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**This May at Orange County Library System:
Small Business Month and Asian American,
Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander Heritage Month**

ORLANDO, Fla. (April 23, 2026) Whether you're an established small business owner or just getting started, explore all the resources available through your library as Orange County Library System (OCLS) kicks off May with National Small Business Month. Sharpen your accounting skills all month long with in-person and online [Quickbooks Level 1-2 classes](#). Discover funding options at the Orlando Public Library with the [Intro to Foundation Center & Grant Resources](#) program on Saturday, May 9. Spark your creativity with the online [Creative Resources for Self-Starters](#) class on Thursday, May 7, or get help with your graphic design, videography, or social media needs during the online [Creative Skills Bootcamp](#) on Sunday, May 3.

Beyond helpful programming, OCLS offers countless online resources that can help small businesses and professionals thrive year-round. Access over 25,000 on-demand classes like "Entrepreneurship Foundations" or "Purpose-Driven Personal Branding" on LinkedIn Learning. Browse thousands of sample business plans in the [Business Plans Handbook](#), and necessary documents like 1099 Forms, Articles of Association or Single Member LLC Operating Agreements with [Gale Legal Forms](#). Need one-on-one assistance? [Book a pro](#) and learn how to use library resources to grow your business.

Also, this May, dive into the vibrant world of art, food and culture as OCLS celebrates and honors Asian American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander heritage month, with special programming for all ages. Learn about the history and impact of tea in Asian culture while tasting a variety of tea flavors during [Tea Time](#) at South Trail on Thursday, May 7. Join artist Jojo Liu on Tuesday, May 12, to learn the art of traditional Chinese calligraphy in an [online beginner's class](#). And explore and celebrate the Pacific Islands through crafts, experiments and hands-on activities with [Homeschool Junior](#) on May 29 at North Orange.

Is experiencing culture through cuisine your preference? Junior chefs will whip up something delicious on Wednesday, May 13, as [Cuisine Corner Junior](#) takes on Korean Soy Sauce Noodles at Hiawassee Branch. Home chefs can register to learn the secrets to making chicken pho from culinary expert Dianne Morin in a virtual [Cuisine Corner](#) on Tuesday, May 26. Seniors can join in on the month-long celebration while sampling a variety of treats during [Senior Snacks: Asian Market](#) at Hiawassee Branch on Tuesday, May 19.

And you won't want to miss professional performers from Wah Lum Kung Fu Temple as they take over the Library Central stage at Orlando Public Library on May 16 at 1 p.m. to present their [Kung Fu Show](#), complete with a traditional lion dance and tai chi performances.

Orange County Library System (OCLS) is a public library system serving the 1.5 million residents of Orange County, Fla. With 15 locations and a vast network of online and outreach resources, OCLS enriches lives through experiences and opportunities to learn, grow and connect. With free programs from technology classes for all ages to early literacy education and free online resources including language learning and homework help, an OCLS library card offers unlimited value. In 2026, two new locations and a mobile library will bring library value directly to more residents across the county. For more information, visit ocls.org, follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#), or download our app available now in your app store.

GENERAL EVENTS

Weird & Wonderful Florida: Summer Travel with a Twist

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

Get an introduction to hidden gems quirky landmarks and lesser-known destinations. Registration required.

<https://attend.ocls.org/event/15989062>

Line Dancing for Seniors

Fairview Shores • Friday, May 1 • 3 p.m. - <https://attend.ocls.org/event/15867806>

Chickasaw • Mondays, May 4 and 18 • 11 a.m. - <https://attend.ocls.org/event/16003750>

A fun beginner line dance class, great for memory, coordination, and balance. No partner required. Wear comfortable shoes and a smile. Recommended for ages 18 and up. Registration required.

Intro to Audio Recording: Start Making Sound

Southeast • Thursday, May 7 • 5:30 p.m.

A hands-on, beginner-friendly 1-hour session that shows how sound travels from your voice or instrument to your computer. Learn about microphones, interfaces, and recording software while making your first simple track.

<https://attend.ocls.org/event/15641427>

Container Gardening

Hiawassee • Mon., May 11 • 4 p.m.

Fleet Farming offers tips for those with limited space or a love of creative planting. Registration required.

<https://attend.ocls.org/event/15620631>

Block-by-Block: A Skill-building Knit-a-long – Seersucker

Winter Garden • Thursday, May 14 • 3 p.m.

Build knitting skills 1 square at a time. Come for one or all and create beautiful squares, perfect for a sampler blanket. Students must bring tools & yarn.

