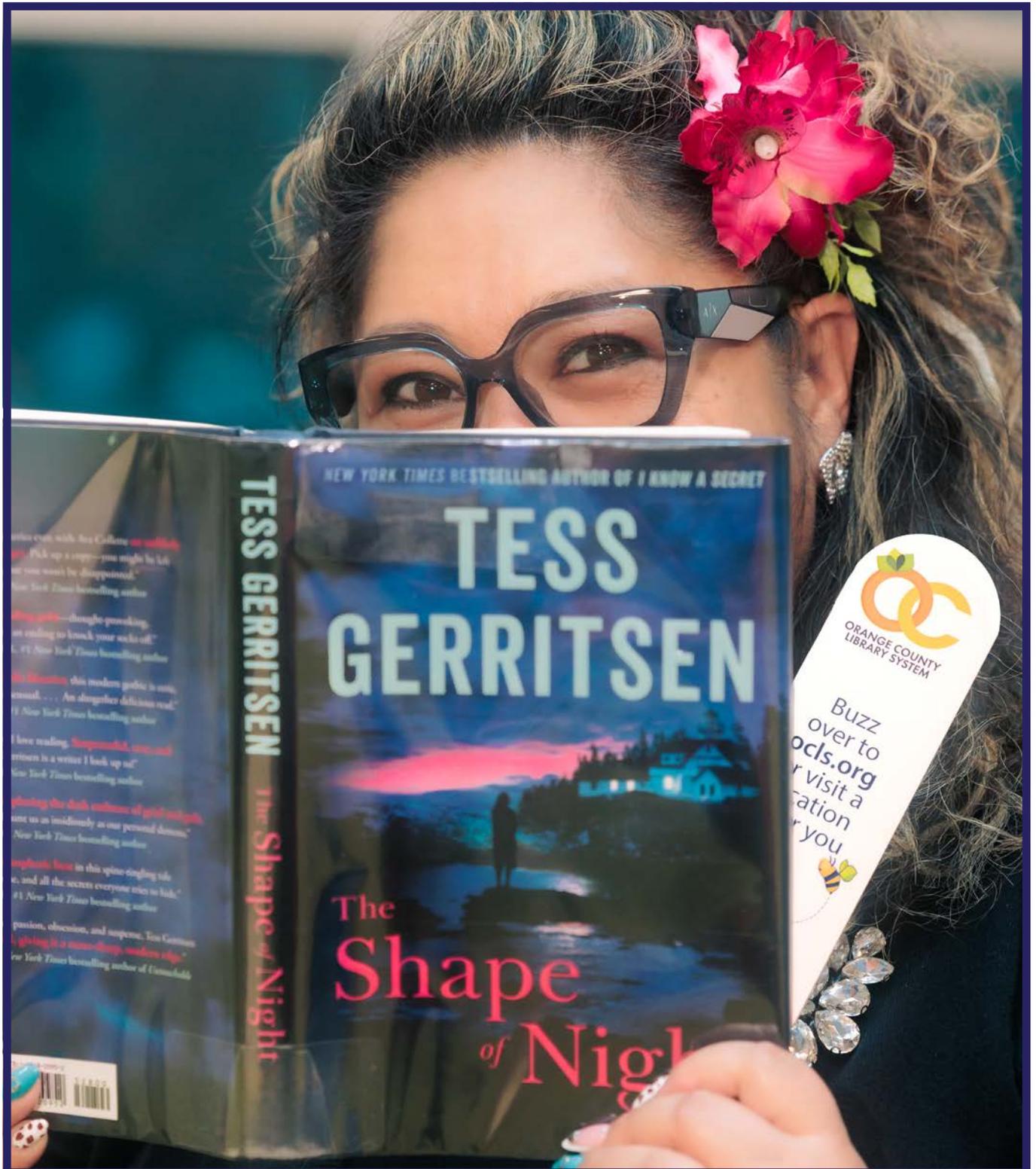


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Orlando Public Library • Thu., Apr. 9 • 6 p.m.

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

Orlando Public Library • Wed., Apr. 15 • Noon

19<sup>th</sup> Annual  
SOUTHWEST AUTHOR SERIES

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**FRIDAY,  
APRIL 24, 7 P.M.**  
SOUTHWEST BRANCH

Join us for a thrilling evening. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and light refreshments will be served. Book sale and signing to follow. Presented in partnership with the Rotary Club of Dr. Phillips. Registration required.



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## You Bee-long at Your Library

Orange County Library System is dedicated to enriching lives through experiences and opportunities to learn, grow and connect. Our area is growing fast and to plan effectively for the future, we need your input on how you use your library and what you'd like to see moving forward. On the page 2, there's a QR code to a survey; I hope you'll take a few minutes to share your thoughts.

National Library Week is April 19–25, and we have plenty to celebrate! Stop by any Orange County Library System location during the week to pick up a limited-edition “You Bee-long at the Library” sticker. If you – or someone you know – doesn't have a library card, it's the perfect time to sign up. Register for a new card in person at any of our 15 locations and receive a special prize pack that includes WonderWorks tickets and a coupon for a free treat from Jeremiah's Italian Ice, while supplies last. We're also hosting special programs throughout the week celebrating libraries and the communities they serve – be sure to check out page 19 for all the details.

The week concludes with one of my favorite annual events: the Southwest Author Series, presented in partnership with the Rotary Club of Dr. Phillips. This year we welcome Tess Gerritsen, the brilliant mind behind 32 bestselling thrillers and mysteries, including *The Summer Guests* and the popular series featuring the detective and medical examiner duo Jane Rizzoli and Maura

Isles, inspiration for a hit TV series. Ms. Gerritsen was a physician before becoming a writer, experience that lends remarkable authenticity to her thrillers.

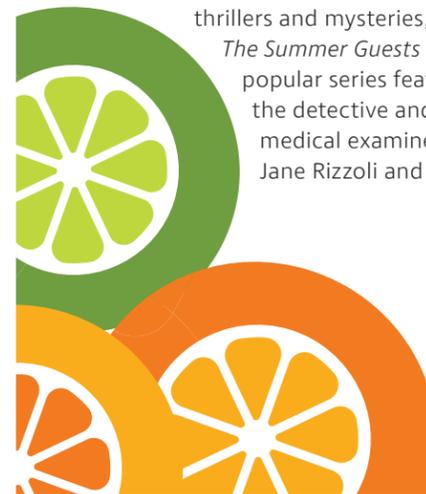
This after-hours event is April 24 at Southwest Branch. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. with light refreshments, and the program begins at 7 p.m., followed by a book sale and signing. This event is free but it requires registration and seats fill fast; register now at [ocls.org/southwestauthorseries](https://ocls.org/southwestauthorseries).

April is also packed with programs designed to help you grow creatively and professionally. Through our Job Seekers series on page 6, you can attend classes to help you build a stronger resume, sharpen your interview skills and connect with career opportunities. If you're looking for ways to give back to your community while gaining valuable experience, join us for the Volunteer Resource Fair at West Oaks Branch at 11 a.m. on Saturday, April 11. Adults and teens ages 16 and older can meet representatives from local organizations and discover their perfect volunteer opportunity.

The entries are rolling in but there's still time to submit your short-form film for consideration in the Melrose Film Festival. The deadline for entry is May 15; submit your film at [filmfreeway.com/melrosefilmfestival](https://filmfreeway.com/melrosefilmfestival). Aspiring authors can take advantage of our five-session Traditional Publishing Boot Camp series

this month. From finding the right literary agent to prepping your manuscript for submission, this series will guide you through the traditional publishing process. You can find more information on page 11.

Whether you're discovering a new author, developing professional skills, exploring creative passions or connecting with your community, your library is here to support you every step of the way. We look forward to welcoming you this April because at the library, you truly *bee-long*.



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### Improve Your Job Interview Skills

Ages 18 and up.

Eatonville • *Wed., Apr. 1* • 11:30 a.m.

South Trail • *Sat., Apr. 18* • 12:30 a.m.

Washington Park • *Thu., Apr. 23* • 10:15 a.m.

Orlando Public Library • *Thu., Apr. 23* • 11:30 a.m.

### Build & Perfect Your Resume

Ages 18 and up.

Southeast • *Wed., Apr. 1* • 5:30 p.m.

South Trail • *Sat., Apr. 4* • 12:30 p.m.

Windermere • *Mon., Apr. 6* • 10:30 a.m.

West Oaks • *Tue., Apr. 7* • 10 a.m.

• *Sat., Apr. 18* • 3:30 p.m.

Orlando Public Library • *Thu., Apr. 9* • 11:30 a.m.

Washington Park • *Thu., Apr. 16* • 10:15 a.m.

North Orange • *Mon., Apr. 20* • 11:30 a.m.

### Prepare for Your Job Search

Provides strategies to help you identify your skills and succeed. Ages 18 and up.

Washington Park • *Thu., Apr. 2* • 10:15 a.m.

Orlando Public Library • *Thu., Apr. 2* • 11:30 a.m.

South Trail • *Sat., Apr. 4* • 11:15 a.m.

Chickasaw • *Thu., Apr. 9* • 11 a.m.

### Open Lab: Job Seekers

Learn more about the resources available with your library card. Ages 18 and up.

Eatonville • *Thu., Apr. 2* • 11:30 a.m.

South Trail • *Fri., Apr. 3* • Noon

West Oaks • *Tue., Apr. 7* • 11:15 a.m.

### Job Seekers Spotlight

Explore the resource LinkedIn Learning to improve your job skills. Ages 18 and up.

Southeast • *Thu., Apr. 2* • 5:30 p.m.

Fairview Shores • *Thu., Apr. 9* • 2 p.m.

### Search & Apply for Jobs

Ages 18 and up.

Washington Park • *Thu., Apr. 9* • 10:15 a.m.

Orlando Public Library • *Thu., Apr. 16* • 11:30 a.m.

South Trail • *Sat., Apr. 18* • 11:15 a.m.

# NATIONAL VOLUNTEER MONTH

## Volunteer Resource Fair

Speak to representatives from local organizations and discover the perfect opportunity to volunteer and support your community. Ages 16 and up.

West Oaks • *Sat., Apr. 11* • 11 a.m.

### Tea Social Hour for Adults and Seniors

Listen to music, enjoy a sweet treat, relax, chat and complete an art activity. Ages 18 and up.

North Orange • *Wed., Apr. 15* • 5 p.m.

### All-Levels Yoga

Get moving with this energizing and relaxing yoga sequence for all levels.

Virtual • *Wed., Apr. 1* • 7 p.m.

Windermere • *Sat., Apr. 11* • 11:15 a.m.

### Yoga for Adults and Seniors

A gentle, beginner-friendly yoga class designed to improve flexibility, balance and mobility.

North Orange • *Thu., Apr. 2-30* • 1 & 2:15 p.m.

### Cuisine Corner: "Baby Chick" Mini Cheese Balls

Make cute "baby chick" mini cheese balls, perfect as appetizers or snacks. Ages 18 and up.

South Creek • *Thu., Apr. 2* • 5:30 p.m.

### Mahjong Club

Discover strategies, practice hands-on play and enjoy a fun, social atmosphere. Ages 18 and up.

Chickasaw • *Sat., Apr. 4* • 11 a.m.

### Adult Game Time

Get an introduction to the featured game of the month. Ages 18 and up.

Orlando Public Library • *Sat., Apr. 4, 18* • 2:30 p.m.

North Orange • *Wed., Apr. 15* • 5 p.m.

### Dungeons & Dragons at the Library

Embark on an epic journey into the grim world of D&D. Ages 18 and up.

Fairview Shores • *Sat., Apr. 4, 18* • 4 p.m.

### Top Five Organizing Rules for a Clutter-Free Spring

Join bestselling author and expert organizer Jamie Novak as she shares five simple rules that make organizing a breeze.

Virtual • *Mon., Apr. 6* • 6:30 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., Apr. 7* • 3 p.m.

### Stamp Carving

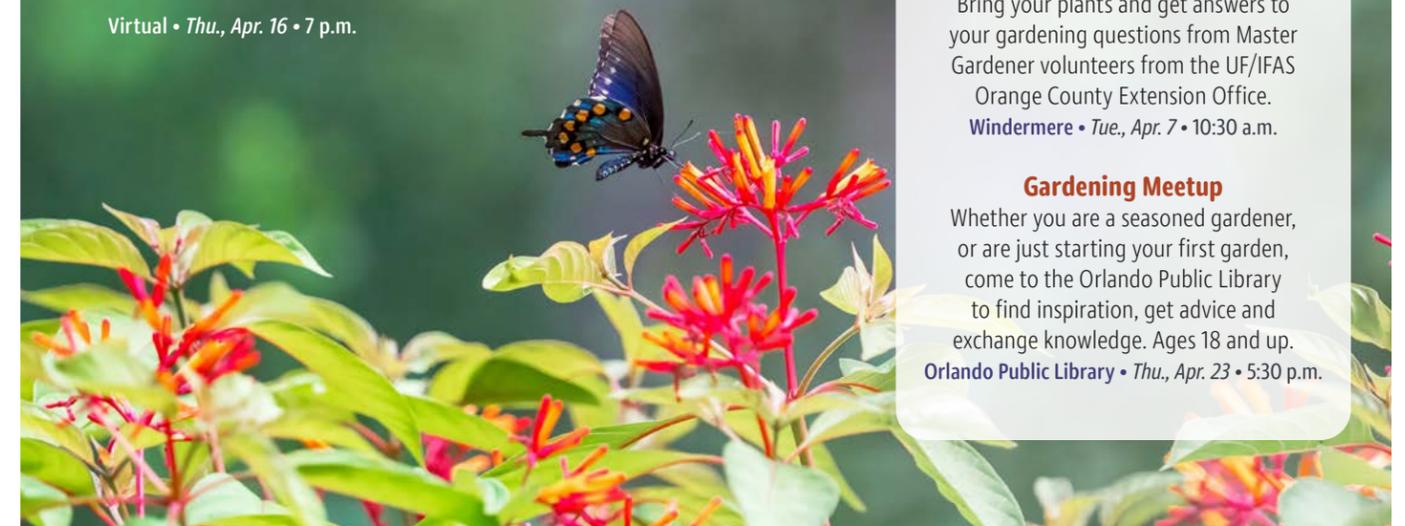
Learn how to carve a rubber stamp out of an eraser to use in your art. Ages 18 and up.

