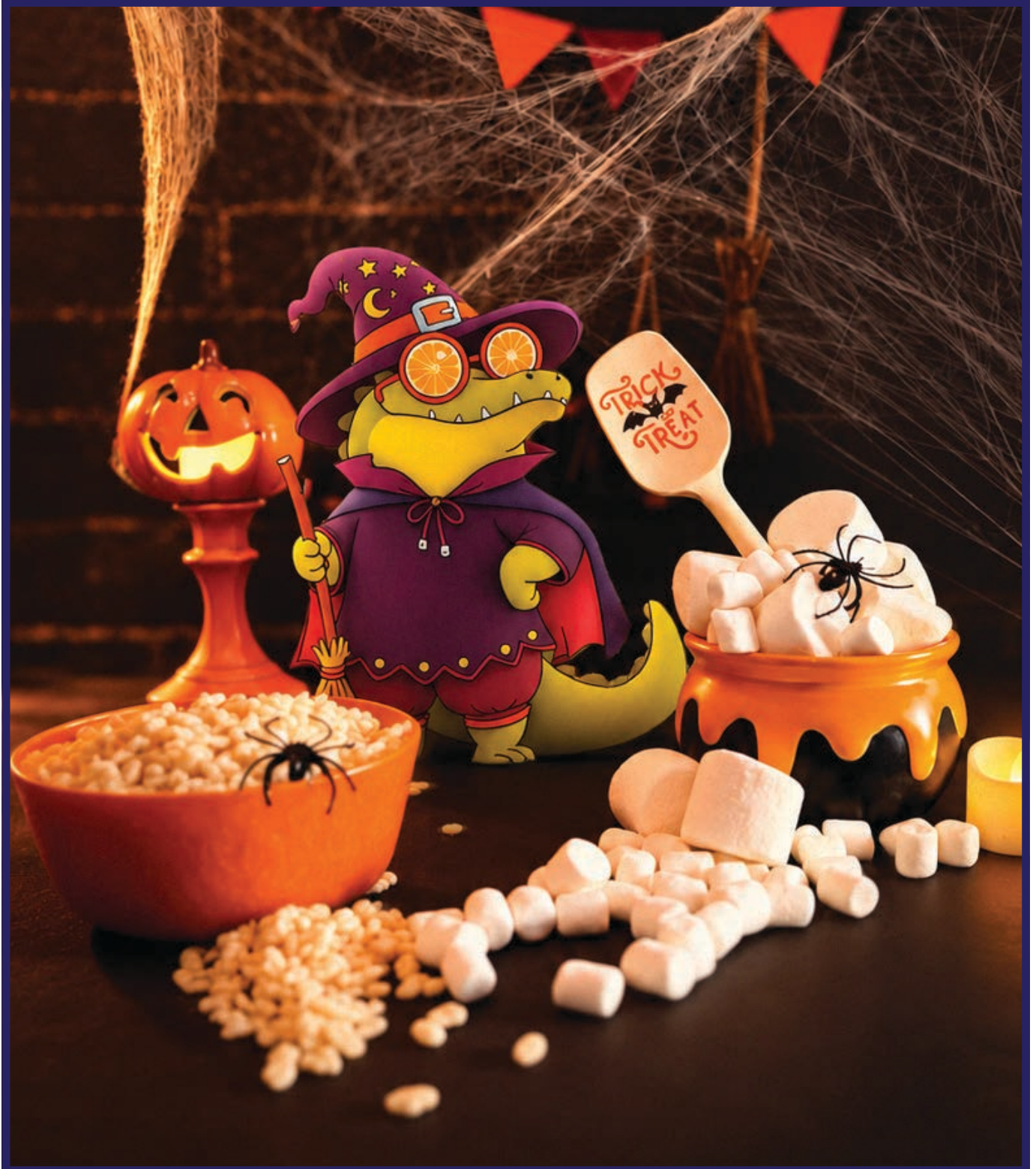


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General Election Early Voting

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

Monday, October 19–Sunday, November 1, 8 a.m.–8 p.m.

General Election Day

Fairview Shores, North Orange, Southeast,
Southwest, West Oaks

Tuesday, November 3, 7 a.m.–7 p.m.

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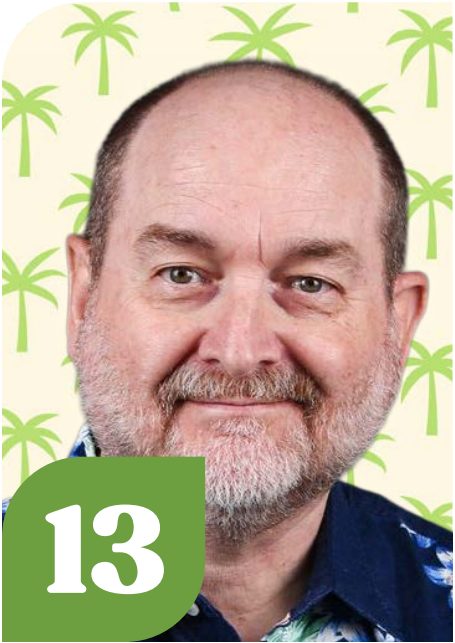
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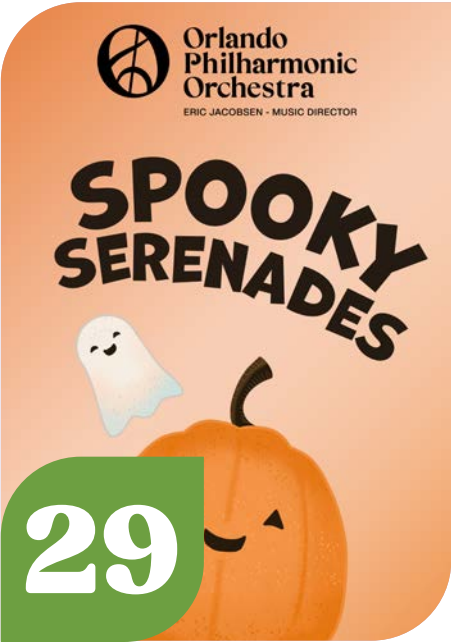


Get ready for Halloween with spooky sweet treats, creepy crafts and haunted activities with fun events for the whole family at your library.

Featured Events



Author, journalist, and podcaster Craig Pittman will share some quirky, touching and thought-provoking stories about what he calls “The Most Interesting State.”



Pumpkins, ghosts and music, oh my! Hear a fun, original spooktacular performance with the Orlando Philharmonic Orchestra’s Spooky Serenades.

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Sunday, November 8, 1:30–5 p.m.

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Fall Into Great Autumn Activities At Your Library

For some, October signals the start of the changing seasons and a break from the Florida heat. For others, it may mean fun costumes, spooky thrills or pumpkin-spiced everything. For me, this October brings big news and updates on how your library system is working to bring more value to the community.

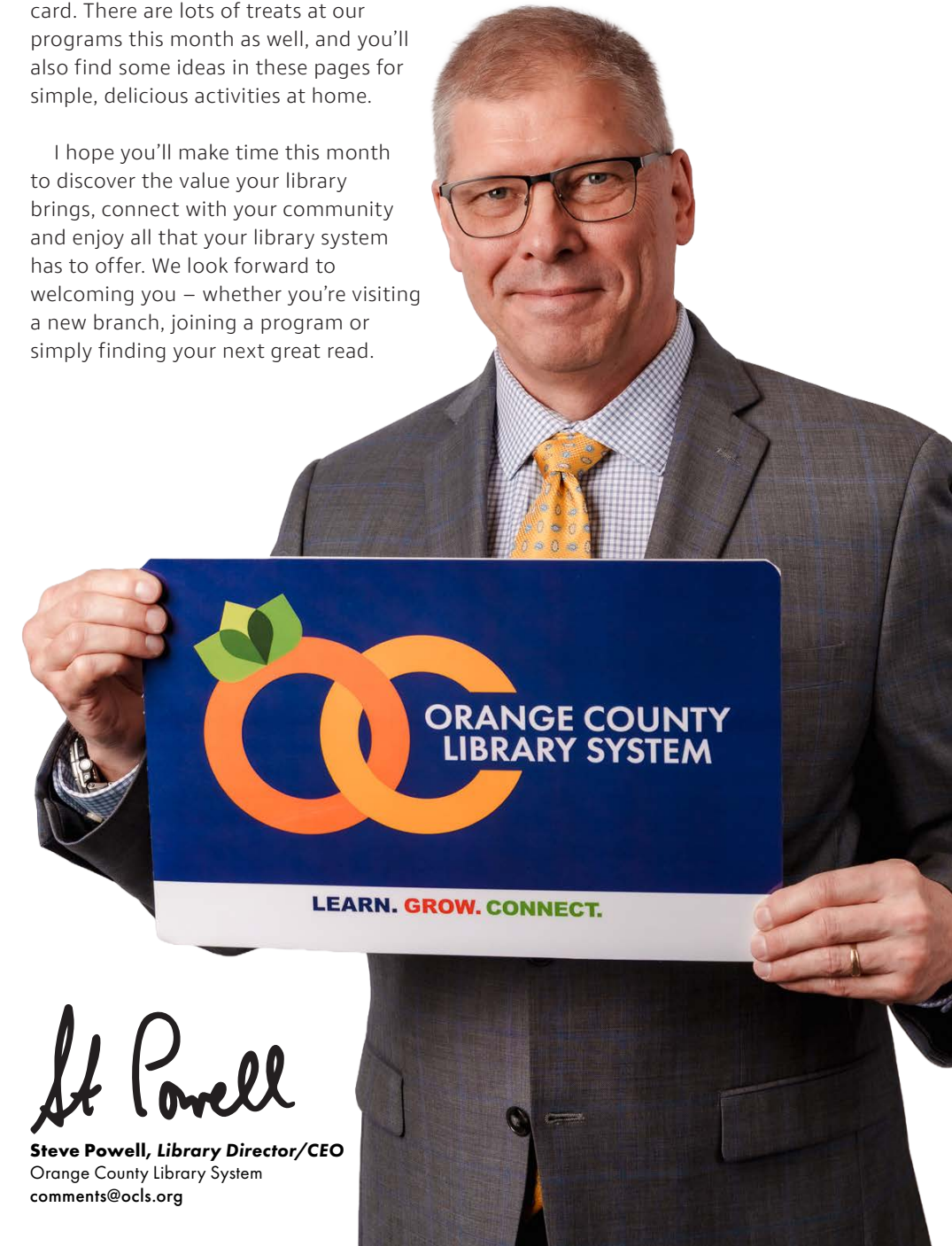
The much-anticipated Horizon West Branch is nearly ready for opening. During the last two weeks, the collection, furniture and supplies have arrived and staff have been busy shelving books and bringing the vision to life. I hope you will visit this beautiful new location and explore all it has to offer in the coming months. Keep an eye on our website and social channels for the latest news.

Construction continues at our new Lake Nona Branch and you can stay up to date on the progress and sign up for the Lake Nona e-newsletter at ocls.org/lake-nona-updates. The renovation project at Orlando Public Library is also underway. Materials from the west side of first floor have been relocated throughout the building to keep everything accessible to customers throughout the construction process. Last month, new automatic doors were installed as we update our public entrance. Visit ocls.org/orlando-public-library-updates for all the latest news on that project.

This month's pages are filled with themed, hands-on programs for adults and kids. If you're an adult looking for new ideas for Halloween and fall crafts and projects, try beaded bookmarks, book page garlands, an instructor-led acrylic painting class or jewelry making; there are classes across the system.

We also have lots of fun, performance-based programming for kids and families to enjoy together this month including a Mad Science Spooktacular, Painted Raven's Native American Flute Performance, Orlando Philharmonic's Symphony Storytime Spooky Serenade and DJ City Beats Halloween Dance Party and it's all free with your library card. There are lots of treats at our programs this month as well, and you'll also find some ideas in these pages for simple, delicious activities at home.

I hope you'll make time this month to discover the value your library brings, connect with your community and enjoy all that your library system has to offer. We look forward to welcoming you – whether you're visiting a new branch, joining a program or simply finding your next great read.



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Yoga for Adults and Seniors

A gentle, beginner-friendly yoga class designed to improve flexibility, balance and mobility.
North Orange • *Thu., Oct. 1–29* • 1 p.m. & 2:15 p.m.

Art 101: Street Art Jigsaw

Learn the history of this art form and create a puzzle inspired by street art. Ages 18 and up.
Winter Garden • *Thu., Oct. 1* • 4:30 p.m.

DIY Piñata

Learn the history of an important cultural tradition and create your own. Ages 18 and up.
South Trail • *Thu., Oct. 1* • 5:30 p.m.

Car Seat Safety

Certified technicians from Orlando Health Arnold Palmer Hospital for Children and Orange County Safe Kids will be available to check your car seat.
Winter Garden • *Fri., Oct. 2* • 10:30 a.m.

Fall Gardening in Florida

Fleet Farming will teach you everything you need to grow a thriving garden during Florida’s best growing season.
West Oaks • *Fri., Oct. 2* • 2 p.m.

