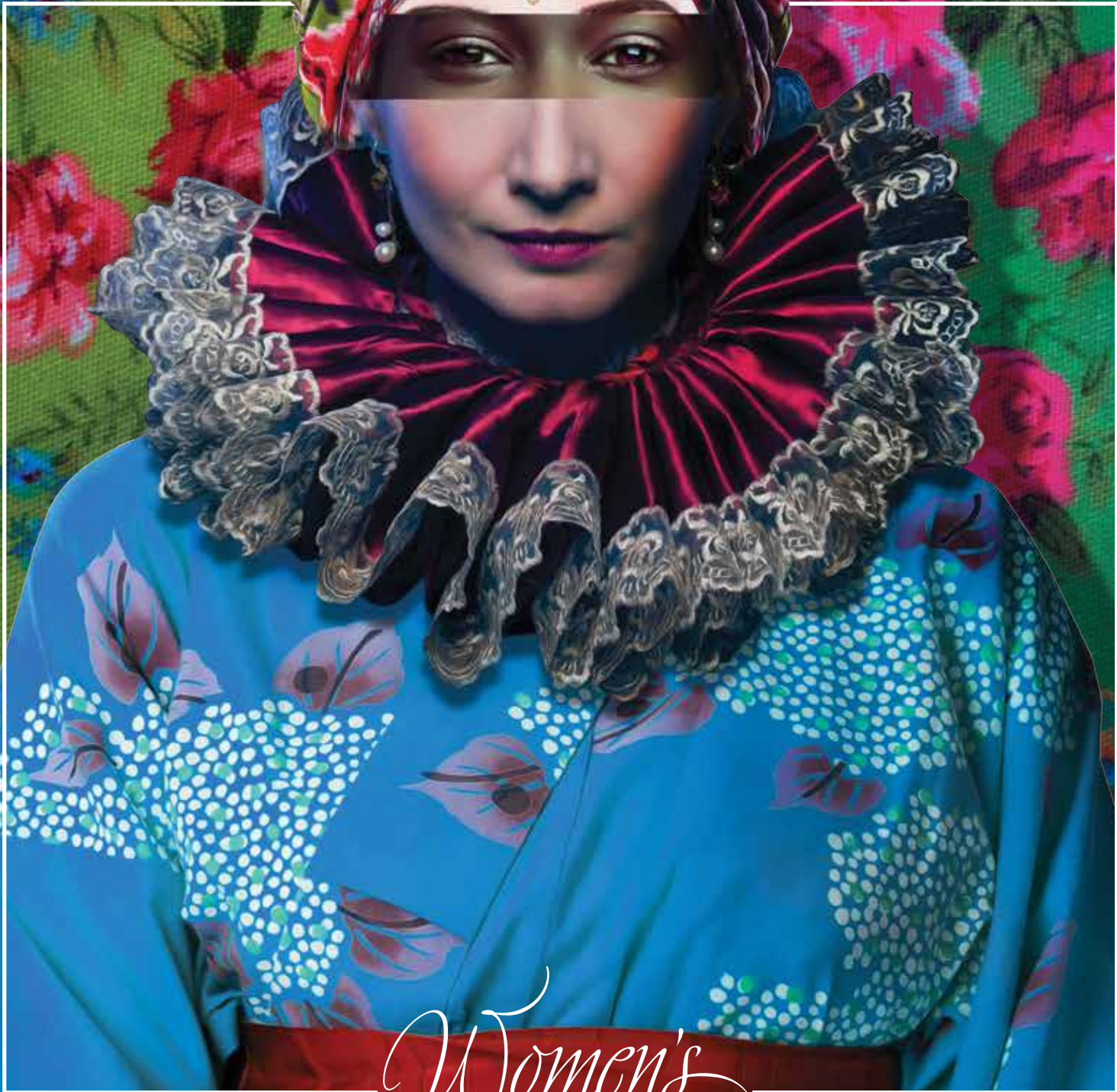


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FROM THE DIRECTOR

We just finished an exciting month here at the Orange County Library System, so before we start looking at all the great events we have in store for you in March, let's take a minute to look back at one of our highlights from February.

The Melrose Center turned three years old this year, so on February 11 we celebrated the milestone with the Melrose Creative Expo, an open-house event featuring demonstrations, music, vendors and the annual Melrose Awards, which honor creative projects made using the center's resources. The event was a smashing success – more than 1,300 people stopped by to try out virtual-reality games, play with robots, meet the Tourist City Ghostbusters and more. During the Expo, we also awarded \$1,000 to the grand prize Melrose Award winner. See page 23 to find out who took the honors!

In March, we recognize Women's History Month with a great slate of events that honor the determination and hard work of women who spent their lives proving their mettle. Mary Bush Shipko, author of *Aviatrix: First Woman Pilot for Hughes Airwest*, will visit the Orlando Public Library to discuss her work as a woman airline pilot in the 1970s. Dr. Naima Johnston Bush will stop by the South Trail Branch for *She Steps to the Mic*, which explores the role of groundbreaking women in hip-hop and rap music. For more Women's History Month at the library, see pages 18-19.

We also have some great author events coming up as part of the Sunshine State Author Series, which brings children's and young adult authors to Orlando for book signings, discussions, readings and workshops. We're excited to welcome Jackson Pearce, author of *Pip Bartlett's Guide to Magical Creatures*, to visit our libraries to talk about her work. See page 33 for dates, times and locations.

Don't forget to visit our website at ocls.info or follow us on Facebook to keep up with all the events happening at a branch near you!



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Orlando Public Library,
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Thursday, March 9, 6 p.m.

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Orlando Public Library
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Monday - Thursday: 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.
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NEXT FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING:
Orlando Public Library, Magnolia Room
Wednesday, March 15, Noon

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KRISTIN HARMEL

Southwest Branch
Friday, April 7 6:30 PM





Folksongs from the Little House on the Prairie

Orlando Public Library, Library Central
Saturday, March 4, 11 a.m.
Laura Ingalls Wilder's classic *Little House on the Prairie* book series has become a part of American literature and folklore. Her stories tell of a time before radio and recordings—when families made their own music. This singalong event revisits folk songs from the prairie states after the American Civil War. Many of these well-known (and not so well-known) folk songs are sung by the family in Wilder's *Little House on the Prairie* books. For more information, visit folksinging.org.

Blakemore School of Music

Orlando Public Library, Library Central
Sunday, March 5, 2 p.m.
A live classical-music performance by the students of the Blakemore School of Music. Students of all ages will perform.

Vellamo

Orlando Public Library, Library Central
Tuesday, March 14, 6:30 p.m.
On their U.S. tour, Finnish folk-pop band Vellamo stops at the Orlando Public Library. The band is sure to offer a captivating performance of Finnish and English folk songs you won't soon forget.

Shaun David Williams Acoustic Chickasaw Branch

Saturday, March 18, 2 p.m.
Every acoustic performance from Shaun Williams delivers a fun and unique blend of popular cover music and original acoustic songs. Shaun, a member of the Orlando music scene for over 20 years, combines music with a wonderful display of virtuosity and showmanship that leaves a lasting impression.

Art & Display

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Women in the Arts Awards

Orlando Public Library, Library Central
Saturday, March 25, 2–4 p.m.
The annual Celebrating the Genius of Women art exhibition features local finalists as well as national and international artists who have entered work in the Women in the Arts Inc. competition. Join us in the main lobby to meet the artists and participate in an interactive gallery walk followed by an awards ceremony. Find out which pieces win the Patron's Choice Award and Women in the Arts awards.

Art 101: Photography

Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room
Wednesday, March 22, 6:30 p.m.
Photography got its start in the early 19th century as an attempt to accurately depict the world we live in. Since that time, advances in photographic technologies have allowed photographers to experiment with the way they capture people and objects. This month, learn about photography's history and learn to colorize black-and-white images. Photographs will be provided, but participants are encouraged to bring their own black-and-white images to color. Registration required. Ages 15 and up.

YOUR LIBRARY AT HOME



Featured Database of the Month: Mango Languages

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Looking to converse in a language quickly? Discover Mango Languages, offering self-paced lessons for over 60 languages, including ESL lessons to learn English. Mango Languages uses real-life situations and actual conversations, so not only will you learn words and phrases, but also how to effectively use them.

Featured Resource of the Month: Learn a Language Guide

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Whether you are practicing English as a second language or learning a language for a trip—explore a variety of language resources in this guide. The Library offers access to numerous language learning opportunities both online and in-person, so start learning your next language today!