Orlando Public Library • *Wed., Apr. 8* • 5:30 p.m.

# Sustainable Gardening

You can promote a healthy, sustainable future for your local ecosystem and the planet, right from your own garden. Learn how with the Florida Gardenista.

Virtual • *Thu., Apr. 16* • 7 p.m.



### Gardening 101

Join Fleet Farming for Gardening 101, the perfect introduction to starting your own garden and cultivating a green thumb.

Washington Park • *Mon., Apr. 6* • Noon

### Plant Clinic

Bring your plants and get answers to your gardening questions from Master Gardener volunteers from the UF/IFAS Orange County Extension Office.

Windermere • *Tue., Apr. 7* • 10:30 a.m.

### Gardening Meetup

Whether you are a seasoned gardener, or are just starting your first garden, come to the Orlando Public Library to find inspiration, get advice and exchange knowledge. Ages 18 and up.

Orlando Public Library • *Thu., Apr. 23* • 5:30 p.m.

### Cuisine Corner: Fresh Florida Fruit

Yamira Lee Johnson, head chef and founder of Breaking Bread with Mira, will show us how to make delicious dishes using local ingredients.

Virtual • *Wed., Apr. 8* • 6 p.m.

### World Snacks: Lebanon

Learn about a country and sample multicultural snacks. Ages 18 and up.

Alafaya • *Thu., Apr. 9* • 5:30 p.m.

### Sketching 101

Learn the basics of sketching through use of simple art techniques and observation.

Virtual • *Fri., Apr. 10* • 11 a.m.

### Earth Day Parfait

Learn about the Earth's layers as you construct your own layered sweet treat. Ages 18 and up.

Alafaya • *Fri., Apr. 10* • 4:30 p.m.

### Puzzle Swap

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

Chickasaw • *Sat., Apr. 11* • 11 a.m.

Winter Garden • *Sat., Apr. 25* • 3 p.m.

### Get Your Non-Profit Noticed

Create a Candid Profile and get listed in over 200 charitable sites. Ages 18 and up.

Orlando Public Library • *Sat., Apr. 11* • 11:30 a.m.

### Dungeons & Dragons: Odd Happenings

Take an adventure to the upside down and explore the topsy turvy to experience odd happenings. Ages 18 and up.

Washington Park • *Sat., Apr. 11* • 2 p.m.

### Poetry Meetup

Learn about different styles and create your own unique poem. Ages 18 and up.

South Trail • *Sat., Apr. 11* • 4:30 p.m.

### Florida Explorers: Geocaching

Discover how to treasure hunt through GPS with this popular hobby. Ages 18 and up.

Orlando Public Library • *Sun., Apr. 12* • 2:30 p.m.

### Comrades and Coffee

Local veterans and their families can meet and connect, share stories and experiences.

Chickasaw • *Mon., Apr. 13* • 10:30 a.m.

### Faux Stained Glass Butterfly

Use simple materials to achieve a stained glass inspired butterfly. Ages 18 and up.

North Orange • *Mon., Apr. 13* • 4:30 p.m.

### Origami Book Stars

Celebrate the library by making origami stars out of book pages. Ages 18 and up.

Chickasaw • *Mon., Apr. 13* • 5 p.m.

### Spice It Up: Miso

Dive into a new spice, taste your way through its history, culture and uses. Ages 18 and up.

Hiwassee • *Wed., Apr. 15* • 4 p.m.

### Work/Life Balance

Join Jessica Daly, health literacy coordinator with AdventHealth University, as she shares practical, easy ways to manage stress and set healthy boundaries.

Virtual • *Wed., Apr. 15* • 6:30 p.m.

### Donuts and Dominoes

Enjoy donuts while we play dominoes. Ages 18 and up.

Chickasaw • *Thu., Apr. 16* • 11 a.m.



## Cuisine Corner: Dal Puri Roti

Join culinary expert Dianne Morin as she demonstrates how to make dal puri roti, an Indo-Caribbean flat bread stuffed with yellow split peas.

Virtual • Thu., Apr. 23 • 6:30 p.m.

### Mini Mischief Makers: Keep 'Em Safe

Join Orlando Health as they share simple ways to support kids' curious adventures while creating a safe space for them to learn.

West Oaks • Thu., Apr. 16 • 1:30 p.m.

### Book to Film Series: The Hunger Games (2012) (PG-13)

Orlando Public Library • Fri., Apr. 17 • 2 p.m.

### Line Dancing for Fun and Fitness

Learn line dance steps to all types of music. Ages 18 and up.

Southwest • Sat., Apr. 18 • 10:30 a.m.

### Serious Builders & Gamers

See what you can build with one scoop of LEGO or enjoy a board game. Ages 18 and up.

South Creek • Sat., Apr. 18 • 2 p.m.

### Adult Craft & Chat: Diamond Art Suncatchers

Hiawassee • Sat., Apr. 18 • 4 p.m.

### Library Book Bag Painting

Paint a spring-themed bag to carry all your library books. Ages 18 and up.

Alafaya • Sat., Apr. 18 • 4 p.m.

### Tea and Tragedy: Stories from the Titanic

Experience an evening aboard the Titanic.

Orlando Public Library • Sun., Apr. 19 • 3:30 p.m.

### A World of Color and Shape

Leave stress behind and join us for an evening of jazz and contemporary art. Ages 18 and up.

Washington Park • Mon., Apr. 20 • 5:30 p.m.

### Podcast Listening Club: Climate Costs

Take a look beyond the headlines and charts regarding the climate issue. Ages 18 and up.

Dr. P. Phillips YMCA, 7000 Dr. Phillips Blvd., Orlando, FL 32819 • Mon., Apr. 20 • 6:30 p.m.

### UV Resin Book Page Coasters

Create a coaster out of UV resin and pages from books.

Orlando Public Library • Tue., Apr. 21 • 4:30 p.m.

### Springtime Jewelry Making

Celebrate the season by creating your own spring-inspired jewelry. Ages 18 and up.

West Oaks • Tue., Apr. 21 • 5 p.m.

### MasterClass Viewing: Salman Rushdie

Join us to view Salman Rushdie's Storytelling and Writing MasterClass. Ages 18 and up.

Fairview Shores • Wed., Apr. 22 • 5 p.m.

### Collage-O-Rama

Let your creativity flow with a variety of different collage activities. Ages 18 and up.

Alafaya • Wed., Apr. 22 • 5:30 p.m.

### Food 101: Distillation and Spirits

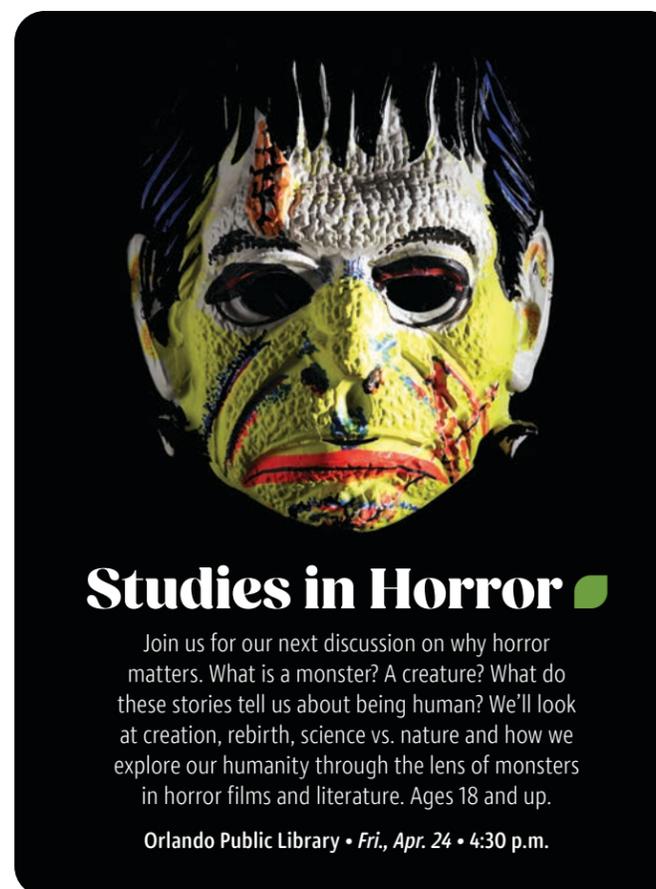
Examines the historical and social significance of what we eat. Ages 18 and up.

Orlando Public Library • Wed., Apr. 22 • 5:30 p.m.

### Yoga for Posture

Focuses on poses to build posture. Presented by certified yoga instructor Dana Brady.

Virtual • Wed., Apr. 22 • 7 p.m.



## Studies in Horror

Join us for our next discussion on why horror matters. What is a monster? A creature? What do these stories tell us about being human? We'll look at creation, rebirth, science vs. nature and how we explore our humanity through the lens of monsters in horror films and literature. Ages 18 and up.

Orlando Public Library • Fri., Apr. 24 • 4:30 p.m.

### Acrylic Painting: April Showers

Follow along with artist Kerry Ezzo to paint an umbrella floral scene. Ages 18 and up.

Eatonville • Sat., Apr. 25 • 11 a.m.

### Game On!

Get together with new and classic board games, great conversation and friendly rivalry.

Southeast • Sat., Apr. 25 • 1 p.m.

### Acrylic Painting Meetup

Explore a variety of acrylic painting techniques. Ages 18 and up.

South Trail • Sat., Apr. 25 • 2 p.m.

### Dungeons & Dragons: Newbie Campaign

Begin your D&D journey as we start our beginners campaign. Ages 18 and up.

North Orange • Sat., Apr. 25 • 2 p.m.

### Crepe Paper Flowers

Transform simple crepe paper into beautifully lifelike flowers. Ages 18 and up.

Chickasaw • Sat., Apr. 25 • 3 p.m.

### Sweet Date Balls

Explore a different culture and learn how to make an easy no-bake treat. Ages 18 and up.

South Trail • Sat., Apr. 25 • 4:30 p.m.

### Let's Paint Fantasy Miniatures

Paint a miniature for use in D&D or other popular tabletop RPGs. Ages 18 and up.

Alafaya • Sun., Apr. 26 • 2 p.m.

### Book Bingo for Adults

Join us for a fun afternoon of bingo and a chance to win free books. Ages 18 and up.

South Creek • Sun., Apr. 26 • 3:30 p.m.

### DIY Felt Bookmarks

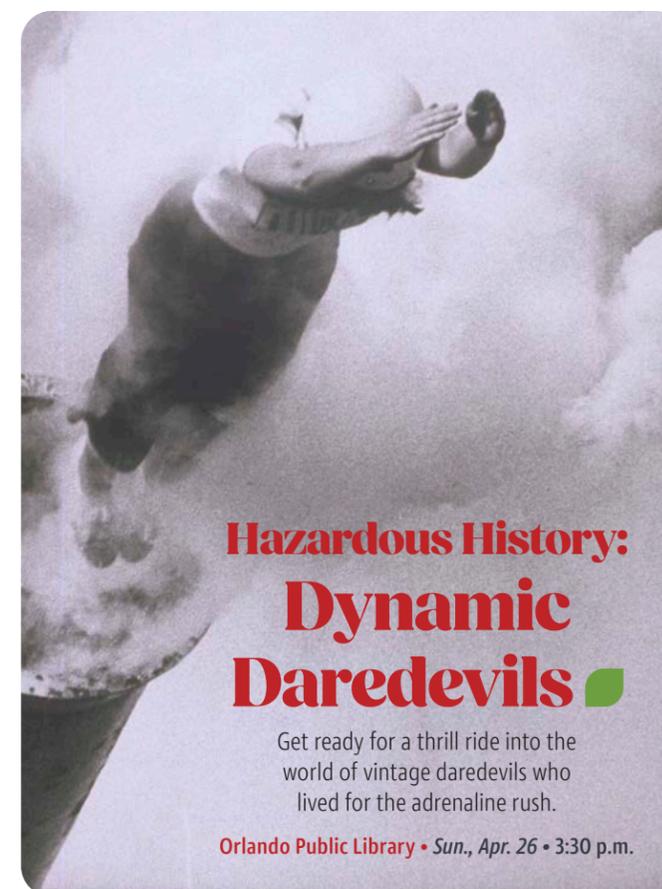
Want to make your own bookmarks out of felt? Come give it a try. Ages 18 and up.

Chickasaw • Mon., Apr. 27 • 5 p.m.

### Make Your Own Ribbon Scrunchie

Make a braided ribbon scrunchie in this hands-on event. Ages 18 and up.

South Creek • Tue., Apr. 28 • 10:30 a.m.



## Hazardous History: Dynamic Daredevils

Get ready for a thrill ride into the world of vintage daredevils who lived for the adrenaline rush.

Orlando Public Library • Sun., Apr. 26 • 3:30 p.m.

### Bejeweled Books

Bring in your favorite book for a glittering makeover. For ages 18 and up.

South Creek • Tue., Apr. 28 • 5:30 p.m.

### Vinyl Record Meetup

Bring your vinyl and enjoy some music on a professional turntable. Music selections must be appropriate for a public setting.

Washington Park • Tue., Apr. 28 • 5:30 p.m.

### Chair Yoga

Virtual • Wed., Apr. 29 • 7 p.m.

### Save the Date: *Their Eyes Were Watching God – The Legacy of Zora Neale Hurston*

Join us for a panel discussion on Hurston's best-known work as guest panelists explore key themes of this Harlem Renaissance classic. Free book available for registrants.

Presented in partnership with Orlando Shakespeare Theater and UCF. Supported in part by the National Endowment of the Arts.

Eatonville • Sat., May 16 • 1 p.m.