Adult STEM: Felting

Discover the science behind transforming wool into felt. Learn basic wet felting techniques to create a felted bag. Ages 18 and up.
South Trail • *Fri., Oct. 2* • 4:30 p.m.

Chess Club Meetup

Join us for a game of chess. Players of all experience levels are welcome.
Winter Garden • *Sat., Oct. 3–17* • 10:15 a.m.

Line Dancing for Fun and Fitness

Learn line dance steps to all types of music. Ages 18 and up.
Southwest • *Sat., Oct. 3* • 10:30 a.m.

Acrylic Painting: Apple Orchard

Paint with artist Kerry Ezzo as she guides you through a fall orchard landscape.
Fairview Shores • *Sat., Oct. 3* • 11 a.m.

All-Levels Yoga

Get moving with this energizing and relaxing yoga sequence for all levels.
Windermere • *Sat., Oct. 3* • 11:15 a.m.
Virtual • *Wed., Oct. 14* • 7 p.m.

Fruitful Endeavors: For Vibrant Seniors and Adults

Join us as we learn about productive perennials who are creating new standards of living well. Ages 18 and up.
Orlando Public Library • *Sat., Oct. 3* • 1 p.m.

Autumn Whisper Bracelet

Learn beginner friendly jewelry making skills and create your own autumn-themed bracelet.
Southwest • *Sat., Oct. 3* • 2 p.m.

Adult Craft & Chat: Diamond Art

Get into the spooky spirit with some adorable black cat diamond art perfect for Halloween. Ages 18 and up.
Hiawassee • *Sat., Oct. 3* • 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., Oct. 4* • 3:30 p.m.

Family Law & Emergency Preparedness

Join Florida Legal Services to learn about basic family law topics in Florida, including divorce, paternity, parenting plans and child support.
South Trail • *Mon., Oct. 5* • 11:30 a.m.

The A to Z of Music

Too much music, too little time. Let’s turn on shuffle and learn about a new genre of music. Ages 18 and up.
Orlando Public Library • *Mon., Oct. 5* • 1:30 p.m.

Spooky Season Craft

Get crafty for Halloween! Join us for a fun, seasonal craft project. Ages 18 and up.
Windermere • *Mon., Oct. 5* • 2 p.m.

Fall Crafts

Create your own felt flag for your fall décor. Ages 18 and up.
Fairview Shores • *Mon., Oct. 5* • 5 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., Oct. 6* • 10:30 a.m.
Chickasaw • *Thu., Oct. 8* • 11:30 a.m.
Winter Garden • *Sat., Oct. 10* • 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., Oct. 6* • 3 p.m.

Tea Social Hour for Adults and Seniors

Listen to music, enjoy a sweet treat, relax and chat. Ages 18 and up.
North Orange • *Wed., Oct. 7* • 5 p.m.

Prepare for Your Job Search

This program provides hands-on worksheets and strategies to help you reflect on your goals, identify your skills and succeed. Ages 18 and up.
Orlando Public Library • *Thu., Oct. 1* • 11:30 a.m.
Virtual • *Thu., Oct. 1* • 4:30 p.m.
• *Tue., Oct. 20* • 10:30 a.m.
Windermere • *Tue., Oct. 6* • 1:30 p.m.
North Orange • *Tue., Oct. 27* • 1:30 p.m.

Improve Your Job Interview Skills

Learn about the interview process and get tips that will help you to practice and prepare. Ages 18 and up.
Fairview Shores • *Fri., Oct. 2, 16* • 10:30 a.m.
Orlando Public Library • *Thu., Oct. 22* • 11:30 a.m.
Virtual • *Tue., Oct. 27* • Noon
• *Thu., Oct. 22* • 4:30 p.m.
• *Fri., Oct. 23* • 11 a.m.
Windermere • *Tue., Oct. 27* • 1 p.m.

Build & Perfect Your Resume

Transform your unique talents and experiences into a career-launching masterpiece! Learn how to craft a resume. Ages 18 and up.
Southwest • *Mon., Oct. 5* • 1:15 p.m.
Orlando Public Library • *Thu., Oct. 8* • 11:30 a.m.
Virtual • *Thu., Oct. 8* • 4:30 p.m.
• *Tue., Oct. 27* • 10:30 a.m.
Southeast • *Sat., Oct. 10* • 10:30 a.m.
Windermere • *Tue., Oct. 13* • 1 p.m.

Search & Apply for Jobs

Learn about best practices for finding and applying for jobs in today’s job market. Ages 18 and up.
Orlando Public Library • *Thu., Oct. 15* • 11:30 a.m.
Virtual • *Thu., Oct. 15* • 4:30 p.m.
• *Tue., Oct. 20* • Noon
Eatonville • *Tue., Oct. 20* • 11:30 a.m.
Windermere • *Tue., Oct. 20* • 1:30 p.m.



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Studies in Horror: Zombies

Zombies, revenants, ghouls ... Discover what the undead have to say about the living as we continue our examination of why horror matters. Ages 18 and up.

Orlando Public Library • Fri., Oct. 16 • 4:30 p.m.

Digital Decluttering: Organize and Free Up Storage Space

Join bestselling author and expert organizer Jamie Novak to learn how to declutter your devices and free up space.

Virtual • Wed., Oct. 7 • 6:30 p.m.

Donuts and Dominoes

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

Chickasaw • Thu., Oct. 8 • 11 a.m.

Storm Chasers

Learn about storm chasers, discover the rise of meteorology on YouTube and watch incredible footage of powerful weather events.

Orlando Public Library • Thu., Oct. 8 • 4:30 p.m.

Halloween Beaded Bookmarks

Create a beaded hook bookmark with a spooky twist. Ages 18 and up.

Alafaya • Thu., Oct. 8 • 5 p.m.

Let Books Be: DIY Pins

Celebrate the freedom to read, explore different resources and learn how to make your own pin in support. Ages 18 and up.

South Trail • Thu., Oct. 8 • 5:30 p.m.

Book Tasting: Candy

Explore new genres and authors through handpicked titles and curated sweet treats. Ages 18 and up.

Windermere • Fri., Oct. 9 • 2 p.m.

Paint a 3D Pumpkin

Paint a 3D wooden pumpkin craft. Ages 18 and up.

Southwest • Fri., Oct. 9 • 2:30 p.m.

Art 101: Cave Painting

Each Art 101 event will feature a hands-on activity. Ages 18 and up.

Fairview Shores • Sat., Oct. 10 • 11 a.m.

Puzzle Swap

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

Chickasaw • Sat., Oct. 10 • 11 a.m.

Winter Garden • Sat., Oct. 10 • 3 p.m.

Acrylic Painting Meetup

Explore acrylic painting techniques and find your own artistic expression. Ages 18 and up.

South Trail • Sat., Oct. 10 • 2 p.m.

Serious Builders & Gamers

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

South Creek • Sat., Oct. 10 • 2 p.m.

Ask a Lawyer: Family Law

The Orange County Bar Association will host an open forum for individuals to speak with a panel of attorneys to get guidance on family law.

Orlando Public Library • Mon., Oct. 26 • 5 p.m.



DIY Jewelry Making: Spider Brooch

Show off your style by creating unique earrings, necklaces and bracelets. Ages 18 and up.

Windermere • Sat., Oct. 10 • 2:30 p.m.

Dungeons & Dragons at the Library Meetup for Adults

Join us on our next quest. Ages 18 and up.

Orlando Public Library • Sat., Oct. 10 • 2:30 p.m.

Pumpkin Decorating

Decorate tiny pumpkins for Halloween. Ages 18 and up.

Chickasaw • Mon., Oct. 12 • 11 a.m.

Disney Film: The Emperor's New Groove

Celebrate Walt Disney World's opening 55 years ago with *The Emperor's New Groove* (2000) (G).

Orlando Public Library • Tue., Oct. 13 • 1:30 p.m.

DIY Book Page Ghost Garland

Upcycle old books into fun, seasonal decorations. Ages 18 and up.

Winter Garden • Thu., Oct. 15 • 5 p.m.

Spooky Themed Kinusaiga: Adult Craft Time

Celebrate spooky season and create a themed piece of art with kinusaiga. Ages 18 and up.

Orlando Public Library • Thu., Oct. 15 • 5:30 p.m.

Sketching 101

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

Virtual • Fri., Oct. 16 • 11 a.m.

Book to Film Series: Jurassic Park III (2001) (PG-13)

Orlando Public Library • Fri., Oct. 16 • 2 p.m.

No Sew Felt Pillowcase

Home decor has never been simpler! Learn how to decorate a throw pillow with felt and easily customize your space. Ages 18 and up.

South Trail • Fri., Oct. 16 • 4:30 p.m.

Acrylic Painting: Fall Pumpkin Patch

Join artist Kerry Ezzo to create your own decorative fall landscape and learn acrylic painting techniques.

North Orange • Sat., Oct. 17 • 11 a.m.



Native American Flute Performance

Join us in celebration of Native American art and culture! Experience the serene sounds of the contemporary Native American and world music group, Painted Raven.

Chickasaw • Wed., Oct. 14 • 11 a.m.

Music in the Library: Viva Mexico Folklore Honoring Hispanic Heritage Month

Embark on a musical journey from the coastal Veracruz region of Mexico to the northern border states of Monterrey and Tamaulipas. Experience traditional Mexican folklore and culture in song and dance.

South Trail • Sat., Oct. 3 • 11 a.m.

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.

South Creek • Sat., Oct. 3 • 1 p.m.

Southeast • Sat., Oct. 10 • 2 p.m.

Music on the Porch: Saturday Jazz

Jazz clarinetist Joe Fritz with guitarist Martin Sensiper will perform a vibrant outdoor concert. Hear songs from the great swing era, as well as '50s and '60s jazz icons and West Coast jazz players.

Eatonville • Sat., Oct. 17 • 11 a.m.



Inspired by Legacy
Artist Toya Flewellyn uses a blend of photography, collage and mixed media to explore history, culture, identity and legacy. Her artistic journey was inspired and challenged by her mother, poet, storyteller and author Valada Flewellyn, whose work – including the poem *Puzzled Peace* – instilled in Toya a deep appreciation for the power of storytelling and the importance of preserving history.
Eatonville • On Display Through December



Once Upon a Home
Our homes are more than the places where we live – they are the worlds we create around ourselves. Fill them with things that make you smile, tell stories and remind you that you are the star of your own story. Rooted in nostalgia and the celebration of free-flowing imagination, this ceramics collection from Rockstar Ceramics by Kristin Rucker invites us to surround ourselves with objects that inspire curiosity, play and joy.
Southwest • On Display Through December



Adult Game Time
Get an introduction to the featured game of the month. Ages 18 and up.
Orlando Public Library • Sat., Oct. 17 • 2:30 p.m.

Podcast Listening Club: The Making Of
The Making Of playlist gives a glimpse into how the impulse to create art can delight, inspire or destroy the artist. Ages 18 and up.
Southwest • Mon., Oct. 19 • 6:30 p.m.

Cancer Prevention
Join Jessica Daly, health literacy coordinator with AdventHealth University, as she discusses what you can do to help lower your risk of getting cancer.
Virtual • Mon., Oct. 19 • 6:30 p.m.

Spooky Macramé Keychain: Adult Craft Time
Make a spooky themed macramé keychain. Ages 18 and up.
Orlando Public Library • Wed., Oct. 21 • 4:30 p.m.

Film Screening: 42 (2013) (PG-13) America's 250th Anniversary
We're celebrating America's pastime by spotlighting Jackie Robinson's historic journey to the major leagues. 42 powerfully depicts Robinson breaking baseball's color barrier.
Eatonville • Sat., Oct. 17 • 2:30 p.m.
Washington Park • Wed., Oct. 21 • 2 p.m.

Chair Yoga
Get moving with this energizing and relaxing chair yoga sequence for all levels.
Virtual • Wed., Oct. 21 • 7 p.m.

Hazardous History & Mocktails
Hazardous History: Very Extreme Sports reveals when common sports were far riskier. From dangerous golf and violent hockey to Olympic live pigeon shooting, sports have changed dramatically over time.
Orlando Public Library • Thu., Oct. 22 • 3:30 p.m.

An Alfred Hitchcock Retrospective
Join us for the next installment of Film 101 where we'll explore the life and career of Alfred Hitchcock. Ages 18 and up.
Orlando Public Library • Sun., Oct. 25 • 2:30 p.m.



Container Herb Gardening
Learn how to create an herb garden that can fit on a windowsill and sow some seeds to take home. Ages 18 and up.
Windermere • Mon., Oct. 26 • 1 p.m.

The Art of the Autumn Bouquet
Design and arrange a beautiful autumn-inspired bouquet using seasonal flowers and foliage. Ages 18 and up.
Windermere • Tue., Oct. 27 • 10:30 a.m.

