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This September at Orange County Library System: Library Card Sign-up Month, Orlando Literary Expo and Fall Fiber Arts

ORLANDO, Fla. (August 26, 2026) September is Library Card Sign-up Month and Orange County Library System wants all county residents to know why they should have a library card. Getting a library card is quick, easy and instantly unlocks opportunities to learn, create and discover.

Take a free class and learn macrame, American Sign Language or how to cook mofongo. Stream movies, TV and music ad-free. Study and take practice tests for college entrance or professional exams. Check out e-books and audiobooks or let OCLS bring books to you with Home Delivery. Best of all, it's all free with a library card. Stop by your nearest branch or visit ocls.org to sign up and learn how to make the most of your library card. Already have your card? Tell a friend how you use your library and help them sign up.

Aspiring authors can connect with Central Florida literary organizations at this year's [Orlando Literary Expo](#) at Alafaya Branch on Sunday, September 13, at 2 p.m. Learn about the resources and support available to local writers and discover how you can get more involved in the literary community.

Film enthusiasts get ready to celebrate the art of visual storytelling in short films with the [Melrose Film Festival](#) on Saturday, September 26, in the Dorothy Lumley Melrose Center at Orlando Public Library. This all-ages festival highlights the work of imaginative filmmakers across the globe, with this year's categories including AI Shorts, Animated Films, Documentaries, Micro Short Films and Short Films.

Fall is the perfect time to learn new fiber art skills. OCLS offers a robust selection of classes for adults like [Crochet Level 1](#), teen fiber arts classes like [Kumihimo and Cross Stitch Keychains](#) and [Fiber Arts Junior classes](#) for kids. Visit an open lab time where staff are available to assist while you work on your latest fiber arts project ahead of a cozy holiday season.

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

Paper Possibilities: Gift Pouch

The gift pouch is a quickly folded pouch that can be used to hold gifts. Customize using your own scrapbook paper and ribbon combinations.

Fri., Sept. 4 • 10:30 a.m.

Southwest Branch - 7255 Della Drive, Orlando, FL 32819

<https://attend.ocls.org/event/16869766>

Britain's Loyal Colonies Lost With Dr. David Head

Celebrate America's semi quincentennial with Dr. David Head, a historian, author and lecturer of history at UCF, for a talk and Q&A session on the American Revolution in Florida.

Wed., Sept. 9 • 5:30 p.m.

West Oaks Branch - 1821 E. Silver Star Rd., Ocoee, FL 34761

<https://attend.ocls.org/event/16211972>

Seed Library Day

Looking to add new plants to your garden? Stop by and grab some seeds! While supplies last.

Thu., Sept. 10 • 11:30 a.m.–6 p.m.

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

<https://attend.ocls.org/event/16820332>

Orlando Literary Expo

Connect in-person with Orlando-area literary organizations. Learn what they do, the resources available to local writers and how you can get more involved in our local literary community.

Sun., Sept. 13 • 2 p.m.

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

<https://attend.ocls.org/event/16178532>

What's the Buzz? Bees & Honey Tasting

Discover the fascinating world of bees and sample the unique flavors of honey.

Tue., Sept. 15 • 11 a.m.

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

<https://attend.ocls.org/event/16847906>

Mexican Tin Art

Create a simple metal craft and learn about an important, traditional Mexican art form. Recommended for ages 18 and up.

Thu., Sept. 17 • 5:30 p.m.

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

<https://attend.ocls.org/event/16885734>

Music in the Library: Guitarist German Collazos

German Collazos is a Colombian born folkloric guitarist who creates an excellent musical experience.

German is a unique artist performing with extraordinary talent in the art of flamenco guitar.

Sat., Sept. 19 • 1 p.m.

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

<https://attend.ocls.org/event/16467967>

History of Gardening in the United States

Learn about the fascinating and complex history of gardening in the United States from its early colonial days to the present.

Thu., Sept. 24 • 5:30 p.m.

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

<https://attend.ocls.org/event/16870878>

Melrose Film Festival

A celebration of the art of visual storytelling in short films, the Melrose Film Festival highlights the work of imaginative filmmakers across the globe.

Sat., Sept. 26 • 12:30 p.m.

The Dorothy Lumley Melrose Center - 101 E. Central Blvd., Orlando, FL 32801

<https://ocls.org/melrose-film-festival>

KIDS & FAMILY

Kids Fiber Arts: Macramé Feather Earrings

Create stylish macrame feather earrings with this beginner's macrame project! Recommended for ages 6-12. Registration required.

Tue., Sept. 1 • 2:30 p.m.

Thu., Sept. 10 • 10:30 a.m.

Tue., Sept. 15 • 2:30 p.m.

Thu., Sept. 24 • 10:30 a.m.

Tue., Sept. 29 • 2:30 p.m.

Orlando Public Library - 101 E. Central Blvd., Orlando, FL 2801

Wed., Sept. 2 • 2:15 p.m.

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

Sat., Sept. 12 • 11 a.m.

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

https://ocls.org/classes-events/?_event_search=Macram%C3%A9%20Feather%20Earrings%20

Board Game Bonanza!

Get together for a fun time with new and classic board games, great conversation, and friendly rivalry. Recommended for ages 6-12.

Thu., Sept. 3 • 4:30 p.m.

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

<https://attend.ocls.org/event/16890797>

Safety Tips for Parents with Infants and Toddlers

Join Orlando Health as they discuss ways to keep your little ones safe. Explore safety topics such as fall prevention, safe sleep, water safety, car seat safety and more.

Thu., Sept. 10 • 1 p.m.

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

<https://attend.ocls.org/event/15760051>

Teen Fiber Arts: Macrame Pumpkin Keychain

Explore macrame, the art of using knots, to make a pumpkin keychain. Recommended for ages 13-18. Registration required.

Sat., Sept. 12 • 3 p.m.

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

<https://attend.ocls.org/event/16890083>

Pajama Jamboree

Put on your favorite jammies for a fun-filled evening of a story, craft and a snack. Recommended for ages 3-5. Registration required.

Tue., Sept. 15 • 4 p.m.

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

<https://attend.ocls.org/event/16840970>

Teen Cuisine

Prep for the real world with cooking tips and tricks that lead to tasty results. Recommended for ages 13-18. Registration required.

Thu., Sept. 17 • 4 p.m.

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

https://ocls.org/classes-events/?_event_search=Teen%20Cuisine

Make a Stop Motion Movie

Use the Stop Motion Studio app to create a stop-motion animation movie! Bring objects to life, add titles, credits, sound, and more. Recommended for ages 6-12. Registration required.

Fri., Sept. 18 • 3:30 p.m.

South Creek Branch - 1702 Deerfield Blvd., Orlando, FL 32837

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