### Market of Lights

See culture, nature and the human spirit through the eyes of Haitian artist Mansour E. Masse. The acrylics on canvas celebrate everyday street vendors and honor their dignity, strength and grace. Masse's work evokes the story of perseverance shaped by social and economic disparities.

Orlando Public Library • On Display Through June



### Asian Impressions by Frank Boscarello

Escape into the world of the Qing, Joseon and Yamato Dynasties; featuring lords, princesses and mystic warriors captured in colorful artwork. Inspired by Asian culture and lore, the artwork uses current technologies like Photoshop and AI enhancing to produce unlimited edition prints.

Southwest • On Display Through June

## WikiTree: Turning Your Research Into Shared History

Special guest speaker Taneya Koonce leads our WikiTree seminar, showing genealogists how to document, connect and strengthen their research using the world's largest collaborative family tree.

Virtual • Sat., Apr. 4 • 1 p.m.

### Genealogy: Discover America

Join us on a virtual road trip. We will explore the history, the culture and the genealogical resources that are unique to each state. Ages 18 and up.

Virtual • Wed., Apr. 1, 15, 29 • 1 p.m.

### Oui! Exploring Quebec Ancestry

Explore the history of Quebec and perhaps your ancestry. Learn to understand French genealogy, records and culture. Ages 18 and up.

Virtual • Thu., Apr. 9 • 1 p.m.

### The King's Daughters: Les Filles du Roi-Quebec Royalty

The Filles du Roi were a group of over 700 women sponsored by the king to come to New France. We will unearth their story and learn of their contributions. Ages 18 and up.

Virtual • Thu., Apr. 16 • 1 p.m.

### Scots on the Rock: Exploring Your Scottish Ancestry

Special guest speaker Brian Nash explores the history of Scottish migration to New Scotland (Nova Scotia), why and when they moved and how to find them today. Ages 18 and up.

Virtual • Wed., Apr. 22 • 1 p.m.

### Genealogy 101: The Basics

If you are new to genealogy or just would like a review of basic concepts, this is the perfect class for you. Ages 18 and up.

Virtual • Thu., Apr. 23 • 1 p.m.

### Writing Workshop: Emotional Description

Author and editor Lorin Oberweger will take you through techniques to help you create a rich emotional experience for your reader.

Virtual • Fri., Apr. 3 • 7 p.m.

### A Small Beginnings Self-Publishing Plan

Considering self-publishing? Author Robert Herrick helps you decide if it's the right path for you.

West Oaks • Sat., Apr. 4 • 10:30 a.m.

### Writing a Short Film

Short films are a great project for first-time filmmakers or someone who wants a bite-sized side project. Telly award-winning filmmaker Jennie Jarvis will give an introduction to writing a short film.

Virtual • Sat., Apr. 4 • 4 p.m.

### OCLS Writers Group

Join your fellow writers for critique, discussion and camaraderie. Attend one meeting before submitting a piece for critique.

Virtual • Sun., Apr. 12 • 4 p.m.

### The Story Beneath the Story

Author Janice Hardy will discuss how to use dialogue to expose hidden motives, how shifting power in a scene creates unspoken tension and how theme quietly connects every choice your characters make.

Virtual • Mon., Apr. 13 • 7 p.m.

### Writers Meetup

Meet 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., Apr. 18 • 4:30 p.m.

### When a Book Dies on Submission

Despite everyone's best efforts, some books that go out on submission never sell. Literary agent Anjanette Barr will discuss what to do when a book never gets picked up.

Virtual • Mon., Apr. 20 • 7 p.m.

### Free and Inexpensive Apps for Writers

Author and editor Alli Martin will introduce the best free or low-cost apps, websites and tools to take your writing life to the next level.

Virtual • Mon., Apr. 27 • 7 p.m.

# Traditional Publishing Boot Camp Series

## Literary Agent Red Flags and Green Flags

What should you be looking for when you search for a literary agent? *New York Times* bestselling author Ginny Myers Sain will discuss what qualities to look for – and look out for – in an agent.

Virtual • Tue., Apr. 7 • 7 p.m.

## All About Comp Titles

Learn how to more effectively pitch your book with comparison titles, commonly called comp titles. Literary agent Paula Weiman will discuss how to choose the best comps for your novel.

Virtual • Tue., Apr. 14 • 7 p.m.

## Choosing a Literary Agent

Literary agent Lee Melillo will discuss how to evaluate if an agent is the right fit for you, what to ask on the call, how to research agents and how to choose between multiple offers.

Virtual • Sun., Apr. 19 • 4 p.m.

## Preparing Your Manuscript for Publication

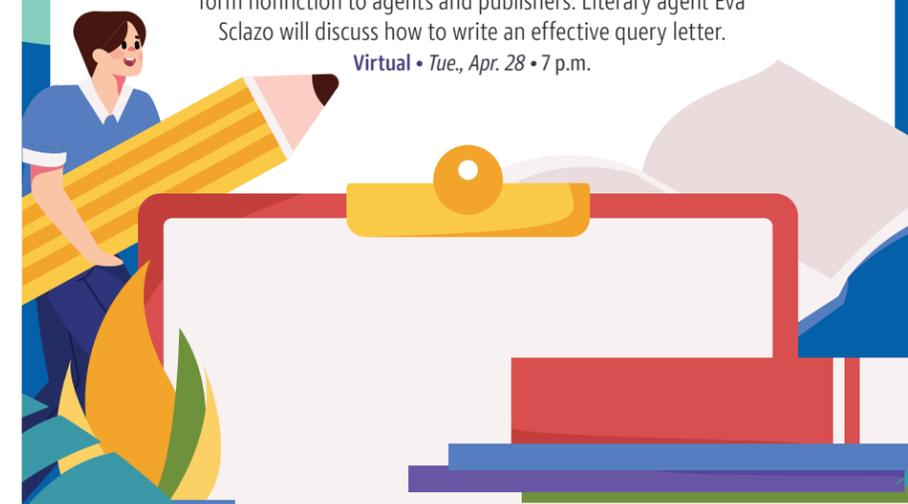
Editor Kristen Stieffel will discuss standard manuscript formatting for long-form fiction and nonfiction and describe the most common errors writers make and how to eliminate them.

Virtual • Tue., Apr. 21 • 7 p.m.

## How to Write a Query Letter

A query letter is required when submitting novels or long-form nonfiction to agents and publishers. Literary agent Eva Sclazo will discuss how to write an effective query letter.

Virtual • Tue., Apr. 28 • 7 p.m.



## Smarter Senior Seminar Series: Financial Ways to Survive

Financial planning is a significant key to your retirement. Discuss ways to have a clear plan in place before you retire. Finding ways to afford aging in place or in communities.

Southwest • Wed., Apr. 15 • 1:30 p.m.

### Qigong Movement and Breathing

Embark on a transformative journey with Jasmine Win, a modern qigong instructor, and discover the ancient practice of qigong.

Windermere • Sat., Apr. 4 • 10:30 a.m.

Southwest • Fri., Apr. 17 • 10:30 a.m.

### Golden Hour Senior Series: Preserving Your Stories

Join with others searching for ways to capture their unique stories. Together we'll learn to journal and scrapbook treasured memories so they can be shared with friends and family.

Eatonville • Sat., Apr. 4 • 11 a.m.

Washington Park • Mon., Apr. 20 • 11 a.m.

### Fruitful Endeavors: For Vibrant Seniors and Adults

Join us as we learn about productive perennials who are creating new standards of living well. Ages 18 and up.

Orlando Public Library • Sat., Apr. 4 • 1 p.m.

### Seniors Kick Back

Join us for a vibrant series of programs especially for older adults. Each session offers a welcoming space to explore new interests, connect with others and enjoy a variety of enriching activities.

South Trail • Mon., Apr. 6–27 • 10:30 a.m.

### Line Dancing for Seniors

A fun beginner line dancing class, great for memory, coordination and balance. No partner required. Wear comfortable shoes and a smile.

Chickasaw • Mon., Apr. 6, 20 • 11 a.m.

Fairview Shores • Fri., Apr. 24 • 3 p.m.

### DIY Votive Candles

Learn to make a simple candle using the melt-and-pour method.

Hiawassee • Mon., Apr. 6 • 4 p.m.

### A World of Color and Shape Seniors

Leave the stress of everyday life behind and join us for an evening of jazz and contemporary art.

Washington Park • Mon., Apr. 6 • 5:30 p.m.

### Rock Painting For Seniors

Celebrate spring and paint a rock.

Orlando Public Library • Thu., Apr. 9 • 2:30 p.m.

### Chair Yoga for Seniors

Get moving with this energizing and relaxing chair yoga sequence for all-levels.

Windermere • Sat., Apr. 11 • 10 a.m.

### Let's Get Creative: Watercolor Cards

Get creative and explore your artistic side with a fun activity. Socialize and connect while creating unique items.

South Creek • Tue., Apr. 14 • 10:30 a.m.

### No Cook Food

Eat light and healthy this spring with this easy and tasty bite or appetizer.

Hiawassee • Tue., Apr. 14 • 11 a.m.

### Bingo for Seniors

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

West Oaks • Wed., Apr. 15 • 10 a.m.

Chickasaw • Fri., Apr. 17 • 11 a.m.

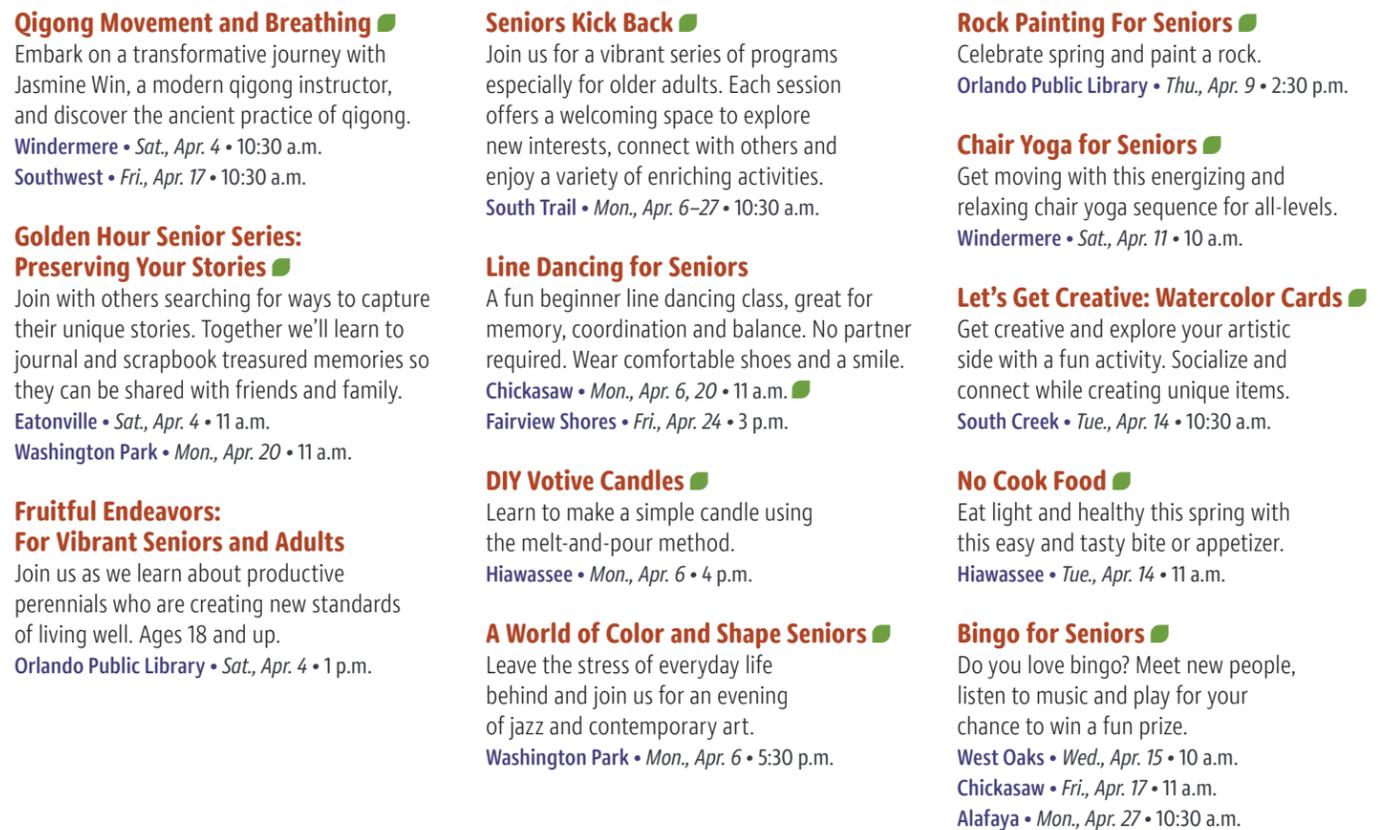
Alafaya • Mon., Apr. 27 • 10:30 a.m.

## Online Safety Tips for Grandparents

### LIFE Information for Elders Branching Out Series

Join Jennifer Bates from Paving the Way Foundation as she helps grandparents spot online dangers and learn how to protect their grandchildren from harm. To register, email [OfficeonAging@ocfl.net](mailto:OfficeonAging@ocfl.net) or call 407.836.7446.

Chickasaw • Wed., Apr. 29 • Noon



### Bilingual Dominoes for Seniors

Be part of our bilingual domino afternoon. Connect with others, play and have fun.

Southeast • Wed., Apr. 15 • 1 p.m.

### Senior Poetry Workshop

Learn to express yourself by exploring different poetic techniques, forms and themes.

Washington Park • Wed., Apr. 15 • 2 p.m.

### Music for Alzheimer's and Dementia LIFE Information for Elders

Join Ashley Gravatte from ADRC for an interactive workshop that explores how music can support your caregiving journey, offering meaningful ways to connect with your loved one living with dementia. To register, email [OfficeonAging@ocfl.net](mailto:OfficeonAging@ocfl.net) or call 407.836.7446.

Orlando Public Library • Thu., Apr. 16 • 12:10 p.m.

### Senior Art Expressions

Explore your artistic side in this guided visual art class.