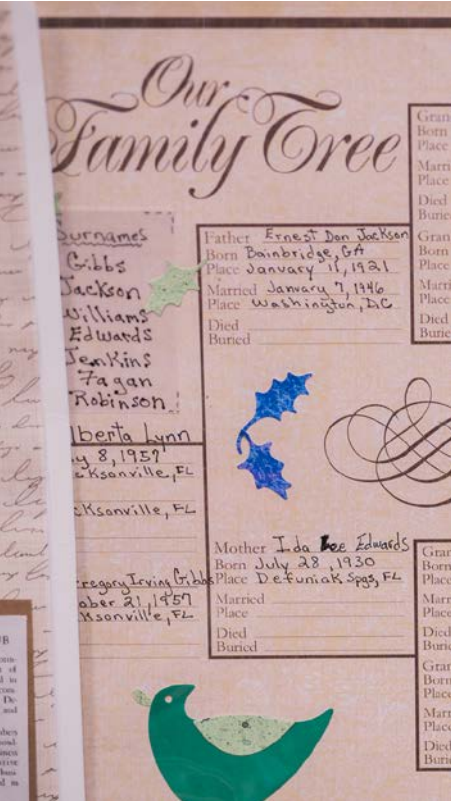
Disney Film: Lilo & Stitch
Celebrate Walt Disney World's opening 55 years ago with *Lilo & Stitch* (2002) (PG).
Orlando Public Library • Tue., Oct. 27 • 1:30 p.m.

Fall Paper Garlands
Add a touch of fall to your home with DIY garlands that are easy to make with basic crafting supplies. Ages 18 and up.
North Orange • Wed., Oct. 28 • 5 p.m.

Food 101: Pizza
The Food 101 series introduces you to a new topic every month, examining the historical and social significance of what we eat.
Orlando Public Library • Wed., Oct. 28 • 5:30 p.m.

Intro to Candid Search: Non-Profit Funding
Looking for funding for your non-profit? Get the 101 on using this comprehensive database to identify and connect with the right funders. Ages 18 and up.
Orlando Public Library • Thu., Oct. 29 • 11:30 a.m.

DIY Pumpkin Resin Charms
Learn how to use UV resin to create a festive pumpkin jewelry charm for Halloween. Ages 18 and up.
Orlando Public Library • Thu., Oct. 29 • 5:30 p.m.



Thursday Tree Zoom
A one-on-one session with our genealogy specialist to get help with your family tree.
Virtual • Thu., Oct. 1-29 • 9 a.m. & 10:05 a.m.
• Thu., Oct. 8-29 • 11:10 a.m.

Saturday Genealogy Help Desk
Have a family history question? Bring one research question, document, photo or family mystery and get personalized genealogy help in a 15-minute one-on-one session.
West Oaks • Sat., Oct. 3 • 1-3 p.m.

Tuesday Tree Time
Schedule a 30-minute one-on-one appointment with our genealogy specialist.
West Oaks • Tue., Oct. 6-27 • 2-4 p.m.

Sunday Afternoon Ancestors
Schedule a 60-minute one-on-one appointment with our genealogy specialist.
West Oaks • Sun., Oct. 18 • 3-5 p.m.

Writing Workshop: Researching the Weird Stuff

From folklore to physics, a panel of speculative fiction authors will share how to research the impossible, build believable worlds and make the weirdest ideas feel uncannily real.

Virtual • Sat., Oct. 10 • 4 p.m.

Unexpected Ways AI Can Impact Your Writing Career

Literary agent Anjanette Barr will discuss the hidden risks of AI in publishing, from creative dilution to ethical concerns and threats to writers’ careers.

Virtual • Tue., Oct. 6 • 7 p.m.

Tips for Writing Spooky

Want to write stories that delight with fright? Author Shannon A. Thompson will provide tips for writing stories that strike fear in the hearts of readers.

Virtual • Thu., Oct. 8 • 7 p.m.

Writing with Prompts

Author and host of the *Story Kernels* podcast Alli Martin will discuss why and how to use story prompts to enrich your writing life. Martin will share prompt resources as well.

Virtual • Tue., Oct. 13 • 7 p.m.

How to Hook the Hollywood Reader

Author and filmmaker Jennie Jarvis will discuss what Hollywood readers are looking for when they are buying scripts or licensing novel adaptations.

Virtual • Sun., Oct. 25 • 4 p.m.

Introduction to Freelance Editing

Editor Kristen Stieffel will discuss the different types of editing one can offer, how to start freelancing and where to find continuing education and job opportunities.

Virtual • Tue., Oct. 27 • 7 p.m.

Using Character Archetypes to Craft Your Character

Book coach Julie Artz will discuss using classic character archetypes to help you build a diverse cast of characters without relying on cardboard cut-outs or clichés.

Virtual • Thu., Oct. 29 • 7 p.m.

Weaving Local Myths and Magic Into Your Supernatural Stories

New York Times bestselling author Ginny Myers Sain will discuss how to work local legends and lore into your stories to add flavor and suspense.

Virtual • Mon., Oct. 12 • 7 p.m.

Meetups

South Creek Writer’s Group

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

South Creek • Thu., Oct. 8 • 5:30 p.m.

Writer’s Meetup

Brainstorm ideas, discuss writing methods and give constructive feedback. Attend one meeting before submitting a piece for critique. Ages 18 and up.

Winter Garden • Sat., Oct. 17 • 4:30 p.m.

OCLS Writer’s Group

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

Virtual • Sun., Oct. 25 • 2 p.m.

Local Author Festival

Meet and greet local authors at our Local Author Festival. Authors from a variety of genres will share their experiences and books. Books will be available for purchase and signing.

Alafaya • Sun., Oct. 4 • 2 p.m.



Author Talk: Veronica Roth

Join us for an online conversation with bestselling author Veronica Roth as we celebrate the legacy of her *Divergent* series and get a sneak peek into her upcoming novel, *The Sixth Faction*!

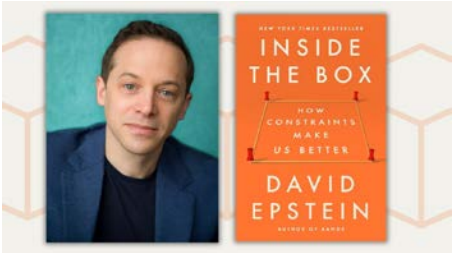
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Author Talk: Carolyn Russo

A captivating online conversation with Smithsonian curator Carolyn Russo as we dive into her book, *The Ascent of Rauschenberg*.

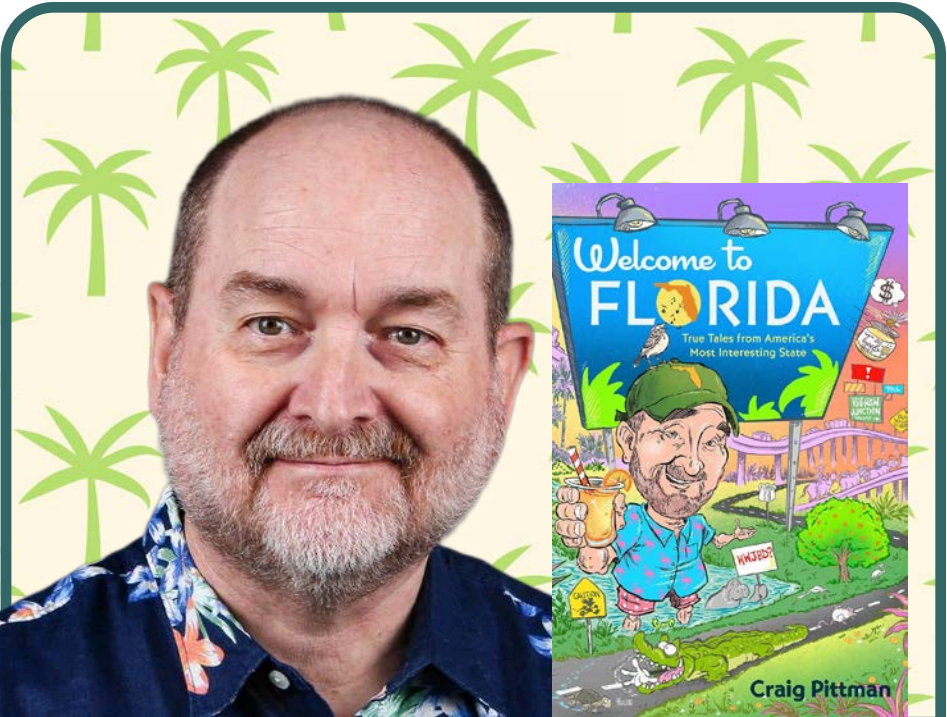
Virtual • Thu., Oct. 8 • 2 p.m.



Author Talk: David Epstein

Join us for an online conversation with bestselling author David Epstein as we explore his latest book, *Inside the Box*, and redefine how to approach our greatest challenges!

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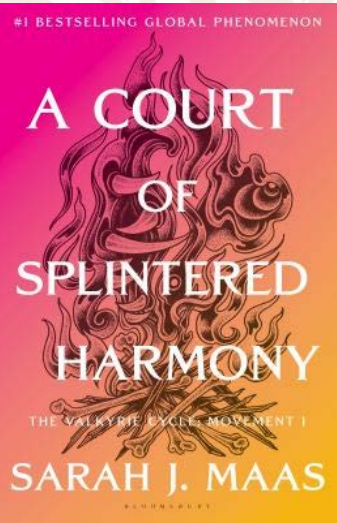


Welcome to Florida: Meet the Author Craig Pittman

America’s 250th Anniversary

A much-loved Florida writer chronicles the quirky, touching and thought-provoking stories of the Sunshine State today. In *Welcome to Florida*, award-winning investigative journalist and *New York Times* bestselling author Craig Pittman introduces readers to the people, creatures, places and issues that make up the Florida of today. Through lively stories told with cutting insight and always with a joke at the ready, Pittman captures the heart of what he calls “The Most Interesting State.” *Welcome to Florida* is both a love letter to and hilarious deep dive into the nation’s fastest-growing state. Imbued with Pittman’s characteristic humor and undeniable fondness for both the weird and wonderful parts of his home, this book shows why, despite some of its reputations, Florida continues to prove irresistible. A book sale and signing will follow.

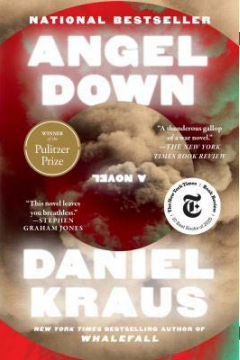
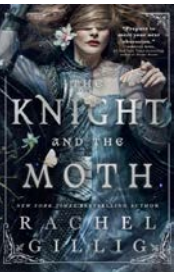
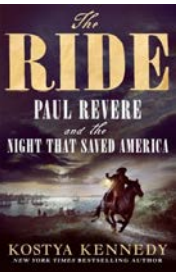
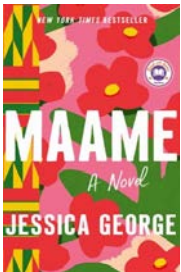
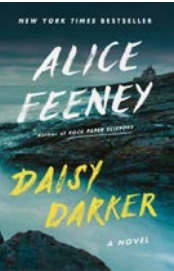
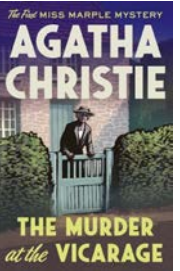
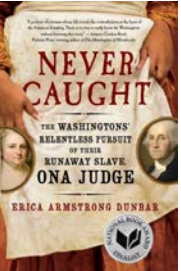
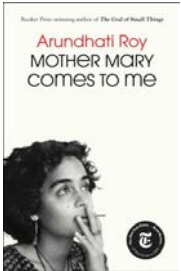
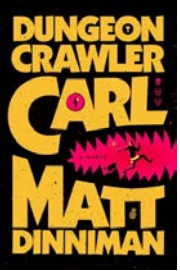
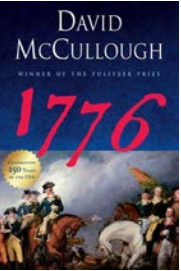
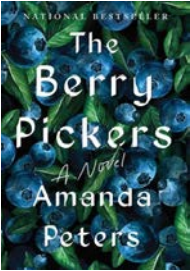
Southwest • Thu., Oct. 8 • 2 p.m.



A Court of Thorns and Roses Book 6 Release Day Party

Celebrate the release of the newest A Court of Thorns and Roses book, *A Court of Splintered Harmony*, with fellow fans. Drop by for themed activities, treats and bookish fun. Ages 18 and up.

Windermere • Tue., Oct. 27 • 3 p.m.



Horror Book Discussion Join us for a virtual discussion of Daniel Kraus’s Pulitzer Prize-winning horror novel, *Angel Down*. Ages 18 and up. Virtual • Sat., Oct. 31 • 4:30 p.m.

Alafaya Book Club
Dungeon Crawler Carl by Matt Dinniman.
Alafaya • Thu., Oct. 1 • 5 p.m.

Chickasaw Book Club
America’s 250th Anniversary
Never Caught: The Washingtons’ Relentless Pursuit of Their Runaway Slave Ona Judge by Erica Armstrong Dunbar. Ages 18 and up.
Chickasaw • Sat., Oct. 3 • 11 a.m.