Orlando Memory

orlandomemory.info
Orlando Memory is a community-based, digital collection of local heritage and traditions. Be a part of Central Florida's history by adding your memories, photos, documents, videos and more to the Orlando Memory site. It's free and easy to register.

EPOCH

epochlegacies.org
EPOCH (Electronically Preserving Obituaries as Cultural Heritage) is a project created by the Orange County Library System for the community to save local history and memories. By engaging community members to memorialize the lives of those they have lost, the fullness of the legacies of the deceased can be preserved for family, researchers and genealogists.

PLANET (Play and Learn Area For New Educational Technology)

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Come to the Washington Park Branch Library and discover PLANET—the Play and Learn Area for New Educational Technology. This multimedia playground has computers, Xbox gaming consoles, an AWE Early Learning Literacy Station and five iPad Pros with dynamic apps for education and fun! Kids and teens can also sign up for our monthly free discovery labs by visiting ocls.info/PLANET.



ORANGE COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM

Attention Middle and High School Educators—learn and earn \$75 at Library U! To learn more and apply, visit ocls.info/libraryu

Applications must be received by Saturday, April 15.

What

Library University is an opportunity to learn about Library resources and promote Library services in schools.

Who

Full-time, middle and high school educators in the Orange County, Florida School District for the 2017 year with an Orange County library card in good standing.

When

Thursday, June 15
8:30–4:30 p.m.

Where

Dorothy Lumley Melrose Center for Technology, Innovation & Creativity
Orlando Public Library
101 E. Central Blvd., Orlando, FL 32801

Why

Libraries are vibrant centers of learning for everyone, including educational instructors. Our resources as providers of informal learning and technology education can assist schools and engage communities.

Learn and earn a \$75 honorarium for completing the entire day of activities!

*Registration is required for some events. Register online at ocls.info/events or call 407.835.7323.



Edible Landscaping with Leu Gardens

Herndon Branch
 Monday, March 20, 6:30 p.m.

Edible landscaping is the practical integration of food plants within an ornamental setting, substituting edible plants for otherwise unproductive plant material. Using edibles in landscape design can enhance a garden with additional health, aesthetic and economic benefits. Join us for a presentation with Orlando's Leu Gardens Executive Director, Robert Bowden, as he helps you discover the benefits of eating your landscape!

AARP Income Tax Assistance

Herndon Branch
 Mondays & Thursdays,
 February 2–April 17, 10 a.m.
 Southeast Branch
 Mondays & Fridays,
 February 3–April 17, 10 a.m.
 South Creek Branch
 Thursdays, February 2–April 13, 10 a.m.
 West Oaks Branch
 Fridays, February 3–April 14, 10 a.m.
 AARP Volunteers will provide free income tax assistance. Attendees will need to have a valid ID, Social Security card, any tax forms and Annual Benefits Statements (if necessary). Attendees will be seen on a first come, first served basis. For more information, please visit aarp.org/taxaide.

Orlando Public Library Pokémon League

Orlando Public Library, Magnolia Room
 Sundays, March 5 & 19, 3 p.m.
 Calling all trainers! Join the official Orlando Public Library Pokémon League. Battle for fun or for glory with the Pokémon Trading Card Game, Pokémon video games and even Pokkén Tournament. Earn cool prizes, meet other trainers and have fun. Trainers of all ages and skill levels welcome. ocls.info/pokemon.

CareerSource Central Florida

Alafaya Branch
 Monday, March 6, 10 a.m.–2 p.m.
 Orlando Public Library, Learning Central
 Monday, March 13, 10 a.m.–2 p.m.
 Chickasaw Branch
 Monday, March 13, 10 a.m.–2 p.m.
 North Orange Branch
 Monday, March 20, 10 a.m.–2 p.m.
 Winter Garden Branch
 Monday, March 27, 10 a.m.–2 p.m.
 Come spend time with the experts from CareerSource Central Florida to explore the services they provide and get connected to employment opportunities using career counseling, skill development, workshops and more.

The Art of Conversation

Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room
 Mondays, March 6–27, 6 p.m.
 Learn authentic connection and engagement with others in ways that are surprisingly easy. Discover how and why conversations become more impactful and satisfying. Mary Thompson Hunt, professional improviser for over 35 years; J.B. Adams, leadership trainer; and Alex Whittenberg, creative designer, will teach you to deepen active listening, increase storytelling skills and heighten self-awareness.

Career Academy: Job Smart USA

Orlando Public Library, Learning Central
 Tuesdays, March 7–28, 2 p.m.
 Friday, March 10, 2 p.m.
 Join us in Learning Central for these recurring job and career-assistance events on the following topics:
 First Tuesday: Searching for Jobs
 Second Tuesday: Resume Writing Assistance
 Third Tuesday: Cover and Thank You Letters
 Fourth Tuesday: Interviewing Skills
 Second Friday: Q&A session on general job and career topics

Stress Buster Coloring Hour

Southwest Branch
 Wednesday, March 8, 10:30 a.m.
 Life got you stressed? Unwind at the Library. Turn off your phone, unplug your computer and join us for an hour of stress-busting coloring for adults. All supplies provided. Ages 18 and up. Some supplies provided by Community School of the Arts program sponsored by Women in the Arts Inc. in partnership with the Orange County Library System. womenintheartsinc.org.

Godzilla Double Feature

Orlando Public Library, Library Central
 Thursday, March 9, 11 a.m.
 Watch Godzilla battle with famous Kaiju during this classic movie double feature. First see the epic battle between King Kong and Godzilla followed by Godzilla's clash with Mothra. The library will be screening the 1962 *King Kong vs. Godzilla* and the 1964 *Godzilla vs. Mothra*.

Homebuyer's Education

West Oaks Branch
 Saturday, March 11, 1–2:30 p.m.
 Are you ready to stop renting and start enjoying all the benefits of owning a home? Join three real-estate professionals and find out exactly what it takes to embark on the journey of homeownership.

Legend Tripping in Florida

Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room
 Saturday, March 11, 11 a.m.
 Join us as a team of paranormal research investigators from TnT Paranormal Investigators LLC takes you through a virtual tour of some of the most haunted locations in Florida, including haunted gems in Central Florida. For more information, visit tntparanormal.com.

Creative Coloring for Adults

Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room
 Saturday, March 11, 3 p.m.
 Alafaya Branch
 Monday, March 27, 7 p.m.
 Hiawassee Branch
 Monday, March 27, 6 p.m.
 Have you heard about the latest craze? Adults are coloring again! Coloring is a great way to relax and unwind while channeling your inner child. Join us for a fun time of creating and coloring. All supplies will be provided, but feel free to bring your favorite colored pencils or markers. Ages 18 and up.

Gaining Financial Control of Your Divorce

Herndon Branch
 Tuesday, March 14, 6:30 p.m.
 Before making any financial decisions regarding your divorce, become aware of potential pitfalls and learn the smart questions you should be asking. Learn how all assets are not created equal and how taxes affect your settlement. It is crucial you get the right information to successfully navigate your finances both pre and post-divorce.

Get Pay'ved! Central Florida Construction Careers Fair

Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room
 Tuesday, March 14, 10:45 a.m.–12:45 p.m.
 Connect with Florida Department of Transportation roadway transportation contractors at the OnBoard4Jobs Central Florida Construction Careers Fair! Whether you are experienced or not, there is a job for you in the construction industry. From general laborers to heavy equipment operators, asphalt workers to foreman. Bring your resume, a smile and a great attitude. Ages 18 and up. Register online at OnBoard4Jobs.com or call 813.898.4334.

Small Business Expo

South Creek Branch
 Saturday, March 18, 10 a.m.–1 p.m.
 Can you speak startup? Network and help small business owners and entrepreneurs like yourself achieve their business dreams. Join us at the Small Business Expo and find out what the South Creek Branch community has to offer you!

Step to the Irish Beat

Orlando Public Library, Library Central
 Sunday, March 19, 2 p.m.
 Celebrate St. Patrick's Day weekend with an Irish step dance performance by Watters School of Irish Dancing.

Growing Plants from Seed

Southwest Branch
 Monday, March 6, 6:30–8 p.m.
 Get ready to get your hands dirty! Learn how to grow healthy and productive plants from seed with Master Gardener Dena Wild from the UF/IFAS Extension Orange County Office. Dena will share and demonstrate proven techniques for sowing seeds, managing indoor plants and creating proper growing conditions so your seedlings can thrive. Pots, dirt and seed provided. Plant your seed and watch it grow! Ages 15 and up. Supplies limited. Registration required.



