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ORANGE COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM 2026 | AUGUST



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Primary Election Early Voting

Alafaya, Chickasaw, Fairview Shores, Hiawassee,
South Creek, South Trail, Southeast, Southwest,
Washington Park, West Oaks, Winter Garden

Monday, August 3–Sunday, August 16, 9 a.m.–7 p.m.

Primary Election Day

Fairview Shores, Hiawassee, North Orange, South Trail,
Southeast, Southwest, West Oaks, Winter Garden

Tuesday, August 18, 7 a.m.–7 p.m.



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This month we are highlighting the hard work of our adult and teen library volunteers. Learn about Eatonville Branch volunteer Ricardo Burney and then flip to page 20 for highlights from our teen literary and creative arts magazines, created by teen volunteers.

Featured Events



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Learn about sustainability and meet with local organizations that offer green, eco-friendly resources and services at GreenFest.



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WUCF, your local PBS station, hosts On My Way to K – a hands-on event helping families build kindergarten-ready skills through play and exploration.

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LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

President: Crockett Bohannon
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Venessa M. Tomlin

Next Board of Trustees Meeting:
Orlando Public Library • *Thu., Aug. 13* • 6 p.m.

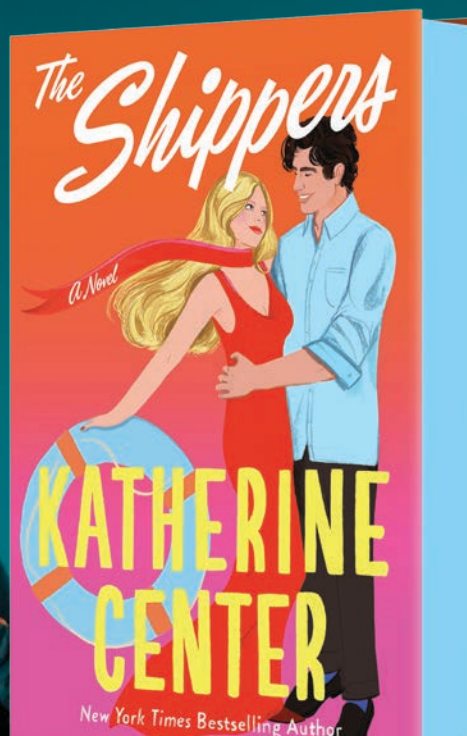
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**Next Friends of the Library
Board of Directors Meeting:**

Virtual • Wed., Aug. 19 • Noon

ROMANCE, WINE & CHOCOLATE | KATHERINE CENTER



**FRIDAY,
SEPTEMBER 25
7 P.M.**

**Tickets On Sale
Saturday, August 15, 9 a.m.**

Join *New York Times* bestselling author Katherine Center for a captivating discussion and insights into the art of writing romance.

Event tickets are \$30 and include a pre-signed copy of *The Shippers*, and complimentary wine and chocolate. Ages 21 and up.

For more details, visit ocls.org/rwc.

Giving To A Community That Gives Back

Thank you to everyone who participated in Summer at Your Library. It was one of our best summers yet and I enjoyed seeing people of all ages learning and engaging through themed programming, enjoying entertaining summer presenters and, of course, participating in summer reading. OCLS brings real value to the residents of Orange County and I encourage you to share what you love about the library with your friends and neighbors.

This month, we are celebrating library volunteers, and you can read about adults and teens giving back to the library on pages 18–21. We have a variety of volunteer opportunities available at locations across the county. Middle and high school students can earn community service hours by participating in monthly online advisory board meetings and hands-on activities at branches including contributing to teen zines. Teen opportunities for this month are listed on pages 34 & 35. Adults can join the Friends of the Orange County Library System, a non-profit, independent volunteer and advocacy organization that helps us improve the quality and scope of our services. Adult volunteers help in a variety of ways – giving building tours and helping in the bookstore at Orlando Public Library, sharing information about library programs at community events and prepping crafts and shelving books at branches. You can learn more about the Friends at friends.ocls.org or stop by your local branch.

We have several great events coming up. Learn about sustainability initiatives in your community, participate in gardening workshops and talk with a variety of environmentally conscious organizations at GreenFest on August 21 at South Creek Branch. Our popular Music in the Library series continues with Friday and Saturday Jazz at Fairview Shores, Chickasaw and Southwest branches this month; details are on page 9. And you can celebrate the 25th anniversary of our West Oaks Branch and Genealogy Center August 25–29 with themed activities, community spirit and lots of library fun for everyone.

Orange County is fortunate to have a strong library system that provides robust resources for the community including access to neighborhood meeting spaces, children's storytimes, homework help, computers and internet access, books, e-books, audiobooks, cultural programming and services that support small businesses, job seekers and families.

We provide safe after-school spaces for students, free places for seniors to gather, rooms for homeowner's associations and civic groups to meet, resources for entrepreneurs and nonprofits, and training opportunities for people seeking new skills. In Orange County and across Florida, libraries serve to help residents learn, work, connect and participate in civic life. I hope you will make time this month to visit one of our 15 locations and experience or explore something new.

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Steve Powell, Library Director/CEO
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Cooking Class: ~~\$40~~ FREE With Your Library Card

GREEN FEST

Grow your knowledge at this celebration of sustainability with educational workshops. Interact with various organizations that offer green, eco-friendly resources and services. To learn more, visit ocls.org/greenfest.

South Creek • Fri., Aug. 21 • 11 a.m.



Open Lab: Job Seekers

Learn more about career resources available with your library card. Ages 18 and up.
South Trail • Sat., Aug. 1 • Noon

All-Levels Yoga

Get moving with this energizing and relaxing yoga sequence for all levels.
Windermere • Sat., Aug. 1 • 11:15 a.m.
Virtual • Wed., Aug. 5 • 7 p.m.

Fruitful Endeavors:
For Vibrant Seniors and Adults

Learn about productive perennials who are creating new standards of living well. Ages 18 and up.
Orlando Public Library • Sat., Aug. 1 • 1 p.m.

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., Aug. 4 • 10:30 a.m.
Winter Garden • Sat., Aug. 22 • 10:15 a.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., Aug. 4 • 3 p.m.

Databases for Job Seekers

Learn about databases that can help you prepare for your job search. Ages 18 and up.
North Orange • Wed., Aug. 5 • 5 p.m.

America 250: Iconic American Foods

Learn about some iconic American foods. Ages 18 and up.
Virtual • Wed., Aug. 5 • 5:30 p.m.

Prepare for Your Job Search

Learn strategies to reflect on your goals, identify skills and succeed. Ages 18 and up.
Orlando Public Library • Thu., Aug. 6, 20 • 11:30 a.m.
Chickasaw • Thu., Aug. 27 • 11 a.m.
West Oaks • Mon., Aug. 31 • 5:45 p.m.

Yoga for Adults and Seniors

A gentle, beginner-friendly yoga class designed to improve flexibility, balance and mobility.
North Orange • Thu., Aug. 6–27 • 1 & 2:15 p.m.

Dungeons & Dragons at the Library

Embark on an epic journey into the grim world of D&D. Ages 18 and up.
Orlando Public Library • Sat., Aug. 8 • 2:30 p.m.
Virtual • Sat., Aug. 8 • 4 p.m.
Fairview Shores • Sat., Aug. 22 • 4 p.m.

Paper Possibilities: Diagonal Pocket

This fun design is useful as a book or as a card holder.
Virtual • Mon., Aug. 10 • 1:15 p.m.

Search & Apply for Jobs

Learn about best practices for finding and applying for jobs. Ages 18 and up.
North Orange • Mon., Aug. 10 • 2 p.m.

Beaded Wind Chimes

Design a colorful one-of-a-kind piece that catches the light and wind. Ages 18 and up.
North Orange • Mon., Aug. 10 • 5 p.m.

Cuisine Corner:
Dal and Bhat

Join culinary expert Dianne Morin as she demonstrates how to make a savory dal, a flavorful lentil stew made with coconut milk, spinach and cauliflower, paired with bhat, cooked rice.

Virtual • Tue., Aug. 18 • 6:30 p.m.



Build & Perfect Your Resume

Transform your talents and experiences into a career-launching masterpiece. Ages 18 and up.
Virtual • Wed., Aug. 12 • 11 a.m.
• Sun., Aug. 16 • 10 a.m.

Orlando Public Library • Thu., Aug. 13 • 11:30 a.m.
Southwest • Fri., Aug. 28 • 10:30 a.m.
West Oaks • Mon., Aug. 31 • 4:30 p.m.

DIY Campaign Journal

Make your own campaign journal to track your tabletop role-playing game sessions in this two-part program. Ages 18 and up.
Orlando Public Library • Wed., Aug. 12, 19 • 5:30 p.m.

Shrinky Dink Earrings

Learn how to make a pair of custom earrings using Shrinky Dink paper. Ages 18 and up.
Orlando Public Library • Thu., Aug. 13 • 4:30 p.m.

Sketching 101

Learn the basics of sketching through use of simple art techniques and observation.
Virtual • Fri., Aug. 14 • 11 a.m.

Book Tasting: Mocktails

What if your next favorite book came with a drink pairing? Explore new genres and authors through handpicked titles and curated mocktails. Ages 18 and up.
Windermere • Fri., Aug. 14 • 2 p.m.

Adult Game Time

Join us for game time where we introduce you to the featured game of the month.
Orlando Public Library • Sat., Aug. 15 • 2:30 p.m.

Hurricane Prep For Gardening

Prepare your garden for extreme weather events with Fleet Farming. This session covers the impact of storms on ecosystems and offers strategies for building a resilient garden.
Virtual • Mon., Aug. 17 • 6:30 p.m.

Podcast Listening Club: Family Feuds

Take a look at family feuds by diving into some of history's most notorious rivalries and what really fuels them. Ages 18 and up.
Dr. P. Phillips YMCA, 7000 Dr. Phillips Blvd., Orlando, FL 32819 • Mon., Aug. 17 • 6:30 p.m.

Chair Yoga

Get moving with this energizing and relaxing chair yoga sequence for all levels.
Virtual • Wed., Aug. 19 • 7 p.m.

Donuts and Dominoes

Enjoy donuts and play dominoes. Ages 18 and up.
Chickasaw • Thu., Aug. 20 • 10:30 a.m.

Improve Your Job Interview Skills

Learn about the interview process and get tips that will help you prepare. Ages 18 and up.
Fairview Shores • Thu., Aug. 20, 27 • 11:45 a.m.
Southeast • Wed., Aug. 26 • 3:30 p.m.
Orlando Public Library • Thu., Aug. 27 • 11:30 a.m.
Windermere • Fri., Aug. 28 • 11 a.m.

Create Your Own Garden Planner

Create a personalized garden planner that you can use to plan your fall garden, record successes and track progress. Ages 18 and up.
Orlando Public Library • Thu., Aug. 20 • 5:30 p.m.

Zines 101

Learn the history of zines and how they started a revolution then make your own. Ages 18 and up.
South Trail • Thu., Aug. 20 • 5:30 p.m.



Art Classes for Adults: ~~\$30~~ FREE With Your Library Card

Caregiving 101: Caring for a Loved One Without Losing Yourself

Join Jessica Daly with AdventHealth University as she discusses common caregiver challenges, effective communication with healthcare providers and available support resources.

Virtual • Mon., Aug. 24 • 6:30 p.m.



Book to Film Series: *Jurassic Park* (1993) (PG-13)

Orlando Public Library • Fri., Aug. 21 • 2 p.m.

Finger Painting for Adults

Join us for a tactile painting experience where you can immerse yourself in judgement-free creativity. Ages 18 and up.
South Trail • Fri., Aug. 21 • 4 p.m.

Line Dancing for Fun and Fitness

Discover a fun way to exercise your body and mind. Ages 18 and up.
Southwest • Sat., Aug. 22 • 10:30 a.m.

