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This October at Orange County Library System: Halloween and Spooky Fun

ORLANDO, Fla. (September 24, 2026) From scary to spooky and even silly, Halloween events for all ages and interests are taking place all month long at Orange County Library System locations.

Experience the darker side of the Sunshine State with historian Christopher Daley's multimedia presentation, [The Haunted History of Florida](#), and explore historic hauntings and ghostly legends at Orlando Public Library on Wednesday, October 7, at 11 a.m.

Orlando Public Library's [Studies in Horror](#) series discusses individual and social fears through the lens of horror media. Come explore zombie media and join the debate on fast versus slow-moving zombies on Friday, October 16, at 4:30 p.m.

[Teen Fiber Arts: Weave Like a Spider](#) teaches teens to create a spooky fiber art masterpiece. Web weaving lessons will be held at Southwest on Thursday, October 1, at 4:30 p.m., Washington Park on Tuesday, October 13, at 4 p.m. and Windermere on Wednesday, October 14, at 2 p.m.

[Escape Room Junior: Monster Library Mystery](#) invites school-aged kids to hunt for clues, crack puzzles and join forces to solve a mystery. Test your wits at Winter Garden on Monday, October 12, at 4:30 p.m., South Trail on Tuesday, October 13, at 4:30 p.m. and Orlando Public Library on Thursday, October 22, at 4 p.m.

Orlando Philharmonic's [Symphony Storytime Spooky Serenade](#) brings pumpkins, ghosts and music for a fun, original spooktacular performance at Chickasaw Branch, Friday, October 9, at 11 a.m. Children ages 3-5 will enjoy the storyteller and get in the mood for the fall season.

Build baby's first literacy skills with songs, rhymes and stories during [Baby Storytime: Peak-a-Booo!](#) at Southwest Branch, Monday, October 5 and 12, at 11 a.m.

Beyond this frightfully good October lineup, early voting will take place Monday, October 19-Sunday, November 1, 8 a.m.-8 p.m. at Alafaya, Chickasaw, Fairview Shores, Hiawassee, South Creek, South Trail, Southeast, Southwest, Washington Park, West Oaks and Winter Garden branches. General election day voting will be held Tuesday, November 3, 7 a.m.-7 p.m. at Fairview Shores, North Orange, Southeast,

Southwest and West Oaks branches. Please note, there may be slight disruptions to library service during voting period.

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

Music in the Library: Viva Mexico Folklore

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.

Sat., Oct. 3 • 11 a.m.

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

<https://attend.ocls.org/event/17155832>

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.

Mon., Oct. 5 • 11:30 a.m.

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

<https://attend.ocls.org/event/15722789>

The Haunted History of Florida

Experience the darker side of the Sunshine State with historian Christopher Daley. This multimedia presentation explores historic hauntings and ghostly legends from right here in Florida.

Wed., Oct. 7 • 11 a.m.

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

<https://attend.ocls.org/event/16782168>

Welcome to Florida: Meet the Author Craig Pittman

Author, journalist, and podcaster Craig Pittman will share some quirky, touching, and thought-provoking stories about what he calls "The Most Interesting State." A book sale and signing will follow.

Thu., Oct. 8 • 2 p.m.

Southwest Branch - 7255 Della Dr., Orlando, FL 32819

<https://attend.ocls.org/event/16584309>

Halloween Beaded Bookmarks

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

Thu., Oct. 8 • 5 p.m.

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

<https://attend.ocls.org/event/17156497>

Book Tasting: Candy

What if your next favorite book came with a candy pairing? Explore new genres and authors through handpicked titles and curated sweet treats. Ages 18 and up.

Fri., Oct. 9 • 2 p.m.

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

<https://attend.ocls.org/event/17162568>

Fall Paper Garlands

If you're looking for a simple way to add a touch of fall to your home, these DIY garlands are easy to make with basic crafting supplies. Ages 18 and up.

Wed., Oct. 28 • 5 p.m.

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

<https://attend.ocls.org/event/17085031>

FAMILY & KIDS**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.

Fri., Oct. 2 • 3:30 p.m.

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

<https://attend.ocls.org/event/17104946>

Mad Science Spooktacular Show

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

Sat., Oct. 3 • 2 p.m.

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

<https://attend.ocls.org/event/16536481>

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; children under 3 also welcome.

Mon., Oct. 5 • 10:15 a.m.

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

Tue., Oct. 6 • 10:30 a.m.

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

Fri., Oct 9 • 10:30 a.m.

Southwest Branch - 7255 Della Dr., Orlando, FL 32819

https://ocls.org/classes-events/?_event_search=Mobile%20Museum%20Library%20Program%20

Chess Basics with lichess.org

Begin your journey to chess mastery. Learn the rules of the game and use the free website, lichess.org to play chess at any time. Ages 6–12.

Wed., Oct. 7 • 3 p.m.

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

https://ocls.org/classes-events/?_event_search=Chess%20Basics%20with%20lichess.org%206-12

Family Fun: Halloween Pottery Painting

Explore the colorful world of art by making your own masterpiece. Supplies limited.

Wed., Oct. 7 • 5 p.m.

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

<https://attend.ocls.org/event/17188168>

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.

Fri., Oct. 9 • 11 a.m.

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

<https://attend.ocls.org/event/17096872>

Teen Fiber Arts: Weave Like a Spider

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

Tue., Oct. 13 • 4 p.m.

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

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Design Characters Using Tynker

Design characters, items, blocks and mobs for Minecraft using Tynker. Ages 6–12.

Thu., October 1 • 3 p.m.

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

Fri., October 2 • 10:30 a.m.

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

Tue., October 6 • 2:30 p.m.

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

Wed., October 7 • 2:15 p.m.

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

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Tue., Oct. 13 • 4:30 p.m.

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

Tue., October 27 • 2:30 p.m.

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

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BenAnna Band

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

Mon., October 12 • 2 p.m.

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

Tue., October 13 • 3 p.m.

Washington Park Branch – 5151 Raleigh St., Orlando, FL 32811

Wed., October 14 • 10:30 a.m.

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

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LEGO Education Spike Prime: Brick Beach Cleanup

Build, program, and iterate on various Robotic Grabber designs with LEGO Education SPIKE Prime and clean the beach! Ages 6–12.

Fri., Oct. 16 • 3:15 p.m.

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

Wed., Oct 28 • 10:30 a.m.

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

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