<https://attend.ocls.org/event/16134579>

Their Eyes Were Watching God: The Legacy of Zora Neale Hurston

Eatonville • Sat., May 16 • 1 p.m.

Join us for a panel discussion on Hurston's best-known work, featuring guest panelists Rae Chesney, Aòyfémi Demps and Dr. N.Y. Nathiri as they explore key themes of this Harlem Renaissance classic. Free book available for registrants at Eatonville Branch. Presented in partnership with Orlando Shakespeare Theater and UCF. Supported in part by the National Endowment of the Arts. Registration required.
<https://attend.ocls.org/event/16039587>

Adult Spelling Bee

West Oaks • Sat., May 16 • 2 p.m.

Test your spelling skills at this afternoon of friendly competition. Ages 18 and up. Registration required.
<https://attend.ocls.org/event/15962547>

iPad – Organize & Edit Photos

Alafaya • Wednesday, May 20 • noon

Make finding your photos easy with your iPad. Learn to organize photos into albums, moments and collections. Edit photos with filters and exposure tools to enhance your images.
<https://attend.ocls.org/event/15957675>

Joy of Reading: A No-pressure Book Club

Southwest • Thursday, May 28 • 2 p.m.

All book lovers welcome! Join us to chat about what you're reading. No assigned book to read. A fun and engaging social book club. Registration required.
<https://attend.ocls.org/event/15952342>

Time Management for Writers

Virtual • Thu., May 28 • 7 p.m.

Writing time often suffers when other responsibilities demand our attention. Author and editor Alli Martin will discuss making the most of your writing time and managing your productivity. Registration required.
<https://attend.ocls.org/event/15746542>

YOUTH EVENTS

STEAM Junior: Money Science

Hiawassee • Fri., May 1 • 4:30 p.m. - <https://attend.ocls.org/event/15905446>

South Trail • Wed., May 20 • 4:30 p.m. - <https://attend.ocls.org/event/15899730>

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

Next Steps for Teens: Personal Finance

South Trail • Saturday, May 2 • 3 p.m.

Learn the basics of money management skills, along with practical tips and resources to support your goals. Recommended for ages 13-18. Registration required.
<https://attend.ocls.org/event/15895463>

Toddler Tales at Harry P. Leu Gardens

Harry P. Leu Gardens, 1920 N. Forest Ave., Orlando, FL 32803 • Mon., May 4 • 10:20 a.m.

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.

<https://attend.ocls.org/event/15272835>

Teen Chess League

Chickasaw • Mondays, May 4 and 18 • 7 p.m.

Hang out, make new friends, and play games of chess in a laid-back setting. Recommended for ages 13-18.

<https://attend.ocls.org/event/16009948>

Code with Minecraft: Voyage Aquatic

Winter Garden • Saturday, May 9 • 2:30 p.m. - <https://attend.ocls.org/event/16193722>

Fairview Shores • Tue., May 12 • 4:45 p.m. - <https://attend.ocls.org/event/15948225>

Orlando Public Library • Wed., May 13 • 5 p.m. - <https://attend.ocls.org/event/15903850>

Alafaya • Fri., May 29 • 4 p.m. - <https://attend.ocls.org/event/15957713>

Use code to help Alex and Steve explore the high seas. Ages 6–12. Registration required.

Budgeting With Excel

Orlando Public Library • Mon., May 11 • 4 p.m.

Learn how to crunch numbers in Excel and discover the tools to build your own budget like a pro. Ages 6–12. Registration required.

<https://attend.ocls.org/event/15901549>

Preschool Artists: Henri Matisse

Alafaya • Tuesday, May 19 • 11 a.m.

Let your imagination and little hands run wild with color and textures to create a masterpiece inspired by artists throughout history! Recommended for ages 3–5. Registration required.

<https://attend.ocls.org/event/15899439>

What's Bugging You?

Washington Park • Thu., May 21 • 3 p.m.

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

<https://attend.ocls.org/event/15970396>

Family Fun: Summer Ready Creations!

Eatonville • Tuesday, May 26 • 4 p.m.

Get ready for summer with fun, hands-on crafting! Join us to create creative and useful projects perfect for sunny days and outdoor adventures. This program is recommended for families.

<https://attend.ocls.org/event/15949991>

The Joy of Failure

Winter Garden • Mon., May 18 • 4:30 p.m. - <https://attend.ocls.org/event/15786125>

Southeast • Fri., May 29 • 4 p.m. - <https://attend.ocls.org/event/16025161>

Learn how mistakes and failures can lead to massive success if you just “keep a’goin’!” Create your own failure turned masterpiece. Recommended for ages 6-12 years.

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