Acrylic Painting: Monochromatic Dreamscape

Paint with artist Kerry Ezzo as she teaches you about color, value and blending techniques to make your own dreamscape.
Eatonville • Sat., Aug. 22 • 11 a.m.

Adult Craft & Chat: Honeycomb Resin Pendants

Learn how to use resin to create a custom UV-resin honeycomb pendant. Ages 18 and up.
Hiawassee • Sat., Aug. 22 • 4 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., Aug. 23 • 3:30 p.m.

Tie Dye: America's 250th Anniversary

Celebrate America by creating your own red, white and blue tie-dye shirt.
Chickasaw • Mon., Aug. 24 • 5 p.m.

Brush It Off: Paint By Numbers

Let the paint flow and the stress go with no-pressure painting by numbers. Ages 18 and up.
Orlando Public Library • Tue., Aug. 25 • 4:30 p.m.

Hurricane! – America's 250th Anniversary

Join Eliot Kleinberg to learn how hurricanes work and how they have affected Florida, with a special focus on the great 1928 storm.
North Orange • Wed., Aug. 26 • 5 p.m.

DIY Stickers

Create your own stickers using just a few simple supplies. Ages 18 and up.
South Trail • Wed., Aug. 26 • 5:30 p.m.

Food 101: Sustainable Gardening

The Food 101 series examines the historical and social significance of what we eat.
Orlando Public Library • Wed., Aug. 26 • 5:30 p.m.

Organize for the Unexpected: Create your Emergency Plan

Join author and organizing humorist Jamie Novak as she shares what belongs in your Go Binder and tips to get things in order.
Virtual • Wed., Aug. 26 • 6:30 p.m.

Art 101: Harlem Renaissance

Each Art 101 event features a hands-on activity. Ages 15 and up.
Winter Garden • Thu., Aug. 27 • 5 p.m.

HistoryMakers: The Fight for Women's Suffrage

Explore the history and impact of the 19th Amendment while making a craft inspired by true events. Ages 18 and up.
South Trail • Thu., Aug. 27 • 5:30 p.m.

Henry Flagler and the Railroad That Built Florida

Join historian Christopher Daley for a dynamic lecture about how Henry Flagler's railway didn't just lay train tracks – it laid the foundations for Florida as we know it today.

Alafaya • Sun., Aug. 23 • 2 p.m.



Legal Aid's Law for Real Life: Estate Planning Essentials

Learn about key estate planning tools such as wills, powers of attorney and advance directives.
Chickasaw • Sat., Aug. 29 • 11 a.m.

Acrylic Paint Meetup

Explore acrylic painting techniques and find your own artistic expression. Ages 18 and up.
South Trail • Sat., Aug. 29 • 2 p.m.

Serious Builders & Gamers

Challenge yourself to see what you can build with LEGO or enjoy a board game. Ages 18 and up.
South Creek • Sat., Aug. 29 • 2 p.m.

Torn Paper Collage

Make your very own piece of collage art using torn paper. Ages 18 and up.
Hiawassee • Mon., Aug. 31 • 4 p.m.

Chickasaw Craft Corner

Enjoy a space to work on your crafty projects. Supplies provided. Ages 18 and up.
Chickasaw • Mon., Aug. 31 • 5 p.m.

Music in the Library: Friday & Saturday Jazz

Jazz clarinetist Joe Fritz with guitarist Martin Sensiper perform songs from the great swing era, inspired by legends from the time as well as '50s and '60s jazz icons and West Coast jazz players.

Fairview Shores • Sat., Aug. 22 • 11 a.m.

Chickasaw • Fri., Aug. 28 • 11 a.m.

Southwest • Sat., Aug. 29 • 11 a.m.





Jamestown: Finding Your Roots in America’s First Colony

Explore Jamestown, America’s first permanent English colony. Learn who the settlers were, how they survived and how to trace connections to early colonial ancestors through records and research.

Virtual • Sat., Aug. 22 • 1 p.m.

Tuesday Tree Time

Have a genealogy question or don’t know where to begin? Meet with Lisa, our resident genealogist, for research guidance, record suggestions and family history help.

West Oaks • Tue., Aug. 4–18 • 2 p.m.

Genealogy: Discover America!

Come with us on a virtual road trip as we explore one state at a time. Explore the history, culture and most of all those precious genealogical resources that are unique to each location.

Virtual • Wed., Aug. 5, 19 • 1 p.m.

Thursday Tree Zoom

Speak to our genealogist and work on your family tree in this one-on-one session.

Virtual • Thu., Aug. 6–27 • 9 & 10:05 a.m.
• Thu., Aug. 6, 13 • 11:10 a.m.

Genealogy: Let’s Get Organized!

Whether you are surrounded by pictures, digital files or documents, let’s get them organized.

Virtual • Thu., Aug. 6 • 1 p.m.

The Mayflower: The Ship That Started It All!

Discover the voyage and history of the Mayflower. Learn about the passengers and how to discover if you are linked to these first Americans.

Virtual • Sat., Aug. 8 • 1 p.m.

Genealogy 101: Building Your Family Tree

We will walk you through all the essential tools and information you need to build your own family tree.

Virtual • Wed., Aug. 12 • 1 p.m.

City Directories: Hidden Clues to Ancestors’ Lives

City directories reveal addresses, occupations and family clues. Learn to track ancestors year by year, uncover movements and fill gaps between census records with this often-overlooked resource.

Virtual • Thu., Aug. 13 • 1 p.m.

Sunday Afternoon Ancestors

Our monthly Sunday Genealogy Help Desk. Our genealogy specialist is here to answer your questions and help you fine tune your research.

West Oaks • Sun., Aug. 23 • 2 p.m.

Love, Marriage & Divorce – Genealogy Style!

We will explore how courtship, marriage and even divorce shaped our ancestors lives and ultimately our own history.

Virtual • Wed., Aug. 26 • 1 p.m.

Virtual Genealogy Workshop

An interactive workshop where you can ask questions and share your success stories. We will demonstrate solutions with a shared screen and provide strategies for success.

Virtual • Thu., Aug. 27 • 1 p.m.



Southern Gothic: Writing Stories of Heat and Decay

New York Times bestselling author Ginny Myers Sain will discuss how to write Southern Gothic, a subgenre that adapts the eerie, macabre elements of traditional Gothic literature to the American South.

Virtual • Tue., Aug. 25 • 7 p.m.

Writing Emotion in Your Fiction

New York Times bestselling author Emily Colin will discuss how emotional depth can elevate your writing and make your stories impossible to put down.

Virtual • Sat., Aug. 1 • 4 p.m.

Respecting Developmental Stages While Writing for Children

Literary agent Anjanette Barr will discuss respecting developmental stages, crafting age-appropriate stories and writing books that resonate with young readers.

Virtual • Mon., Aug. 3 • 7 p.m.

Writing Advice You Can Ignore

Learn to decode writing advice to assess whether it’s applicable for you. Author and editor Alli Martin will discuss when to follow and when to ignore advice.

Virtual • Tue., Aug. 4 • 7 p.m.

OCLS Writers Group

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

Virtual • Sun., Aug. 9 • 4 p.m.

Editing Your Narrative Nonfiction

Author and editor Kristen Stieffel will discuss how to provide a dramatic, but honest, story by learning how to plug the true events of your story into a dramatic arc.

Virtual • Tue., Aug. 11 • 7 p.m.

Ups and Downs of Publishing With a Small Traditional Press

Join a panel of seasoned genre authors to discuss their experiences publishing with small traditional presses.

Virtual • Sun., Aug. 16 • 4 p.m.

And Action! Dynamic Opening Scenes

Today’s audiences are fickle. If they aren’t engaged in the opening moments of a story, they lose interest. Filmmaker Jennie Jarvis will share tips and tricks on how to hook those fickle crowds.

Virtual • Sat., Aug. 22 • 4 p.m.

Writers Meetup

Brainstorm ideas, discuss writing methods and give constructive feedback. Submissions must be sent ahead of time. Ages 18 and up.

Winter Garden • Sat., Aug. 22 • 4:30 p.m.

Intro to Self-Publishing

Self-publishing a book can be a complicated and confusing process. Learn the essentials with hybrid author and literary agent Vicky Weber.

Virtual • Sun., Aug. 23 • 4 p.m.

Writers Studio

Bring your laptops, journals and writing utensils and enjoy a quiet writing space. Ages 18 and up.

Chickasaw • Wed., Aug. 26 • 11 a.m.

Writing Workshop: The Show-Tell Solution

Author and editor Lorin Oberweger will define show versus tell and discuss how to use each in alignment with pacing, dialogue, character development, genre and more.

Virtual • Sun., Aug. 30 • 4 p.m.



Yoga Class: ~~\$15~~ FREE With Your Library Card

Banking and Spending Plan Awareness LIFE Information for Elders

Join Honorable Lori Vaughan from the U.S. Bankruptcy Court to learn practical strategies for spending smarter and planning confidently for your future and retirement. To register, email OfficeonAging@ocfl.net or call 407.836.7446.

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



Chair Yoga for Seniors

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

Windermere • Sat., Aug. 1 • 10 a.m.

Beginner French for Seniors

Designed for students with no prior French exposure.

Windermere • Fri., Aug. 7 • 11 a.m.

Senior Brain Stretch

Let's enhance our brain health by socializing, creating, enjoying activities and music.

Eatonville • Sat., Aug. 8 • 11 a.m.

Windermere • Wed., Aug. 19 • 10:30 a.m.

North Orange • Mon., Aug. 24 • 3 p.m.

Color & Unwind for Seniors

Press pause on the day and join us for a casual coloring session to relax.

Windermere • Sat., Aug. 8 • 3 p.m.

Smarter Senior Seminar Series: Legal

Learn what you need to have in place as you age regarding wills, trusts, estate planning, directives, power of attorney and probate.

North Orange • Mon., Aug. 10 • 1 p.m.

Device Advice

Let us get you started with the basics on your new tablet or smartphone.

North Orange • Mon., Aug. 10 • 4 p.m.

Fairview Shores • Thu., Aug. 20, 27 • 10:30 a.m.

Internet Level 1 for Seniors

Learn internet concepts and terminology. Become familiar with web browsers.

Windermere • Fri., Aug. 14 • 11 a.m.

Senior Art Expressions

Explore your artistic side in this guided visual art class.

Windermere • Sat., Aug. 15 • 10:30 a.m.

Qigong Movement and Breathing

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

Windermere • Sat., Aug. 22 • 10:30 a.m.

Southwest • Fri., Aug. 28 • 10:30 a.m.

Seniors Kick Back: Tie Dye Totebag

Explore new interests, connect with others and enjoy a variety of enriching activities.

South Trail • Mon., Aug. 24 • 10:30 a.m.

Senior Cork Craft

Using a hot glue gun, craft a cork trivet or coaster.

Hiawassee • Tue., Aug. 25 • 11 a.m.

LIFE on the Big Screen: In Good Company (2004) (PG-13) LIFE Information for Elders

Join Arlene Gonzalez from Cornerstone HR Solutions LLC as she shares valuable feedback on how to upgrade your resume with a more professional and refreshed look. To register, email OfficeonAging@ocfl.net or call 407.836.7446.

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

Bingo for Seniors

Eat some delicious bagels while we play a couple rounds of bingo.

Chickasaw • Fri., Aug. 28 • 11 a.m.

Seniors Kick Back Special Showing: To Sir, With Love (1967)

Explore new interests, connect with others and enjoy a variety of enriching activities.

South Trail • Mon., Aug. 31 • 10:30 a.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., Aug. 1–29 • 1:30 p.m.

Windermere Book Club

Grab your coffee for a mystery thriller book discussion. Ages 18 and up.

Windermere • Sat., Aug. 8 • 10:30 a.m.