The Basics of Training: How to Avoid or Recover from Common Pitfalls in Training Your Dog
 Windermere Branch
 Thursday, March 23, 6:30 p.m.

Many behavioral problems in dogs can be prevented with proper care and training. Todd Campbell, owner of South Orlando Dog Training, will teach new reward-based training methods that will make your new furry friend love to be with you and obey you. Please note pets are not permitted to attend.

First Time Home Buyer Workshop
 Hiawassee Branch

Saturday, March 25, 10:15 a.m.–4:45 p.m.
 Learn about the home buying process and receive a certificate that meets the requirements for both Orange County and State of Florida Down Payment Assistance Programs. Presented by Operation HOPE Inc. To learn more about Operation HOPE Inc. visit operationhope.org. Call or text Porsha Porter at 407.446.1931 or email Porsha.Porter@OperationHOPE.org to register.

Celebrate with Dance

South Creek Branch
 Saturday, March 25, 11 a.m.
 Enjoy a lively performance of Spanish folk dances by Alborea Dancers.

Vive la France!

South Creek Branch
 Sunday, March 26, 2:30–4 pm
 Bonjour! Discover the joy of French culture and celebrate 128 years of the Eiffel Tower. Enjoy fresh pastries, crepes and coffee. Practice your French and share your stories about the City of Lights.

The Puppet Lab Workshops

Orlando Public Library, Magnolia Room
 Wednesdays, March 29–May 17, 6 p.m.
 Join us for this eight-week intensive course taught by master improv puppeteer, Matt Gervia. Design and hand-build your own puppet, learn structured play and improvisation to help the puppet come alive! Ages 15 and up. Participants must be able to attend each class. Cost: \$25 per person, (cash only, no refunds), collected at the first workshop.



HEALTHY LIVING

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Chair Yoga and Fitness

Southwest Branch
 Saturday, March 4, 10:30–11:45 a.m.
 Experience a gentle form of yoga using a chair for sitting or standing. Designed for seniors, those with limited mobility or persons new to yoga looking for a slower-paced experience. Participants are encouraged to bring a bottle of water and wear comfortable clothes and shoes. Presented by Leisa Knight, certified yoga instructor for over 15 years. Registration required. Ages 18 and up.

Kidney Smart

North Orange Branch
 Monday, March 13, 10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
 Certified educators with Kidney Smart will teach you how your kidneys function. You will also learn how medications, diet and nutrition work together to help keep you healthy and how to manage other related conditions, including diabetes and hypertension.

Introduction to Pilates for Seniors

Eatonville Branch
 Wednesdays, March 15 & 29, 2 p.m.
 Learn simple moves that will work your muscles, help alignment and encourage flexibility. Comfortable exercise or loose-fitting clothing required. Yoga mats are encouraged. Space is limited. Register online at ocls.info/nextchapter or call 407.835.7323.

Supporting the Emotional Needs of Caregivers

Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room
 Thursday, March 16, 12:10 p.m.
 At times, providing care to a frail elder can be incredibly stressful. Learn tips for coping with anxiety, anger, frustration as well as grief and guilt, then create a plan for managing your own emotional needs. This seminar is part of the LIFE Information for Elders series presented by the Orange County's Commission on Aging. Call 407.836.7446 or email officeonaging@ocfl.net to register. A small lunch is provided to the first 50 people to RSVP.

Yoga for Every Body

Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room
 Saturday, March 4, 2 p.m.
 Join us for an introductory yoga class designed to work on the basics in a safe and comfortable setting. Yoga uses postures, called asanas, and conscious breathing to develop awareness of the body, build strength and flexibility and provide relaxation. Participants should wear comfortable clothing, bring a yoga mat or towel and a bottle of water. You don't have to be able to touch your toes—you just have to be willing to try!

Crash Course in Tai Chi

Southeast Branch
 Tuesday, March 7, 6 p.m.
 South Trail Branch
 Tuesday, March 14, 6 p.m.
 Tai Chi Chuan is an internal martial art that places emphasis on breathing and fluid, gentle, circular movements that are relaxed and slow in tempo. This 30-minute class will teach you the basics of this ancient technique. Loose, comfortable clothing is encouraged.

Apoye Su Salud Emocional Con Aceites Esenciales

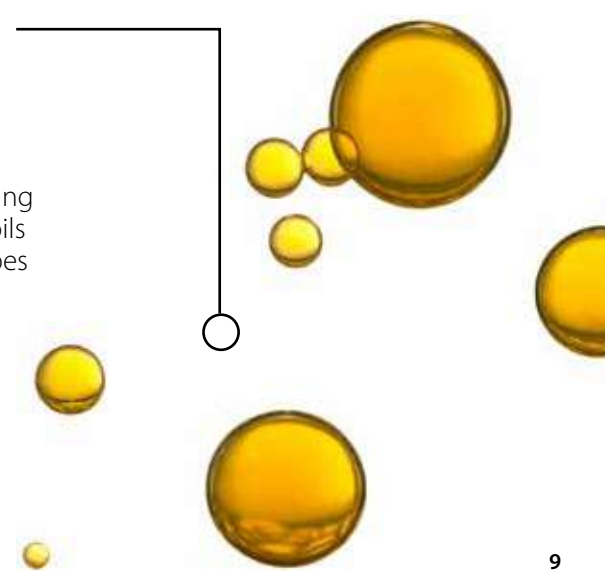
Southeast Branch
 Tuesday, March 14, 6:30 p.m.
 Chickasaw Branch
 Wednesday, March 22, 6:30 p.m.
 Aprenda soluciones naturales a sus problemas de salud emocional usando aceites esenciales. La composición química natural de los aceites esenciales puros puede afectar inmediatamente su humor, energía, ambición y sentido del disfrute.

Essential Oils for a Safer, Cleaner Home

Edgewater Branch
 Tuesday, March 21, 6:30 p.m.
 Learn about using essential oils as a great option for cleaning and reducing chemicals. A chart detailing which oils to use and easy, money-saving recipes will be provided.

Tai Chi for Health

Southwest Branch Library
 Wednesday, March 22, 10:15 a.m.
 Take part in this introduction to Tai Chi principles of movement presented by Jon Malone, registered yoga teacher, master martial art instructor and Tai Chi sifu. Tai Chi is mindful, moving meditation that promotes a healthy body, strong heart and sharp mind. Wear comfortable clothing and flat shoes. Registration required. Ages 18 and up.



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Explore and learn English (ESOL) or another language of your choice via computer-based learning in an open language lab. Choose from ELLIS, Mango Languages or Rocket Languages to improve your English, French or other languages offered. Please check the calendar for language learning opportunities, dates and time, at your local branch.

Learn English at the Library
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Explore and learn English in a classroom-based learning environment with an ESOL instructor.

Practice Makes Perfect
Various Locations
Join us each week as an Adult Literacy League Certified instructor helps you build your confidence. This program is presented through partnerships between the Orange County Library System and the Adult Literacy League Inc.

Speaking Clearly: Beginner, Intermediate and Advanced
Southeast Branch
ESOL series focusing on listening comprehension, pronunciation and spoken English.

Writing Clearly: Beginner, Intermediate and Advanced
Southeast Branch
ESOL series focusing on grammar and written English.

English from Zero for Kids
Southeast Branch
ESOL workshops vocabulary for English Learners with little to no English skills. Ages 6–12.

LANGUAGE LEARNING

Did you know you can take free language learning classes at the library? Attend an ESOL workshop or practice learning a new language at one of our Open Language Labs. To view dates, locations and times, please visit ocls.info/events, explore online learning opportunities at ocls.info/language or view our learning English workshops at ocls.info/ESOL.

English from Zero
Southeast Branch, South Trail Branch, Chickasaw Branch & Hiwassee Branch
ESOL workshops vocabulary and basic grammar for English Learners with no English language skills.

English Conversation Hour
Southeast Branch
Practice your English speaking skills and chat with us.

ESL Professional Series
Southeast Branch
Practice interview skills, resume and cover letter writing, job searching and professional development skills.

Soy Culto y Soy Bilingüe
Southeast Branch
Six-week English language workshops for intermediate to advanced speakers. The workshops focus on building practical English that you can use every day. Classes meet once a week for six weeks. Facilitated by University of Central Florida School of Teaching, Learning and Leadership.