Windermere • Sat., Apr. 18 • 2 p.m.

### Senior Brain Stretch: Brain Station for Seniors

Fuel your brain with fun, challenging games that energize mental focus. Join in, team up or play at your own pace. Enjoy time to share and learn ways to enhance brain health.

South Creek • Tue., Apr. 21 • 10:30 a.m.

### Canvas Bag Painting

Celebrate Earth Day by painting your own reusable canvas bags.

Hiawassee • Tue., Apr. 21 • 11 a.m.

### Tech Exploration: OCLS Catalog for Seniors

In this casual two-part learning experience, students are introduced the new OCLS catalog. Recommended for seniors.

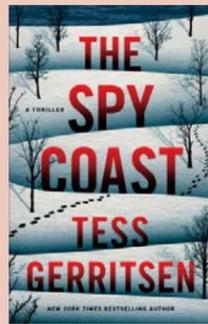
Chickasaw • Thu., Apr. 23, 30 • 11 a.m.

### Seniors Puzzle Lounge: Casual Puzzles and Coffee

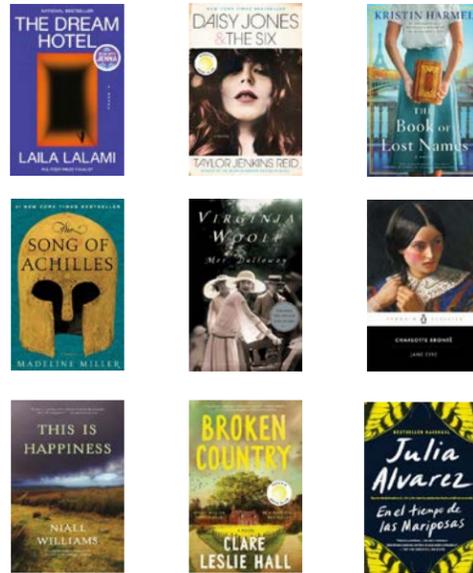
Unwind at the Senior Puzzle Lounge! Enjoy light music and meet new friends while putting together jigsaw puzzles.

Southeast • Mon., Apr. 27 • 2 p.m.





Spend an evening with internationally bestselling author Tess Gerritsen at the 19th Annual Southwest Author Series. See page 4 for details.



**Alafaya Book Club**

*Mrs. Dalloway* by Virginia Woolf.  
Alafaya • Thu., Apr. 2 • 5 p.m.

**Read Aloud Book Club**

*Song of Achilles* by Madeline Miller. Ages 18 and up.  
Southwest • Fri., Apr. 3-17 • 3:30 p.m.

**Y Read: Book Read Aloud**

Experience the joy and camaraderie of reading aloud with others each week. Ages 18 and up.  
Dr. P. Phillips YMCA, 7000 Dr. Phillips Blvd., Orlando, FL 32819 • Sat., Apr. 4-25 • 1:30 p.m.

**Joy of Reading Romance**

Join us to chat about what you are reading. No assigned book. Ages 18 and up.  
Eatonville • Sat., Apr. 4 • 2 p.m.  
Washington Park • Mon., Apr. 13 • 5:30 p.m.

**Peel Back the Pages Virtual Book Club**

*Bury Our Bones in the Midnight Soil* by V.E. Schwab.  
Instagram • Tue., Apr. 7-28 • 3 p.m.

**Winter Garden Book Club**

*Harlem Rhapsody* by Victoria Christopher Murray.  
Winter Garden • Thu., Apr. 9 • 6 p.m.  
Virtual • Thu., Apr. 30 • 6 p.m.

**Southeast Book Club**

*Broken Country* by Claire Leslie Hall.  
Southeast • Mon., Apr. 13 • 3 p.m.

**Central Florida Book Club**

*This is Happiness* by Niall Williams. Ages 18 and up.  
Fairview Shores • Tue., Apr. 14 • 10:15 a.m.

**Spanish Book Club / Club de Lectura**

*En el tiempo de las mariposas* de Julia Alvarez. Ages 18 and up.  
Southeast • Mar., 14 de abr. • 3:30 p.m.

**Horizon West Book Club: Waterleigh Daytime Readers**

*The Book of Lost Names* by Kristin Harmel. Ages 18 and up.  
Waterleigh Community Clubhouse, 16150 Pebble Bluff Loop, Winter Garden, FL 34787  
• Wed., Apr. 15 • 12:30 p.m.

**Downtown Book Club**

*One Rough Man* by Brad Taylor. Ages 18 and up.  
Orlando Public Library • Wed., Apr. 15 • 5:30 p.m.

**Chickasaw Book Club**

*Jane Eyre* by Charlotte Brontë. Ages 18 and up.  
Chickasaw • Sat., Apr. 18 • 11 a.m.

**The Bleak Circle Horror Book Club**

No assigned reading. Ages 18 and up.  
West Oaks • Sun., Apr. 19 • 3 p.m.

**Hiwassee Book Club**

*Daisy Jones and the Six* by Taylor Jenkins Reid.  
Virtual • Mon., Apr. 20 • 7 p.m.

**South Creek Book Club**

*The Dream Hotel* by Laila Lalami. Ages 18 and up.  
South Creek • Tue., Apr. 21 • 5:30 p.m.

**Southwest Book Club**

*The Spy Coast* by Tess Gerritsen. Ages 18 and up.  
Virtual • Tue., Apr. 21 • 7 p.m.  
Southwest • Thu., Apr. 23 • 2 p.m.

**Youth Book Club Reads**



**Kids Comic Club**

*Dog Man and Cat Kid* by Dav Pilkey.  
Winter Garden • Tue., Apr. 14 • 4:30 p.m.



**Comic Club Junior: Amulet**

*Amulet* by Kazu Kibuishi. Explore your favorite graphic novels with fun discussions, crafts and activities.  
Orlando Public Library • Thu., Apr. 23 • 4 p.m.

**Horizon West Kids Book Club**

A book club for kids in Horizon West to talk all things books. Ages 6-12.  
Waterleigh Community Clubhouse, 16150 Pebble Bluff Loop, Winter Garden, FL 34787  
• Mon., Apr. 6 • 6 p.m.

**Southeast Teen Book Club**

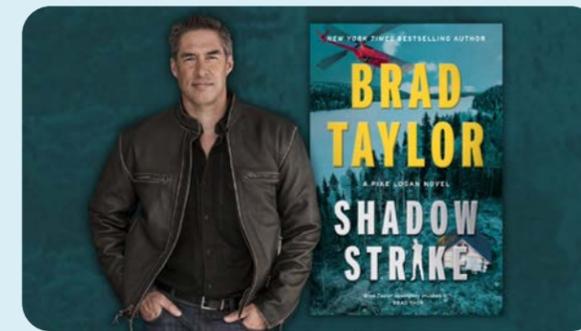
Stop by to discuss books with your peers, grab some snacks and participate in other fun activities. Ages 13-18.  
Southeast • Wed., Apr. 22 • 2 p.m.



**Author Talk: Valerie Neal**

Join us for an exhilarating journey through the history of U.S. women astronauts with Valerie Neal, emerita curator from the Smithsonian's National Air and Space Museum and expert on human spaceflight.

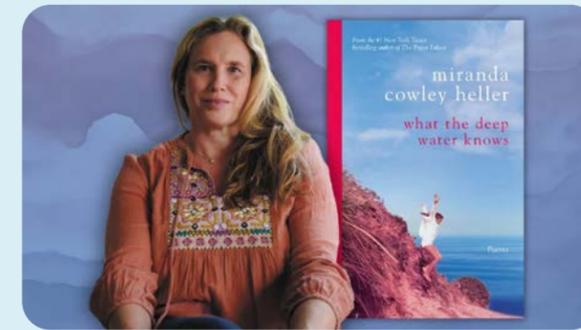
Virtual • Thu., Apr. 2 • 2 p.m.



**Author Talk: Brad Taylor**

Join us in conversation with acclaimed author Brad Taylor on his latest work, *Shadow Strike*, book 20 of the bestselling Pike Logan series.

Virtual • Tue., Apr. 14 • 7 p.m.



**Author Talk: Miranda Cowley Heller**

Award-winning and bestselling author Miranda Cowley Heller takes us on an intimate journey through the life stages of a woman in her new poetry collection, *What the Deep Water Knows*.

Virtual • Wed., Apr. 22 • 2 p.m.



**Author Talk: Jason Reynolds**

Join us with bestselling author Jason Reynolds as we discuss his latest work, *Coach*, the fifth and final entry in the highly popular Track series.

Virtual • Thu., Apr. 30 • 7 p.m.





Buzz into any OCLS location **April 19–25** to get your limited-edition “You Bee-long at the Library” sticker.\*

Sign up for a new library card and receive a prize pack\* including **WonderWorks** tickets and a free treat from **Jeremiah’s Italian Ice**.



\*while supplies last

# CELEBRATE NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK • APRIL 19–25

### Shelfie Ready for National Library Week

Learn about different ways to decorate your bookshelf and get shelfie ready to celebrate National Library Week. Ages 18 and up.  
Orlando Public Library • Fri., Apr. 10 • 4:30 p.m.



### Toddler Storytime: Library Day

Toddlers will explore a playful mix of songs, rhymes and stories while building early literacy skills and having fun. Ages 18–36 months.  
Hiawassee • Fri., Apr. 17 • 11 a.m.  
Orlando Public Library • Tue., Apr. 21 • 10:30 a.m.  
Winter Garden • Thu., Apr. 23 • 10:30 a.m.  
South Trail • Tue., Apr. 28 • 3 p.m.

### Create an Accordion Book

Celebrate National Library Week by creating an accordion style book. Perfect for display or to give as a keepsake. Ages 18 and up.  
North Orange • Mon., Apr. 20 • 4:30 p.m.

### Pirates in Wonderland

Down the rabbit hole the pirates go. In celebration of National Library Week, sail through Wonderland with the swashbuckling crew in this fun-filled storytime. Ages 6–12.  
Fairview Shores • Tue., Apr. 21 • 4:30 p.m.

### To Be Read

Explore the hottest reads of 2026 and discover the perfect new addition for your TBR pile. Ages 18 and up.  
South Trail • Thu., Apr. 23 • 5:30 p.m.



### Southwest Author Series Featuring Tess Gerritsen

Join us for the 19th Annual Southwest Author Series featuring Tess Gerritsen. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and light refreshments will be served. Book sale and signing to follow. Presented in partnership with the Rotary Club of Dr. Phillips.  
[ocls.org/southwestauthorseries](http://ocls.org/southwestauthorseries)  
Southwest • Fri., Apr. 24 • 7 p.m.

# Intro to Affinity by Canva

Discover the power of Affinity, a free and versatile creative suite for graphic design, document creation and photo editing. You'll learn the essentials while exploring how it stacks up against industry-leading apps like Photoshop, Illustrator and InDesign.

Virtual • *Fri., Apr. 10* • 1 p.m.  
 • *Sun., Apr. 19* • 2 p.m.  
 • *Mon., Apr. 27* • 6 p.m.



# Intro to Audio Recording: Start Making Sound

The Melrose audio team is on tour! Learn the basics of recording including microphones, interfaces and Digital Audio Workstations and make your first track in this fun, beginner-friendly session.

Winter Garden • *Thu., Apr. 9* • 5:30 p.m.  
 Alafaya • *Sun., Apr. 12* • 4 p.m.  
 South Trail • *Wed., Apr. 15* • 4 p.m.  
 Eatonville • *Tue., Apr. 21* • 4 p.m.  
 North Orange • *Mon., Apr. 27* • 4 p.m.



# Spring Photo Walk at the Melrose

Interested in photographing Downtown Orlando? Join us for this two-day series starting with a guided photo walk of DTO. All formats and devices are invited to come capture images from cityscapes to wildlife at Lake Eola on Saturday, April 11. Then return for our second meet up on Sunday, April 19 where we'll share photos from the outing. We'll discuss images from the shoot and share challenges and achievements.

Orlando Public Library • *Sat., Apr. 11* • 10:30 a.m.  
 • *Sun., Apr. 19* • 1:30 p.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 15 and select films will be showcased at our September 2026 screening event. For more information and a complete list of rules, visit [filmfreeway.com/melrosefilmfestival](http://filmfreeway.com/melrosefilmfestival). Come share your stories at the Melrose Film Festival!



Let April showers rain fabric, yarn and fiber of all types. Spring into the world of needlecrafts, exploring the latest trends, techniques and inspiration for sewing, crochet, knitting and embroidery. Whether you're a seasoned pro or just starting out on your crafting journey, there's a class for everyone.



## Meetups

### Seniors Crochet Meetup

Join our crochet program, where seniors come together to create lap blankets and beanies for the elderly and patients battling chemotherapy in our community.  
Chickasaw • Fri., Apr. 3, 17 • 3 p.m.  
• Sat., Apr. 4, 18 • 3 p.m.

### Fiber Arts Meetup

Have a great time with other fiber artists while working on your craft. Bring your work in progress, yarn and tools. All levels are welcome.  
Chickasaw • Tue., Apr. 7-28 • 4:30 p.m.  
Fairview Shores • Fri., Apr. 17 • 11 a.m.  
Alafaya • Fri., Apr. 17 • 4 p.m.

### Stitching Stories

Share your love of knitting, crochet, weaving and more while connecting with fellow crafters in a relaxed, creative space. Ages 18 and up.  
Hiwassee • Wed., Apr. 29 • 4 p.m.

## Knit & Crochet

### Crochet Illusion Heart Square

Use mosaic techniques to create this illusion square: from one direction it's stripes, and from another, it's a heart.  
Virtual • Wed., Apr. 1-22 • 10 a.m.

### Knitting: Leaf Coasters

Knit leaf coasters are a quick way to use up scrap yarn and practice knitting in the round with double-pointed needles.  
Virtual • Mon., Apr. 6 • 10:30 a.m.

### Crochet Level 1

Start crocheting today! Learn basic techniques while creating your first project, a bookmark for your favorite read.  
Chickasaw • Tue., Apr. 7 • 3 p.m.