Romantasy Book Club

The Games Gods Play by Abigail Owen. Ages 18 and up.

Orlando Public Library • Mon., Aug. 10 • 4:30 p.m.

Hiawassee Book Club

The Ministry of Time by Kaliane Bradley.

Virtual • Mon., Aug. 17 • 7 p.m.

South Creek Book Club

L.A. Women by Ella Berman.

South Creek • Tue., Aug. 18 • 5:30 p.m.

Waterleigh Adult Book Club

American Daughters by Piper Huguley. Ages 18 and up.

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

• Wed., Aug. 19 • 12:30 p.m.

Downtown Book Club

The Shippers by Katherine Center. Ages 18 and up.

Orlando Public Library • Wed., Aug. 19 • 5:30 p.m.

Read Aloud Book Club

Read aloud (or listen to) amazing books weekly with discussion. Ages 18 and up.

Chickasaw • Thu., Aug. 20, 27 • 3:30 p.m.

Alafaya Book Club

Founding Mothers: The Women Who Raised Our Nation by Cokie Roberts.

Alafaya • Thu., Aug. 20 • 5 p.m.

Winter Garden Book Club

The Borrowed Life of Frederick Fife by Anna Johnston.

Winter Garden • Thu., Aug. 20 • 6 p.m.

Virtual • Thu., Aug. 27 • 6 p.m.

Chickasaw Book Club

Mad Honey by Jodi Picoult. Ages 18 and up.

Chickasaw • Sat., Aug. 22 • 11 a.m.

Joy of Reading Romance

All romance book lovers welcome! Join us to chat about what you are reading.

No assigned book. Ages 18 and up.

Eatonville • Sat., Aug. 22 • 2 p.m.

Southeast Book Club

The Martha's Vineyard Beach and Book Club by Martha Hall Kelly.

Southeast • Mon., Aug. 24 • 3 p.m.

Spanish Book Club / Club de Lectura

Únete a nosotros para conversar sobre libros en español. 18 años o más.

Southeast • Mar., 25 de Ago. • 3:30 p.m.

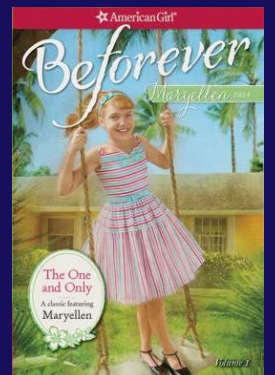
Southwest Book Club

The Ride: Paul Revere and the Night That Saved America by Kostya Kennedy. Ages 18 and up.

Virtual • Tue., Aug. 25 • 7 p.m.

Southwest • Thu., Aug. 27 • 2 p.m.

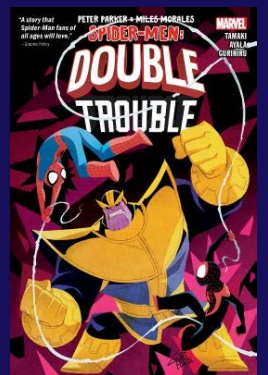
Youth Book Clubs



Historical Girls Book Club: Meet Maryellen

Explore a period of time through the eyes of a girl from history with crafts, activities and discussion. Learn more about the 1950s and the book *The One and Only* by Valerie Tripp. Ages 6–12

Virtual • Tue., Aug. 4 • 4:30 p.m.



Kids Comic Club

A monthly book club for kids with crafts, activities and discussion. *Peter Parker & Miles Morales: Spider-Men Double Trouble* by Mariko Tamaki.

Winter Garden • Mon., Aug. 24 • 4:30 p.m.



Computer Classes for Adults: ~~\$35~~ FREE With Your Library Card

Computer Basics Level 1

Learn how to navigate the computer desktop using basic mouse and keyboard techniques.

- Orlando Public Library • Mon., Aug. 3 • 10:30 a.m.
• Thu., Aug. 6 • 4 p.m.
- North Orange • Thu., Aug. 6 • 2:30 p.m.
- Alafaya • Mon., Aug. 17 • 10:30 a.m.
- South Creek • Thu., Aug. 20 • 10:15 a.m.
- Fairview Shores • Fri., Aug. 21 • 10:30 a.m.
- South Trail • Fri., Aug. 28 • 10:30 a.m.



Email Level 1

Create a free email account and learn how to navigate the environment.

- Eatonville • Sat., Aug. 1 • 10:15 a.m.
- Orlando Public Library • Mon., Aug. 17 • 10:30 a.m.
• Thu., Aug. 20 • 4 p.m.
- North Orange • Thu., Aug. 20 • 2:30 p.m.
- South Trail • Sat., Aug. 22 • 11:15 a.m.
- South Creek • Thu., Aug. 27 • 10:15 a.m.

Email Level 2

Learn how to compose and send email messages with attachments.

- Eatonville • Sat., Aug. 1 • 11:30 a.m.
- Orlando Public Library • Mon., Aug. 17 • Noon
• Thu., Aug. 20 • 5:30 p.m.
- North Orange • Thu., Aug. 20 • 4 p.m.
- South Trail • Sat., Aug. 22 • 12:30 p.m.
- South Creek • Thu., Aug. 27 • 11:45 a.m.

Computer Basics Level 2

Learn how to create, rename, delete and organize files and folders on your computer.

- Orlando Public Library • Mon., Aug. 3 • Noon
• Thu., Aug. 6 • 5:30 p.m.
- North Orange • Thu., Aug. 6 • 4 p.m.
- Alafaya • Mon., Aug. 17 • 11:45 a.m.
- South Creek • Thu., Aug. 20 • 11:45 a.m.
- Fairview Shores • Fri., Aug. 28 • 10:30 a.m.
- South Trail • Fri., Aug. 28 • 11:45 a.m.

Internet Level 1

Learn internet concepts and terminology. Become familiar with web browsers.

- Orlando Public Library • Mon., Aug. 10 • 10:30 a.m.
• Thu., Aug. 13 • 4 p.m.
- North Orange • Thu., Aug. 13 • 2:30 p.m.
- Alafaya • Mon., Aug. 24 • 10:30 a.m.
- South Creek • Wed., Aug. 26 • 10:15 a.m.

Internet Level 2

Learn about search engines and techniques to help you find exactly what you are looking for.

- Orlando Public Library • Mon., Aug. 10 • Noon
- North Orange • Thu., Aug. 13 • 4 p.m.
- Orlando Public Library • Thu., Aug. 13 • 5:30 p.m.
- Alafaya • Mon., Aug. 24 • 11:45 a.m.
- South Creek • Wed., Aug. 26 • 11:45 a.m.

Using Media & AI Literacy Tools

Learn to spot misinformation, detect bias and understand AI online.

- Chickasaw • Fri., Aug. 21 • 10:30 a.m.

Microsoft Excel: Formulas & Functions

Calculate your data with formulas and functions.

- Southwest • Wed., Aug. 26 • 10:15 a.m.

Microsoft Excel: Automate Tasks

Automate everyday tasks with macros.

- Southwest • Wed., Aug. 26 • 11:30 a.m.

Principios de Computadora Nivel 1

Aprenda conceptos y terminología de computadoras.

- North Orange • Vie., 7 de ago. • 10:30 a.m.
- South Creek • Mar., 18 de ago. • 10:15 a.m.

Principios de Computadora Nivel 2

Aprenda como organizar archivos y carpetas en su computadora.

- North Orange • Vie., 7 de ago. • Noon
- South Creek • Mar., 18 de ago. • 11:45 a.m.

Internet Nivel 1

Familiarícese con los navegadores web mientras navega por la internet.

- North Orange • Vie., 14 de ago. • 10:30 a.m.
- South Trail • Jue., 20 de ago. • 11:15 a.m.
- South Creek • Lun., 24 de ago. • 10:15 a.m.

Internet Nivel 2

Aprenda sobre motores de búsqueda y sobre técnicas de búsqueda para encontrar exactamente lo que está buscando en la internet.

- North Orange • Vie., 14 de ago. • Noon
- South Creek • Lun., 24 de ago. • 11:45 a.m.

Microsoft PowerPoint Nivel 3

Aprenda cómo insertar transiciones de diapositivas, agregar animaciones e enlaces.

- North Orange • Mié., 19 de ago. • 11:30 a.m.

Email Nivel 1

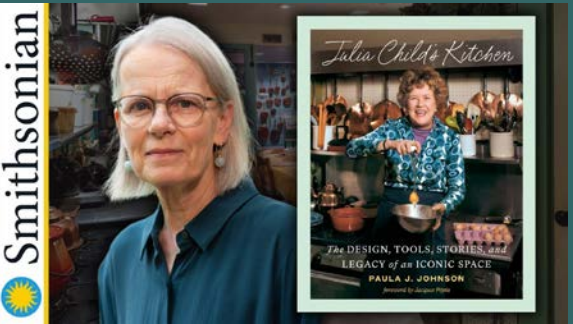
Aprenda a navegar por la interfaz, incluyendo la Bandeja de Entrada o Inbox.

- North Orange • Vie., 21 de ago. • 10:30 a.m.
- South Creek • Lun., 31 de ago. • 10:15 a.m.

Email Nivel 2

Aprenda a componer y enviar mensajes de correo electrónico con archivos adjuntos.

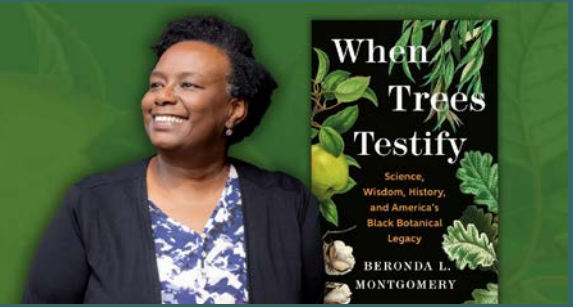
- North Orange • Vie., 21 de ago. • Noon
- South Creek • Lun., 31 de ago. • 11:45 a.m.



Author Talk: Paula J. Johnson

Join us for a conversation that's sure to warm your heart (and make your stomach rumble), as we delve into the legacy of cooking icon Julia Child.

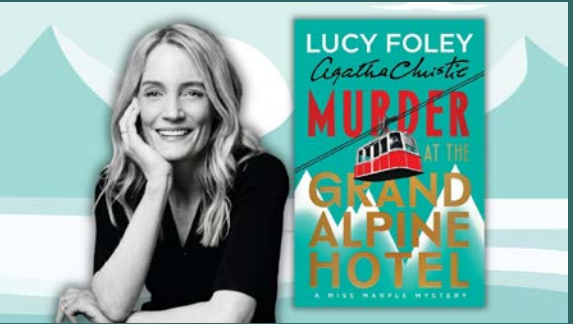
- Virtual • Tue., Aug. 4 • 2 p.m.



Author Talk: Beronda Montgomery

In *When Trees Testify*, award-winning plant biologist Beronda L. Montgomery explores the ways seven trees – as well as the cotton shrub – are intertwined with Black history and culture.

- Virtual • Tue., Aug. 25 • 2 p.m.



Author Talk: Lucy Foley

Join us for a thrilling conversation with acclaimed author Lucy Foley as we delve into her brand-new Miss Marple mystery, *Murder at the Grand Alpine Hotel*.

- Virtual • Thu., Aug. 27 • 2 p.m.



(RE)Frame: The Beauty of Orlando's Historic Black Communities

Artists capture the people and landscapes of historic Black communities including Eatonville, Parramore, Washington Shores and Goldsboro in celebration of their culture, heritage and enduring legacy.

Eatonville & Washington Park

- On Display Through September

(RE)Frame: Meet the Artists Receptions

Learn about the inspiration behind the photographers' works while engaging in conversations, community connections and a celebration of the stories, people and places captured through their lenses.