The Bleak Circle Horror Book Club
No assigned reading, just come to discuss spooky books with like-minded souls.
West Oaks • Sun., Oct. 4 • 3 p.m.

Southeast Book Club
America’s 250th Anniversary
Founding Mothers: The Women Who Raised Our Nation by Cokie Roberts.
Southeast • Mon., Oct. 5 • 3 p.m.

South Creek Book Club
Daisy Darker by Alice Feeney.
South Creek • Tue., Oct. 6 • 5:30 p.m.

America 250 Book Discussion
The Ride by Kostya Kennedy. Ages 18 and up.
Windermere • Thu., Oct. 8 • 5:30 p.m.

Winter Garden Book Club
Maame by Jessica George.
Winter Garden • Thu., Oct. 8 • 6 p.m.
Virtual • Thu., Oct. 29 • 6 p.m.

Nature Walk Book Club
The Berry Pickers by Amanda Peters. Ages 18 and up.
Shadow Bay Park, 5100 Turkey Lake Road, Orlando 32819 • Mon., Oct. 12 • 10 a.m.

Romantasy Book Club
The Knight and the Moth by Rachel Gillig. Ages 18 and up.
Orlando Public Library • Mon., Oct. 12 • 4:30 p.m.

Central Florida Book Club
Mother Mary Comes To Me by Arundhati Roy. Ages 18 and up.
Fairview Shores • Tue., Oct. 13 • 10:15 a.m.

Agatha Christie Book Club
The Murder at the Vicarage by Agatha Christie.
Winter Garden • Tue., Oct. 13 • 2 p.m.

Spanish Book Club / Club de Lectura
Únete a nosotros para conversar sobre libros en español. 18 años o más.
Southeast • Mar., 13 de oct. • 3:30 p.m.

Windermere Book Club
Join us for a mystery thriller book discussion. Ages 18 and up.
Windermere • Sat., Oct. 17 • 10:30 a.m.

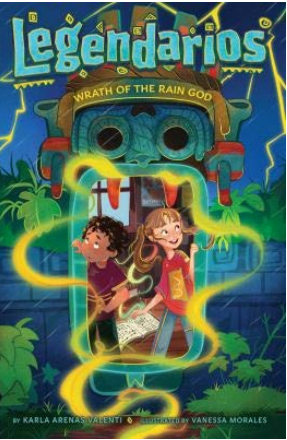
Hiawassee Book Club
Everyone In My Family Has Killed Someone by Benjamin Stevenson.
Virtual • Mon., Oct. 19 • 7 p.m.

Waterleigh Adult Book Club
So Old, So Young by Grant Ginder. Ages 18 and up.
Waterleigh Community Clubhouse, 16150 Pebble Bluff Loop, Winter Garden, FL 34787 • Wed., Oct. 21 • 12:30 p.m.

Downtown Book Club
America’s 250th Anniversary
1776 by David McCullough. Ages 18 and up.
Orlando Public Library • Wed., Oct. 21 • 5:30 p.m.

The Joy of Reading Romance: Spooky Edition
Chat about your current reads, to-be-read lists and swap recommendations. No assigned book. Ages 18 and up.
Eatonville • Sat., Oct. 31 • 2 p.m.

Youth Book Clubs



Mayor Buddy’s Book Club

Meet author Karla Arenas Valenti as we discuss Mayor Buddy’s Book Club’s latest read, *Legendarios: Wrath of the Rain God*. There will be a virtual Q&A with the author. Ages 8–12.

Virtual • Wed., Oct. 21 • 4 p.m.



Historical Girls Book Club: Meet Kit
Explore a period of time through the eyes of a girl from history with crafts, activities and discussion. Learn more about the 1930s and the book *Meet Kit: an American Girl*. Ages 6–12.
Southwest • Tue., Oct. 6 • 4:30 p.m.



Kids Comic Club
A monthly book club for kids with crafts, activities and discussion. *The Batman & Scooby-Doo Mysteries Vol. 6*. Ages 6–12.
Winter Garden • Tue., Oct. 13 • 4:30 p.m.



English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)

English Conversation Hour

Students can practice their English speaking and listening skills. Ages 18 and up.

Virtual • *Thu., Oct. 1–29* • 2 p.m. ■

• *Fri., Oct. 2, 9, 23* • 4:45 p.m.

• *Sat., Oct. 17–31* • Noon

Windermere • *Fri., Oct. 2, 9, 23* • 3:30 p.m. ■

Alafaya • *Sat., Oct. 3* • Noon ■

Washington Park • *Sat., Oct. 3, 10* • 2:30 p.m. ■

South Trail • *Mon., Oct. 5, 12* • 1 p.m.

• *Tue., Oct. 6, 13* • 5:30 p.m.

• *Sat., Oct. 10* • 1 p.m.

Hiawassee • *Mon., Oct. 5, 12* • 5 p.m. ■

Winter Garden • *Tue., Oct. 6, 13* • 5:15 p.m. ■

Basic English 1

Practice basic English vocabulary and grammar.

Washington Park • *Sat., Oct. 3, 10, 24, 31* • 1:15 p.m. ■

• *Wed., Oct. 14* • 10:30 a.m.

South Trail • *Mon., Oct. 5, 12* • 11:30 a.m.

• *Tue., Oct. 6, 13* • 4 p.m.

• *Sat., Oct. 10* • 11:30 a.m.

Fairview Shores • *Mon., Oct. 5, 12* • 4 p.m.

Winter Garden • *Tue., Oct. 6* • 4 p.m. ■

Windermere • *Wed., Oct. 7–21* • 3:30 p.m. ■

• *Thu., Oct. 8, 22* • 5 p.m.

Hiawassee • *Sat., Oct. 10* • 11:30 a.m. ■

Virtual • *Sat., Oct. 24, 31* • 2:30 p.m. ■

Basic English 2

Continue to practice basic English vocabulary and grammar.

Windermere • *Thu., Oct. 1, 15, 29* • 5 p.m. ■

• *Wed., Oct. 7–21* • 4:45 p.m. ■

Alafaya • *Sat., Oct. 3* • 10:30 a.m. ■

Winter Garden • *Tue., Oct. 13* • 4 p.m. ■

Virtual • *Sat., Oct. 17–31* • 10:30 a.m. ■

American Culture

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

South Trail • *Fri., Oct. 2, 16* • 1 p.m.

English Listening Skills

Improve your English listening and comprehension skills. Ages 18 and up.

Southeast • *Sat., Oct. 3* • 11:30 a.m.

Introductory English Course

Start from the beginning with basic English vocabulary. Ages 18 and up.

Chickasaw • *Sat., Oct. 3, 17* • 1 p.m.

English for Social Interactions

Covers topics from accepting and rejecting invitations to engaging in small talk. Ages 18 and up.

Virtual • *Mon., Oct. 5–26* • 4 p.m.

Practice Makes Perfect

Taught by a certified ESOL instructor from the Adult Literacy League and focuses on developing various aspects of literacy.

Chickasaw • *Tue., Oct. 6, 13* • 1 p.m.

English Conversation Hour 2

Come practice your English conversation skills. Ages 18 and up.

South Trail • *Wed., Oct. 7, 14* • 3 p.m.

Reading Clearly Beginner

Explores English grammar and vocabulary for comprehension. Ages 18 and up.

Chickasaw • *Fri., Oct. 9* • 1 p.m.

Virtual • *Tue., Oct. 20, 27* • 2:30 p.m.

Reading Clearly Intermediate

Explores English grammar and vocabulary for comprehension and vocabulary development. Ages 18 and up.

South Trail • *Fri., Oct. 2, 16* • 11:30 a.m.

Speaking Clearly Beginners

Designed to introduce the basics of the sounds of English for pronunciation. Ages 18 and up.

Southeast • *Sat., Oct. 3* • 10:30 a.m.

Virtual • *Mon., Oct. 5–26* • 11:30 a.m. ■

Speaking Clearly Advanced

Improve your English speaking and pronunciation skills. Intended for advanced English language learners. Ages 18 and up.

Virtual • *Mon., Oct. 5–26* • 10 a.m.

Writing Clearly Beginner

Focus on the parts of speech, the organization of sentences and vocabulary building. Ages 18 and up.

Southeast • *Thu., Oct. 1* • 12:15 p.m.

Virtual • *Thu., Oct. 1–29* • 4:30 p.m. ■

South Trail • *Wed., Oct. 7, 14* • 1:30 p.m.

Writing Clearly Intermediate

Focus on grammar for complex ideas, including sentence structures, paragraph and essay writing. Ages 18 and up.

Southeast • *Thu., Oct. 1* • 1:30 p.m.

Hiawassee • *Fri., Oct. 2, 9, 16* • 4:45 p.m. ■

Virtual • *Tue., Oct. 6–27* • 10:30 a.m. ■

Writing Clearly Advanced

Practice academic style writing along with more complex vocabulary. Ages 18 and up.

Virtual • *Wed., Oct. 7–28* • 10:30 a.m.



Open Lab: Pronunciator

Ready to boost your Spanish vocabulary? Join us for an interactive Spanish vocabulary lab where learning is hands-on, fun and tailored to your pace.

Virtual • *Thu., Oct. 1–29* • 10:15 a.m.

Bilingual Conversations with Ms. Brenda

Bilingual Spanish and English conversational interactions.

Virtual • *Mon., Oct. 5–19* • 6 p.m.

Spanish from Zero: Beginners with Ms. Brenda

Learn and use Spanish for the first time with Ms. Brenda.

Virtual • *Tue., Oct. 6–20* • 11:30 a.m. & 6 p.m.

Spanish from Zero: Basics with Ms. Brenda

Come and learn basic Spanish with Ms. Brenda.

Virtual • *Tue., Oct. 6–20* • 4 p.m.

Spanish from Zero: Intermediate with Ms. Brenda

Come and learn Spanish grammar with Ms. Brenda.

Virtual • *Tue., Oct. 6, 13, 20* • 10:15 a.m. & 5 p.m.

Beginner's Spanish for Kids

Introduce your child to basic Spanish vocabulary through games and activities while having fun.

Windermere • *Mon., Oct. 12* • 4:30 p.m.

Homeschool Junior: Spanish

Develop your Spanish skills with us! In this Spanish class you will learn basic vocabulary, numbers, colors and much more. Ages 6–12.

Windermere • *Tue., Oct. 13* • 3 p.m.

Practica Spanish Conversation

Practica tu español! Develop your Spanish language skills through conversation. Conversational topics and themed vocabulary will be provided. Ages 18 and up.

Virtual • *Wed., Oct. 14, 28* • 4 p.m.



Beginner French for Children

Bonjour et bienvenue. Join us for a fun-filled language learning experience designed for upper elementary aged children with hands-on activities. Ages 8–12.

Windermere • *Mon., Oct. 5* • 4:30 p.m.

Homeschool Junior: French

Develop your French skills with us! In this French class you will learn basic vocabulary, numbers, colors and much more.

Windermere • *Tue., Oct. 6* • 3 p.m.



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MAKE YOUR OWN MONSTER MARSHMALLOW TREATS!

Ingredients

- 3 tbsp butter
- 10 oz package marshmallows
- 6 cups rice cereal

Combine butter and marshmallows in a microwave-safe bowl and heat on HIGH for 3 minutes. Stir until smooth. Add cereal and stir until coated. Using clean hands, form mixture into ghosts, pumpkins or any shape you like and enjoy!

Cuisine Corner Junior: Monster Marshmallow Treats

Junior chefs will follow a recipe and demonstration to whip up something delicious! Ages 6–12.

Orlando Public Library • Thu., Oct. 15 • 4 p.m.



Fiber Arts Junior: Yarn Pumpkins

Learn to create your very own pumpkin out of yarn. Ages 6–12.

Washington Park • Mon., Oct. 5 • 4 p.m.



Teen Cuisine: Kooky Cakes

Prep for the real world with cooking tips and tricks that lead to tasty results. Ages 13–18.

South Trail • Wed., Oct. 7 • 4:30 p.m.

OUC, Orlando Utilities Commission, Information Session

LIFE Information for Elders

An OUC representative will discuss programs and services available for customers to sign up for help managing bills and saving money. Learn how OUC is making customer billing more equitable. To register, email OfficeonAging@ocfl.net or call 407.836.7446.

Orlando Public Library • Thu., Oct. 15 • 12:10 p.m.



More Than a Light Bill

LIFE Information for Elders

Join Melvin Philpot from Duke Energy to discover ways to reduce your utility bills, understand your statement and manage energy costs. To register, email OfficeonAging@ocfl.net or call 407.836.7446.

Eatonville • Wed., Oct. 28 • Noon

Canva Projects: Social Media

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

South Trail • Fri., Oct. 9 • 11:15 a.m.
Alafaya • Fri., Oct. 9 • 1 p.m.
Orlando Public Library • Thu., Oct. 15 • 2 p.m.
South Creek • Thu., Oct. 15 • 10:15 a.m.
• Sat., Oct. 17 • 10:15 a.m.