### Crochet to Gauge

Get the right fit every time. Use gauge, or tension, swatches to crochet garments that fit.  
West Oaks • Thu., Apr. 9 • 5 p.m.

### Crochet Level 2

Level up your crocheting. Learn how to create more open fabric with new stitches.  
Chickasaw • Tue., Apr. 14 • 3 p.m.

### Crochet: Cherry Blossom Granny Square

Create a beautiful granny square perfect for spring. Must bring own materials.  
Chickasaw • Thu., Apr. 16 • 11 a.m.

### Crochet Squares: African Flower

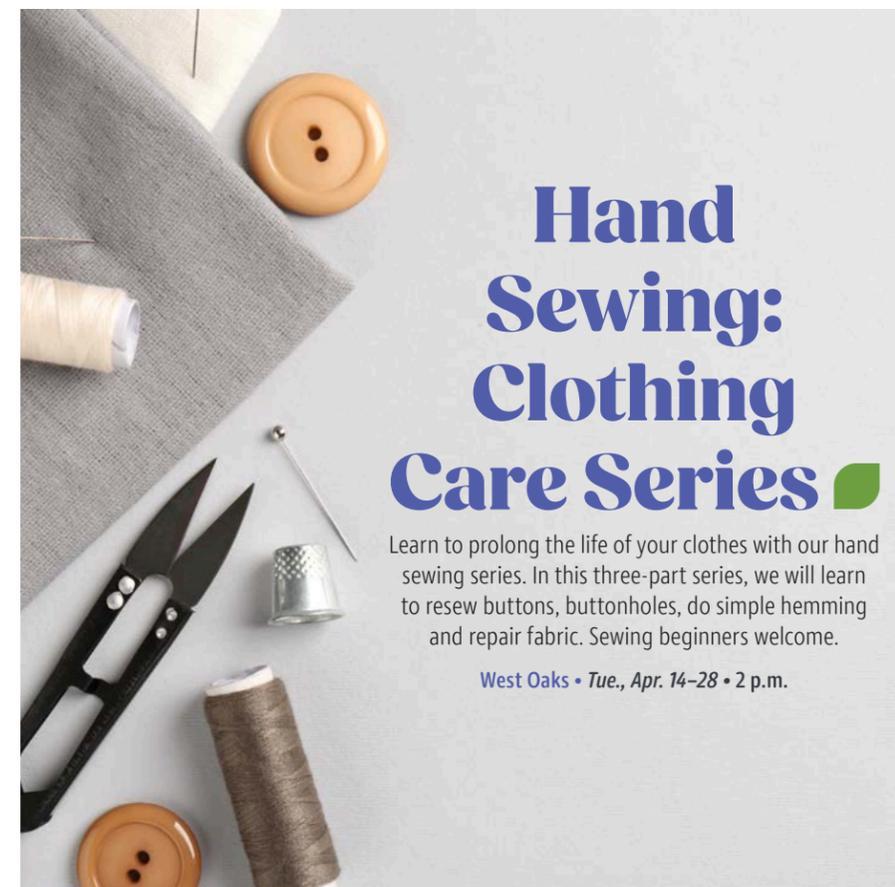
Each pattern creates a unique square that can be enjoyed alone or joined together as a comfy blanket.  
West Oaks • Thu., Apr. 16 • 5 p.m.

### Plastic Canvas Bookmarks

Create a durable, colorful bookmark using plastic canvas and yarn. Learn simple stitching techniques that are ideal for beginners.  
Hiwassee • Mon., Apr. 20 • 4 p.m.

### Crochet Amigurumi

Crochet cute amigurumi stuffed toys in this two-part class.  
Chickasaw • Tue., Apr. 21, 28 • 3 p.m.



## Hand Sewing: Clothing Care Series

Learn to prolong the life of your clothes with our hand sewing series. In this three-part series, we will learn to re sew buttons, buttonholes, do simple hemming and repair fabric. Sewing beginners welcome.

West Oaks • Tue., Apr. 14-28 • 2 p.m.

## Sewing

### Hand Sewing Sashiko Patterns: Usagi Rabbit

This Japanese hand sewing technique uses the running stitch to form geometric patterns.  
Virtual • Thu., Apr. 2-16 • 10:15 a.m.

### Sewing: Introduction to the Sewing Machine

Learn about sewing safety, basic sewing machine skills and stitching seams.  
Washington Park • Fri., Apr. 3, 10, 24 • 10 a.m.  
South Trail • Mon., Apr. 6, 20 • 4 p.m.

### Sewing Open Lab

Bring your projects, all the tools are here for you. Must bring own materials. Machine sewing skills are required.  
Washington Park • Fri., Apr. 3, 10, 24 • 3 p.m.  
Orlando Public Library • Thu., Apr. 2-30 • 10:30 a.m.  
• Sun., Apr. 4-25 • 1:30 p.m.  
• Mon., Apr. 6-27 • 2 p.m.

North Orange • Sat., Apr. 4 • 10:30 a.m.  
Winter Garden • Fri., Apr. 10 • 2:30 p.m.  
Chickasaw • Sat., Apr. 25 • 2 p.m.  
Southwest • Tue., Apr. 28 • 10 a.m.

### Embroidery Level 1

Start hand embroidery today. Learn the basics of using a hoop and needles to create running, back and cross stitches to create a beautiful sampler.  
Eatonville • Sat., Apr. 11 • 2:30 p.m.

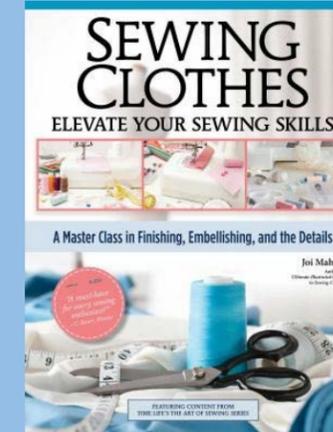
### Hand Sewing Sashiko Patterns: Cherry Blossom

Learn to stitch using Sashiko hand sewing techniques. This Japanese hand sewing technique uses the simple running stitch to form geometric patterns.  
Chickasaw • Sat., Apr. 11 • 3 p.m.

### Semamori Paper Stitched Patterns: Hishi Plant

Learn about the meaning and history of the featured Japanese semamori pattern. Pierce and stitch the pattern on paper.  
Southwest • Tue., Apr. 14 • 10:30 a.m.

## FEATURED BOOK



### Sewing Clothes: Elevate Your Sewing Skills by Joi Mahon

This comprehensive book for sewists who want to up their game features more than 30 different techniques to learn that will elevate your stitch work. Revisit some well-known techniques with a new twist on style.

### Hand Sewing Sashiko Patterns: Flower Fields

Learn to stitch using Sashiko hand sewing techniques. This Japanese hand sewing technique uses the simple running stitch to form geometric patterns.  
Virtual • Thu., Apr. 23, 30 • 10:15 a.m.

### Sewing: Zippered Organizer

Does the idea of sewing a zipper steer you away from projects? Let us help you tackle zippers head-on with confidence.  
Washington Park • Fri., Apr. 24 • 10 a.m.

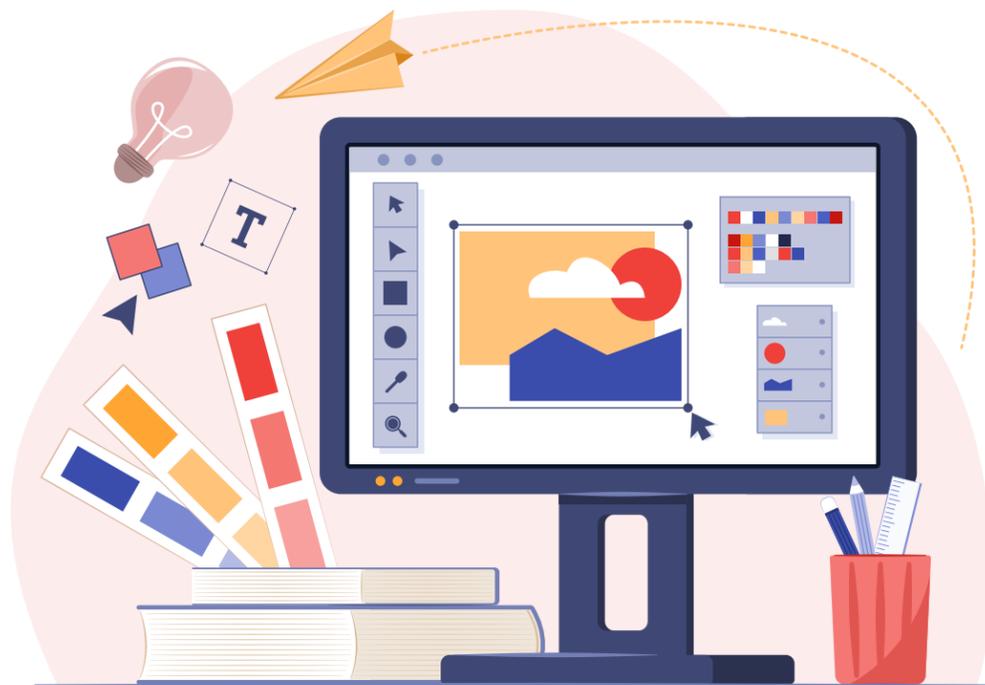
### Embroidery Level 2

Add to your stitch repertoire. Learn how to create French knots, chain stitches and satin stitches, while practicing the running and back stitches.  
Eatonville • Sat., Apr. 25 • 2:30 p.m.

### Sewing: Easy Drawstring Backpack

This is the perfect easy to make backpack for those times when you only need to carry a few things.  
South Trail • Mon., Apr. 27 • 4 p.m.

# Get Started With Canva



## Canva Basics

Bring your design ideas to life with Canva, a free graphic design application.

South Creek • *Wed., Apr. 1* • 10:15 a.m.

• *Sat., Apr. 18* • 10:15 a.m.

Washington Park • *Wed., Apr. 1* • 4 p.m.

Orlando Public Library • *Fri., Apr. 3* • 10:30 a.m.

Alafaya • *Fri., Apr. 3* • 1 p.m.

North Orange • *Fri., Apr. 3* • 2:30 p.m.

West Oaks • *Sat., Apr. 4* • 2 p.m.

Fairview Shores • *Tue., Apr. 7* • 3:30 p.m.

Chickasaw • *Wed., Apr. 8* • 10:30 a.m.

South Trail • *Tue., Apr. 14, 28* • 5 p.m.

## Canva Projects: Presentations

Create visually appealing and effective presentations.

South Creek • *Wed., Apr. 1* • 11:45 a.m.

• *Sat., Apr. 18* • 11:45 a.m.

West Oaks • *Sat., Apr. 4* • 3:15 p.m.

Eatonville • *Wed., Apr. 8* • 11:30 a.m.

Washington Park • *Wed., Apr. 8* • 4 p.m.

Orlando Public Library • *Fri., Apr. 10* • 10:30 a.m.

Alafaya • *Fri., Apr. 10* • 1 p.m.

Chickasaw • *Wed., Apr. 15* • 10:30 a.m.

North Orange • *Fri., Apr. 17* • 2:30 p.m.

South Trail • *Tue., Apr. 28* • 11:30 a.m.

Fairview Shores • *Tue., Apr. 28* • 3:30 p.m.

## Canva Projects: Social Media

Grab your viewers' attention by creating eye-catching posts, videos and more.

South Creek • *Thu. & Sat., Apr. 2, 25* • 10:15 a.m.

Orlando Public Library • *Fri., Apr. 10* • 11:45 a.m.

Eatonville • *Tue., Apr. 14* • 11:30 a.m.

South Trail • *Tue., Apr. 14* • 11:30 a.m.

Alafaya • *Fri., Apr. 17* • 1 p.m.

West Oaks • *Sat., Apr. 18* • Noon

Chickasaw • *Wed., Apr. 22* • 10:30 a.m.

## Open Lab: Canva

A technology trainer will be available to assist you in this open lab related to Canva.

Chickasaw • *Wed., Apr. 29* • 10:30 a.m.–Noon

## Conceptos Básicos de Canva (Español)

Da vida a tus ideas de diseño con Canva, una aplicación gratuita de diseño gráfico.

Chickasaw • *Lun., 6 de abr.* • 10:30 a.m.

North Orange • *Vie., 10 de abr.* • 2:30 p.m.

South Creek • *Lun., 13 de abr.* • 10:15 a.m.

## Proyectos de Canva: Presentaciones (Español)

Crea presentaciones atractivas y efectivas. Explora miles de plantillas de presentación gratuitas.

Chickasaw • *Lun., 13 de abr.* • 10:30 a.m.

South Creek • *Lun., 13 de abr.* • 11:45 a.m.

North Orange • *Vie., 24 de abr.* • 2:30 p.m.

## Proyectos de Canva: Redes Sociales (Español)

Capture la atención de sus espectadores con publicaciones llamativas, videos, y más.

South Creek • *Mar., 14 de abr.* • 10:15 a.m.

Chickasaw • *Lun., 20 de abr.* • 10:30 a.m.

## Open Lab: Canva (Español)

Un Instructor de tecnología estará disponible para ayudarlo sobre las herramientas de Canva.