Washington Park • Sat., Aug. 22 • 2 p.m.

Eatonville • Sat., Aug. 29 • 1 p.m.



Fragments of Life: Faces and Forms

Artist Angie Vazquez presents *Faces and Forms*, a collection of drawings and paintings rooted in careful observation and the traditions of figurative art.

Southwest • On Display July–September



America The Beautiful Celebrating America 250

Artist Milkos Cruz presents watercolors that depict and capture the time and beauty of America's landscapes and historical places.

Windermere • On Display July–August



Mango Languages: ~~\$11.99~~ FREE With Your Library Card



English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)

Basic English 1

Practice basic English vocabulary and grammar.

Virtual • Sat., Aug. 1, 15 • 10:30 a.m. ■

• Mon., Aug. 3–31 • 6:45 p.m. ■

South Trail • Sat., Aug. 1, 29 • 11:30 a.m.

• Mon., Aug. 24, 31 • 11:30 a.m.

• Tue., Aug. 25 • 4 p.m.

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

• Thu., Aug. 13, 27 • 5 p.m. ■

Washington Park • Wed., Aug. 19, 26 • 10:30 a.m. ■

• Sat., Aug. 22, 29 • 1:15 p.m. ■

Chickasaw • Mon., Aug. 24, 31 • 5:30 p.m. ■

Southeast • Tue., Aug. 25 • 10:15 a.m.

• Wed., Aug. 26 • 2 p.m.

Hiawassee • Sat., Aug. 29 • 11:30 a.m. ■

Basic English 2

Continue to practice basic English vocabulary and grammar.

Virtual • Sat., Aug. 1–15 • 10:30 a.m. ■

• Sat., Aug. 1, 15 • 11:45 a.m. ■

• Tue., Aug. 4 • 5 p.m. ■

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

• Thu., Aug. 6, 20 • 5 p.m. ■

Chickasaw • Thu., Aug. 20, 27 • 1 p.m. ■

Alafaya • Sat., Aug. 22 • 10:30 a.m. ■

Southeast • Tue., Aug. 25 • 11:15 a.m.

• Wed., Aug. 26 • 4 p.m.

Winter Garden • Tue., Aug. 25 • 4 p.m. ■

English Conversation Hour

Practice English speaking and listening skills. Recommended for those with a basic understanding of English.

Virtual • Sat., Aug. 1–15 • Noon ■

• Sat., Aug. 1, 15 • 1 p.m. ■

• Thu., Aug. 6–27 • 2 p.m. ■

• Fri., Aug. 7–28 • 4:45 p.m. ■

South Trail • Sat., Aug. 1, 29 • 1 p.m.

• Tue., Aug. 25 • 5:30 p.m.

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

Chickasaw • Thu., Aug. 20, 27 • 2 p.m. ■

Alafaya • Sat., Aug. 22 • Noon ■

Washington Park • Sat., Aug. 22, 29 • 2:30 p.m. ■

Hiawassee • Mon., Aug. 24, 31 • 5 p.m. ■

Winter Garden • Tue., Aug. 25 • 5:15 p.m. ■

Southeast • Wed., Aug. 26 • 3 p.m.

Bilingual Conversations

With Ms. Brenda ■

Bilingual Spanish and English conversational interactions with Ms. Brenda.

Virtual • Mon., Aug. 17, 24 • 6 p.m.

English Conversation Hour 2

Come practice your English conversation skills. This class is intended for intermediate and advanced English language learners.

South Trail • Wed., Aug. 19, 26 • 3 p.m.

American Culture

Learn about American culture and how to communicate with people in the U.S.

South Trail • Fri., Aug. 21 • 1 p.m.

Introductory English Course ■

This course is designed for students who have very little English experience. Start from the beginning with basic vocabulary.

Chickasaw • Sat., Aug. 22 • 1 p.m.

English Reading Session

Students will read and learn the meaning of words they don't recognize in the text.

Hiawassee • Wed., Aug. 26 • 4:45 p.m.

English Listening Skills

Improve your English listening and comprehension skills. Intended for students with a basic understanding of English. Ages 18 and up.

Southeast • Fri., Aug. 28 • 11:30 a.m.

Reading Clearly Beginner ■

Explores English grammar and vocabulary for comprehension and vocabulary development.

Virtual • Tue., Aug. 11, 25 • 2:30 p.m.

Chickasaw • Fri., Aug. 28 • 1 p.m.

Reading Clearly Intermediate

Explores English grammar and vocabulary for comprehension and vocabulary development.

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

Speaking Clearly Beginner

Designed to introduce learners to the basics of the sounds of English for pronunciation.

Southeast • Sat., Aug. 22 • 10:30 a.m.

• Fri., Aug. 28 • 10:30 a.m.

Speaking Clearly Intermediate

Designed to introduce learners to the rules of spelling and pronunciation of English words and phrases.

Southeast • Tue., Aug. 25 • 2 p.m.

Writing Clearly Beginner

Focus on the parts of speech, the organization of sentences and vocabulary building.

Virtual • Thu., Aug. 6–27 • 4:30 p.m. ■

South Trail • Wed., Aug. 19, 26 • 1:30 p.m.

Writing Clearly Intermediate ■

Focus on grammar for complex ideas, including sentence structures, paragraph and essay writing.

Virtual • Tue., Aug. 4, 18, 25 • 10:30 a.m.

Hiawassee • Fri., Aug. 21, 28 • 4:45 p.m.

Writing Clearly Advanced ■

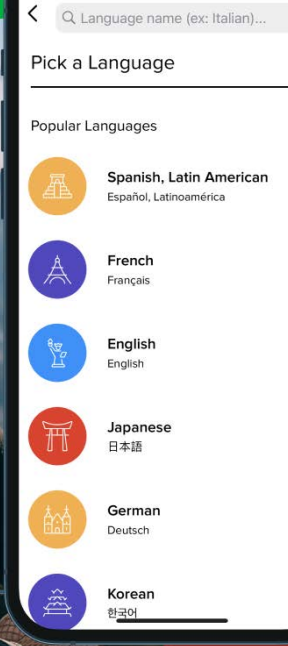
Practice academic style writing along with more complex vocabulary.

Virtual • Wed., Aug. 5, 19, 26 • 10:30 a.m.



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Citizenship Inspired

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

Virtual • Tue. & Wed., Aug. 4, 5, 11, 12 • 2 p.m. ■

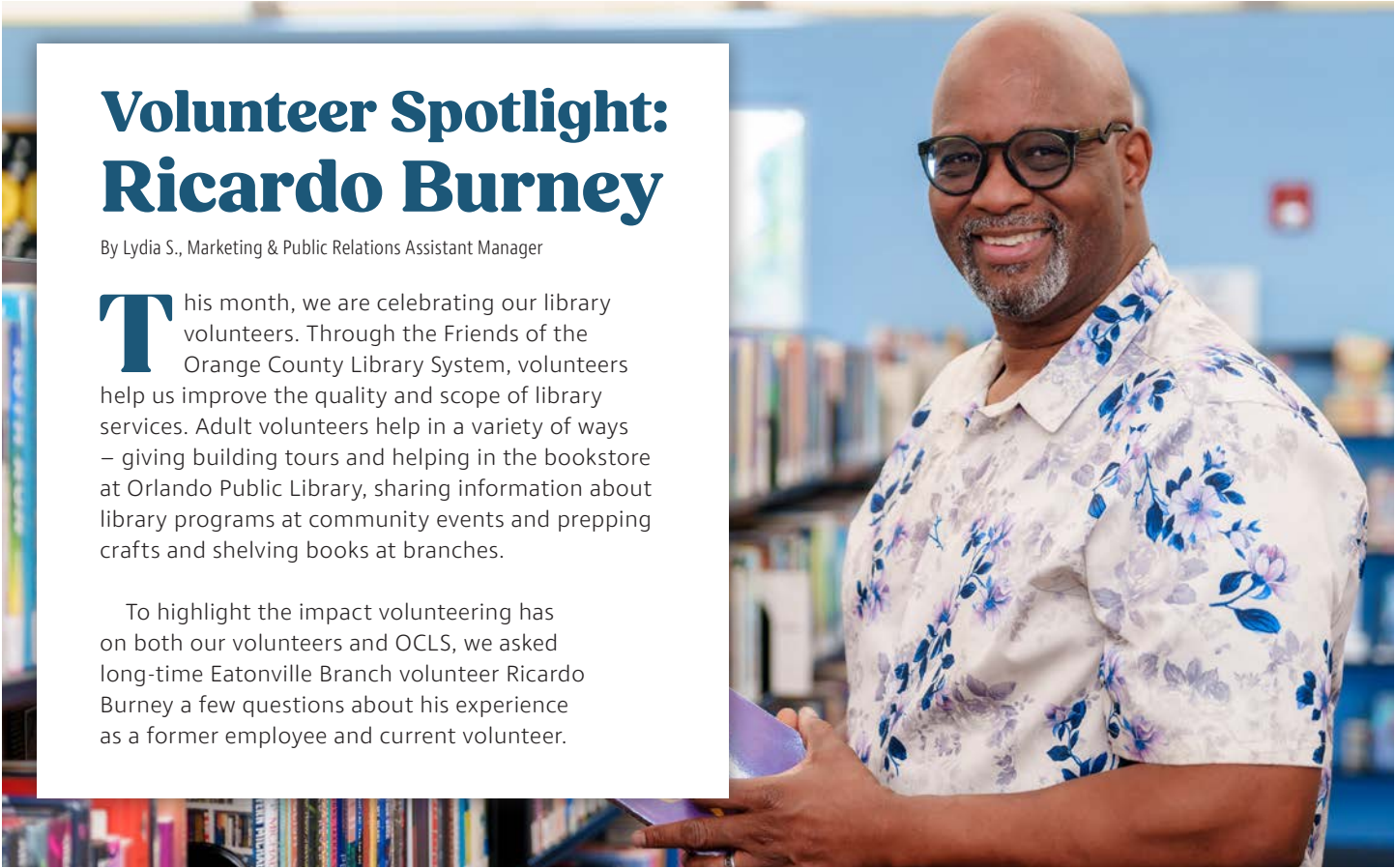
• Tue. & Wed., Aug. 18, 19, 25, 26 • 2 p.m. ■

Windermere • Thu., Aug. 6–27 • 3 p.m.

Hiawassee • Thu., Aug. 20, 27 • 11 a.m.



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Volunteer Spotlight: Ricardo Burney

By Lydia S., Marketing & Public Relations Assistant Manager

This month, we are celebrating our library volunteers. Through the Friends of the Orange County Library System, volunteers help us improve the quality and scope of library services. Adult volunteers help in a variety of ways – giving building tours and helping in the bookstore at Orlando Public Library, sharing information about library programs at community events and prepping crafts and shelving books at branches.

To highlight the impact volunteering has on both our volunteers and OCLS, we asked long-time Eatonville Branch volunteer Ricardo Burney a few questions about his experience as a former employee and current volunteer.

Can you tell us a little bit about your history with Orange County Library System?

I spent nearly five years at Eatonville Branch as a Branch Circulation Clerk. Somewhere along the way, I unofficially gave myself the title of “Creative Director,” and thankfully everyone seemed to embrace it.

I loved creating displays, building community partnerships, bringing local artists into the library and finding creative ways to connect people to our programs and services. During my time there, I helped coordinate a community health fair, contributed to the artistic vision during the library’s refresh, and worked to create experiences that celebrated culture, history and community.

Eatonville Branch gave me the opportunity to use my creativity while serving a community rich in history and tradition.

What made you want to volunteer at Eatonville Branch after you stopped working there?

Eatonville never stopped feeling like home.

One of the greatest gifts I received was learning what leadership truly looks like. Sara Brown’s passion and vision for OCLS is contagious. She has a remarkable ability to recognize her team’s strengths and create opportunities for them to grow and shine while at the same time, staying committed to OCLS’s mission. Watching her lead inspired me both personally and professionally.