Proyectos de Canva: Redes Sociales

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

South Creek • Mar., 13 de oct. • 10:15 a.m.

Qigong Movement and Breathing

Learn at your own pace and ability in this joyful and relaxing class with qigong instructor Jasmine Win.

Southwest • Fri., Oct. 2 • 10:30 a.m.
Windermere • Sat., Oct. 17 • 10:30 a.m.

Chair Yoga for Seniors

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

Windermere • Sat., Oct. 3 • 10 a.m.

Seniors Kick Back

Each session offers a welcoming space to explore new interests, connect with others and enjoy a variety of enriching activities.

South Trail • Mon., Oct. 5, 12 • 10:30 a.m.

Beginner Line Dancing for Seniors

A fun beginner line dance class, great for memory, coordination and balance.

Chickasaw • Mon., Oct. 5 • 11 a.m.

Donuts and Dominoes for Seniors

Enjoy donuts while we play dominoes.

Winter Garden • Mon., Oct. 5 • 2:30 p.m.

Basic Internet Safety: Senior Skills

Learn how to be safe and secure with your information online.

Alafaya • Tue., Oct. 6 • 11 a.m.
Southeast • Wed., Oct. 7 • 5:30 p.m.
South Creek • Thu., Oct. 8 • 10:15 a.m.
Orlando Public Library • Thu., Oct. 8 • 2 p.m.
South Trail • Tue., Oct. 13 • 10:15 a.m.
North Orange • Thu., Oct. 22 • 3 p.m.

Smarter Senior Seminar Series: Downsizing

Learn best practices to minimize your stress level and discover steps that make downsizing easier to manage.

Southwest • Wed., Oct. 7 • 1:30 p.m.

Canva Basics for Seniors

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

Windermere • Fri., Oct. 9 • 11 a.m.

Sticker-by-Number for Seniors

Create a work of art by matching stickers to their corresponding number.

Winter Garden • Mon., Oct. 12 • 2:30 p.m.

Mini Pumpkin Painting for Seniors

Create your own festive fall decoration by painting a mini pumpkin.

Hiawassee • Tue., Oct. 13 • 11 a.m.

Senior Art Expressions

Explore your artistic side in this guided visual art class.

Windermere • Fri., Oct. 16 • 2 p.m.

No Cook Meals

Create fast and fresh no-cook meals all year-round.

Windermere • Sat., Oct. 24 • 2 p.m.

Senior Brain Stretch

Stop by the brain stations to enjoy time to learn, create and fuel your brain power.

North Orange • Mon., Oct. 26 • 3 p.m.

Device Advice

Have a new tablet or smartphone, but not sure how to use it? Let us get you started with the basics.

Chickasaw • Thu., Oct. 1 • 10:30 a.m.

Cybersecurity Basics

Cybersecurity is all about the safety of our information when we're online. Build confidence as you visit websites, create passwords and respond to email.

Eatonville • Thu., Oct. 1 • 11:30 a.m.
Orlando Public Library • Thu., Oct. 1 • 2 p.m.
South Trail • Tue., Oct. 6 • 10:15 a.m.
South Creek • Wed., Oct. 7 • 10:15 a.m.
• Sat., Oct. 10 • 10:15 a.m.
Chickasaw • Wed., Oct. 7 • 10:30 a.m.

Video Conferencing Basics

Learn how to create an account on Zoom and build confidence when using its features in an online meeting.

Orlando Public Library • Thu., Oct. 1 • 3:30 p.m.
Eatonville • Tue., Oct. 6 • 11:30 a.m.
South Creek • Sat., Oct. 10 • 11:45 a.m.
North Orange • Thu., Oct. 29 • 2:30 p.m.

iPad: Procreate Basics

Procreate is a powerful digital illustration and painting app designed exclusively for the iPad.

Orlando Public Library • Tue., Oct. 6 • 4 p.m.
• Thu., Oct. 8 • 3:30 p.m.
Eatonville • Wed., Oct. 7 • 11:30 a.m.
Alafaya • Wed., Oct. 7 • Noon
South Creek • Thu., Oct. 8 • 11:45 a.m.
South Trail • Sat., Oct. 17 • 3 p.m.
North Orange • Fri., Oct. 23 • 1 p.m.

Canva Projects: AI Tools

Learn how to bring presentations and social media posts to life using text prompts.

Virtual • Tue., Oct. 6 • 5:30 p.m.
South Trail • Fri., Oct. 9 • 12:30 p.m.
South Creek • Thu., Oct. 15 • 11:45 a.m.
Orlando Public Library • Thu., Oct. 15 • 3:30 p.m.

iPad: Basics

Get up and running with your new iPad.

Chickasaw • Wed., Oct. 14 • 10:30 a.m.

Conceptos Básicos de Ciberseguridad

La ciberseguridad se trata de la seguridad de nuestra información cuando estamos en línea.

South Creek • Lun., 5 de oct. • 10:15 a.m.
Chickasaw • Lun., 5 de oct. • 10:30 a.m.

Conceptos Básicos de las Videoconferencias

Aprenda a crear una cuenta en una plataforma de videoconferencia popular (Zoom) y genere confianza al usar las funciones de la plataforma en una reunión en línea.

South Creek • Lun., 5 de oct. • 11:45 a.m.
North Orange • Vie., 30 de oct. • 10:30 a.m.

Seguridad Básica en Internet: Habilidades para personas mayores

Es importante aprender a mantener tu información segura mientras navegas en línea.

South Creek • Mar., 6 de oct. • 10:15 a.m.
Southeast • Jue., 8 de oct. • 5:30 p.m.
North Orange • Vie., 23 de oct. • 10:30 a.m.

iPad: Conceptos Básicos de Procreate

Procreate es una potente aplicación de ilustración y pintura digital diseñada exclusivamente para el iPad.

South Creek • Mar., 6 de oct. • 11:45 a.m.

Básicos de iPad

Empieza a usar tu nuevo iPad.

Chickasaw • Lun., 12 de oct. • 10:30 a.m.

Introduction to Weaving

Create your own frame loom and learn basic weaving techniques to make a Halloween-themed mug rug. Ages 18 and up.

Orlando Public Library • *Wed., Oct. 7, 14* • 4 p.m.

Meetups

Seniors Crochet Meetup

Be sure to bring your work in progress, yarn and tools. All levels are welcome.

Chickasaw • *Fri., Oct. 2, 16* • 3 p.m.
• *Sat., Oct. 3, 17* • 3 p.m.

Fiber Arts Meetup

Be sure to bring your work in progress, yarn and tools. All levels are welcome.

Orlando Public Library • *Sat., Oct. 3* • 10:30 a.m. 
Chickasaw • *Tue., Oct. 6, 13* • 4:30 p.m.

Knit & Crochet Meetup with Alafaya

Connect with other fiber artists while working on your craft. All levels are welcome. Recommended for seniors.

Virtual • *Tue., Oct. 6–27* • 4 p.m.

Meet & Make Knitting Group

Be sure to bring your work in progress, yarn and tools. All levels are welcome.

Windermere • *Tue., Oct. 13* • 10:30 a.m.

Knit & Crochet

Crochet Ghost Magnet

Celebrate spooky season with this crocheted ghost friend.

Fairview Shores • *Fri., Oct. 2* • 11 a.m.

Crochet Level 1

Learn basic techniques while creating your first project, a bookmark for your favorite read.

Chickasaw • *Tue., Oct. 6* • 3 p.m.
Washington Park • *Wed., Oct. 7* • 10:15 a.m.
Eatonville • *Sat., Oct. 24* • 2:30 p.m.

Knitting Level 1

Learn basic techniques while creating your first project, a bookmark for your favorite read.

Washington Park • *Wed., Oct. 7* • 3:30 p.m.

Crochet Level 2

Level up your crocheting. Learn how to create more open fabric with new stitches.

Chickasaw • *Tue., Oct. 13* • 3 p.m.

Knitting Level 2

Level up your knitting. Learn how to combine knit and purl stitches to create smooth fabric.

Washington Park • *Wed., Oct. 14* • 3:30 p.m.

Crochet Squares: Waffle Stitch

Build your crochet skills block by block. Each square can be enjoyed alone or joined together as a comfy blanket.

Chickasaw • *Thu., Oct. 15* • 11 a.m.

Sewing & Embroidery

Hand Sewing Sashiko Patterns: Spiderweb Cat

Use Japanese sashiko hand sewing techniques to form geometric patterns.

Virtual • *Thu., Oct. 1–29* • 10:15 a.m.

Sewing: Pillowcase

Create a classic pillowcase with a contrasting cuff. Students are required to bring fabric.

Washington Park • *Thu., Oct. 1* • 10:30 a.m.

Sewing: Easy Superhero Cape

Are you ready for Halloween? Join us to make this easy superhero cape for a quick and easy costume in sizes kid to adults. Students are required to bring materials.

Washington Park • *Thu., Oct. 15* • 10:30 a.m.

Sewing: Introduction to the Sewing Machine

Learn about sewing safety, basic sewing machine skills and stitching seams.

North Orange • *Thu., Oct. 1* • 4 p.m.
• *Sat., Oct. 31* • 10:30 a.m.
Washington Park • *Thu., Oct. 1, 15* • 4:30 p.m.
• *Fri., Oct. 9* • 10 a.m.
South Trail • *Sat., Oct. 3* • 3 p.m.

Sewing: Simple Hemming

Learn how to complete simple hems on everything from dress pants to skirts.

Washington Park • *Fri., Oct. 2* • 10 a.m.
North Orange • *Sat., Oct. 24* • 10:30 a.m.

Sewing Open Lab

Bring your sewing projects, all the tools are here for you. Must bring own materials. Machine sewing skills are required.

Washington Park • *Fri., Oct. 2–16* • 3 p.m.
Chickasaw • *Sat., Oct. 10* • 2 p.m.

Sewing: Bat Plushie

Let's get batty with a wonderfully expressive bat stuffed animal.

South Trail • *Mon., Oct. 5* • 4 p.m.

Embroidery Level 1

Learn the basics of using a hoop and needles to create a beautiful sampler.

Washington Park • *Tue., Oct. 6* • 10:15 a.m.

Semamori Paper Stitched Patterns

Learn the history of Japanese semamori pattern, then pierce and stitch it on paper.

Southwest • *Tue., Oct. 6* • 10:30 a.m.
Virtual • *Sat., Oct. 24* • 1:30 p.m.

Sewing: Pet Bandanas

Let your pet make a fashion statement with these easy to make pet bandanas.

Washington Park • *Thu., Oct. 8* • 10:30 a.m.

Sewing: Fabric Bookmarks

Do you have a bucket of fabric scraps? Create these DIY fabric bookmarks.

Washington Park • *Thu., Oct. 8* • 4:30 p.m.

Embroidered Embellishments: Mini Butterflies

Learn how to embroider mini butterflies on a shirt or sweatshirt.

Southwest • *Fri., Oct. 9* • 10:30 a.m.

Embroidery: Stitch Sampler

Learn how to perform techniques such as the fishbone stitch and the pistil stitch while creating a stitch sampler.

Eatonville • *Sat., Oct. 10* • 2:30 p.m.

Embroidery Level 2

Learn how to create French knots, chain stitches and satin stitches, while practicing the running and back stitches.

Washington Park • *Tue., Oct. 13* • 10:15 a.m.

Sewing: How to Read a Pattern

Learn how to read and interpret pattern instructions, understand pattern piece layouts and common symbols.

Washington Park • *Fri., Oct. 16* • 10 a.m.
Virtual • *Mon., Oct. 19* • 4 p.m.

Hand Sewing Basics

Learn the basic techniques to get started, including how to make a quilter's knot, thread a needle and sew a running stitch.

Virtual • *Mon., Oct. 26* • 4 p.m.

MAKERSPACE MAYHEM

SO FUN IT'S SCARY!
Bring boo-tiful creations to life
with these Creep-It-Yourself classes
at the Melrose Makerspace.



**Pumpkin Frame
Layered Wood Art** ■

Paint a scene in a pumpkin frame that's perfect decor for the spooky season. Put together a haunted house scene with wooden pieces cut with our X Tool laser cutter.

Orlando Public Library • *Sun., Oct. 25* • 2 p.m.



Spooky Halloween Candles ■

Get ready for Halloween with creep-it-yourself projects in the Makerspace! Create a spooky Halloween candle from pool noodles and LED tea lights.

Orlando Public Library • *Tue., Oct. 6* • 4:30 p.m.

Family STEM Saturdays ■

Build and decorate your own Halloween scene in this fun, beginner-friendly class.

Orlando Public Library • *Sat., Oct. 17* • 10:30 a.m.



**Advanced
Foamsmithing:
Decorative Skull** ■

Learn how to make and paint your own decorative skull for the spooky season in this two-day class.

Orlando Public Library • *Wed., Oct. 14, 21* • 4:30 p.m.



Baby Tales

Supports early literacy, motor skills and language development. Ages 0–18 months.
Harry P. Leu Gardens, 1920 N. Forest Ave.,
Orlando, FL 32803 • *Mon., Oct. 5* • 10 a.m.