Improve Your English Reading Workshop
Southwest Branch
Thursdays, March 2–30, 1–3 p.m.
Hiwassee Branch
Wednesdays, March 1–29, 6–8 p.m.
Improve your English conversational skills, vocabulary, pronunciation and comprehension by reading a book. Enjoy learning and meeting new people in a supportive environment. This event is presented through a partnership between the Orange County Library System and the Adult Literacy League. Walk-ins welcome. For more information, call 407.422.1540 or visit adulthoodliteracyleague.org.

Advanced American Sign Language
Alafaya Branch
Thursdays, March 2–23, 7 p.m.
Join us for role playing and games designed to teach advanced American Sign Language! Attendees must be able to participate in all four classes and have prior knowledge of the sign language alphabet and numbers. Presented by ASL Services Inc. Space is limited. Registration is required. Ages 12 and up.

CITIZENSHIP INSPIRED

Chickasaw Branch
Saturdays, March 4–25, 10:30 a.m.
South Creek Branch
Sundays, March 5 & 12, 2 p.m.
Alafaya Branch
Tuesdays, March 7–28, 5:30 p.m.
During this series, students will meet each week to prepare for the U.S. Naturalization (Citizenship) Test and Interview. To be eligible for U.S. Naturalization, you must be able to read, write and speak basic English. This series is for adult learners and is free to Orange County district resident cardholders, fee cardholders and Orange County Property Owner cardholders. Registration is required. Register online at ocls.info/citizenship or call 407.835.7323.



LATINO LITERATURE

Enjoy more than 450 plays, poems, short fiction and novels representing the various ethnicities of Latin American writers. The majority of Latino Literature is in English with 25 percent presented in Spanish. Visit ocls.info/latinolit.



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BOOK CLUBS

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Central Florida Book Club

Edgewater Branch
Tuesday, March 14, 10:15 a.m.

This month the Central Florida Book Club will discuss *A Man Called Ove* by Fredrik Backman.

Alafaya Book Club

Alafaya Branch
Wednesday, March 15, 7 p.m.

The Alafaya Book Club's March selection is *Agnes Grey* by Anne Brontë. When her family becomes impoverished, Agnes Grey finds work as a governess, but her enthusiasm is extinguished as she struggles with unmanageable children and painful disdain. Yet, kindness comes from Mr. Weston, a young curate.

Hiawassee Book Club

Hiawassee Branch
Monday, March 20, 6:30–8 p.m.

Join us for coffee and conversation as we discuss Paulo Coelho's *The Spy*. In a series of letters written from prison on the eve of her death, Mata Hari reflects on her childhood, her years as the wife of an alcoholic diplomat, her rise to celebrity and the choices that led to her execution for espionage.

TERTULIA CUATRO GATOS/ SPANISH BOOK CLUB

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Tertulia Cuatro Gatos / Spanish Book Club

South Creek Branch
miércoles, 6:30 p.m.
Southeast Branch
jueves, 6:30 p.m.
Windermere Branch
martes, 14 de marzo, 6:30 p.m.
Edgewater Branch
jueves, 2 y 16 y 30 de marzo, 6:30 p.m.
Chickasaw Branch
martes, 7 de marzo, 6:30 p.m.

Ven y asiste a la sucursal más cercana a ti para que compartas y discutas poesías, literatura, arte o historia! Todos son bienvenidos.

Tertulia Cuatro Gatos / Spanish Book Club

South Creek Branch
Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m.
Southeast Branch
Thursdays, 6:30 p.m.
Windermere Branch
Tuesday, March 14, 6:30 p.m.
Edgewater Branch
Thursdays, March 2, 16 & 30, 6:30 p.m.
Chickasaw Branch
Tuesday, March 7, 6:30 p.m.

Join this Spanish-language book club to discuss literature, art, music and more. All are welcome.



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WRITING WORKSHOPS

Writers Group

Orlando Public Library,
Magnolia Room
Sunday, March 12, 4 p.m.

Join your fellow writers for critique, discussion and camaraderie. Writers of all genres and experience are welcome. Please attend one meeting before submitting a piece for critique.

Writing Workshop: Building Character

Orlando Public Library,
Albertson Room
Thursday, March 30, 6:30 p.m.

Author Sherri Winston will teach you how to create characters who live and breathe long after a reader closes the book. Come prepared to work. There will be a small in-class character building activity. Sherri Winston is the author of *President of the Whole Fifth Grade*, a Sunshine State Young Readers Award selection, *President of the Whole Sixth Grade*, an Indie Next pick and *The Kayla Chronicles*. Winston's latest book, *The Sweetest Sound*, was released in January.

AUTHOR EVENTS

Meet the Author: Troy Ball

Orlando Public Library, Library Central
Saturday, March 18, 2 p.m.

Troy Ball is the author of *Pure Heart*, the beautiful story of how a pearl-wearing Southern woman and devoted mother of two developmentally challenged sons moved to North Carolina in her late 40s and became the country's foremost legal distiller of traditional Appalachian moonshine. Join the author for a discussion of her journey as well as a book sale and signing.



Wrangled & Tangled Alafaya Branch

Thursday, March 30, 7 p.m.

Grab your cowboy boots and join *New York Times* and *USA Today's* bestselling authors Cynthia D'Alba and Lexi Post as they share their experiences as western romance authors. Special guest, RITA-finalist romance author Pamela Hearon, will debut her new women's fiction book. Hosted by Lorelei's Lit Lair and the Lit Lair Ladies. Enjoy a Q&A, giveaways, door prizes, book sale and signing and lots of laughter!

Southwest Book Club Meet and Greet with Author Kristin Harmel Southwest Branch

Tuesday, March 28, 7–8:45 p.m.

Join the Southwest Book Club for a meet and greet with Kristin Harmel to discuss her latest novel, *When We Meet Again*. Emily thinks she has lost everything until a mysterious painting uncovers family history involving a German prisoner of war held in Florida and her grandmother. This discovery forces Emily to face a secret of her own and leads her to what she wants most in the world. Kristin is an international bestselling novelist whose books are sold all over the world. She is this year's featured author of the upcoming Annual Southwest Author Series held on Friday, April 7, 2017. Ages 18 and up.

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Biryani

Orlando Public Library,
Cypress Room

Monday, March 13, 6:15 p.m.

As risottos are to Italy and paellas to Spain, biryani is to South East Asia, the pinnacle of rice cookery. Marinated chicken in green goodness of mint and coriander and aromatic ingredients like saffron, cardamom and kewra (almond essence) elevate the dish to sublime heights. Join Rashmi Primlani of theprimlanikitchen.com as she shows you how to create this one-pot meal served with garlic raita to tantalize your senses. Space is limited. Registration required.



Cooking Matters for Parents

Edgewater Branch Library
Saturdays, March 18–April 22, 2–4 p.m.

Let's have fun with cooking at this six-week hands-on cooking course, which teaches adults and parents how to prepare and shop sensibly for healthy meals on a limited budget. A take-home bag with ingredients to make at least one recipe will be provided. Presented by Rachel Stankiewitch with the Family Nutrition Program at the UF/IFAS Extension office.

From Our Kitchen to Yours

Orlando Public Library, Cypress Room
Tuesdays, March 7 & 21, 6:30 p.m.

We'll share our favorite recipes, then you share yours! On March 7, library staff will demonstrate their favorite dishes. Bring a printout of your favorite recipe and on March 21, library staff will choose two submissions to demonstrate for the group. Space is limited. Registration required.

Make Half of Your Grains Whole

Eatonville Branch
Monday, March 20, 6 p.m.

Learn the importance and health benefits of including whole grain and whole wheat in your diet. Learn to identify whether a product is whole grain by reading food labels. Seats are limited.

Healthy Hispanic Dishes

Edgewater Branch
Thursday, March 16, 11 a.m.

Washington Park Branch
Thursday, March 23, 6 p.m.

Yamira Lee Johnson, head chef and founder of Breaking Bread with Mira and certified holistic life coach, will demonstrate how to create healthy Hispanic dishes and give you tips on how to incorporate them into your diet. For more information about Breaking Bread with Mira, visit bbwmira.com. Space is limited. Registration required.

Healthy Living is a Sip Away

Orlando Public Library, Cypress Room
Monday, March 20, 6:30 p.m.

Winter Garden Branch
Wednesday, March 29, 6:30 p.m.