What also stood out was how approachable leadership was throughout OCLS. No matter the title, people took the time to connect. That culture of support and collaboration left a lasting impression on me.

Volunteering allows me to continue giving back to a place that invested so much in me.

What does your typical day as a volunteer look like?

Honestly, whatever needs to be done.

Some days I’m helping set up programs, greeting guests, moving tables or assisting staff. Other days I’m helping clean up and strike an event.

A recent example was volunteering during the 34th Annual Southern Fried Poetry Slam. Because of my schedule, I couldn’t attend the entire event, but I came in later to help break it down. Even then, it was inspiring to see the energy it created and the community it brought together.

For me, volunteering is simply about showing up and helping however I can.

Do you have a favorite memory from your time with the library?

Asking me to pick one favorite memory is a little unfair. I collected quite a few over five years.



Giving Back: How to Support Your Community

Learn about volunteering opportunities in Orange County and volunteer today by crafting a no-sew fleece blanket for the homeless. Supplies provided. Ages 18 and up.

South Trail • Mon., Aug. 24 • 5 p.m.

Some of my favorite moments involved serving as an unofficial ambassador for Eatonville. I loved giving tours to visitors who wanted to learn about the nation’s oldest incorporated African American municipality. Whether it was local residents, visitors from out of town or community leaders like Congressman Maxwell Frost and Representative Anna V. Eskamani, I enjoyed sharing Eatonville’s story and the library’s many resources.

I often introduced visitors to the self guided walking tour and the Orlando Memory database so they could continue exploring the town’s rich history. I also loved bringing local artists into the library and helping create opportunities for them to share their work with the community.

Helping coordinate the health fair, contributing to the library’s refresh, and watching partnerships grow are memories I’ll always treasure.

And I’d be lying if I didn’t mention becoming the face of OCLS’s 2022 Summer at Your Library campaign. Seeing my face on billboards, promotional materials and even the

side of a Lynx bus was pretty surreal. It’s not every day you accidentally become public transportation artwork.

What is something you wish everyone knew about the library?

I wish more people knew that libraries are about so much more than books

Libraries help people find jobs, discover talents, learn new skills, connect with history and build community. At Eatonville, I saw firsthand how the library became a place where artists found audiences, neighbors built relationships and visitors discovered stories they never knew existed.

The library is one of the community’s greatest resources.

What would you tell someone who’s interested in volunteering?

Do it. Volunteering opens doors to new experiences, new friendships and a deeper connection to your community. Whether you’re helping with a major event or simply stacking chairs at the end of the day, you’re contributing to something meaningful.

Some of my most rewarding experiences started with a simple question: “How can I help?”

Closing Thoughts

When I think about my time at Eatonville Branch, I think about community, culture, history and growth.

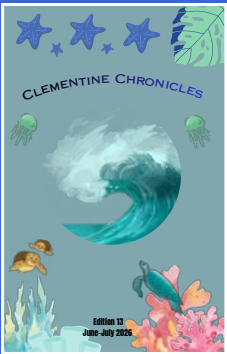
I learned about Eatonville’s incredible legacy, but I also learned a lot about myself. I learned how creativity brings people together and how leadership can inspire people to become their best selves.

Being part of Eatonville’s story as an employee, volunteer, unofficial Creative Director, tour guide, community partner and occasional bus advertisement has been one of the most rewarding chapters of my life. ■

To learn more about volunteering opportunities at OCLS, visit friends.ocls.org/volunteer.

Teen Volunteering:
Literary & Creative
Arts Magazines

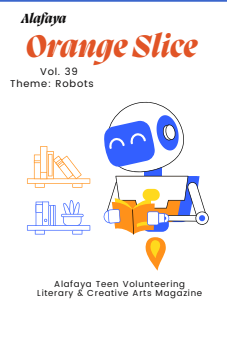
Earn community service hours
by becoming involved in our
teen literary and creative arts
magazines. Ages 13–18.



Clementine Chronicles
Hiawassee Branch
Sat., Aug. 22, 2 p.m.



The Terracotta Times
Southeast Branch
Sat., Sept. 5, 3 p.m.



Orange Slice
Alafaya Branch
Sat., Sept. 5, 3 p.m.

Orange County Library System’s
Teen Volunteer League offers a
variety of in-person and virtual
events where teens can earn community
service hours, from assisting with library
tasks and testing out new classes to
writing book reviews and contributing to
the library’s teen zines.

To celebrate the hard work of
our teen volunteers, we’re featuring
examples of their creativity found in
these literary and creative arts
magazines. Teen zines provide not
just community service hours, but a
safe social space and creative outlet.

If you or someone you know would
like to participate, check the zine
listings on this page for a location
near you and their next meeting.

For more volunteer opportunities and
events for teens see pages 34 & 35 or
visit ocls.org/teenvolunteerleague.



ROBOT SOCIETY

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TO THE EXISTING PRESENT

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Orange Slice Vol. 39, Alafaya Branch

Suha Chauhan, 16

What does it mean to you to
get community service hours
working on Orange Slice?

“It’s very easy to get a lot of
hours and it is a fun way of
doing community service.”

What is your favorite way to
contribute to Orange Slice?

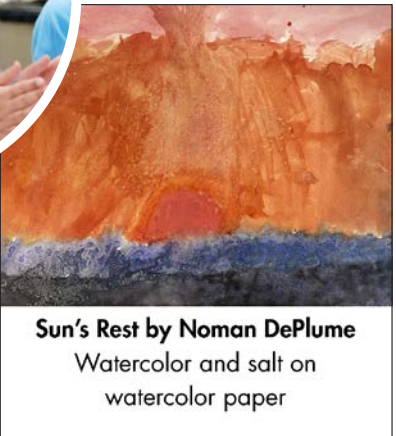
“To do poems or do smaller
crafts like cutting stuff.”



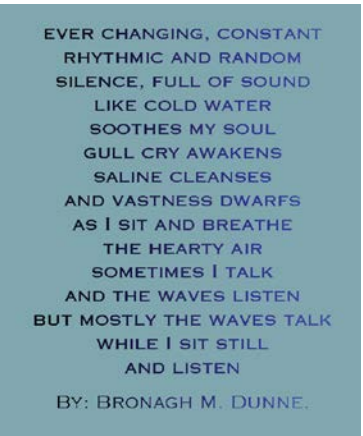
Teen volunteers creating artwork for the Orange Slice teen zine at Alafaya Branch



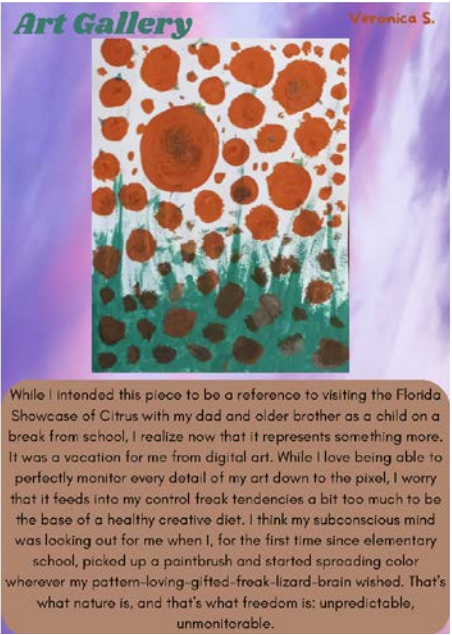
The Terracotta Times Issue 17, Southeast Branch



Tangerzine Vol. 1 Num. 8, Washington Park Branch



Clementine Chronicles Edition 13, Hiawassee Branch



The Pulp Pages Volume 9, West Oaks Branch



Tangerzine
Washington Park Branch
Tue., Sept. 8, 5 p.m.



The Pulp Pages
West Oaks Branch
Sat., Sept. 19, 3 p.m.

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Sewing Class for Adults: ~~\$75~~ FREE With Your Library Card

Knitting:
Community
Farm Vegetable
Garden

Practice working in the round using double pointed needles while knitting a cute vegetable garden.

Virtual • Mon., Aug. 10–31 • 10:30 a.m.



Meetups

Knit and Crochet Meetup With Alafaya 
Connect with other fiber artists while working on your craft. Ages 18 and up.
Virtual • Mon., Aug. 3–25 • 4 p.m.

Meet and Make Knitting Group
Have a great time with other fiber artists while working on your craft. Be sure to bring your work in progress, yarn and tools.
Windermere • Tue., Aug. 11 • 10:30 a.m.

Fiber Arts Meetup
Connect with other fiber artists while sharing your creations and ideas.
Fairview Shores • Fri., Aug. 21 • 11 a.m. 
Alafaya • Fri., Aug. 21 • 4 p.m. 
Chickasaw • Tue., Aug. 25 • 4:30 p.m.

Seniors Crochet Meetup 
Join our crochet program, where seniors come together. Bring your work in progress, yarn and tools.
Chickasaw • Fri., Aug. 21 • 3 p.m.
• Sat., Aug. 22 • 3 p.m.

Sewing & Embroidery

Sewing: Introduction to the Sewing Machine 
Learn about sewing safety, basic sewing machine skills and stitching seams.
North Orange • Sat., Aug. 1, 22 • 10:30 a.m.

Sewing: Buttonholes and Buttons 
Learn to stabilize and stitch machine buttonholes, then use your machine to attach buttons for the perfect project accent.
North Orange • Sat., Aug. 8 • 10:30 a.m.

Hand Sewing Sashiko Patterns 
This Japanese sashiko hand sewing technique uses the simple running stitch to form geometric patterns.
Virtual • Thu., Aug. 13–27 • 10:15 a.m.

Semamori Paper Stitched Patterns 
Learn about the meaning and history of the featured Japanese semamori pattern, then pierce and stitch the pattern on paper.
Virtual • Sat., Aug. 15 • 1:30 p.m.
• Mon., Aug. 17 • 1:15 p.m.

Sewing Open Lab 
Bring your sewing projects, all the tools are here for you. Must bring own materials. Machine sewing skills are required.
Chickasaw • Thu., Aug. 20 • 11 a.m.

Embroidery Level 1 
Learn the basics of using a hoop and needles to create running, back and cross stitches to create a beautiful sampler.
Eatonville • Sat., Aug. 29 • 2:30 p.m.

Knit & Crochet

Knitting: Level 1 
Learn basic techniques while creating your first project, a bookmark for your favorite read.
Eatonville • Sat., Aug. 1 • 2:30 p.m.

Knitting: Level 2 
Level up your knitting. Learn how to combine knit and purl stitches to create smooth fabric.
Eatonville • Sat., Aug. 15 • 2:30 p.m.

WEST OAKS BRANCH
CELEBRATING
25 YEARS
August 25-29

West Oaks Branch is turning 25!
Join us for a week of themed activities, community spirit and library fun. Each day highlights a different part of West Oaks’ story, from history and genealogy to gardens, memories and homecoming. Come celebrate 25 years of learning, growing and connecting with our community.



American 250 Trivia 
How well do you know American history, culture and geography? Test your knowledge of all things U.S.A. and compete for prizes. Ages 18 and up.
West Oaks • Tue., Aug. 25 • 1 p.m.

Roots Through Time: A Genealogy Celebration
Discover the story of the West Oaks Branch and Genealogy Center as we celebrate 25 years. Meet local heritage groups, explore exhibits and learn how family history research has evolved over time.
West Oaks • Tue., Aug. 25 • 2 p.m.

Steam Junior: DIY DNA 
Junior scientists will explore STEAM concepts to expand their minds and explore the world around them. Ages 6–12.
West Oaks • Tue., Aug. 25 • 4 p.m.