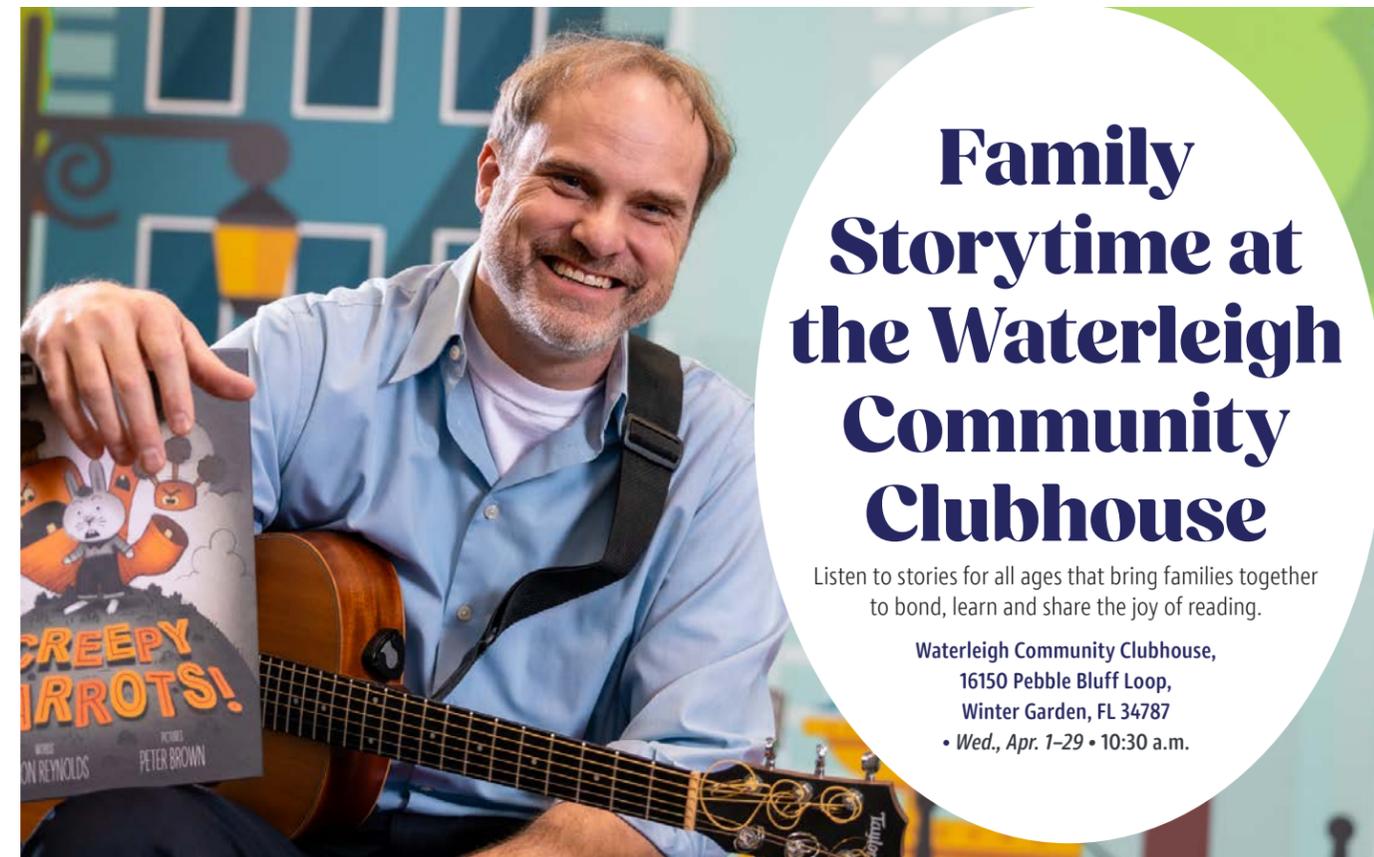
Chickasaw • *Lun., 27 de abr.* • 10:30 a.m.

## Adobe Illustrator Level 1

Orlando Public Library • *Fri., Apr. 17* • 10:30 a.m.

## Adobe Illustrator Level 2

Orlando Public Library • *Fri., Apr. 17* • 11:45 a.m.



## Family Storytime at the Waterleigh Community Clubhouse

Listen to stories for all ages that bring families together to bond, learn and share the joy of reading.

Waterleigh Community Clubhouse,  
16150 Pebble Bluff Loop,  
Winter Garden, FL 34787  
• *Wed., Apr. 1–29* • 10:30 a.m.

## Baby Tales at Harry P. Leu Gardens

Featuring rhythm, rhymes and repetition, this lap-time program supports early literacy, motor skills, language development and a love of books for babies. Ages 0–18 months

Harry P. Leu Gardens, 1920 N. Forest Ave.,

Orlando, FL 32803 • *Mon., Apr. 6* • 10 a.m.

## Toddler Tales at Harry P. Leu Gardens

Through movement, storytelling and songs, toddlers build early literacy, listening and verbal skills while developing motor coordination and discovering the joy of books. Ages 18–36 months

Harry P. Leu Gardens, 1920 N. Forest Ave.,

Orlando, FL 32803 • *Mon., Apr. 6* • 10:20 a.m.

## Preschool Tales at Harry P. Leu Gardens

Through picture books, songs and stories, preschoolers build early literacy skills and prepare for reading and writing by talking, singing, reading and playing. Ages 3–5

Harry P. Leu Gardens, 1920 N. Forest Ave.,

Orlando, FL 32803 • *Mon., Apr. 6* • 10:40 a.m.

## Storytime at the Orlando Executive Airport

The use of picture books, songs and told stories will encourage your child to read, talk, sing and play. Recommended for babies, toddlers and preschoolers.

Storytime lasts approximately 30 minutes.

Orlando Executive Airport, 365 Rickenbacker Drive, Orlando, FL 32803 • *Tue., Apr. 7* • 10:30 a.m.

## Horizon West Adult Craft Club

Try something new or hone a familiar skill in this crafts club. All supplies provided. Ages 18 and up.

Waterleigh Community Clubhouse, 16150 Pebble Bluff Loop, Winter Garden, FL 34787

• *Thu., Apr. 9* • 11 a.m.

## Storytime in the Garden

Join us at Nehrling Gardens open day to enjoy a story, complete a nature craft and learn about upcoming events for families at OCLS.

Nehrling Gardens, 2267 Hempel Ave., Gotha, FL 34734 • *Sat., Apr. 11* • 10 a.m.

## Bilingual Baby to Five Storytime

From the rhythm and repetition of nursery rhymes to the use of picture books, songs and flannel board stories, your child will be encouraged to develop early literacy skills. Ages 0–5.

Englewood Community Center, 6123 La Costa Drive, Orlando, FL 32807 • *Tue., Apr. 21* • 10 a.m.

# Catch 'Em All Club

Meet Pokémon enthusiasts to battle and trade cards. Bring your own cards to trade. Battle with your own cards or use our balanced decks. Create your own Pokémon cards and crafts and socialize with your fellow fans.

Orlando Public Library • Sat., Apr. 11 • 10:30 a.m.



## Mindful Start Family Yoga

Silly and fun yoga poses designed for kids.

West Oaks • Wed., Apr. 1–29 • 10 a.m.  
 Winter Garden • Mon., Apr. 6–27 • 10:15 & 11:15 a.m.  
 Southwest • Tue., Apr. 7–28 • 1 p.m.  
 Windermere • Fri., Apr. 24 • 2 p.m.

## Family Play & Connect

Connect with other caregivers while your little ones, ages 0–5, explore imaginary play.

Winter Garden • Wed., Apr. 1, 15, 22, 29 • 11 a.m.  
 Southeast • Wed., Apr. 1–29 • 11:15 a.m.  
 • Tue., Apr. 7–28 • 5:15 p.m.  
 • Mon., Apr. 20, 27 • 11 a.m.  
 South Trail • Fri., Apr. 3–24 • 10:45 a.m.  
 Hiwassee • Mon., Apr. 6–27 • 10:45 a.m.  
 Fairview Shores • Mon., Apr. 6–27 • 11 a.m.  
 Chickasaw • Tue., Apr. 7–28 • 10:30 a.m.  
 Eatonville • Tue., Apr. 7–28 • 10:45 a.m.  
 West Oaks • Tue., Apr. 7–28 • 11:30 a.m.

## Family Fun: Book Bingo

Play bingo with new friends and win books you can keep forever.

South Creek • Wed., Apr. 1 • 4:30 p.m.

## Family Fun: Ballet

Learn introductory and foundational movements and steps of ballet for any age.

Alafaya • Sat., Apr. 4 • 10:30 a.m.

## Family Fun: ARTventures

Explore the colorful world of art by making your own masterpiece.

Fairview Shores • Sat., Apr. 4 • 3 p.m.

## Family Fun: Chess

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

Fairview Shores • Tue., Apr. 7–21 • 3:30 p.m.  
 Winter Garden • Wed., Apr. 8, 22 • 4:30 p.m.  
 North Orange • Thu., Apr. 9, 23 • 5 p.m.  
 Orlando Public Library • Sat., Apr. 11, 25 • 2:30 p.m.

## Family Fun: Animal Bingo

Learn and play bingo with us and you can win animal themed prizes to take home.

Fairview Shores • Tue., Apr. 7 • 4:30 p.m.

## Reboot Boutique

It's time to add to your closet with new-to-you pieces. Join us for a free shopping experience with gently used clothing.

Eatonville • Thu., Apr. 9 • 4:30 p.m.

## Family Fun: Crafternoons

Get ready for an hour of crafting fun with friends.

South Trail • Fri., Apr. 10, 24 • 4:30 p.m.

## All About Skunks

Learn about the diet, habitat and behavior of one of the world's most misunderstood animals and meet a de-scented pet skunk.

Fairview Shores • Sat., Apr. 11 • 2 p.m.

# Family Fun: DIY Terrarium

Make your own tiny terrarium to care for and grow.

Alafaya • Sat., Apr. 18 • 11 a.m.



## Dungeons & Dragons

Join us for dungeons and dragons inspired by your favorite fantasy lands.

Washington Park • Tue., Apr. 14 • 4:30 p.m.

## Family Fun: Puzzles and Snacks

Enjoy relaxing music and snacks while putting together puzzles with new friends.

South Creek • Wed., Apr. 15 • 4:30 p.m.

## Seven Wonders of the World

Learn about some of the greatest man-made structures in the world.

Southeast • Fri., Apr. 17 • 4 p.m.  
 • Sat., Apr. 25 • 10:30 a.m.

## Bunny Care 101

Learn about the care and keeping of bunnies as house pets and meet some adoptable rabbits.

Washington Park • Sat., Apr. 18 • 11 a.m.

## Family Sensory Storytime

A welcoming storytime specially designed for kids with sensory integration challenges.

Chickasaw • Mon., Apr. 20 • 11 a.m.

## Movie and Craft

Join us for a showing of *Zootopia 2* and make a themed craft to take home.

Fairview Shores • Mon., Apr. 27 • 4 p.m.

## Backyard Birds of Prey

Learn about birds of prey. In partnership with Audubon Center for Birds of Prey.

Eatonville • Wed., Apr. 29 • 3:15 p.m.

## Family Fun: Board Games

Get together for a fun time with board games, great conversation and friendly rivalry.

South Trail • Thu., Apr. 30 • 4:30 p.m.

# STORYTELLER TALES

Presented by Orange County Library System's Professional Storytelling Troupe

## Baby Tales (Ages 0–18 Months)

South Creek • Mon. • 11:15 a.m.  
 Chickasaw • Tue. • 11:15 a.m.  
 West Oaks • Tue. • 11:15 a.m.  
 North Orange • Wed. • 11:15 a.m.  
 Southeast • Wed. • 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.

## Toddler Tales (Ages 18–36 Months)

South Creek • Mon. • 10:45 a.m.  
 Chickasaw • Tue. • 10:45 a.m.  
 West Oaks • Tue. • 10:45 a.m.  
 North Orange • Wed. • 10:45 a.m.  
 Southeast • Wed. • 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.

## Preschool Tales (Ages 3–5)

South Creek • Mon. • 10:15 a.m.  
 Chickasaw • Tue. • 10:15 a.m.  
 West Oaks • Tue. • 10:15 a.m.  
 North Orange • Wed. • 10:15 a.m.  
 Southeast • Wed. • 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.

## Baby to Five Tales (Ages 0–5)

Hiwassee • 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.

## Trap Baby & Me

An interactive music and movement class that brings early childhood development to life with beats and activities little ones can't resist. Ages 18–36 months.

Eatonville • Wed., Apr. 8 • 10:15 a.m.  
 Washington Park • Wed., Apr. 15 • 10:30 a.m.  
 Windermere • Tue., Apr. 21 • 10:15 a.m.



### Baby (Ages 0–18 Months)

#### Baby Play & Connect

Connect with other caregivers while your babies wiggle, giggle and explore early play together.

Windermere • Thu., Apr. 2–30 • 11:35 a.m.  
 Winter Garden • Fri., Apr. 3–24 • 11:35 a.m.  
 • Tue., Apr. 14, 28 • 11 a.m.

Alafaya • Fri., Apr. 3–24 • 11:45 a.m.  
 Orlando Public Library • Mon., Apr. 6–27 • 11 a.m.  
 Southeast • Mon., Apr. 6 • 11 a.m.  
 South Creek • Mon., Apr. 6–27 • 11:30 a.m.  
 Southwest • Mon., Apr. 6–27 • 11:30 a.m.

#### Baby Storytime

Build baby's first literacy skills with songs, rhymes and stories.

Orlando Public Library • Sat., Apr. 4–25 • 11:30 a.m.  
 • Mon., Apr. 6–27 • 10:30 a.m.

Southeast • Mon., Apr. 6 • 10:15 a.m.  
 North Orange • Mon., Apr. 6–27 • 10:30 a.m.  
 Southwest • Mon., Apr. 6–27 • 11 a.m.  
 Winter Garden • Tue., Apr. 7, 14, 28 • 10:45 a.m.  
 Washington Park • Thu., Apr. 16 • 10:30 a.m.

### Toddler (Ages 18–36 Months)

#### Toddler Play & Connect

Connect with other caregivers while your little ones explore imaginary play.

Alafaya • Wed., Apr. 1 • 10:30 a.m.  
 Southwest • Wed., Apr. 1–29 • 11:30 a.m.  
 Winter Garden • Thu., Apr. 2, 16, 23, 30 • 11 a.m.  
 Hiawassee • Fri., Apr. 3, 17 • 11:30 a.m.  
 Fairview Shores • Tue., Apr. 7–28 • 11 a.m.  
 Southeast • Mon., Apr. 13 • 11 a.m.  
 Orlando Public Library • Tue., Apr. 14–28 • 11 a.m.  
 North Orange • Tue., Apr. 21 • 10:30 a.m.  
 South Trail • Tue., Apr. 28 • 3:30 p.m.  
 South Creek • Thu., Apr. 30 • 10:30 a.m.