Toddler Tales

Through movement, storytelling and songs, toddlers build early literacy, listening and verbal skills. Ages 18–36 months.
Harry P. Leu Gardens, 1920 N. Forest Ave.,
Orlando, FL 32803 • *Mon., Oct. 5* • 10:20 a.m.

Preschool Tales

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., Oct. 5* • 10:40 a.m.
Waterleigh Community Clubhouse,
16150 Pebble Bluff Loop, Winter Garden, FL 34787
• *Wed., Oct. 21, 28* • 10:30 a.m.

Storytime at Bill Frederick Park ■

Join us for an outdoor nature storytime. Small fee required to enter the park. Ages 3–5.
Bill Frederick Park, 3401 S. Hiwassee Road,
Orlando, FL 32835 • *Sat., Oct. 3* • 11 a.m.

Meet the Book Bike

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., Oct. 4* • 10 a.m.

Farmer's Market Storytime at Lake Eola

Bring your family together for fun stories that are designed for all ages.
Lake Eola, 512 E. Washington St.,
Orlando, FL 32801 • *Sun., Oct. 4* • 10:30 a.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., Oct. 5* • 6 p.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.
Orlando Executive Airport, 365 Rickenbacker
Drive, Orlando, FL 32803 • *Tue., Oct. 6* • 10:30 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., Oct. 8* • 11:30 a.m.

Storytime in the Garden

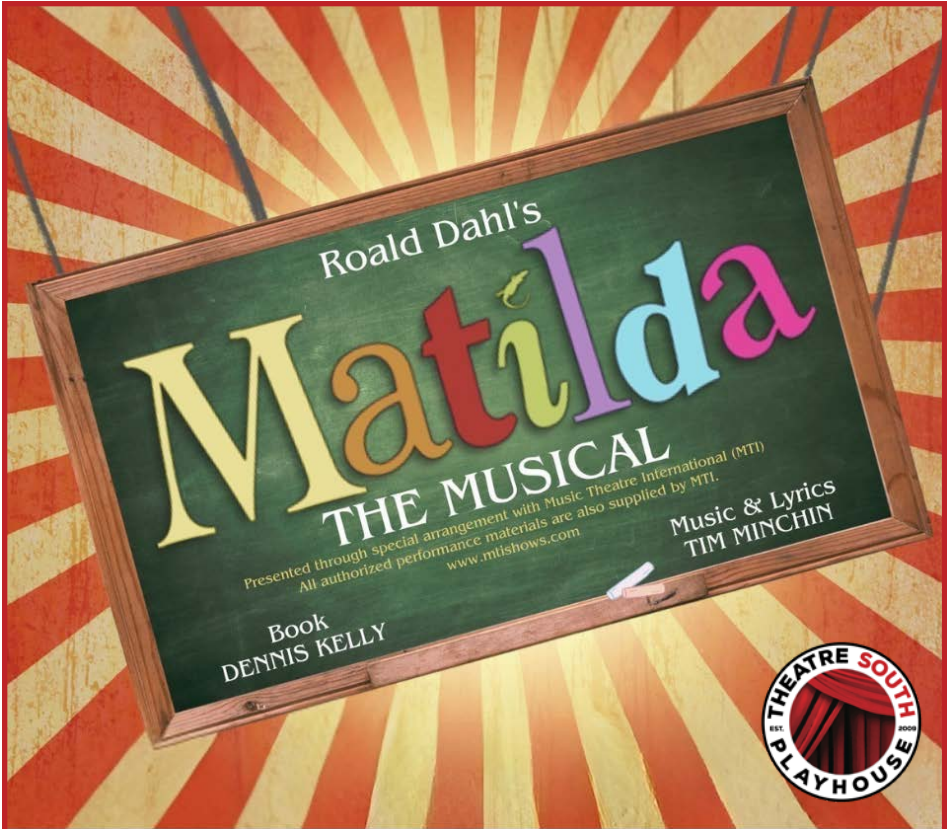
Join us at Nehrling Gardens' open day to enjoy a story, complete a nature craft and learn about upcoming events for families at OCLS.
Nehrling Gardens, 2267 Hempel Ave.,
Gotha, FL 34734 • *Sat., Oct. 10* • 10 a.m.

Bilingual Baby to Five Storytime

From nursery rhymes to the use of picture books, songs and flannel board stories, your child will be encouraged to develop early literacy skills. Ages 0–5.
Englewood Neighborhood Center, 6123 La Costa
Drive, Orlando, FL 32807 • *Tue., Oct. 20* • 10 a.m.

Family Play & Connect

Connect with other caregivers while your little ones explore imaginary play. Ages 0–5.
Englewood Neighborhood Center, 6123 La Costa
Drive, Orlando, FL 32807 • *Tue., Oct. 20* • 10:30 a.m.



Matilda Storytime

Presented by Theatre South Playhouse

Join the cast of Theatre South Playhouse’s production of *Matilda* for storytime, special musical performances and character meet and greets. To learn more about the Theatre South Playhouse visit theatresouthplayhouse.org.

Southwest • Sat., Oct. 10 • 11 a.m.

Storytime Crafts

Drop in before or after storytime to create a make-and-take craft. Ages 0–5.
Southwest • Thu., Oct. 1, 8 • 10 a.m.
North Orange • Wed., Oct. 7–28 • 10:30 a.m.

Family Play & Connect

Connect with other caregivers while your little ones explore imaginary play. Ages 0–5.
South Trail • Fri., Oct. 2, 9, 16 • 10:45 a.m. • Wed., Oct. 7 • 2:30 p.m. • Hiawassee • Mon., Oct. 5 • 10:45 a.m.
Fairview Shores • Mon., Oct. 5 • 11 a.m.
West Oaks • Tue., Oct. 6, 13 • 11:30 a.m.
Winter Garden • Wed., Oct. 7 • 11 a.m.

Family Fun: Halloween Spooktacular!

Dress up in a costume and join us for a spooktacular time with crafts, games and activities.
Alafaya • Sat., Oct. 3 • 10:30 a.m.

Family Fun: Patterns in Peru

Create a vibrant paper tapestry inspired by the traditional patterned textiles of Peru.
South Trail • Sat., Oct. 3 • 2 p.m.

Family Fun: ARTventures

Explore the colorful world of art by making your own masterpiece.
Fairview Shores • Sat., Oct. 3 • 3 p.m.

Mindful Start Family Yoga

Silly and fun yoga poses designed for kids.
Winter Garden • Mon., Oct. 5, 12 • 10:15 & 11:15 a.m.
Southwest • Tue., Oct. 6 • 1 p.m.
West Oaks • Wed., Oct. 7, 14 • 10 a.m.
Windermere • Fri., Oct. 23 • 2 p.m.

Family Fun: Chess

All experience levels are welcome and chess sets are available for play.
Fairview Shores • Tue., Oct. 6, 13 • 3:30 p.m.
Winter Garden • Wed., Oct. 7 • 4:30 p.m.

Family Fun: Movie and Make

Kick back and enjoy a family film while creating your own masterpiece inspired by the movie.
Hiawassee • Tue., Oct. 6 • 4:30 p.m.
North Orange • Thu., Oct. 15 • 4 p.m.

Baby to Five Storytime: Jack O’ Lanterns

Enjoy stories, songs and rhymes.
South Trail • Wed., Oct. 7 • 2 p.m.

Reboot Boutique

Add to your closet with new-to-you clothes at this free shopping experience.
Eatonville • Thu., Oct. 8 • 4:30 p.m.

Cookies & Milk with a Cop

Meet our local police officers and enjoy a story, cookies and milk.
Eatonville • Fri., Oct. 9 • 4 p.m.

Family Puzzle Club

Have a relaxing time piecing together puzzles.
South Creek • Sat., Oct. 10 • 11 a.m.

Bubble Playtime

Help your child develop gross-motor skills in this interactive bubble party. Ages 0–5.
Winter Garden • Wed., Oct. 14 • 11 a.m.

Bird Tales and Crayon Trails

Join the Audubon Center for Birds of Prey for a bird themed storytime. Discover Florida birds and enjoy a coloring activity.
Eatonville • Wed., Oct. 27 • 3:15 p.m.

A graphic for Family Fun: Halloween Pottery Painting. It shows several paintbrushes with white and orange paint on their bristles. The text 'Family Fun: Halloween Pottery Painting' is prominently displayed in a bold, black font. Below it, smaller text says 'Explore the colorful world of art by making your own masterpiece. Supplies limited.' and 'Fairview Shores • Wed., Oct. 7 • 5 p.m.'.

* Storytime Relocations During the Voting Period

October 19–November 3, select OCLS branches will serve as 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, October 23 & 30
East Orange Community Center,
12050 E. Colonial Drive, Orlando, FL 32826

Chickasaw • Wednesday, October 21 & 28
Engelwood Neighborhood Center,
6123 La Costa Drive, Orlando, FL 32807

Hiawassee • Monday, October 19 & 26
Wayne Densch YMCA,
870 N. Hastings St., Orlando, FL 32808

South Trail • Friday, October 23 & 30
South Orlando YMCA,
814 W. Oak Ridge Road, Orlando, FL 32809

Southeast • Wednesday, October 21 & 28
Engelwood Neighborhood Center,
6123 La Costa Drive, Orlando, FL 32807

Southwest • Thursday, October 22 & 29
Dr. Phillips YMCA,
7000 Dr. Phillips Blvd., Orlando, FL 32819

West Oaks • Tuesday, October 20 & 27
Ocoee Lakeshore Center,
125 N. Lakeshore Drive, Ocoee, FL 34761

Winter Garden • Friday, October 23 & 30
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.



Florida Children’s Museum: Mobile Museum Library Program

Drop in to hear stories, explore art, use your senses and play through hands-on fun. Designed for preschoolers and their caregivers, with children under 3 also welcome. Sponsored by Orlando Health.

Alafaya • Mon., Oct. 5 • 10:15 a.m.
North Orange • Tue., Oct. 6 • 10:30 a.m.
Winter Garden • Thu., Oct. 8 • 10:30 a.m.
Southwest • Fri., Oct. 9 • 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.

Windermere • Thu., Oct. 1–29 • 11:35 a.m.
• **Tue., Oct. 13 • 11 a.m.**

Winter Garden • Fri., Oct. 2–16 • 11:40 a.m.
• **Tue., Oct. 6, 13 • 11 a.m.**

Alafaya • Fri., Oct. 2, 9 • 11:45 a.m.
Orlando Public Library • Mon., Oct. 5–26 • 11 a.m.
South Creek • Mon., Oct. 5, 12 • 11:30 a.m.
Southwest • Mon., Oct. 5, 12 • 11:30 a.m.
Fairview Shores • Wed., Oct. 7 • 11 a.m.

Baby Storytime

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

Orlando Public Library • Sat., Oct. 3–31 • 11:30 a.m.
• **Mon., Oct. 5–26 • 10:30 a.m.**

Southwest • Mon., Oct. 5, 12 • 11 a.m.
Winter Garden • Tue., Oct. 6, 13 • 10:45 a.m.
Fairview Shores • Wed., Oct. 7 • 10:30 a.m.
North Orange • Mon., Oct. 12, 26 • 10:30 a.m.
Windermere • Tue., Oct. 13 • 10:30 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.

Winter Garden • Thu., Oct. 1, 15 • 10:30 a.m.
Orlando Public Library • Sat., Oct. 3–31 • 11 a.m.
• **Tue., Oct. 6–27 • 10:30 a.m.**

Fairview Shores • Tue., Oct. 6 • 10:30 a.m.
Southwest • Wed., Oct. 7 • 11 a.m.
Windermere • Mon., Oct. 26 • 10:30 a.m.
North Orange • Tue., Oct. 27 • 10:30 a.m.

Artsy Toddler

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

West Oaks • Thu., Oct. 1 • 11 a.m.
North Orange • Tue., Oct. 13 • 10:30 a.m.
South Creek • Thu., Oct. 15 • 10:30 a.m.
Eatonville • Fri., Oct. 23 • 10:30 a.m.

Toddler Play & Connect

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

Winter Garden • Thu., Oct. 1, 15 • 11 a.m.
Fairview Shores • Tue., Oct. 6 • 11 a.m.
Orlando Public Library • Tue., Oct. 6–27 • 11 a.m.
Southwest • Wed., Oct. 7 • 11:30 a.m.
North Orange • Tue., Oct. 20 • 10:30 a.m.
Windermere • Mon., Oct. 26 • 11 a.m.

Preschool (Ages 3–5)

Preschool Artists

Let your imagination and little hands run wild with colors and textures to create a masterpiece inspired by artists throughout history.

North Orange • Thu., Oct. 1, 15 • 10:30 a.m.
Orlando Public Library • Wed., Oct. 7 • 10:30 a.m.
Chickasaw • Wed., Oct. 7 • 11 a.m.
South Trail • Thu., Oct. 8 • 2 p.m.



BenAnna Band

Kids will go bananas for this high-energy musical duo that focuses on inclusion and music for all ages, abilities and identities.