Cookies & Milk With a Cop 
Bring your kids to meet our local police officers and enjoy a story, cookies and milk. Recommended for families.
West Oaks • Wed., Aug. 26 • 11 a.m.

Touch a Fire Truck 
Learn about fire safety and meet the Ocoee Fire Department, with the chance to touch a real fire truck. Recommended for families.
West Oaks • Wed., Aug. 26 • 4 p.m.

Artsy Toddler: In The Garden 
Discover colors, textures and materials through stories, songs and creative art activities. Part of this event will be held outside. Ages 18–36 months.
West Oaks • Thu., Aug. 27 • 11 a.m.

Crafternoon: In The Garden 
Get ready for an hour of crafting fun with friends. Part of this event will be held outside. Ages 6–12.
West Oaks • Thu., Aug. 27 • 3:30 p.m.

EcoBrick Foundation Collection
It’s time to reduce, reuse and recycle! Learn more about how to protect the world we live in by bringing clean, dry plastic to contribute to our very own ecobricks.
West Oaks • Thu., Aug. 27 • 3:30 p.m.

Cuisine Corner Junior: DIY Lunchable 
Junior chefs will follow a recipe and demonstration to whip up something delicious. Ages 6–12.
West Oaks • Fri., Aug. 28 • 11 a.m.

Throwback Interactive Exhibit
Step back to the early 2000s to experience a tech petting zoo of the era. This is a multisensory exhibit showcasing popular culture and technology.
West Oaks • Fri., Aug. 28 • 3:30 p.m.

West Oaks Homecoming Celebration
Visit the branch and mingle with current and former staff, sharing stories, treats and photo opportunities. Ages 18 and up.
West Oaks • Sat., Aug. 29 • 10:30 a.m.

2001 Musical Bingo
We’ll take it back to the year West Oaks Branch opened and play clips of the greatest hits of 2001 instead of traditional bingo numbers. Play for your chance to win a prize.
West Oaks • Sat., Aug. 29 • 11 a.m.



Comedy Improv Show: ~~\$22~~ FREE With Your Library Card

Second Saturday Improv Show

Join us the second Saturday of each month at the Melrose Center for this fun filled roller coaster of laughs featuring improv actors from the Orlando Improv Community. In this live comedy show, performers will make up scenes and stories right in front of your very eyes. Join our live studio audience for a fun evening out!

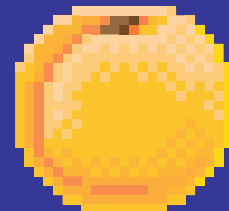
Orlando Public Library • Sat., Aug. 8 • 4 p.m.



Photo Studio Q&A

Are you stuck on a photography-related project or simply need practice time in the studio? Let us help! A specialized instructor will be available to assist you in the Melrose Photo Studio.

Orlando Public Library • Wed., Aug. 12, 26 • 4:30 p.m.



Creating Retro Pixel Art

Learn techniques for drawing crisp sprites and textures, and the essential technical steps to scale your artwork perfectly for games, social media or print.

Virtual • Sun., Aug. 16 • 1 p.m.
• Mon., Aug. 24 • 5:30 p.m.

Waterleigh Kid Craft Club

Get creative in this craft club for kids. All supplies provided. Ages 6–12.

Waterleigh Community Clubhouse, 16150 Pebble Bluff Loop,
Winter Garden, FL 34787 • Mon., Aug. 3 • 6 p.m.



Storytime at Bill Frederick Park

Join us for an outdoor nature storytime hosted at Bill Frederick Park's Education Pavilion. Small fee required to enter the park. Ages 3–5.
Bill Frederick Park, 3401 S. Hiawasse Road,
Orlando, FL 32835 • Sat., Aug. 1 • 11 a.m.

Book Bike at Lake Eola

The book bike will be near the Lake Eola playground with a collection of books available for checkout and a storytime at 10:30 a.m.
Lake Eola, 512 E. Washington St.,
Orlando, FL 32801 • Sun., Aug. 2 • 10 a.m.

Farmer's Market Storytime at Lake Eola

Reading together is a wonderful way to bond and learn from one another. Bring your family together for fun stories designed for all ages.
Lake Eola, 512 E. Washington St.,
Orlando, FL 32801 • Sun., Aug. 2 • 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 and language development. Ages 0–18 months.
Harry P. Leu Gardens, 1920 N. Forest Ave.,
Orlando, FL 32803 • Mon., Aug. 3 • 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., Aug. 3 • 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., Aug. 3 • 10:40 a.m.

Family Storytime at the Orlando Executive Airport

Listen to stories for all ages that bring families together to bond, learn and share the joy of reading. Storytime lasts approximately 30 minutes.
Orlando Executive Airport, 365 Rickenbacker Drive, Orlando, FL 32803 • Tue., Aug. 4 • 10:30 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., Aug. 8 • 10 a.m.

Waterleigh Adult Craft Club

Try something new or hone a familiar skill in this craft club. All supplies provided. Ages 18 and up.
Waterleigh Community Clubhouse, 16150 Pebble Bluff Loop, Winter Garden, FL 34787
• Thu., Aug. 13 • 11 a.m.

Bilingual Baby to Five Storytime

From the rhythm and repetition of nursery rhymes to the use of picture books, your child will be encouraged to develop early literacy skills. Ages 0–5.
Englewood Community Center, 6123 La Costa Drive, Orlando, FL 32807 • Tue., Aug. 18 • 10 a.m.

Family Play & Connect

Connect with other caregivers while your little ones, ages 0–5, explore imaginary play.
Englewood Community Center, 6123 La Costa Drive, Orlando, FL 32807 • Tue., Aug. 18 • 10:30 a.m.



Family Yoga: ~~\$25~~ FREE With Your Library Card

Movie & a Craft

Enjoy watching Disney's *Hoppers* (2026) (PG) while creating a craft inspired by the movie. Light snacks provided.

Fairview Shores • Mon., Aug. 24 • 4:30 p.m.

Family Fun: Storytime Craft

Drop-in before and after storytime to create a make-and-take craft. Ages 0–5.

North Orange • Wed., Aug. 5–26 • 10:30 a.m.

Southwest • Thu., Aug. 20, 27 • 10 a.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., Aug. 13 • 4:30 p.m.

Family Play & Connect

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

South Trail • Fri., Aug. 21, 28 • 10:45 a.m.

• Sat., Aug. 22 • 11:30 a.m.

Hiawassee • Mon., Aug. 24, 31 • 10:45 a.m.

Chickasaw • Tue., Aug. 25 • 10:30 a.m.

West Oaks • Tue., Aug. 25 • 11:30 a.m.

Winter Garden • Wed., Aug. 26 • 11 a.m.

Southeast • Wed., Aug. 26 • 11:15 a.m.

Baby to Five Storytime: Kindness

Enjoy stories, songs and rhymes as a family while growing early literacy skills.

South Trail • Sat., Aug. 22 • 11 a.m.

Bunny Care 101

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

South Creek • Sat., Aug. 22 • 11 a.m.

Family Fun: Chess

Join us for a game of chess. All experience levels are welcome and chess sets are available for play.

Fairview Shores • Tue., Aug. 25 • 3:30 p.m.

Winter Garden • Wed., Aug. 26 • 4:30 p.m.

Mindful Start Family Yoga

Flow through an imaginative journey filled with puppets, parachute games and relaxing rest time.

Winter Garden • Mon., Aug. 24, 31 • 10:15 & 11:15 a.m.

Southwest • Tue., Aug. 25 • 1 p.m.

West Oaks • Wed., Aug. 26 • 10 a.m.

Windermere • Fri., Aug. 28 • 2 p.m.

Family Fun: Crafternoons

Get ready for an hour of crafting fun with friends.

South Trail • Fri., Aug. 28 • 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.

Alafaya • Mon., Aug. 31 • 2 p.m.

Family Fun: DIY Drum Circle

Create your own tiny drum while we make music together and explore the history of drum circles.

Winter Garden • Mon., Aug. 31 • 2 p.m.



Ready, Set, Learn!

Back-to-School Resource Event for Students and Families

Discover the wide variety of library resources, services and learning tools designed to support academic success for students of all ages and grade levels. From homework help and online learning resources to programs, technology and educational support services, you'll find everything you need to start the school year informed, prepared and ready to succeed.

Washington Park • Wed., Aug. 19 • 5 p.m.

* Storytime Relocations During the Voting Period

August 3–18, select OCLS branches will serve as early voting and primary election voting locations. Storytimes at those branches will be temporarily relocated to other community sites or offered virtually.

10:15 a.m. – Preschool Tales | 10:45 a.m. – Toddler Tales | 11:15 a.m. – Baby Tales

Alafaya • Friday, August 7 & 14
East Orange Community Center,
12050 E. Colonial Drive, Orlando, FL 32826

Chickasaw • Wednesday, August 5 & 12
Engelwood Community Center,
6123 La Costa Drive, Orlando, FL 32807

Hiawassee • Monday, August 10
Wayne Densch YMCA,
870 N. Hastings St., Orlando, FL 32808

South Trail • Friday, August 14
South Orlando YMCA,
814 W. Oak Ridge Road, Orlando, FL 32809

Southeast • Wednesday, August 5 & 12
Engelwood Community Center,
6123 La Costa Drive, Orlando, FL 32807

Southwest • Thursday, August 6 & 13
Dr. Phillips YMCA,
7000 Dr. Phillips Blvd., Orlando, FL 32819

West Oaks • Tuesday, August 4 & 11
Lake Shore Center,
125 N. Lakeshore Drive, Ocoee, FL 34761

Winter Garden • August, 7 & 14
Winter Garden Heritage Foundation,
21 E. Plant St., Winter Garden, FL 34787

Virtual Storytimes

Families are also invited to join us for our live virtual storytimes throughout the voting period.

Preschool Tales • Monday & Friday • 10:30 a.m.

Sing-Along Tales • Tuesday & Thursday • 10:30 a.m.

Bilingual Preschool Tales • Wednesday • 10:30 a.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 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)

* Hiawassee • Mon. • 10:15 a.m.

Fairview Shores • Mon. • 10:30 a.m.

Washington Park • Tue. • 10:15 a.m.

Eatonville • Thu. • 10:15 a.m.

* South Trail • Fri. • 10:15 a.m.



Story & Music Class: ~~\$23~~ FREE With Your Library Card



Toddler Sensory Playtime

Encourage your child to explore their curiosity and creativity in this unstructured playtime. Caregivers are expected to participate with their child.

Southeast • Thu., Aug. 20, 27 • 10:30 a.m.

Baby (Ages 0–18 Months)

Baby Play & Connect

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

- Orlando Public Library • Mon., Aug. 3–31 • 11 a.m.
- Windermere • Thu., Aug. 6–27 • 11:35 a.m.
- Tue., Aug. 11 • 11 a.m.
- South Creek • Mon., Aug. 17–31 • 11:30 a.m.
- Winter Garden • Fri., Aug. 21, 28 • 11:35 a.m.
- Tue., Aug. 25 • 11 a.m.
- Alafaya • Fri., Aug. 21, 28 • 11:45 a.m.
- Southwest • Mon., Aug. 24, 31 • 11:30 a.m.

Baby Storytime

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

- Orlando Public Library • Sat., Aug. 1–29 • 11:30 a.m.
- Mon., Aug. 3–31 • 10:30 a.m.
- North Orange • Mon., Aug. 10, 24 • 10:30 a.m.
- Windermere • Tue., Aug. 11 • 10:30 a.m.
- Alafaya • Mon., Aug. 17–31 • 10:30 a.m.
- Southwest • Mon., Aug. 24, 31 • 11 a.m.
- Winter Garden • Tue., Aug. 25 • 10:45 a.m.