Join Karon Cannon with Tea Craze as she tells you all about tea. Learn about the history of tea, types of teas and health benefits of drinking tea. Enjoy a tea tasting and get tips on brewing the perfect cup. Space is limited. Registration required.

Registration is required for Cuisine Corner. Space is limited. Register online at ocls.info/cuisinecorner or call 407.835.7323.



Cuisine Corner Junior: On Your Mark, Get Set, Cook!

Orlando Public Library
Wednesday, March 29, 3 p.m.

Sharpen your basic cooking skills with Chef Tracy Mohr. Interact with your friends while making a simple and tasty recipe with a healthy twist! Ages 8–18. Space is limited, registration required.





Genealogy for Beginners

West Oaks Branch

Monday, March 6, 6:30 p.m.

Want to learn more about your family history but don't know where to begin? This program will introduce you to genealogical terms and techniques. Learn to complete an ancestor chart and garner information from living relatives and household sources. Sources that can be used for family-history research will be discussed.

Diggin' It! A Genealogy Research Open Forum & Book Club

West Oaks Branch

Saturday, March 25, 10:30 a.m.–Noon

In honor of Women's History Month we will discuss strategies for discovering the stories of our female ancestors. Join us for monthly club meetings where we support and encourage each other for continued progress in our genealogy research, enjoy guest speakers, discuss assigned readings and progress toward publication of your genealogy. Our club motto: "Only a genealogist regards a step backwards as progress."

NGSQ Study Group

West Oaks Branch

Wednesday, March 8, 6:30 p.m.

Interested in furthering your genealogical research skills? Then the NGSQ Study Group is for you! The conversation will focus on research techniques presented in the article as well as the logic patterns used to find a solution to the genealogical problem. The NGSQ is available in the library's collection at the West Oaks Branch. March's article will be William B. Saxbe Jr., "What's in a Name? The Ancestry of Margaret (Reading) Snider (1794-1885) of New Jersey and Ohio," National Genealogical Society Quarterly 104 (June 2016): 139–153.

Genealogy for Night Owls

West Oaks Branch

Friday, March 31, 5–9 p.m.

Join us for an after-hours genealogy event to research your family history! Meet, mingle and share with fellow researchers as you uncover details of your ancestry. You are invited to take a brief tour of the facility. Genealogy lectures and technology classes will be offered. Library staff and volunteers will be available for research assistance. Registration required.

Connecting with Cousins: Exploring Your atDNA Test Results

West Oaks Branch

Wednesday, March 22, 6:30 p.m.

If you have received your autosomal DNA test results and are wondering what to do next, this program is exactly what you need. Explore the best way to begin analyzing and working with your DNA matches. Learn pitfalls to watch out for and discover how to make your DNA work for you.



Everybody knows that libraries offer storytimes for kids – but what about the grownups? We can't let kids have all the fun, so the Orange County Library System has launched a new event called Storytime for Grownups, an interactive storytime session for adults.

Communicating through storytelling is an age-old art. It has been used since ancient times to teach lessons, spread news and bring communities together. Storytellers can bring history to life and engage your imagination. They can also bring a much-needed smile to your face with a humorous tale or turn of phrase.

The Orange County Library System's experienced storytellers bring their own twist to the craft and present stories based on a new theme each month.

Our Story Tours let you experience different cultures through legends, songs and storytelling games. Stories From a Wordslinger uses stories to inspire intergenerational discussions about family history and provide guidance on how to get started documenting your own family stories. Our Town, Our Story walks you through a historical narrative of Orlando with local folklore and little-known Orlando facts. Laugh Out Loud tells humorous stories that will make you belly laugh.

During March, we present Story Tours, and our theme is My Wild Irish Roses: Heroines of Irish Folklore. These tales will transport you to the lush green landscape of the Emerald Isle. Let us entertain you with stories of Irish maidens, fairies and princesses and then try your own hand at spinning the malarkey.

Visit ocls.info to find out which Storytime for Grownups event is scheduled at your local library branch, and be on the lookout for fun new themes and yarns!

Storytime for Grownups!

West Oaks Branch

Tuesdays, March 7 & 21, 2 p.m.

Washington Park Branch

Mondays, March 13 & 27, 2 p.m.

Southeast Branch

Tuesdays, March 14 & 28, 2 p.m.

Southwest Branch

Wednesday, March 29, 10:30 a.m.

Why should kids have all the fun? Come to the library and enjoy a story or activity as our talented library storytellers entertain ages 18 and up!

ocls.info/grownupstorytime

Women's History Month

ocls.info/womenshistorymonth

The world has always had legendary women warriors, innovative female artists and powerful queens. But most women's names are lost to history, because until very recently females had limited roles in public life, and often had little control over their own lives. During the past 100 years, however, women have been making up for lost time. Since U.S. women won the right to vote in 1920, their lives have changed radically. Today's women are students, activists, business leaders, scientists, athletes, politicians, Nobel prize winners and more. As women's opportunities expanded, so too has their influence. Women today can be at the forefront of public life, including fighting for social justice, marching for equality and working in many different ways to ensure a better world for all. The notion that women's rights are human rights no longer seems so radical, and today's little girls truly believe that they can do anything.

Women's History Month is a time to applaud the achievements of all women—our mothers, grandmothers and the mothers who came before them. During the month of March, we acknowledge the accomplishments of those women who made it into the history books as well as the many more whose labors went unrecognized by society.

The Orange County Library System's guide to Women's History Month, ocls.info/womenshistory, is full of resources about amazing females whose contributions made a significant impact upon the world. It includes biographies of specific women who shaped history, books and DVDs about women's rights today and links to library databases, websites and mobile resources. From *Uppity Women of Medieval Times* to *Rad Women Worldwide*, all books are available for home delivery from the library.

Order one today and celebrate the powerful women who made history and continue to make history today!

-Shasta Quinn
West Oaks Branch Librarian

AVIATRIX:

FIRST WOMAN PILOT FOR HUGHES AIRWEST
Orlando Public Library, Library Central
Saturday, March 11, 2 p.m.

Mary Bush Shipko, author of *Aviatrix: First Woman Pilot for Hughes Airwest*, will discuss her groundbreaking work in a male dominated field in 1976, as a woman airline pilot. She'll talk about aircraft flown, flying experiences to the Caribbean and Latin America, breaking the glass ceiling and how and why it is different today. A book sale and signing will follow the event.



**Celebrate Through Film:
Women's History Month**
Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room
Wednesdays, March 1–29, 11 a.m.

March is Women's History Month. Celebrate with films that highlight the achievements of women and recognize the central role of women throughout history.

3/1: *Joy Luck Club*
3/8: *Amelia Earhart - The Final Flight*
3/15: *Erin Brockovich*
3/22: *Evita*
3/29: *Sylvia*

Songs of My Mothers
South Creek Branch
Saturday, March 11, 11 a.m.

Join us for an engaging musical presentation that introduces the audience to great American singers such as Mahalia Jackson, Nina Simone, Billie Holiday and Ethel Waters. This event shares life lessons and great historical moments as seen through the eyes of great American female singers and stories shared from mother to daughter.

The Steps to the Mic
South Trail Branch
Saturday, March 11, 3 p.m.

Dr. Naima Johnston Bush examines the role of women in hip-hop and rap music from the 1970s through today. Learn about women who were able to break through the hip-hop glass ceiling and find success.

Women's Self Defense Class
Herndon Branch
Wednesday, March 22, 6:30 p.m.

Learn how to protect yourself in an emergency situation with physical and tactical techniques taught by the Orlando Police Department. Attendees are encouraged to dress comfortably in loose clothing.

TECHNOLOGY HIGHLIGHTS

TAKE A BREAK

Kids and teens, get off the couch and into the library! Your local library is more than just books! Visit ocls.info/whizkids and ocls.info/techkrew for more information.

WhizKids: Make Mods in Minecraft Camp

Orlando Public Library
Monday, March 20 – Friday, March 24, 9:30–11:30 a.m.
Monday, March 20 – Wednesday, March 22, 2 p.m.
Ready to create your own mods? Be the ruler of your Minecraft world: spawn mobs to battle or harvest, strike lightning at opponents and build complex structures with a single click. Learn the basics of programming mods with an easy-to-use LearnToMod application in this three-day camp. Ages 10–12.

WhizKids: Animate Shapes with PowerPoint

Orlando Public Library
Tuesday, March 21, 10 a.m.
Draw and animate shapes in Microsoft PowerPoint 2016. Combine shapes into pictures, then use simple formatting, transition and animation tools to bring them to life. Ages 6–8.