Windermere • Mon., October 12 • 2 p.m.
Washington Park • Tue., October 13 • 3 p.m.
Winter Garden • Wed., October 14 • 10:30 a.m.



Orlando Philharmonic’s Symphony Storytimes: Spooky Serenade

Pumpkins, ghosts and music, oh my! Hear a fun, original spooktacular performance. The haunted sounds of the string quartet with a storyteller will help get you in the mood for the fall season.

Chickasaw • Fri., Oct. 9 • 11 a.m.

Preschool Chef

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

South Creek • Thu., Oct. 1 • 10:30 a.m.
Alafaya • Thu., Oct. 8 • 11 a.m.
Eatonville • Tue., Oct. 13 • 4 p.m.
Orlando Public Library • Wed., Oct. 14 • 10:30 a.m.
North Orange • Thu., Oct. 22 • 10:30 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.

Chickasaw • Thu., Oct. 1–15 • 11 a.m.
Eatonville • Tue., Oct. 6–27 • 10:15 a.m.

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., Oct. 3–31 • 10:30 a.m.
• **Wed., Oct. 28 • 10:30 a.m.**

Virtual • Mon., Oct. 5–26 • 11 a.m. & 7 p.m.
Alafaya • Tue., Oct. 6 • 11 a.m.
Southwest • Tue., Oct. 6 • 11 a.m.
North Orange • Thu., Oct. 8 • 10:30 a.m.
South Creek • Thu., Oct. 8 • 10:30 a.m.
Fairview Shores • Thu., Oct. 8 • 11 a.m.
Southwest • Tue., Oct. 13 • 11 a.m.
Windermere • Tue., Oct. 20 • 4 p.m.
Eatonville • Wed., Oct. 21 • 10:15 a.m.

Preschool Stories & Stretches: Shake Your Bones

Preschoolers will wiggle and stretch to stories, songs and rhymes, focusing on motor development.

Winter Garden • Wed., Oct. 7 • 10:30 a.m.
South Trail • Thu., Oct. 15 • 2 p.m.

Ready, Set, Preschool!

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

Windermere • Wed., Oct. 14 • 10:30 a.m.

Sing-Along Tales

Music and songs especially designed for children and babies of all ages.

Virtual • Tue., Oct. 20, 27 • 10:30 a.m.
• **Thu., Oct. 22, 29 • 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., Oct. 21 • 10:30 a.m.

Preschool STEAM

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

North Orange • Thu., Oct. 29 • 10:30 a.m.
Eatonville • Thu., Oct. 29 • 4 p.m.



DJ City Beat's Halloween Dance Party

Get up and dance with DJ City Beat. Have a spooky blast showing off your moves on the dance floor and make some new friends at this party.

Chickasaw • Fri., Oct. 2 • 3:30 p.m.

Mad Science Spooktacular Show

Grab your broomsticks and lab coats and join us for an interactive and frightfully fun science adventure.

Hiawassee • Sat., Oct. 3 • 2 p.m.

Homeschool Junior Explore the world through crafts, experiments and hands-on activities.
Eatonville • Thu., Oct. 1, 15 • 11:30 a.m.
Windermere • Thu., Oct. 1–29 • 1 p.m.
• Fri., Oct. 2 • 2 p.m.
Alafaya • Thu., Oct. 1, 8 • 2 p.m.
North Orange • Fri., Oct. 2, 16, 30 • 10:30 a.m.
Southwest • Mon., Oct. 5, 12 • 1 p.m.
South Trail • Mon., Oct. 5 • 1 p.m.
Orlando Public Library • Wed., Oct. 7, 21 • 1 p.m.

STEAM Junior Junior scientists will explore STEAM concepts to expand their minds and explore the world around them.
Orlando Public Library • Thu., Oct. 1, 29 • 4 p.m.
South Trail • Wed., Oct. 1, 14 • 4:30 p.m.
North Orange • Tue., Oct. 6 • 4 p.m.
Hiawassee • Fri., Oct. 9 • 4:30 p.m.
South Creek • Wed., Oct. 14 • 4:30 p.m.
Eatonville • Tue., Oct. 27 • 4 p.m.
Windermere • Fri., Oct. 30 • 2 p.m.

Board Game Bonanza! Get together for a fun time with new and classic board games.
Southeast • Thu., Oct. 1 • 4:30 p.m.

The Joy of Failure Learn how mistakes and failures can lead to massive success if you just “keep a’go’in’!” Create your own failure turned masterpiece.
Hiawassee • Fri., Oct. 2 • 4:30 p.m.

READING Paws Improves children’s reading skills by reading to a therapy dog.
Chickasaw • Sat., Oct. 3 • 10 a.m.
Windermere • Sat., Oct. 10 • 11 a.m.

Masterpiece Junior Discover the world of art! Together, we’ll learn something new and create a masterpiece.
North Orange • Sat., Oct. 3 • 10:30 a.m.
Orlando Public Library • Thu., Oct. 8 • 4 p.m.
Eatonville • Tue., Oct. 20 • 4 p.m.
Windermere • Mon., Oct. 26 • 4:30 p.m.

LEGO Club Use your imagination to build! Bricks will be provided, but cannot go home with you.
Orlando Public Library • Sat., Oct. 3 • 2:30 p.m.
North Orange • Mon., Oct. 5 • 4 p.m.
Eatonville • Tue., Oct. 6 • 4 p.m.
South Trail • Tue., Oct. 6 • 4:30 p.m.
Windermere • Tue., Oct. 6, 13, 27 • 4:30 p.m.
Fairview Shores • Wed., Oct. 7 • 3:30 p.m.
Southwest • Wed., Oct. 7 • 4 p.m.
Hiawassee • Thu., Oct. 8 • 4:30 p.m.
Winter Garden • Wed., Oct. 14 • 4:30 p.m.
South Creek • Sat., Oct. 17 • 2:30 p.m.

Read to a Therapy Dog Read to a therapy dog to practice reading skills with an attentive furry listener.
Winter Garden • Mon., Oct. 5 • 4:30 p.m.

Escape Room Junior: Monster Library Mystery

Hunt for clues, crack puzzles and join forces to figure out the mystery.

Winter Garden • Mon., Oct. 12 • 4:30 p.m.
South Trail • Tue., Oct. 13 • 4:30 p.m.
Orlando Public Library • Thu., Oct. 22 • 4 p.m.



Chess Club Discover the game of chess while having fun and making friends.
West Oaks • Tue., Oct. 6 • 3:30 p.m.
Southwest • Tue., Oct. 13 • 4:30 p.m.
Windermere • Mon., Oct. 19 • 4:30 p.m.
Orlando Public Library • Sat., Oct. 24 • 2:30 p.m.

Macramé Feather Earrings Create stylish macramé feather earrings.
Orlando Public Library • Wed., Oct. 7 • 2:30 p.m.

Fiber Arts Junior: Spooky Beaded Tapestries Practice making knots and beading yarn while creating your very own tapestry.
Alafaya • Wed., Oct. 7 • 4 p.m.

Fiber Arts Junior: Macramé Keychain Learn the foundation knots needed in macramé projects while creating a keychain.
Eatonville • Thu., Oct. 8 • 11:30 a.m.

Catch ‘Em All Club Meet Pokémon enthusiasts to battle and trade cards with.
Orlando Public Library • Sat., Oct. 10 • 2:30 p.m.

Windermere Fall Festival Drop by to experience the wonders of fall with three fun, fall-themed activities.
Windermere • Mon., Oct. 12 • 10:30 a.m.

Gamers Club Love video games? Join the fun, challenge your friends and enjoy exciting activities.
Orlando Public Library • Wed., Oct. 14, 28 • 2:30 p.m.
• Sat., Oct. 17 • 2:30 p.m.
Southeast • Sat., Oct. 24 • 4:30 p.m.

All About Skunks Learn about the diet, habitat and behavior of one of the world’s most misunderstood animals and meet a de-scented pet skunk.
Chickasaw • Wed., Oct. 14 • 3:30 p.m.

Let’s Play Dungeons & Dragons: Adventure Begins Board Game Choose a character and work together to face obstacles and defeat monsters.
South Trail • Wed., Oct. 14 • 3:30 p.m.

Hearts of Gold Therapy Dogs Children can improve their literacy skills by reading to a therapy dog with Golden Retriever Rescue of Mid-Florida.
South Creek • Sat., Oct. 17 • 10:30 a.m.

Fiber Arts Junior: Friendship Bracelets Learn to weave your own friendship bracelet.
Orlando Public Library • Wed., Oct. 21 • 2:30 p.m.
• Sat., Oct. 31 • 4 p.m.

Movie and a Craft Enjoy watching a seasonal film while creating a festive craft to take home.
Windermere • Sat., Oct. 31 • 2 p.m.



Design Characters Using Tynker

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

Orlando Public Library • *Thu., Oct. 1* • 10:30 a.m.
• *Tue., Oct. 6, 27* • 2:30 p.m.
Southeast • *Fri., Oct. 2* • 10:30 a.m.
Eatonville • *Wed., Oct. 7* • 2:15 p.m.
South Trail • *Wed., Oct. 7* • 3:30 p.m.
Alafaya • *Sat., Oct. 10* • 11 a.m.
Chickasaw • *Sat., Oct. 10* • 11 a.m.
South Creek • *Tue., Oct. 13* • 4:30 p.m.

Bring Your Art to Life with AR

Use the Quiver app to bring a coloring pages to life with games and augmented reality.
Orlando Public Library • *Thu., Oct. 1* • 10:30 a.m.
• *Tue., Oct. 6* • 10:30 a.m.
Hiawassee • *Wed., Oct. 14* • 4:30 p.m.

LEGO Education Spike Prime: Science & Engineering

Apply STEAM concepts and the engineering design process with hands-on learning.
South Creek • *Fri., Oct. 2* • 3:30 p.m.
Winter Garden • *Fri., Oct. 2* • 4:30 p.m.
Southwest • *Tue., Oct. 6* • 4 p.m.
Alafaya • *Thu., Oct. 8* • 4 p.m.
Hiawassee • *Fri., Oct. 16* • 4:30 p.m.
Orlando Public Library • *Wed., Oct. 21* • 10:30 a.m.
Eatonville • *Wed., Oct. 28* • 2:15 p.m.

Create with Canva: Bookmark Mania!

Create your own bookmarks with the online graphic design tool Canva.
Alafaya • *Fri., Oct. 2* • 4 p.m.
Winter Garden • *Sat., Oct. 10* • 10:15 a.m.
Orlando Public Library • *Thu., Oct. 29* • 4 p.m.

LEGO Education Spike Essentials: Great Adventures

Go on a Great Adventure as we explore STEAM concepts and creative problem solving.
Southeast • *Fri., Oct. 2* • 4:30 p.m.
• *Sat., Oct. 10* • 4:30 p.m.
Windermere • *Mon., Oct. 5* • 11 a.m.
• *Fri., Oct. 16* • 11 a.m.
• *Tue., Oct. 27* • 3:15 p.m.
Orlando Public Library • *Wed., Oct. 14* • 10:30 a.m.
South Trail • *Sat., Oct. 17* • 11:15 a.m.

Digital Coloring

Learn how to work with layers and the move, transform and painting tools.
Orlando Public Library • *Sat., Oct. 3* • 10:30 a.m.

LEGO Education Spike Essentials: Amusement Parks

Engineer an amusement park with LEGO Education SPIKE Essentials.
South Trail • *Sat., Oct. 3* • 11:15 a.m.
Orlando Public Library • *Sun., Oct. 4* • 3:30 p.m.
North Orange • *Sat., Oct. 24* • 3 p.m.

LEGO WeDo Build a Race Car

Build and program a LEGO race car.
Orlando Public Library • *Sun., Oct. 4* • 1:30 p.m.
• *Sat., Oct. 17* • 10:30 a.m.

Explore with Google Earth

Explore the globe and view famous world landmarks using Google Earth.
Orlando Public Library • *Tue., Oct. 6* • 10:30 a.m.
• *Mon., Oct. 26* • 4 p.m.
Eatonville • *Thu., Oct. 22* • 11:30 a.m.

Code with Minecraft: Voyage Aquatic

Use code to help Alex and Steve explore the high seas.
Winter Garden • *Tue., Oct. 6* • 4:30 p.m.

LEGO Digital Builds

Create custom LEGO builds on the computer with this easy-to-use free software.
Orlando Public Library • *Tue., Oct. 6* • 5 p.m.



LEGO Education Spike Prime: Brick Beach Cleanup

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

Alafaya • *Sun., Oct. 11* • 1:30 p.m.
• *Thu., Oct. 15* • 4 p.m.
Eatonville • *Fri., Oct. 16* • 3:15 p.m.
Orlando Public Library • *Wed., Oct. 28* • 10:30 a.m.

LEGO Education Spike Essentials: Carnival Games

Construct, play and improve carnival games with LEGO Education SPIKE Essentials.
Orlando Public Library • *Wed., Oct. 7* • 10:30 a.m.
• *Sun., Oct. 25* • 3:30 p.m.
North Orange • *Sat., Oct. 31* • 3 p.m.