Toddler (Ages 18–36 Months)

Toddler Storytime

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

- Orlando Public Library • Sat., Aug. 1–29 • 11 a.m.
- Tue., Aug. 4–25 • 10:30 a.m.
- North Orange • Tue., Aug. 4 • 10:30 a.m.
- Alafaya • Wed., Aug. 19 • 10:30 a.m.
- Winter Garden • Thu., Aug. 20, 27 • 10:30 a.m.
- Hiawasse • Fri., Aug. 21 • 11 a.m.
- Fairview Shores • Tue., Aug. 25 • 10:30 a.m.

Toddler Play & Connect

Connect with other caregivers while your little ones explore imaginary play with new and old friends.

- Orlando Public Library • Tue., Aug. 4–25 • 11 a.m.
- Winter Garden • Thu., Aug. 20, 27 • 11 a.m.
- Hiawasse • Fri., Aug. 21 • 11:30 a.m.
- North Orange • Tue., Aug. 25 • 10:30 a.m.
- Fairview Shores • Tue., Aug. 25 • 11 a.m.
- Alafaya • Wed., Aug. 26 • 10:30 a.m.
- Southwest • Wed., Aug. 26 • 11 a.m.
- Southeast • Mon., Aug. 31 • 11 a.m.

Artsy Toddler

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

- North Orange • Tue., Aug. 11 • 10:30 a.m.
- Eatonville • Fri., Aug. 14 • 10:30 a.m.
- Southeast • Mon., Aug. 31 • 10:30 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.

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

Windermere • Tue., Aug. 25 • 10:15 a.m.

Storytime, in Your Language

Kids can now enjoy thousands of picture books in 100+ languages, with English translations from the comfort of home.

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On My Way To K With WUCF & PBS Kids

Explore hands-on, play-based learning experiences with PBS Kids that build early literacy, math, executive functioning and social-emotional skills. WUCF, your local PBS station, hosts this hands-on event helping families build kindergarten-ready skills through play and exploration.

Eatonville • Wed., Aug. 5 • 10:15 a.m.



Preschool (Ages 3–5)

Preschool Storytime

Preschoolers will delight in interactive stories, songs and rhymes that inspire a love of reading and build early literacy skills.

- Orlando Public Library • Sat., Aug. 1–29 • 10:30 a.m.
- Wed., Aug. 12 • 10:30 a.m.
- Virtual • Mon., Aug. 3–31 • 11 a.m.
- Mon., Aug. 3–31 • 7 p.m.
- North Orange • Thu., Aug. 6 • 10:30 a.m.
- Alafaya • Tue., Aug. 18, 25 • 11 a.m.
- Windermere • Tue., Aug. 18 • 4 p.m.
- Fairview Shores • Thu., Aug. 20, 27 • 11 a.m.
- Southwest • Tue., Aug. 25 • 11 a.m.
- Chickasaw • Wed., Aug. 26 • 11 a.m.

Mindful Play Learning: Yoga for Preschoolers

Each session is themed and playfully uses yoga and imagination to teach early learners social-emotional skills, support cognitive development and enhance creativity.

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

Chickasaw • Thu., Aug. 20, 27 • 11 a.m.

Preschool Chef

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

- Orlando Public Library • Wed., Aug. 5 • 10:30 a.m.
- North Orange • Thu., Aug. 20 • 10:30 a.m.
- Alafaya • Thu., Aug. 27 • 11 a.m.

Ready, Set, Preschool!

Engage in hands-on activities that build early literacy skills, creativity and kindergarten readiness.

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

Alafaya • Thu., Aug. 20 • 11 a.m.

Preschool STEAM: Play Dough Lab

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

North Orange • Thu., Aug. 13 • 10:30 a.m.

Bilingual Preschool Storytime

Preschoolers will explore stories, songs and rhymes in English and Spanish to strengthen language, early literacy and pre-reading skills.

Orlando Public Library • Wed., Aug. 19 • 10:30 a.m.

Preschool Artists: Primary Colors

Let your imagination run wild with colors and textures.

Orlando Public Library • Wed., Aug. 26 • 10:30 a.m.

North Orange • Thu., Aug. 27 • 10:30 a.m.

Preschool Stories & Stretches

Wiggle and stretch to stories, songs and rhymes.

Winter Garden • Wed., Aug. 26 • 10:30 a.m.

Cozy stories and calm adventures for curious minds. Stream on Kanopy Kids.

kanopy kids ocls.org/kanopy

Registration Required





Kids Cooking Class: ~~\$45~~ FREE With Your Library Card

READING Paws

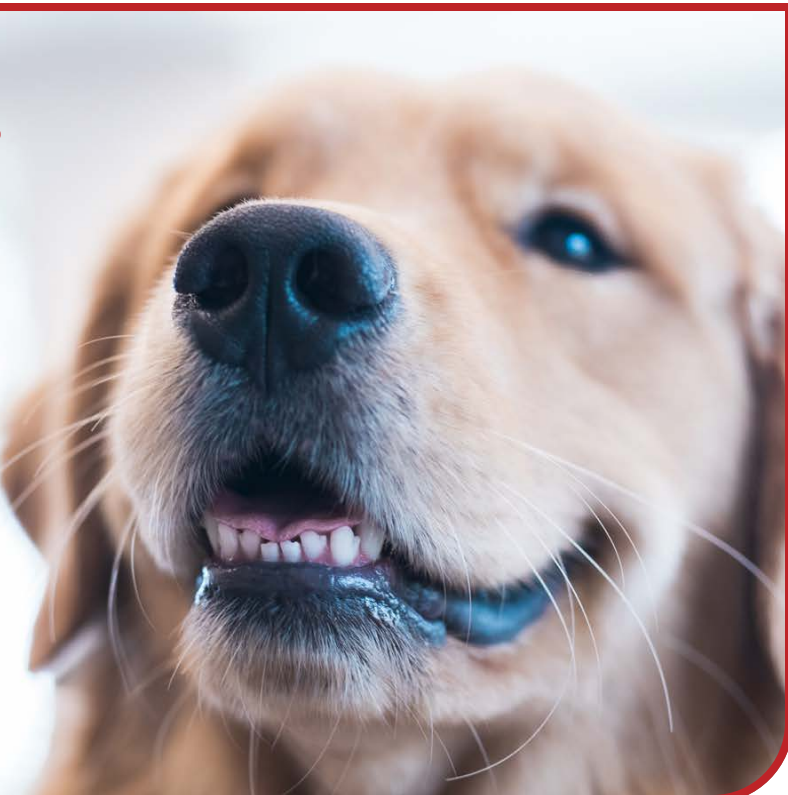
Improves children’s reading and communication skills by employing a powerful method: reading to a therapy dog.

- Chickasaw • Sat., Aug. 1 • 10 a.m.
- Windermere • Sat., Aug. 8 • 11 a.m.
- Alafaya • Sat., Aug. 22 • 10 a.m.

Hearts of Gold Therapy Dogs

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

- Southwest • Sat., Aug. 22 • 10:30 a.m.



LEGO Club

The library invites you to come and use your imagination to build. Bricks will be provided, but cannot go home with you.

Orlando Public Library • Sat., Aug. 1 • 2:30 p.m.

North Orange • Mon., Aug. 3 • 4 p.m.

Windermere • Tue., Aug. 4, 11, 25 • 4:30 p.m.

Eatonville • Tue., Aug. 18 • 4 p.m.

Alafaya • Tue., Aug. 18, 25 • 4:30 p.m.

South Creek • Wed., Aug. 19 • 4:30 p.m.

Southeast • Thu., Aug. 20 • 4:30 p.m.

South Trail • Tue., Aug. 25 • 4:30 p.m.

Fairview Shores • Wed., Aug. 26 • 3:30 p.m.

Southwest • Wed., Aug. 26 • 4 p.m.

Masterpiece Junior

Discover the world of art! Together, we’ll learn something new, get inspired and create a masterpiece.

Eatonville • Mon., Aug. 3 • 2 p.m.

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

Windermere • Fri., Aug. 7 • 2 p.m.

Windermere • Mon., Aug. 24 • 4:30 p.m.

Alafaya • Wed., Aug. 26 • 4 p.m.

Fiber Arts Junior: Macrame Keychain

Learn the foundation knots needed in macrame projects while creating your very own keychain.

Orlando Public Library • Wed., Aug. 5 • 2:30 p.m.

Homeschool Junior

Learning comes alive! Explore the world through crafts, experiments and hands-on activities.

Eatonville • Thu., Aug. 6, 20 • 11:30 a.m.

North Orange • Fri., Aug. 7, 21 • 10:30 a.m.

Orlando Public Library • Wed., Aug. 12, 26 • 1 p.m.

Windermere • Thu., Aug. 13, 27 • 1 p.m.

Alafaya • Thu., Aug. 20, 27 • 2 p.m.

Southwest • Mon., Aug. 24, 31 • 1 p.m.

South Trail • Mon., Aug. 24 • 1 p.m.

Catch ‘Em All Club

Meet Pokémon enthusiasts to battle and trade cards with.

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

Gamers Club

Love video games? Join the fun, challenge your friends and enjoy exciting activities.

Orlando Public Library • Wed., Aug. 12, 26 • 2:30 p.m.

• Sat., Aug. 15 • 2:30 p.m.

STEAM Junior

Explore STEAM concepts to expand minds and explore the world.

Orlando Public Library • Thu., Aug. 13 • 4 p.m.

Alafaya • Wed., Aug. 19 • 4 p.m.

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

Southwest • Thu., Aug. 20 • 4:30 p.m.

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

Homeschool Junior: French

Learn basic French vocabulary, numbers, colors and much more.

Windermere • Mon., Aug. 17 • 3 p.m.

Chess Club

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

Windermere • Mon., Aug. 17 • 4:30 p.m.

Orlando Public Library • Sat., Aug. 22 • 2:30 p.m.

West Oaks • Mon., Aug. 24, 31 • 3:30 p.m.

Southwest • Tue., Aug. 25 • 4:30 p.m.



Online Tutoring: ~~\$20~~ FREE With Your Library Card

American Road Trip: One Nation, Many Stories With Roy Stone

Take a magical road trip across America as Roy Stone blends history, humor and heartwarming stories with dazzling illusions and puppetry.

- Hiawassee • Sat., Aug. 29 • 2 p.m.



Fiber Arts Junior: Finger Knit a Snake

Untangle the mysteries of finger knitting and create a toy using yarn and your fingers.

Orlando Public Library • Wed., Aug. 19 • 2:30 p.m.

Cuisine Corner Junior

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

Orlando Public Library • Thu., Aug. 20 • 4 p.m.

Hiawassee • Wed., Aug. 26 • 4:30 p.m.

Homeschool Junior: Spanish

Learn basic Spanish vocabulary, numbers, colors and much more.

Windermere • Mon., Aug. 24 • 3 p.m.

Pirates to El Dorado

Voyage with a pirate crew to El Dorado! Read stories, play games and search for treasure.

Fairview Shores • Tue., Aug. 25 • 4:30 p.m.

Let’s Play Dungeons & Dragons: Adventure Begins Board Game

Learn how to play D&D with the Adventure Begins board game. Work together to face obstacles and defeat monsters.

South Trail • Wed., Aug. 26 • 3:30 p.m.

Fiber Arts Junior: Cross Stitch Keychain

Learn the basics of cross stitch embroidery as you craft your own keychain.

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

Hue Knew: A Color Mystery

Become a color detective as you hone your hue awareness to investigate a crime of rainbow proportions.

South Trail • Thu., Aug. 27 • 4:30 p.m.

The Elite Trainer’s Trading Card Club

Swap and trade trading cards with other trainer kid collectors.

South Creek • Sat., Aug. 29 • 10:30 a.m.

Snack Around the World: France

We’ll learn about French culture and sample the yummiest snacks it has to offer.

Chickasaw • Sat., Aug. 29 • 3 p.m.

Tabletop Gamers Club

Learn about the art of role-playing and dice-rolling while having fun and making friends.

