events**Florida Children's Museum: Mobile Museum Library Program**

Alafaya – Monday, December 1 – 10:15 a.m.

North Orange – Tuesday, December 2 – 12 p.m.

Winter Garden – Thursday, December 4 – 10:30 a.m.

Southwest – Friday, December 5 – 10:30 a.m.

Drop in to hear stories, explore art, use your senses and play through hands-on fun. Sponsored by Orlando Health.

Chilly Critters

Winter Garden – Tuesday, December 2 – 10:30 a.m.

North Orange – Tuesday, December 2 – 10:30 a.m.

Southwest – Wednesday, December 17 – 11 a.m.

Discover chilly animal friends and their snowy homes with fun stories, crafts and activities. Registration required.

Board Game Bonanza

Southeast – Thursday, December 4 – 4:30 p.m.

Get together for a fun time with new and classic board games.

DIY Gift Wrapping

Hiawassee – Saturday, December 6 – 4 p.m.

Add a personal touch to your presents! Make unique wrapping paper and bows that turn any gift into something extra special. Registration required.

Hot Chocolate Adventure!

Fairview Shores – Friday, December 12 – 4:30 p.m.

Betty the Yeti's hot cocoa has gone missing. Do you have what it takes to solve the puzzles and unravel the mystery? Registration required.

Winter Wonderland

South Creek – Saturday, December 6 – 10:30 a.m.

Winter Garden – Tuesday, December 16 – 4 p.m.

South Trail – Wednesday, December 17 – 4 p.m.

Join us for winter themed stories and crafts to get into the spirit of colder weather. Registration required.

Holiday Card Workshop

South Creek – Wednesday, December 10 – 4:30 p.m.

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

Cocoa and Construction

Washington Park – Wednesday, December 10 – 4 p.m.

South Trail – Saturday, December 27 – 2 p.m.

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

Holiday Movie and Crafts

Washington Park – Saturday, December 13 – 4 p.m.

'Tis the season to show us your ugliest holiday sweater during this holiday movie and teen craft spectacular. Registration required.

Preschool Party

Winter Garden – Wednesday, December 17 – 2:30 p.m.

Explore the magic of winter with stories, crafts, treats, music and maybe a trick or two. Registration required.

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

Winter Garden – Thursday, December 18 – 10:30 a.m.

Learn what happens when it gets very cold while rescuing animals from an iceberg. Registration required.

Penguin Party

Southeast – Monday, December 15 – 10:30 a.m.

Southeast – Tuesday, December 16 – 4:30 p.m.

Fairview Shores – Thursday, December 18 – 11 a.m.

Warm up with stories, math, science activities and a craft featuring some icy friends. Registration required.

Winter Chalk Art

Alafaya – Saturday, December 20 – 10:15 a.m.

Create your favorite designs and decorate the library sidewalks together.

Teen Cocoa & Craft

Fairview Shores – Saturday, December 20 – 3 p.m.

'Tis the season for cozy crafts and cocoa! Make a simple macramé snow beanie charm. Registration required.

New Year Celebration

South Trail – Tuesday, December 30 – 11:30 a.m.

Learn about new year celebrations and traditions around the world and create new year inspired crafts.

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