Logical Quest with the Zoombinis

Exercise your brains by completing a series of logic-based puzzles.
Windermere • *Wed., Oct. 7* • 2 p.m.
Orlando Public Library • *Sat., Oct. 10* • 10:30 a.m.
Winter Garden • *Sat., Oct. 10* • 11:30 a.m.

Code with Minecraft: Adventurer

Solve code challenges to explore, gather resources and defeat mobs.
Orlando Public Library • *Thu., Oct. 8* • 4 p.m.
Winter Garden • *Sat., Oct. 10* • 4:30 p.m.

Make a Stop-Motion Movie

Use the Stop Motion Studio app to create a stop-motion animation movie.
Orlando Public Library • *Tue., Oct. 13* • 10:30 a.m.

Budgeting with Excel

Learn how to crunch numbers in Excel and discover the tools to build your own budget like a pro.
Orlando Public Library • *Wed., Oct. 14* • 2:30 p.m.
• *Thu., Oct. 15* • 4 p.m.

Tinkercad for Beginners

Learn 3D design with Tinkercad by creating and transforming digital shapes.
Orlando Public Library • *Thu., Oct. 15* • 10:30 a.m.
• *Tue., Oct. 20* • 5 p.m.

Explore Algodoo Physics

Use Algodoo to experiment with objects and see how they react to gravity and friction.
Orlando Public Library • *Mon., Oct. 19* • 4 p.m.

Be Safe Online

Learn safety tips and good practices when using the internet.
Orlando Public Library • *Tue., Oct. 20* • 10:30 a.m.

Create Comics

Create your own comic using Comic Life.
Orlando Public Library • *Thu., Oct. 22* • 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.

Alafaya • *Wed., Oct. 7* • 3 p.m.
• *Tue., Oct. 13* • 2 p.m.
Winter Garden • *Sat., Oct. 10* • 2 p.m.
Orlando Public Library • *Sat., Oct. 31* • 10:30 a.m.

LEGO WeDo Build a Robotic Bee

Build and program a LEGO robotic bee.
Orlando Public Library • *Sun., Oct. 25* • 1:30 p.m.

Code with Code Studio

Explore computer science with some of your favorite characters in hour of code tutorials.
Orlando Public Library • *Tue., Oct. 27* • 10:30 a.m.

Game Design: Creating Levels

Create custom Super Mario levels with enemies, obstacles and rewards.
Orlando Public Library • *Tue., Oct. 27* • 5 p.m.

Code with SpriteBox

Play a unique platforming game that combines exploration and coding puzzles.
Orlando Public Library • *Wed., Oct. 28* • 2:30 p.m.

Code with the Fools

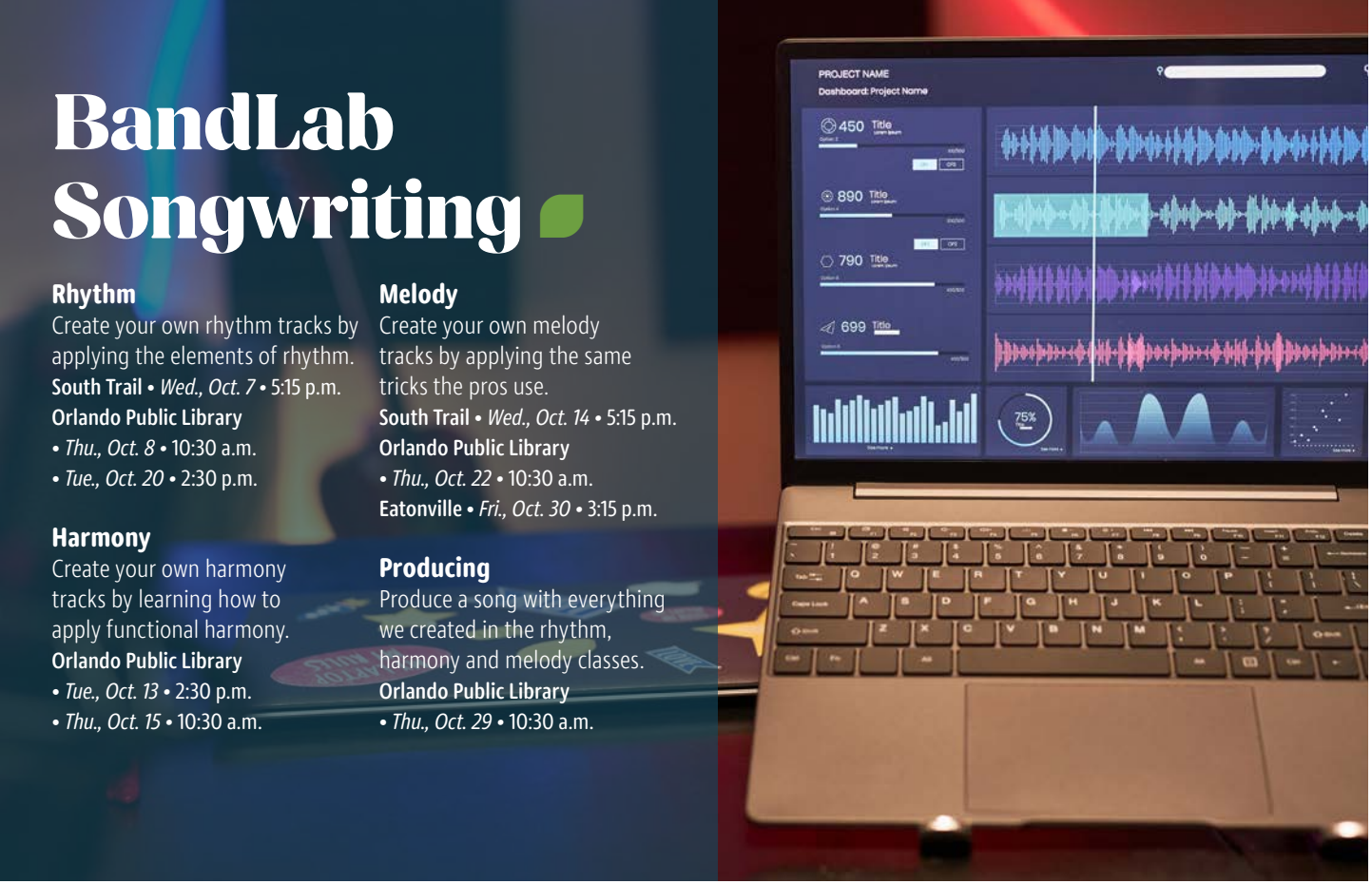
Solve problems with code and help the Fools on an exciting adventure.
Orlando Public Library • *Wed., Oct. 28* • 5 p.m.

A collection of hand-woven fiber art pieces, including several small pumpkins in various colors (orange, green, white) and black spider webs, arranged on a light-colored surface. Small black spiders and bat cutouts are scattered around the webs.

Teen Fiber Arts: Weave Like a Spider

Learn how to weave a web like a spider as you create a spooky fiber art masterpiece.

Southwest • Thu., Oct. 1 • 4:30 p.m.
Washington Park • Tue., Oct. 13 • 4 p.m.
Windermere • Wed., Oct. 14 • 2 p.m.

A laptop screen displaying the BandLab software interface. The screen shows a project dashboard with various tracks (450, 890, 790, 699) and their corresponding waveforms. The interface is dark-themed with blue and purple accents.

BandLab Songwriting

Rhythm

Create your own rhythm tracks by applying the elements of rhythm.

South Trail • Wed., Oct. 7 • 5:15 p.m.
Orlando Public Library • Thu., Oct. 8 • 10:30 a.m.
• Tue., Oct. 20 • 2:30 p.m.

Melody

Create your own melody tracks by applying the same tricks the pros use.

South Trail • Wed., Oct. 14 • 5:15 p.m.
Orlando Public Library • Thu., Oct. 22 • 10:30 a.m.
Eatonville • Fri., Oct. 30 • 3:15 p.m.

Harmony

Create your own harmony tracks by learning how to apply functional harmony.

Orlando Public Library • Tue., Oct. 13 • 2:30 p.m.
• Thu., Oct. 15 • 10:30 a.m.

Producing

Produce a song with everything we created in the rhythm, harmony and melody classes.

Orlando Public Library • Thu., Oct. 29 • 10:30 a.m.

Empowerment & Wellness Session for Teens

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

Orlando Public Library • Thu., Oct. 1 • 4 p.m.

High School Advisory Board Meeting

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

Virtual • Thu., Oct. 1 • 4 p.m.
• Tue., Oct. 6 • 4 p.m.

Teen Volunteering

Earn community service hours by completing volunteer tasks at the library.

Eatonville • Sat., Oct. 3 • 11 a.m.
South Trail • Sat., Oct. 17 • 2 p.m.

Animanga Club

Share your love of anime and manga at the library, complete with games and activities.

Orlando Public Library • Sat., Oct. 3 • 2 p.m.
Southwest • Sat., Oct. 10 • 3 p.m.

Gamers Guild: Classic Board Games

Leave Monopoly at home and come game at the library. Classic and popular board games will be available.

South Creek • Sat., Oct. 3 • 2 p.m.

Teen Volunteering: Literary & Creative Arts Magazines

Earn community service hours by contributing to our teen zines.

Southeast • Sat., Oct. 3 • 3 p.m.
Hiawassee • Sat., Oct. 17 • 2 p.m.

Teen Art Adventures

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

Winter Garden • Sat., Oct. 3 • 3:30 p.m.
South Creek • Fri., Oct. 9 • 4:30 p.m.
Alafaya • Sat., Oct. 10 • 3 p.m.
South Trail • Thu., Oct. 15 • 4 p.m.
Orlando Public Library • Sat., Oct. 17 • 2 p.m.
North Orange • Sat., Oct. 17 • 3 p.m.
Windermere • Wed., Oct. 28 • 2 p.m.

Let’s Play Dungeons & Dragons: Create Your Character

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

Orlando Public Library • Wed., Oct. 7 • 4 p.m.
• Thu., Oct. 15 • 4 p.m.

Middle School Advisory Board Meeting

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

Virtual • Wed., Oct. 7 • 4 p.m.

Teen Cuisine

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

South Trail • Wed., Oct. 7 • 4:30 p.m.
North Orange • Thu., Oct. 29 • 4 p.m.

Let’s Play Dungeons & Dragons: Adventure Begins TTRPG

Learn to play Dungeons & Dragons with the Adventure Begins tabletop role-playing game. Choose a character and work together to face obstacles and defeat monsters.

Orlando Public Library • Thu., Oct. 8 • 4 p.m.

Teen Fiber Arts: Kumihimo

Explore kumihimo, the Japanese art of braiding unique cords.

Orlando Public Library • Fri., Oct. 9 • 4 p.m.
Windermere • Wed., Oct. 21 • 2 p.m.

Let’s Play Dungeons & Dragons: Forge Your Hero

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

Orlando Public Library • Wed., Oct. 21 • 4 p.m.

Next Steps for Teens: Write a Resume

Learn the basics of resume writing and discover how to highlight your career ready skills.

North Orange • Thu., Oct. 22 • 5 p.m.

Dungeons & Dragons

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

Windermere • Sat., Oct. 24 • 11 a.m.

Teen Writers Group

Join the cozy writer’s corner and work independently or share your work with fellow authors for review and feedback.

Orlando Public Library • Sat., Oct. 31 • 2 p.m.

Teen Tech Classes

Game Design: Make a World

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

Orlando Public Library • Thu., Oct. 1 • 4 p.m.
• Fri., Oct. 30 • 4 p.m.

Chess Basics with lichess.org

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Orlando Public Library • Fri., Oct. 2 • 4 p.m.
• Tue., Oct. 6 • 4 p.m.
Fairview Shores • Tue., Oct. 6 • 4:45 p.m.

Be Safe Online Teens

Learn safety tips and good practices when using the internet.

Orlando Public Library • Mon., Oct. 5 • 4 p.m.
• Fri., Oct. 16 • 4 p.m.

Scratch Programming

Create a game using Scratch, a programming language and online community.

Orlando Public Library • Wed., Oct. 7 • 1 p.m.

Build LEGO Video Games

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

Alafaya • Sat., Oct. 10 • 2:30 p.m.
Orlando Public Library • Tue., Oct. 20 • 10:30 a.m.

LEGO Digital Designs

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

Orlando Public Library • Wed., Oct. 21 • 1 p.m.

Design Graphics Using Photoshop

Use advanced features to design and edit graphics and images.

Orlando Public Library • Thu., Oct. 22 • 4 p.m.
• Fri., Oct. 23 • 4 p.m.

Create Animated GIFs

Create animated GIFs using Photoshop.

Orlando Public Library • Tue., Oct. 27 • 4 p.m.

Coding Electronics with Switches

Explore the basics of coding electronics with Snapino.

Orlando Public Library • Thu., Oct. 29 • 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

Hiawassee Branch

7391 W. Colonial Drive
Orlando, FL 32818

Horizon West Branch 🍌

Grand Opening October 10
4657 Hamlin Groves Trail
Winter Garden, FL 34787

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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