#### Artsy Toddler

Discover colors, textures and materials through stories, songs and creative art activities.

Chickasaw • Wed., Apr. 1 • 11 a.m.  
 West Oaks • Thu., Apr. 2, 16, 30 • 11 a.m.  
 Orlando Public Library • Tue., Apr. 7 • 10:30 a.m.  
 Alafaya • Wed., Apr. 8 • 10:30 a.m.  
 Eatonville • Fri., Apr. 10 • 10:30 a.m.  
 North Orange • Tue., Apr. 14 • 10:30 a.m.  
 Winter Garden • Thu., Apr. 16 • 10:30 a.m.  
 Washington Park • Thu., Apr. 23 • 3 p.m.

#### Toddler Storytime

Toddlers will explore a playful mix of songs, rhymes and stories while building early literacy skills and having fun.

Southwest • Wed., Apr. 1, 8, 22, 29 • 11 a.m.  
 Winter Garden • Thu., Apr. 2, 23 • 10:30 a.m.  
 Hiawassee • Fri., Apr. 3, 17 • 11 a.m.  
 Orlando Public Library • Sat., Apr. 4–25 • 11 a.m.  
 • Tue., Apr. 14–28 • 10:30 a.m.

Fairview Shores • Tue., Apr. 7–28 • 10:30 a.m.  
 Southeast • Mon., Apr. 13 • 10:15 a.m.  
 North Orange • Tue., Apr. 28 • 10:30 a.m.

#### Toddler Sensory Playtime

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

Southeast • Thu., Apr. 2–30 • 10:30 a.m.

#### Bilingual Toddler Storytime

Toddlers will explore stories, songs and rhymes in English and Spanish while building language and early literacy skills.

Chickasaw • Wed., Apr. 29 • 11 a.m.  
 Winter Garden • Thu., Apr. 30 • 10:30 a.m.

### Preschool (Ages 3–5)

#### Preschool Artists: Eric Carle

Use color and textures to create a masterpiece inspired by artists throughout history.

Winter Garden • Wed., Apr. 1 • 10:30 a.m. ■  
 Washington Park • Thu., Apr. 9 • 3 p.m. ■  
 Southeast • Tue., Apr. 14 • 4:30 p.m.  
 Chickasaw • Wed., Apr. 15 • 11 a.m. ■  
 North Orange • Thu., Apr. 16 • 10:30 a.m.  
 South Creek • Thu., Apr. 16 • 10:30 a.m.  
 Alafaya • Tue., Apr. 21 • 11 a.m. ■  
 Hiawassee • Tue., Apr. 21 • 3:30 p.m. ■

#### Ready, Set, Preschool!

Build early literacy skills, creativity and kindergarten readiness.

Windermere • Wed., Apr. 1 • 10:30 a.m.

#### Mindful Play Learning: Yoga for Preschoolers

Uses yoga to teach social-emotional skills and support cognitive development.

Chickasaw • Thu., Apr. 2–30 • 11 a.m.  
 Eatonville • Tue., Apr. 7–28 • 10:15 a.m.

## Florida Children's Museum: Mobile Museum Library Program

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

Alafaya • Mon., Apr. 6 • 10:15 a.m.  
 North Orange • Tue., Apr. 7 • 10:30 a.m.  
 Winter Garden • Thu., Apr. 9 • 10:30 a.m.  
 Southwest • Fri., Apr. 10 • 10:30 a.m.

#### Preschool Storytime

Interactive stories, songs and rhymes that build early literacy skills.

North Orange • Thu., Apr. 2, 30 • 10:30 a.m.  
 South Creek • Thu., Apr. 2, 23 • 10:30 a.m.  
 Orlando Public Library • Sat., Apr. 4–25 • 10:30 a.m.  
 • Wed., Apr. 29 • 10:30 a.m.

Virtual • Mon., Apr. 6–27 • 11 a.m. & 7 p.m.  
 Alafaya • Tue., Apr. 7, 14 • 11 a.m.  
 Southwest • Tue., Apr. 7–28 • 11 a.m.  
 Eatonville • Wed., Apr. 15 • 10:15 a.m.  
 Fairview Shores • Thu., Apr. 16–30 • 11 a.m.  
 Southeast • Mon., Apr. 20 • 10:15 a.m.  
 • Tue., Apr. 21 • 4:30 p.m.

South Trail • Tue., Apr. 21 • 3 p.m.  
 Windermere • Tue., Apr. 21 • 4 p.m. ■  
 Winter Garden • Wed., Apr. 22, 29 • 10:30 a.m.

#### Preschool Stories & Stretches

Stories, songs and rhymes focusing on motor development.

Hiawassee • Tue., Apr. 7 • 3:30 p.m.  
 Alafaya • Wed., Apr. 29 • 10:30 a.m.

#### Preschool Chef

Caregivers and little chefs will mix, measure and create a tasty masterpiece together.

Southeast • Tue., Apr. 7 • 4:30 p.m.  
 Orlando Public Library • Wed., Apr. 8 • 10:30 a.m. ■  
 South Creek • Thu., Apr. 9 • 10:30 a.m.  
 Washington Park • Fri., Apr. 10 • 4 p.m. ■  
 Winter Garden • Wed., Apr. 15 • 10:30 a.m. ■  
 North Orange • Thu., Apr. 23 • 10:30 a.m.  
 Hiawassee • Fri., Apr. 24 • 11 a.m. ■

#### Preschool STEAM

Exploration meets early learning in this hands-on STEAM program for curious preschoolers.

Chickasaw • Wed., Apr. 8, 22 • 11 a.m.  
 North Orange • Thu., Apr. 9 • 10:30 a.m.  
 West Oaks • Thu., Apr. 9, 23 • 11 a.m. ■  
 Orlando Public Library • Wed., Apr. 22 • 10:30 a.m.  
 Alafaya • Tue., Apr. 28 • 11 a.m. ■

#### Bilingual Preschool Storytime

Explore stories, songs and rhymes in English and Spanish to strengthen language skills.

Orlando Public Library • Wed., Apr. 15 • 10:30 a.m.  
 Southeast • Mon., Apr. 27 • 10:15 a.m.  
 • Tue., Apr. 28 • 4:30 p.m.

## The Moogician Cow-medy Show

Milk is magical, cheese is juggle-able and cows are cool! Join the Moogician for a magic, juggling, banjo-playing and comedy act that celebrates dairy and dairy farming.

Chickasaw • Wed., Apr. 8 • 3:30 p.m.



### Homeschool Junior

Explore the world through crafts, experiments and hands-on activities.

Hiawassee • Wed., Apr. 1 • 11 a.m.

North Orange • Fri., Apr. 3, 17 • 11 a.m.

West Oaks • Mon., Apr. 6, 13, 27 • 11 a.m.

Southwest • Mon., Apr. 6–27 • 1 p.m.

Windermere • Thu., Apr. 9–23 • 1 p.m.

Orlando Public Library • Wed., Apr. 15 • 1 p.m.

Eatonville • Thu., Apr. 2, 16 • 11:30 a.m.

South Trail • Wed., Apr. 22 • 11:30 a.m.

Alafaya • Thu., Apr. 2, 9, 23 • 2 p.m.

South Creek • Fri., Apr. 24 • 11 a.m.

### LEGO Club

Come and use your imagination to build. Bricks will be provided, but cannot go home with you.

Southwest • Wed., Apr. 1–29 • 4 p.m.

West Oaks • Wed., Apr. 1 • 4 p.m.

South Trail • Wed., Apr. 1, 15, 29 • 4:30 p.m.

Winter Garden • Wed., Apr. 1, 15, 29 • 4:30 p.m.

Washington Park • Thu., Apr. 2–30 • 5 p.m.

Orlando Public Library • Sat., Apr. 4, 18 • 2:30 p.m.

Eatonville • Tue., Apr. 7 • 4 p.m.

Windermere • Tue., Apr. 7, 14, 28 • 4:30 p.m.

Fairview Shores • Wed., Apr. 8 • 3:30 p.m.

Chickasaw • Sat., Apr. 11 • 11 a.m.

Southeast • Thu., Apr. 16 • 4:30 p.m.

South Creek • Wed., Apr. 29 • 4:30 p.m.

### Homeschool Junior: Mandarin

Learn basic vocabulary, numbers, colors and other basic concepts.

Chickasaw • Thu., Apr. 2, 16 • 2 p.m.

### Cuisine Corner Junior

Junior chefs will follow a recipe and demonstration to whip up something delicious.

Orlando Public Library • Thu., Apr. 2 • 4 p.m.

West Oaks • Fri., Apr. 10 • 4 p.m.

Hiawassee • Fri., Apr. 10 • 4:30 p.m.

### Board Game Bonanza

Southeast • Thu., Apr. 2 • 4:30 p.m.

### Masterpiece Junior

Together, we'll learn the history, get inspired and create a masterpiece.

Southeast • Fri., Apr. 3 • 4 p.m.

• Sat., Apr. 11 • 10:30 a.m.

South Creek • Wed., Apr. 8, 22 • 4:30 p.m.

• Sat., Apr. 11 • 2:30 p.m.

Orlando Public Library • Thu., Apr. 9 • 4 p.m.

South Trail • Thu., Apr. 9 • 4:30 p.m.

Windermere • Fri., Apr. 10 • 2 p.m.

• Mon., Apr. 27 • 4:30 p.m.

Alafaya • Wed., Apr. 15 • 4 p.m.

North Orange • Thu., Apr. 16 • 4 p.m.

West Oaks • Sun., Apr. 19 • 2 p.m.

• Wed., Apr. 22, 29 • 4 p.m.

Hiawassee • Wed., Apr. 22 • 4:30 p.m.

Fairview Shores • Wed., Apr. 29 • 3:30 p.m.

### READING Paws

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

Chickasaw • Sat., Apr. 4 • 10 a.m.

Windermere • Sat., Apr. 11 • 11 a.m.

Alafaya • Sat., Apr. 25 • 10 a.m.

### Hue Knew: A Color Mystery

Hone your hue awareness to investigate a crime of rainbow proportions.

South Trail • Sat., Apr. 4 • 3 p.m.

### Chess Club

Discover the game of chess while having fun and making friends.

West Oaks • Mon., Apr. 6–27 • 3:30 p.m.

Southwest • Tue., Apr. 14, 28 • 4:30 p.m.

Windermere • Mon., Apr. 20 • 4:30 p.m.

### Read to a Therapy Dog

Read to a therapy dog to practice reading skills with an attentive furry listener.

Winter Garden • Mon., Apr. 6 • 4:30 p.m.

### Amazing Animals

Dive in and meet rare, threatened and endangered species.

Orlando Public Library • Wed., Apr. 8 • 1 p.m.



## Creatures of the Night

Fascinating nightlife comes to light during this nocturnal adventure. Discover adaptations that have allowed these animals to be successful in the dark. Presented by Central Florida Zoo.

Eatonville • Thu., Apr. 23 • 4 p.m.

### Gamers Club

Hang out with other gamers and enjoy games and activities.

Orlando Public Library • Wed., Apr. 8, 22 • 2:30 p.m.

### Head in the Clouds

Learn about different cloud types and the science behind them.

Washington Park • Wed., Apr. 8 • 4 p.m.

### STEAM Junior

Junior scientists will explore STEAM concepts to expand their minds and explore the world around them.

South Trail • Wed., Apr. 8 • 4:30 p.m.

• Thu., Apr. 16 • 4:30 p.m.

West Oaks • Wed., Apr. 8, 15 • 4 p.m.

Eatonville • Tue., Apr. 14 • 4 p.m.

Washington Park • Wed., Apr. 15 • 4 p.m.

Southwest • Thu., Apr. 16 • 4:30 p.m.

Winter Garden • Tue., Apr. 21 • 4:30 p.m.

### Let's Play Nintendo Switch

Join our gaming meetup for kids. Dodge attacks, power up and battle with friends.

Washington Park • Sat., Apr. 11 • 11 a.m.

### Fiber Arts Junior: Constellations

Learn simple embroidery stitches while creating a constellation design.

Hiawassee • Wed., Apr. 15 • 3 p.m.

### Aquatic WILD: Water Wings

Learn about the water cycle and its impact on the world's water, people, places and animals.

Orlando Public Library • Thu., Apr. 16 • 4 p.m.

### Hearts of Gold Therapy Dogs

Improve your literacy skills by reading to a therapy dog.

South Creek • Sat., Apr. 18 • 10:30 a.m.

Southwest • Sat., Apr. 25 • 10:30 a.m.

### The Wonder of Rainforests

Through interactive activities and real rainforest animals, students will be transported to the rainforests of the world.

Fairview Shores • Sat., Apr. 18 • 3 p.m.

### Fantastic Fossils: Washington Park Fossil Club

Learn about fossils and how to find and identify them.

Washington Park • Sat., Apr. 18 • 4:30 p.m.

### Snack Around the World: Greece

Treat yourself to tasty snacks from a land far away.

West Oaks • Fri., Apr. 24 • 4 p.m.

### STEAM Junior: Flying Fun

Explore aerodynamics and the forces that make flight possible. Ages 9–12.

Winter Garden • Mon., Apr. 27 • 4:30 p.m.

### Exceptional Artists: Joan Mitchell

Find out about American artist Joan Mitchell and make an art piece inspired by her work.

Washington Park • Wed., Apr. 29 • 4 p.m.

### Project WILD: Color Crazy

Learn how animals use color adaptations in the wild.

Orlando Public Library • Thu., Apr. 30 • 4 p.m.

### Mayor Buddy's Book Club End of Book Party

Mayor Buddy's Book Club is celebrating the completion of their latest book, *Legends of Lotus Island: The Guardian Test*. Meet author Christina Soontornvat, win prizes and learn about our next book club title. Ages 8–12.

Virtual • Wed., Apr. 15 • 4 p.m.

## Create Comics

Create your own comic using Comic Life. Write a story, change layouts and add images to make your comic come alive. Ages 6–12.