It's Sew Easy Camp: Tote Bag

Orlando Public Library
Monday, March 20 – Friday, March 24, 9:30–11:30 a.m.
Take the fashion world by storm! Learn everything you need to know to start sewing like a pro. Sew your own tote bag from start to finish using professional patterns, fabric of your choice and professional sewing machines in this five-day camp. Closed-toe shoes required. Ages 11–17. Supported by the City of Orlando Mayor's Matching Grant.

It's Sew Easy Camp: Dresses

Orlando Public Library
Monday, March 20 – Friday, March 24, 2–4 p.m.
Are you ready to learn some more advanced sewing skills? Learn sewing techniques for finished seams using pro-finish sergers. Create a sewing project from start to finish using professional patterns, fabric of your choice and professional sewing machines in this five-day camp. Closed-toe shoes required. Ages 11–17. Supported by the City of Orlando Mayor's Matching Grant.

Be enlightened, enriched and educated. ocls.info/classes
407.835.7323



Launch Mixer

Orlando Public Library
Saturday, March 25, 1 p.m.
Launch Orlando provides a place for professionals to meet, network and grow together. Our monthly meetups include informative presentations and hands-on practice with topics ranging from writing business plans, developing budgets, creating presentation materials, practicing elevator pitches and even launching websites.

YOU TIME

Spring break at the library isn't just for kids. Waiting for your child to finish class? You can put your time to good use at the Orlando Public Library. Take a class to learn a new skill.

Knit It Level 1: The Knit Stitch

Start knitting today! Create a unique bookmark in your choice of color. Learn casting on, the knit stitch and binding off. No experience necessary.

Crochet It Level 1

Start crocheting today! Create a unique coaster in your choice of color. Learn to chain, single crochet and how to fasten off your work. No experience necessary.

Crochet It Level 2

Add new stitches to your repertoire! The double and half double crochet stitches are great for blankets, hats, scarves and sweaters. Create a mug rug using these two new stitches.

Knit It Level 2: Increases and Decreases

Increase your knitting skills. Use increases and decreases to add a delicate edge to your work. Learn yarn overs, the knit two together stitch and pattern reading to create work on the bias.

TAKE A LEARNING LUNCH!

Want to brush up on your Excel skills, but can't ever find the time? Check out our live online Excel series available from 12–1 p.m. weekdays in March. An instructor will guide you through the lesson and answer your questions.

FEATURED CLASSES

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KNIT IN THE KNOW!

Don't get your yarn in a bunch! From yarn to patterns and so much more: let us answer your questions and help you navigate through the world of knitting at the Orlando Public Library.

Fiber Arts: Choose the Right Yarn

Use the right yarn every time. Discover characteristics of different fibers and types of yarn. Get tips for choosing the right yarn for needle size, patterns, projects and more. Effectively read yarn labels to find the right fiber for your knit or crochet project for best results.

Fiber Arts: Unraveling Ravelry

Discover thousands of patterns for knit and crochet using Ravelry, an online fiber arts community. Create a free account to browse and search patterns. Share, track and organize your projects and yarn stash. Find friends and join groups to socialize with other crafters.

Knit Alongs

Get social in these classes. Join other students as you knit the same pattern with an instructor available to help.

Get Ready, Get Set, Apply!

Feeling overwhelmed by the whole idea of applying to college? Register for Rock Your College Applications at the Orlando Public Library. This four-part series will help high school juniors and seniors understand how to search for colleges as well as prepare and submit applications. Learn about creating a personal application timeline, deciding on and preparing for standardized testing, completing applications and writing application essays. Discover the wealth of free online and print resources available.

EXPERIENCE SOMETHING NEW

Join Technology and Education Center staff at the Orlando Public Library as we explore new topics in a casual, social setting. Connect and mingle with members of your community. Visit the calendar to discover new learning opportunities!
ocls.info/flexspace

Create a Game with Kahoot!

Make a simple game with this easy-to-use online game-based learning tool. Use Kahoot! to teach a new topic, create fun trivia games and much more!

Your Smart Home

Learn about the latest home automation gadgets. Control appliances, change the temperature in a room or even see who is at the door with the touch of a button or your voice. Check out our assortment of gadgets and share your own projects with others.



MELROSE HIGHLIGHTS



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Video Post-Production Q&A

Orlando Public Library, Melrose Center
After you have completed Premiere and After Effects Levels 1–4, join us for an open lab for additional experience using the tools and techniques you learned. Instructors will be able to answer hard questions and discuss post-production strategies.

3D Printing Fundamentals

Orlando Public Library, Melrose Center
Learn the software and settings necessary to convert a virtual object into a 3D printable file, 3D print quality objects and become familiar with 3D print technologies and the technical specifications of consumer printers.

Acting for the Camera Level 1

Orlando Public Library, Melrose Center
Whether you want to improve your public-speaking skills, enhance your on-camera skills or are curious about the world of acting, this class is for you. You will be introduced to basic techniques like warming up, body language and on-camera vocal technique. Become familiar seeing and hearing yourself on camera as well as practicing the best techniques to communicate a story to your audience.



MELROSE CREATIVE



WINNERS

GRAND PRIZE

Joshua Johnson

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Ashley Patricia Zehel

FILM

Joseph J. Rodriguez

AUDIO

Christopher Michael Beverly

GAME DESIGN & PROGRAMMING

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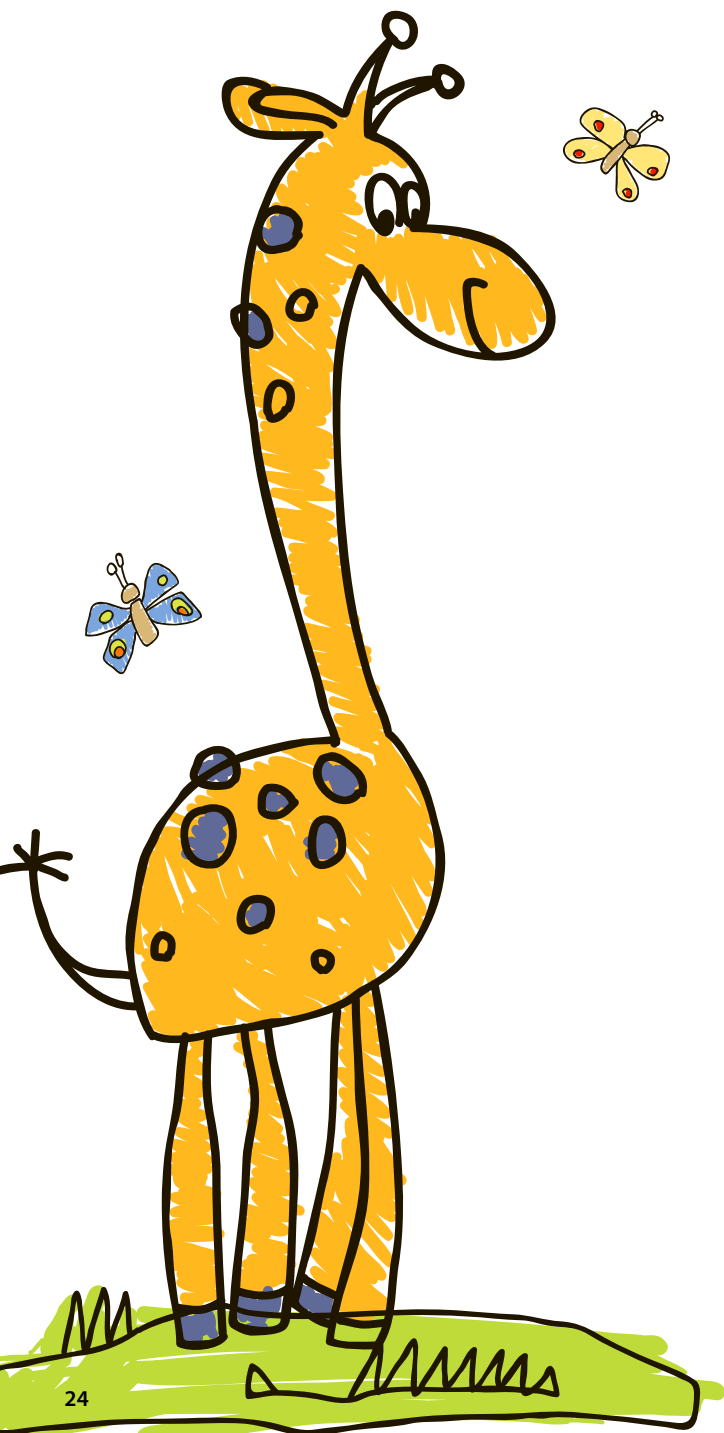
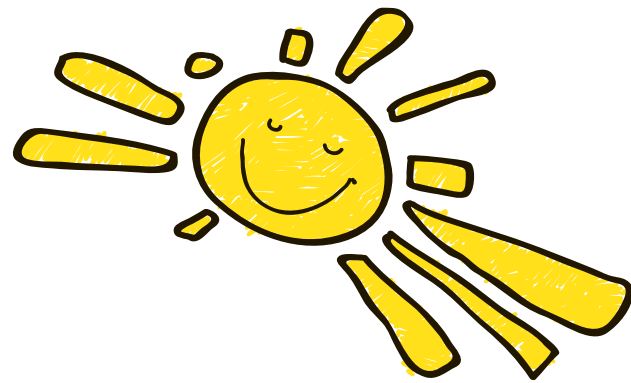
Joshua Johnson