Winter Garden • Mon., Aug. 31 • 4 p.m.



Connect online with a live tutor to get homework help or build your skills.

- Get expert tutoring in elementary to college level subjects and adult skills.
- Tutoring is available in English, Spanish and French.
- Subjects include English, Math, Science, Social Studies, Writing and Test Prep.

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Coding Class for Kids: ~~\$25~~ FREE With Your Library Card

MakeCode Arcade: Pixel Art

Create the pixel art for a game shark attack with Microsoft MakeCode Arcade. Ages 6–12.

Orlando Public Library • Tue., Aug. 11 • 2:30 p.m.
• Thu., Aug. 20 • 10:30 a.m.

Eatonville • Thu., Aug. 13 • 11:30 a.m.

Tech for Kids (Ages 6–12)

Code With JavaScript

Explore the JavaScript programming language with characters from Star Wars.

Orlando Public Library • Sat., Aug. 1 • 10:30 a.m.
• Sun., Aug. 2 • 1:30 p.m.

LEGO Education Spike Essentials: Great Adventures

Go on a Great Adventure as we explore STEAM concepts and creative problem solving.

North Orange • Sat., Aug. 1, 22 • 3 p.m.

Windermere • Mon., Aug. 3 • 3 p.m.

Hiawassee • Wed., Aug. 19 • 4:30 p.m.

Orlando Public Library • Wed., Aug. 26 • 10:30 a.m.

Southeast • Sat., Aug. 29 • 10:15 a.m. & 4:30 p.m.

LEGO Education Spike Prime: Science & Engineering

Apply STEAM concepts and the engineering design process with hands-on learning.

Southwest • Sat., Aug. 1 • 4 p.m.
• Mon., Aug. 24 • 4 p.m.

Winter Garden • Sat., Aug. 1 • 4 p.m.

Eatonville • Wed., Aug. 12 • 2 p.m.
• Fri., Aug. 21 • 3 p.m.

Alafaya • Mon., Aug. 17, 24 • 4:30 p.m.
• Sun., Aug. 23 • 1:30 & 4 p.m.

South Creek • Fri., Aug. 21 • 3:30 p.m.

West Oaks • Sun., Aug. 23 • 1:15 & 3:30 p.m.

Fairview Shores • Wed., Aug. 26 • 4:30 p.m.
• Thu., Aug. 27 • 4:30 p.m.

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

LEGO Education Spike Essentials: Carnival Games

Construct, play and improve carnival games with LEGO Education SPIKE Essentials.

Orlando Public Library • Sun., Aug. 2 • 3:30 p.m.

Hiawassee • Wed., Aug. 19 • 11 a.m.

Be Safe Online

Learn safety tips and good practices when using the internet.

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

LEGO Education Spike Essentials: Amusement Parks

Engineer an amusement park with LEGO Education SPIKE Essentials.

Orlando Public Library • Wed., Aug. 5 • 10:30 a.m.

Windermere • Mon., Aug. 10 • 3 p.m.

South Trail • Sat., Aug. 22 • 2:30 p.m.

MakeCode Arcade: Sound & Music

Create the sound effects and music for a shark attack game using Microsoft MakeCode Arcade.

Eatonville • Wed., Aug. 5 • 2 p.m.

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

MakeCode Arcade: Code a Game

Learn how to code a shark attack game with Microsoft MakeCode Arcade.

Orlando Public Library • Thu., Aug. 6 • 10:30 a.m.
• Tue., Aug. 18 • 2:30 p.m.

South Trail • Sun., Aug. 19 • 3:30 p.m.

Alafaya • Sat., Aug. 22 • 11 a.m.

Create Comics

Write a story, change layouts and add images to make your comic come alive.

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

Logical Quest With the Zoombinis

Exercise your brain by completing a series of logic-based puzzles.

Orlando Public Library • Sat., Aug. 8 • 10:30 a.m.
• Mon., Aug. 17 • 4 p.m.

Winter Garden • Thu., Aug. 27 • 3:30 p.m.

LEGO Digital Builds

Create custom LEGO builds on the computer with this easy-to-use free software.

North Orange • Sat., Aug. 8 • 3 p.m.

Digital Sculpting

Create detailed sculptures in a digital environment with ZbrushCoreMini.

Orlando Public Library • Tue., Aug. 11 • 10:30 a.m.

Alafaya • Fri., Aug. 28 • 4 p.m.

Chess Basics With lichess.org

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

Orlando Public Library • Thu., Aug. 13 • 4 p.m.
• Wed., Aug. 26 • 2:30 p.m.

Alafaya • Fri., Aug. 21 • 4 p.m.

Bring Your Art to Life With AR

Color a magic page, then use the Quiver app to bring it to life.

Orlando Public Library • Tue., Aug. 18 • 5 p.m.

Winter Garden • Thu., Aug. 20 • 3:30 p.m.

Hiawassee • Fri., Aug. 21 • 4:30 p.m.

Design Graphics Using Photoshop

Use the advanced manipulation and blending features of this professional-grade software to design and edit graphics and images. Ages 13–18.

Orlando Public Library • Tue., Aug. 4 • 2:30 p.m.
• Thu., Aug. 27 • 10:30 a.m.

Eatonville • Fri., Aug. 7 • 3 p.m.

South Trail • Wed., Aug. 19 • 5 p.m.

LEGO Education Spike Prime: Beach Buggy

Build, program and iterate on various vehicle designs with LEGO Education SPIKE Prime.

Orlando Public Library • Wed., Aug. 19 • 10:30 a.m.

Code With Rodocodo

Learn about sequencing, debugging, looping and more by completing coding puzzles with Rodocodo.

Alafaya • Wed., Aug. 19 • 2:30 p.m.

Make a Stop-Motion Movie

Use the Stop Motion Studio app to create a stop-motion animation movie.

Orlando Public Library • Thu., Aug. 20 • 4 p.m.

Alafaya • Sat., Aug. 29 • 11 a.m.
• Mon., Aug. 31 • 4:30 p.m.

Make Custom Paper Airplanes

Design your own paper airplane with graphics and text using Microsoft Publisher.

Alafaya • Thu., Aug. 20 • 4 p.m.

LEGO Education Spike Prime: Brick Beach Cleanup

Build, program and iterate on various robotic grabber designs and clean the beach.

Orlando Public Library • Sun., Aug. 23 • 3:30 p.m.

Code With Minecraft: Adventurer

Solve code challenges to explore, gather resources and defeat mobs.

Orlando Public Library • Mon., Aug. 24 • 4 p.m.

Design Characters Using Tynker

Design characters, items, blocks and mobs for Minecraft using Tynker.

Alafaya • Wed., Aug. 26 • 2:30 p.m.

Code With SpriteBox

Play a unique platforming game that combines exploration and coding puzzles.

Alafaya • Thu., Aug. 27 • 4 p.m.

Winter Garden • Sat., Aug. 29 • 2:30 p.m.

Create Basic Spreadsheets

Crunch numbers in Microsoft Excel and use the tools needed to create a basic spreadsheet.

North Orange • Sat., Aug. 29 • 3 p.m.

Tech for Teens (Ages 13–18)

Be Safe Online Teens

Learn safety tips and good practices when using the internet.

Orlando Public Library • Mon., Aug. 3 • 4 p.m.
• Wed., Aug. 19 • 4 p.m.

LEGO Digital Designs

Build your custom LEGO designs on the computer with this easy-to-use free software.

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

Scratch Programming

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

Orlando Public Library • Tue., Aug. 4 • 4 p.m.
• Fri., Aug. 14 • 4 p.m.

Create Animated GIFs

Create animated GIFs using Photoshop.

Orlando Public Library • Wed., Aug. 5 • 1 p.m.
• Thu., Aug. 20 • 4 p.m.

Code With Swift Playgrounds

Discover programming through interactive puzzles that make learning the Swift programming language fun.

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

Chess Basics With lichess.org

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

Orlando Public Library • Fri., Aug. 7 • 4 p.m.

Alafaya • Sat., Aug. 29 • 2:30 p.m.

Game Design: Make a World

Create Super Mario levels and worlds with enemies, obstacles and rewards.

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

Build LEGO Video Games

Use Unity’s LEGO Microgame builder to make characters, design landscapes and add obstacles to your own LEGO game.

Orlando Public Library • Tue., Aug. 18 • 4 p.m.

Alafaya • Sat., Aug. 22 • 2:30 p.m.

Code Sphero With JavaScript

Use JavaScript to program Sphero to roll along paths and through mazes.

Orlando Public Library • Wed., Aug. 19 • 1 p.m.



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Teen Volunteering

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

Eatonville • Sat., Aug. 8 • 11 a.m.
South Trail • Sat., Aug. 22 • 2 p.m.
North Orange • Sat., Aug. 29 • 3 p.m.

Animanga Club ■
Share your love of anime and manga at the library, complete with games and activities to help you connect to your favorite series.
Orlando Public Library • Sat., Aug. 1 • 2 p.m.

Let's Play Dungeons & Dragons: Create Your Character ■
Learn to create a D&D character with D&D Beyond.
Orlando Public Library • Wed., Aug. 5 • 4 p.m.
South Trail • Wed., Aug. 26 • 5:15 p.m.

Middle School Advisory Board Meeting ■
Earn community service hours by testing new programs, brainstorming new library services and more. Grades 6–8.
Virtual • Wed., Aug. 5 • 4 p.m.

High School Advisory Board Meeting ■
Earn community service hours by testing new programs, brainstorming new library services and more. Grades 9–12.
Virtual • Thu., Aug. 6 • 4 p.m.
• Tue., Aug. 18 • 4 p.m.

Teen Fiber Arts: Kumihimo ■
Explore kumihimo, the Japanese art of braiding unique cords.
Windermere • Sat., Aug. 15 • Noon

Teen Writers Group ■
Join the cozy writers corner and work independently or share your work with fellow authors, poets and fanfiction creators for review and feedback.
Orlando Public Library • Sat., Aug. 15 • 2 p.m.

Teen Art Adventures ■
Explore the world of art, experiment with new techniques and create a masterpiece of your own.
Windermere • Wed., Aug. 19, 26 • 2 p.m.
South Creek • Fri., Aug. 28 • 4:30 p.m.
Orlando Public Library • Sat., Aug. 29 • 2 p.m.



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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.

Alafaya • Thu., Aug. 27 • 4 p.m.



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

ocls.org/teenvolunteerleague

Teen Homeschool: Crafting for Good ■
Meet other teens and learn something new through hands-on activities.
Hiawassee • Thu., Aug. 20 • 2 p.m.

Teen Cuisine: No-Bake Breakfast Bites ■
Prep for the real world with cooking tips and tricks that lead to tasty results.
North Orange • Thu., Aug. 20 • 4 p.m.

Let's Play Dungeons & Dragons: Forge Your Hero ■
Bring your D&D character to life in 3D with Hero Forge.
Orlando Public Library • Fri., Aug. 21 • 4 p.m.

Gamers Guild: Teen Board Game Meetup ■
Unplug, hang out and play. Join us for an afternoon of tabletop. Classic and popular board games will be available.
South Creek • Sat., Aug. 22 • 2 p.m.

Dungeons & Dragons ■
A one-shot adventure for teens. Players of all experience welcome.
Windermere • Sat., Aug. 29 • 11 a.m.

Teen Fiber Arts: Cross Stitch a Journal Cover ■
Cross stitch motifs on a journal cover.
Alafaya • Sat., Aug. 29 • 3 p.m.

Let's Play Dungeons & Dragons: Adventure Begins TTRPG ■
Learn to play D&D with the Adventure Begins tabletop role-playing game. Choose a character and work together to face obstacles and defeat monsters.
Orlando Public Library • Mon., Aug. 31 • 4 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

Hiawasee 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



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