**Orlando Public Library** • Tue., Apr. 7, 28 • 2:30 p.m.  
• Thu., Apr. 9 • 10:30 a.m.

**South Trail** • Wed., Apr. 8 • 5 p.m.

**Chickasaw** • Sat., Apr. 11 • 11 a.m.

## Logical Quest with the Zoombinis

Exercise your brains by completing a series of logic-based puzzles and go on an adventure with the Zoombinis. Ages 6–12.

**Hiawassee** • Wed., Apr. 8 • 4:30 p.m.  
**Alafaya** • Thu., Apr. 9 • 4 p.m.  
**Orlando Public Library** • Thu., Apr. 9 • 4 p.m.  
• Tue., Apr. 21 • 4 p.m.

**Code with Minecraft: Adventurer**

Solve code challenges to explore, gather resources and defeat mobs. Ages 6–12.  
**Orlando Public Library** • Thu., Apr. 2 • 10:30 a.m.

**Code with Rodocodo**

Explore coding concepts while gaming by completing coding puzzles. Ages 6–12.  
**Alafaya** • Thu., Apr. 2 • 4 p.m.  
• Tue., Apr. 14 • 2 p.m.

**Code with Sphero Draw**

Code with the Sphero Edu app's draw programming feature. Ages 6–12.  
**Orlando Public Library** • Thu., Apr. 2 • 4 p.m.

**LEGO Education Spike Prime: Science & Engineering**

Apply STEAM concepts and the engineering process with hands-on learning. Ages 6–12.  
**Fairview Shores** • Thu., Apr. 2, 9, 23, 30 • 4:45 p.m.  
**Eatonville** • Wed., Apr. 8, 22 • 3 p.m.  
**Hiawassee** • Thu., Apr. 9 • 2 p.m.  
• Wed., Apr. 29 • 3 p.m.  
**Orlando Public Library** • Sun., Apr. 12, 26 • 3:30 p.m.  
• Wed., Apr. 15, 29 • 10:30 a.m.  
**Southwest** • Tue., Apr. 21 • 4 p.m.

**LEGO Education Spike Essentials: Great Adventures**

Explore STEAM concepts and creative problem solving. Ages 6–12.  
**Southeast** • Fri., Apr. 3 • 10:15 a.m. & 4:30 p.m.  
**North Orange** • Sat., Apr. 4, 18 • 3 p.m.  
**South Trail** • Sat., Apr. 4, 18 • 3:30 p.m.  
• Wed., Apr. 8 • 3:30 p.m.  
**Washington Park** • Tue., Apr. 7, 21 • 4 p.m.  
**Orlando Public Library** • Wed., Apr. 8, 22 • 10:30 a.m.  
• Sun., Apr. 19 • 3:30 p.m.  
**Chickasaw** • Thu., Apr. 9, 23 • 1 p.m.  
**West Oaks** • Sun., Apr. 19 • 1:30 & 2:45 p.m.

**Digital Sculpting**

Create detailed sculptures in a digital environment. Ages 6–12.  
**Alafaya** • Fri., Apr. 3 • 4 p.m.  
**Orlando Public Library** • Tue., Apr. 14 • 10:30 a.m.

**Game Design: Make a World**

Create Super Mario levels and worlds with enemies, obstacles and rewards. Ages 13–18.  
**Orlando Public Library** • Fri., Apr. 3 • 4 p.m.  
• Wed., Apr. 15 • 5 p.m.

**Explore Algodoo Physics**

Use Algodoo to see how objects react to gravity and friction. Ages 6–12.  
**Orlando Public Library** • Tue., Apr. 7 • 10:30 a.m.

**Typing Games**

Have fun playing games that can help you speed up your typing skills. Ages 6–12.  
**Orlando Public Library** • Tue., Apr. 7 • 10:30 a.m.  
• Tue., Apr. 28 • 4 p.m.  
**North Orange** • Sat., Apr. 11 • 3 p.m.

**Explore with Google Earth**

Explore the globe and view famous world landmarks using Google Earth. Ages 6–12.  
**Orlando Public Library** • Tue., Apr. 7 • 4 p.m.  
• Tue., Apr. 28 • 10:30 a.m.

**Video Game Design: Role-Playing Games**

Use Tynker to create a classic top-down role-playing game. Ages 6–12.  
**Orlando Public Library** • Wed., Apr. 8 • 5 p.m.  
• Sat., Apr. 18 • 10:30 a.m.

**Code with Lightbot**

Solve puzzles using sequencing, loops and conditions. Ages 6–12.  
**Alafaya** • Fri., Apr. 10 • 4 p.m.  
**Orlando Public Library** • Sun., Apr. 19 • 1:30 p.m.

**MakeCode Arcade: Pixel Art**

Create the pixel art for a shark attack game with Microsoft MakeCode Arcade. Ages 6–12.  
**Orlando Public Library** • Fri., Apr. 10 • 4 p.m.

**Code with Code Studio**

Explore computer science in Hour of Code tutorials. Ages 6–12.  
**Orlando Public Library** • Sun., Apr. 12 • 1:30 p.m.

**Bring Your Art to Life with AR**

Color a magic page, then use the Quiver app to bring it to life. Ages 6–12.  
**Orlando Public Library** • Mon., Apr. 13 • 4 p.m.  
• Fri., Apr. 17 • 4 p.m.

**Create Animated GIFs**

Create animated GIFs using Photoshop. Ages 13–18.  
**Orlando Public Library** • Wed., Apr. 15 • 1 p.m.  
• Thu., Apr. 23 • 4 p.m.

**Let's Code an Ocean AI**

Learn how machines can see patterns and predict outcomes. Ages 6–12.  
**Orlando Public Library** • Thu., Apr. 16 • 4 p.m.  
• Tue., Apr. 21 • 10:30 a.m.  
• Thu., Apr. 30 • 10:30 a.m.

**Make a Stop Motion Movie**

Use the Stop Motion Studio app to create a stop-motion animation movie. Ages 6–12.  
**Alafaya** • Thu., Apr. 16 • 4 p.m.  
**Orlando Public Library** • Fri., Apr. 24 • 4 p.m.  
• Wed., Apr. 29 • 5 p.m.

**Be Safe Online**

Learn safety tips and good practices when using the Internet. Ages 6–12.  
**Orlando Public Library** • Tue., Apr. 21 • 10:30 a.m.

**MakeCode Arcade: Code a Game**

Learn how to code a shark attack game with Microsoft MakeCode Arcade. Ages 6–12.  
**Orlando Public Library** • Tue., Apr. 21 • 5 p.m.

**Design Characters using Tynker**

Design characters, items, blocks and mobs for Minecraft using Tynker. Ages 6–12.  
**Alafaya** • Wed., Apr. 22 • 2:30 p.m.

**Code with the Foos**

Solve problems with code and help the Foos on an exciting adventure. Ages 6–12.  
**Orlando Public Library** • Thu., Apr. 23 • 4 p.m.  
• Sun., Apr. 26 • 1:30 p.m.

**Learn to Use a Microscope**

Learn how to use a microscope and view the world through a different lens. Ages 6–12.  
**Alafaya** • Mon., Apr. 27 • 4:30 p.m.  
• Thu., Apr. 30 • 4 p.m.

**Code with SpriteBox**

Play a unique platforming game that combines exploration and coding puzzles. Ages 6–12.  
**Alafaya** • Tue., Apr. 28 • 2 p.m.

**Chess Basics with lichess.org**

Learn the rules of the game and use the free website, [lichess.org](https://lichess.org). Ages 6–12.  
**Alafaya** • Wed., Apr. 29 • 2:30 p.m.

# Empowerment & Wellness Session for Teens

Make new friends, share experiences and build connections that last. Join us for monthly gatherings designed to promote mental wellness and personal growth. Presented by Rebuild Yourself Inc.

Southeast • Tue., Apr. 14 • 3 p.m.

Alafaya • Thu., Apr. 16 • 4 p.m.



## Teen Art Adventures: Upcycled Planters

Explore the world of art, experiment with new techniques and create a masterpiece of your own.

South Trail • Sat., Apr. 18 • 3 p.m.



### Let's Play Dungeons & Dragons: Create Your Character

Learn to create a Dungeons & Dragons character with D&D Beyond.

Eatonville • Wed., Apr. 1 • 3 p.m.

Orlando Public Library • Thu., Apr. 2, 23 • 10:30 a.m.  
• Tue., Apr. 14 • 2:30 p.m.

Alafaya • Sat., Apr. 11 • 11 a.m.

• Wed., Apr. 15 • 5:30 p.m.

West Oaks • Fri., Apr. 24 • 10 a.m.

South Trail • Wed., Apr. 29 • 3:30 p.m.

### High School Advisory Board Meeting

Earn community service hours by testing out new programs, brainstorming new library services and more. Grades 9–12.

Virtual • Thu., Apr. 2 • 4 p.m.

### Code with Swift Playgrounds

Discover programming through interactive puzzles.

Orlando Public Library • Thu., Apr. 2 • 4 p.m.

### Teen Art Adventures: Arabic Tile Art

Experiment with new techniques and create a masterpiece of your own.

South Trail • Thu., Apr. 2 • 4:30 p.m.

### Let's Play Dungeons & Dragons: Forge Your Hero

Bring your Dungeons & Dragons character to life in 3D with Hero Forge.

Eatonville • Fri., Apr. 3 • 3 p.m.

Fairview Shores • Sat., Apr. 11 • 4 p.m.

Alafaya • Sat., Apr. 18 • 11 a.m.

• Wed., Apr. 22 • 5:30 p.m.

Orlando Public Library • Tue., Apr. 21 • 2:30 p.m.

• Thu., Apr. 30 • 10:30 a.m.

West Oaks • Fri., Apr. 24 • 11:15 a.m.

South Trail • Wed., Apr. 29 • 5:15 p.m.

### Teen Volunteering

High school students will earn two hours of community service by completing volunteer tasks at the library.

South Trail • Sat., Apr. 4 • 11 a.m.

South Creek • Sat., Apr. 18 • 10:30 a.m.

Eatonville • Sat., Apr. 18 • 11 a.m.

Hiwassee • Sat., Apr. 25 • 2 p.m.

### Animanga Club

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

Orlando Public Library • Sat., Apr. 4 • 2 p.m.

### Teen Art Adventures: Rock Art

Come paint with us. No two rocks are alike and that makes them a perfect canvas for unique garden-inspired art.

South Creek • Sat., Apr. 4 • 2:30 p.m.

### Teen Volunteering: Teen Literary & Creative Arts Magazines

Earn community service hours by becoming involved in the library's teen literary and creative arts magazines.

Alafaya • Sat., Apr. 4 • 3 p.m.

Hiwassee • Sat., Apr. 18 • 2 p.m.

Washington Park • Tue., Apr. 21 • 5 p.m.

### Teen Chess League

Hang out, make new friends and play games of chess in a laid-back setting.

Chickasaw • Mon., Apr. 6, 20 • 4 p.m.

### Canvas Painting for Teens

Follow along as we create a beautiful, guided work of art. All materials will be provided.

West Oaks • Tue., Apr. 7 • 4 p.m.

### Middle School Advisory Board Meeting

Earn community service hours by testing out new programs, brainstorming new library services and more. Grades 6–8.

Virtual • Wed., Apr. 8 • 4 p.m.

### Design Graphics Using Photoshop

Use this professional-grade software to design and edit graphics and images.

Orlando Public Library • Thu., Apr. 9 • 4 p.m.

• Tue., Apr. 14 • 5 p.m.

### Teen Art Adventures: Book Cover Art

Explore the world of art, experiment with new techniques and create a masterpiece of your own.

Fairview Shores • Fri., Apr. 10 • 4 p.m.

### High School Advisory Board: Book Club

Earn community service by collaborating with your peers to review books and contribute ideas for booklists and literary programs. Grades 9–12.

Virtual • Tue., Apr. 14 • 4 p.m.

### Teen Volunteering: Teen Takeover

High school students will earn one hour of community service by completing volunteer tasks at the library.

West Oaks • Sat., Apr. 18 • 11 a.m.

### Teen Cuisine: Tea Lattes

Prep for the real world with cooking tips and tricks that lead to tasty results.

Orlando Public Library • Sat., Apr. 18 • 2 p.m.

### Improve Your Interview Skills

Learn about the interview process and what you can do to better prepare yourself for the big day. Discover online resources to further aid you.

Orlando Public Library • Mon., Apr. 20 • 4 p.m.

• Wed., Apr. 29 • 1 p.m.

### Scratch Programming

Create a game using Scratch, a programming language and online community where you can create your own interactive stories, games and animations.

Orlando Public Library • Wed., Apr. 22 • 5 p.m.

• Sat., Apr. 25 • 10:30 a.m.

### Dungeons & Dragons

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

Windermere • Sat., Apr. 25 • 11 a.m.

### Gamers Guild: D&D Attack Wing

Leave Monopoly at home! Learn this fast-paced miniature battle game set in the world of Dungeons & Dragons.

South Creek • Sat., Apr. 25 • 2 p.m.

### Let's Play Dungeons & Dragons: Adventure Begins TTRPG

Learn to play Dungeons & Dragons with the Adventure Begins TTRPG. Choose a character and work together to face obstacles and defeat monsters.

Orlando Public Library • Mon., Apr. 27 • 4 p.m.

### Chess Basics with lichess.org

Begin your journey to chess mastery. Learn the rules of the game and use the free website, lichess.org to play chess at any time.

Orlando Public Library • Tue., Apr. 28 • 5 p.m.

## 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

### Avalon Park

Tanja King Park  
13001 Tanja King Blvd.  
Orlando, FL 32828

### Fashion Square

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

### Horizon West

Hamlin Town Center  
14416 Shoreside Way  
Winter Garden, FL 34787

### Lake Nona

Valencia College  
12350 Narcoossee Rd.  
Orlando, FL 32832

## Closures

### Easter / Pascua

All Locations • Sun., Apr. 5

Todos las localidades • Dom., 5 de abr.



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