Photo from Left: Joseph J. Rodriguez, Rupert Meghnot, Ashley Patricia Zehel, Christopher Michael Beverly, Joshua Johnson

Spring family fun

Celebrate spring with fun for the whole family. Visit ocls.info/Family-Fun for upcoming events. Seating is limited. Registration recommended. Call 407.835.7323 to register.



ArtReach

Chickasaw Branch
Thursday, March 2, 11 a.m.
Orlando Public Library
Saturday, March 11, 2 p.m.
Herndon Branch
Saturday, March 18, 11 a.m.
Winter Garden Branch
Tuesday, March 21, 10:30 a.m.
Southeast Branch
Saturday, March 25, 2 p.m.
Celebrate with local artists as they lead workshops that foster creativity and empower children to use art as a way to make positive changes! Ages 6–12.

OrisiRisi African Folklore

Washington Park Branch
Friday, March 3, 10:15 a.m.
Hiawassee Branch
Saturday, March 11, 2 p.m.
Share the beauty of African life and culture through a unique folkloric performance filled with drumming, dance and storytelling. Ages 6–12.

Center Ring Spectacle

Windermere Branch
Saturday, March 4, 11 a.m.
South Creek Branch
Saturday, March 11, 2:30 p.m.
Alafaya Branch
Saturday, March 18, 11 a.m.
North Orange Branch
Monday, March 20, 11 a.m.
It is part show, part instruction and all fun! Begin with a mini-performance followed by training for all in juggling and plate spinning. Presented by Orlando Youth Circus. Ages 6–12.

Dramatic Disney

Eatonville Branch
Tuesday, March 7, 10:15 a.m.
South Trail Branch
Wednesday, March 8, 4:30 p.m.
Students will learn choreography to Disney songs all accompanying a scripted musical to be performed at the end of the session. Presented by Dramatic Education. Grades K–3.

Start a Reaction!

Edgewater Branch
Saturday, March 11, 1 p.m.
West Oaks Branch
Saturday, March 25, 3 p.m.
Be amazed by the University of Central Florida's American Chemical Society as they host interactive experiments that both educate and entertain! Ages 6–12.

Healthy Herb

Southwest Branch
Monday, March 20, 3 p.m.
Join us for singing, dancing and fitness fun with Healthy Herb! Ages 6–12.



YOUTH EVENTS

CONTESTS

Check It Out: Pinkalicious at the Orlando Shakespeare Theater

All Locations: March 1–29
Check out five items with your library card at any library location, March 1–29, and receive a coupon for one free child's ticket with the purchase of an adult ticket to *Pinkalicious: The Musical* playing at the Orlando Shakespeare Theater from April 6–May 7.

This promotion is only for OCLS juvenile cardholders (0–17 years) with a regular, property owner or fee card in good standing. In-person check out only. Tickets will not be mailed. Not valid for previous checkouts, home delivery or e-book downloads. Tickets are valid for youths up to 17 years. While supplies last.

Based on the wildly popular children's book, *Pinkalicious* can't stop eating pink cupcakes despite warnings from her parents. But when her hue goes too far, only *Pinkalicious* can figure out a way to get out of this predicament. Now celebrating ten pinkamazing years! Founded in 1989, Orlando Shakespeare Theater in Partnership with UCF produces classic, contemporary and children's plays and musicals. Orlando Shakes also offers immersive educational programming that serves Central Florida schools and the local community at large. For more information visit orlandoshakes.org.





STORYTIME

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Join our professional storytellers for storytimes designed to help your child develop early literacy skills through picture books, songs, finger plays, movement activities and more.

TINY TALES (ages birth – 18 months)

South Creek Branch: Mondays & Tuesdays, 11:15 a.m.
 West Oaks Branch: Mondays, 11:15 a.m.
 Chickasaw Branch: Tuesdays, 11:15 a.m.
 Herndon Branch: Tuesdays, 11:15 a.m.
 North Orange Branch: Wednesdays, 11:15 a.m.
 Southeast Branch: Wednesdays, 11:45 a.m.
 Winter Garden Branch: Wednesdays & Fridays, 11:15 a.m.
 Alafaya Branch: Thursdays, 10:15, 10:45 & 11:15 a.m.
 Southwest Branch: Thursdays, 11:45 a.m.
 Windermere Branch: Thursdays & Fridays, 11:15 a.m.
 Orlando Public Library: Fridays & Saturdays, 9:30 a.m.

TODDLER TIME (ages 18 months – 3 years)

South Creek Branch: Mondays & Tuesdays, 10:45 a.m.
 West Oaks Branch: Mondays, 10:45 a.m.
 Chickasaw Branch: Tuesdays, 10:45 a.m.
 Herndon Branch: Tuesdays, 10:45 a.m.
 North Orange Branch: Wednesdays, 10:45 a.m.
 Southeast Branch: Wednesdays, 10:45 & 11:15 a.m.
 Winter Garden Branch: Wednesdays & Fridays, 10:45 a.m.
 Southwest Branch: Thursdays, 10:45 & 11:15 a.m.
 Windermere Branch: Thursdays & Fridays, 10:45 a.m.
 Alafaya Branch: Fridays, 10:15 & 11:15 a.m.
 Orlando Public Library: Fridays & Saturdays, 10 a.m.

STORYBOOK FUN (ages 3 – 5 years)

South Creek Branch: Mondays & Tuesdays, 10:15 a.m.
 West Oaks Branch: Mondays, 10:15 a.m.
 Chickasaw Branch: Tuesdays, 10:15 a.m.
 Herndon Branch: Tuesdays, 10:15 a.m.
 North Orange Branch: Wednesdays, 10:15 a.m.
 Southeast Branch: Wednesdays, 10:15 a.m.
 Winter Garden Branch: Wednesdays & Fridays, 10:15 a.m.
 Southwest Branch: Thursdays, 10:15 a.m.
 Windermere Branch: Thursdays & Fridays, 10:15 a.m.
 Alafaya Branch: Fridays, 10:45 & 11:45 a.m.
 Orlando Public Library: Fridays & Saturdays, 10:30 a.m.

SMARTY PANTS (ages birth – 5 years)

Edgewater Branch: Mondays, 10:15 a.m.
 Washington Park Branch: Tuesdays, 10:15 a.m.
 Eatonville Branch: Thursdays, 10:15 a.m.
 Hiawassee Branch: Fridays, 10:15 a.m.
 South Trail Branch: Fridays, 10:15 a.m.



EARLY LEARNING

ocls.info/earlylearning AGES 0-5

SMART Start

Orlando Public Library
 Wednesday, March 1, 10 a.m.
 Alafaya Branch
 Monday, March 6, 10:30 a.m.

Join us for hands-on early learning adventures observing science, math and art in a sensory-rich environment. Dress for a mess. Ages 2–4. Seating is limited. Registration recommended.

Bubble Playtime

Alafaya Branch
 Wednesday, March 1,
 10:15 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.
 Southwest Branch
 Friday, March 10, 10:30 a.m.
 Hiawassee Branch
 Friday, March 10, 11 a.m.
 Winter Garden Branch
 Thursday, March 30, 10:30 a.m.

Help your child with their motor-development skills in this interactive bubble class. Recommended for toddlers and preschoolers. Limited space available.

