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**This August at Orange County Library System:
Explore Opportunities to Learn, Grow and Connect**

ORLANDO, Fla. (July 21, 2026) This August, Orange County Library System (OCLS) is celebrating library volunteers, exploring back-to-school resources, learning more about sustainability and connecting with community.

Adults can join the Friends of the Orange County Library System, a non-profit, independent volunteer and advocacy organization that helps 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. Learn about becoming a Friend by visiting friends.ocls.org.

With back-to-school season in full swing, middle and high school students can earn their community service hours by participating in monthly online advisory board meetings and hands-on activities at branches, including contributing to Teen Zines. Learn more about volunteering at OCLS at ocls.org/teenvolunteerleague.

Beyond community service hours, the library offers access to free homework help, online tutors, research guides and an array of academic and literary databases that are sure to help students ace every day. Check out school resources at ocls.org/homework.

Grow your knowledge at Greenfest, a celebration of sustainability with educational workshops, at South Creek Branch on Friday, August 21, from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Attend gardening presentations and chat with local organizations that offer green, eco-friendly resources and services including Fleet Farming, Florida School of Holistic Living, Office of Sustainability and Resilience - City of Orlando, Orange Audubon, Orange County Parks and Recreation, Orange County Utilities, Tibet-Butler Preserve and UF IFAS Master Gardeners. For the complete schedule and to learn more, please visit ocls.org/greenfest.

West Oaks Branch is turning 25. Visit the branch for a week of themed activities, community spirit and library fun. Celebrate 25 years of learning, growing and connecting with daily events highlighting a different part of West Oaks' story, including history, genealogy and gardens.

Select library locations across Orange County will serve as voting locations in August. Early voting will take place Monday, August 3, through Sunday, August 16, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. at Alafaya, Chickasaw, Fairview Shores, Hiawassee, South Creek, South Trail, Southeast, Southwest, Washington Park, West Oaks and Winter Garden branches. Primary Election Day voting will be held Tuesday, August 18, from 7 a.m. to 7p.m. at Fairview Shores, Hiawassee, North Orange, South Trail, Southeast, Southwest, West Oaks and Winter Garden branches. There may be slight disruptions to service during these events.

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

Second Saturday Improv Show

Join us the second Saturday of each month at the Melrose Center for this fun filled rollercoaster 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!

Sat., Aug. 8 • 4 p.m.

Orlando Public Library - 101 E. Central Blvd., Orlando, FL 32801

<https://attend.ocls.org/event/15442756>

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.

Mon., Aug. 10 • 1 p.m.

North Orange Branch - 1211 E. Semoran Blvd., Apopka, FL 32703

<https://attend.ocls.org/event/16407142>

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.

Fri., Aug. 14 • 2 p.m.

Windermere Branch - 530 Main St., Windermere, FL 34786

<https://attend.ocls.org/event/16653253>

Music in the Library: 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.

Sat., Aug. 22 • 11 a.m.

Fairview Shores Branch - 902 Lee Rd., Suite 26, Orlando, FL 32810

<https://attend.ocls.org/event/16449407>

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.

Sun., Aug. 23 • 2 p.m.

Alafaya Branch - 12000 E. Colonial Dr., Orlando, FL 32826

<https://attend.ocls.org/event/16620624>

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.

Mon., Aug. 24 • 5 p.m.

South Trail Branch - 4600 S. Orange Blossom Tr., Orlando, FL 32839

<https://attend.ocls.org/event/16656165>

Writer's Studio

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

Registration required.

Wed., Aug. 26 • 11 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Chickasaw Branch - 870 N. Chickasaw Tr., Orlando, FL 32825

<https://attend.ocls.org/event/16677746>

YOUTH EVENTS

Code with Rodocodo

Explore coding concepts while gaming! Learn about sequencing, debugging, looping and more by completing coding puzzles with Rodocodo. Ages 6–12.

Sat., Aug. 1 • 2:30 p.m.

Winter Garden Branch - 805 E. Plant St., Winter Garden, FL 34787

<https://attend.ocls.org/event/16522026>

On My Way to K with WUCF and PBS KIDS

Explore hands-on, play-based learning experiences with PBS Kids that build early literacy, math, executive functioning and social-emotional skills. 3-5

Wed., Aug. 5 • 10:15 -12:15 p.m.

Eatonville Branch - 200 E. Kennedy Blvd., Eatonville, FL 32751

<https://attend.ocls.org/event/16687663>

LEGO Digital Builds

Create custom LEGO builds on the computer with this easy-to-use free software. Print instructions or share your builds with friends online. Ages 6–12.

Sat., Aug. 8 • 3 p.m.

North Orange Branch - 1211 E. Semoran Blvd., Apopka, FL 32703

<https://attend.ocls.org/event/16574281>

Trap Baby & Me

Trap Baby & Me is an interactive music and movement class that brings early childhood development to life with beats and activities little ones can't resist. 18-36 months

Wed., Aug. 12 • 10:15 a.m.

Eatonville Branch - 200 E. Kennedy Blvd., Eatonville, FL 32751

<https://attend.ocls.org/event/16641334>

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.

Wed., Aug. 19 • 5 p.m.

Washington Park Branch - 5151 Raleigh St., Suite A Orlando, FL 32811

<https://attend.ocls.org/event/16769898>

Toddler Sensory Playtime

Encourage your child to explore their curiosity and creativity in this unstructured playtime. Caregivers are expected to participate with their child. 18-36 months

Thu., Aug. 20 • 10:30 a.m.

Southeast Branch - 5575 S. Semoran Blvd., Orlando, FL 32822

<https://attend.ocls.org/event/16579065>

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. Recommended for ages 6–12.

Saturday, August 29, 2 p.m.

Hiawassee Branch - 7391 W. Colonial Dr., Orlando, FL 32818

<https://attend.ocls.org/event/16641681>

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