Kids' Corner Crafts

North Orange Branch
 Wednesdays, March 1–29, 11 a.m.
 Kids can create a fun craft each week! Ages 3–5.

Artsy Toddler

Winter Garden Branch
 Thursday, March 2, 10:30 a.m.
 North Orange Branch
 Fridays, March 10 & 24, 11 a.m.
 Alafaya Branch
 Monday, March 20, 10:30 a.m.
 Southwest Branch
 Monday, March 27, 10:30 a.m.

Paint, paste, glue, stamp and create! Young children will enjoy stories, songs and exploring age-appropriate art experiences. Ages 1–3.

Leap Into Letters

North Orange Branch
 Thursdays, March 2–30, 11 a.m.
 Practice phonics and letter recognition through stories, activities, crafts and resources from Miss Humblebee's Academy. Ages 3–5. Registration recommended.

So You Want to Learn a New Language?

Herndon Branch
 Fridays, March 3 & 10, 10:30 a.m.
 Winter Garden Branch
 Mondays, March 6–13, 10:30 a.m.
 Join us for a fun-filled language learning experience designed for your preschooler with hands-on activities, songs and interactive technology using our Little Pim database powered by Mango Languages. Ages 3–5. Registration required.

Baby Bash

Southwest Branch
 Friday, March 3, 10:30 a.m.
 Alafaya Branch
 Monday, March 27, 10:30 a.m.
 Winter Garden Branch
 Monday, March 27, 11:15 a.m.
 Bring your baby to our fun series where we will sing, play and work on developing motor skills. Ages 0–2.

Smash 'n Crash

North Orange Branch
 Friday, March 3, 11 a.m.
 Windermere Branch
 Monday, March 6, 10:30 a.m.
 Herndon Branch
 Wednesday, March 15, 10:30 a.m.
 West Oaks Branch
 Thursday, March 23, 2 p.m.
 Learn all about transportation vehicles that smash and crash through fun stories, songs, crafts and activities. Ages 3–5.

Spring Cleaning

South Creek Branch
 Saturday, March 4, 11 a.m.
 We are spring cleaning our arts and crafts shelves and need your help! Listen to stories and select one arts and crafts project to create and take home. Art supplies will be limited for each project. Ages 3–5.

Peter Rabbit's Garden Party

Chickasaw Branch
 Saturday, March 4, 1 p.m.
 Peter Rabbit loves Mr. McGregor's garden and you will too at this wonderful garden party. Preschoolers, hop into the library for stories, crafts and a bunny good time! Ages 3–5.

Spring Showers

West Oaks Branch
 Thursday, March 9, 2 p.m.
 Southwest Branch
 Monday, March 20, 10:30 a.m.
 Herndon Branch
 Friday, March 24, 10:30 a.m.
 Orlando Public Library
 Wednesday, March 29, 10 a.m.
 North Orange Branch
 Friday, March 31, 11 a.m.
 Dress for a mess as we use hands-on activities to explore sunshine, rain and flowers. Ages 2–5.

Tiny House: Kitchen Play

Chickasaw Branch
 Monday, March 6, 10:30 a.m.
 Inviting little explorers to learn, grow and play with hands-on activities inspired by using objects in your kitchen! Ages 2–4.

Toddler Fingers, Toes, Hands and Feet!

Southwest Branch
 Monday, March 6, 10:30 a.m.
 Orlando Public Library
 Wednesday, March 15, 10 a.m.
 Hiawassee Branch
 Friday, March 24, 11 a.m.
 Windermere Branch
 Tuesday, March 28, 10:30 a.m.
 Clap and stomp with your toddler at this event filled with a bit of messy art and play. Ages 18 months–3 years.

Little Picasso

North Orange Branch
 Monday, March 6, 11 a.m.
 Edgewater Branch
 Wednesday, March 15, 10:15 a.m.
 Windermere Branch
 Thursday, March 16, 4 p.m.
 Herndon Branch
 Tuesday, March 21, 1 p.m.
 Calling all preschoolers to freely and creatively explore and express themselves! Let your imagination and little hands run wild with color, texture and more! Ages 3–5.

A Trip Back in Time

North Orange Branch
 Tuesdays, March 7–28, 11 a.m.
 Grab your time travel gear and get ready to set off! This four-part preschool series will introduce different historical periods through stories, activities and crafts. Ages 3–5. Registration recommended.

Literacy & Locomotion

Orlando Public Library
 Wednesday, March 8, 10 a.m.
 Help your child learn by playing as we weave early literacy practices into fun interactive stories, songs, rhythm and dance. Ages 2–5. Seating is limited. Registration recommended.

Can a Bear Say Thank You?

South Trail Branch
 Wednesday, March 8, 10:15 a.m.
 Enjoy stories, games and activities as we join the Berenstain Bears and learn how to say thank you. Ages 3–5. Registration recommended.

Sunshine Playtime

Chickasaw Branch
 Thursdays, March 9–30, 11 a.m.
 Orlando Public Library
 Saturday, March 25, 11:30 a.m.
 Come play with us! Children of all abilities will have the opportunity to form friendships, develop an appreciation for individual differences and learn through role-playing, problem solving, imagination and exploration. This program is intended for children who prefer small group activities or have sensory, social or developmental challenges. Ages 3–8.

EARLY LEARNING EVENTS
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EARLY LEARNING
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Follow That Turtle

Edgewater Branch
Saturday, March 4, 2 p.m.
Eatonville Branch
Monday, March 6, 3 p.m.
Herndon Branch
Saturday, March 11, 11 a.m.
Sea turtles are survivors of the great age of dinosaurs. Yet, today they are threatened with extinction. Learn about these ancient reptiles and what you can do to protect them. Ages 6–12.

Move and Play!
Alafaya Branch
Monday, March 13, 10:30 a.m.
Join us for a musical morning where we'll shake and shimmy, move and groove and play along with our favorite songs! Ages 2–5.

Seeing Green
Southwest Branch
Monday, March 13, 10:30 a.m.
Winter Garden Branch
Thursday, March 16, 10:30 a.m.
Orlando Public Library
Friday, March 17, 11:30 a.m.
Hiawassee Branch
Friday, March 17, 11 a.m.
North Orange Branch
Friday, March 17, 11 a.m.
West Oaks Branch
Sunday, March 26, 2 p.m.
Learn and play with everything the color of shamrocks, leprechauns and emeralds: green! Ages 2–4.

Tape Town
Eatonville Branch
Tuesday, March 14, 10:30 a.m.
Orlando Public Library
Wednesday, March 22, 10 a.m.
Windermere Branch
Monday, March 27, 10:30 a.m.
Southwest Branch
Friday, March 31, 10:30 a.m.
Vroom, vroom, zoom around the story room! Follow the roads of tape town to explore, learn and play. Ages 2–4.

Henry Wants More
South Trail Branch
Thursday, March 16, 10:15 a.m.
Enjoy stories, games and activities as we join Henry and Mudge and learn to politely ask for more. Ages 3–5. Registration recommended.

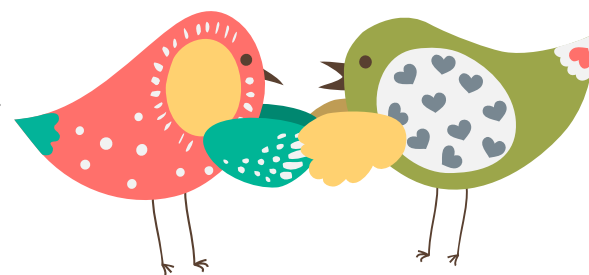
Storybook Yoga
Orlando Public Library
Saturday, March 18, 11 a.m.
Join us for an introduction to yoga with Maggie Mathwich. Learn poses inspired by your favorite picture books. Ages 3–6. Registration required.

Sticky Toddler
Chickasaw Branch
Monday, March 20, 10:30 a.m.
Explore all things sticky, from clingy art to goeey explorations, with your toddlers! Come dressed and ready to get a little sticky. Ages 18 months–3 years. Seating is limited. Registration recommended.

Parachute Play
Winter Garden Branch
Thursday, March 23, 10:30 a.m.
Chickasaw Branch
Monday, March 27, 10:30 a.m.
Join us with your toddlers for a special parachute playtime. Enjoy rhymes, songs and tons of parachute fun. Ages 18 months–3 years. Seating is limited. Registration recommended.

Baby and Kids' Clothing Swap
Orlando Public Library
Saturday, March 25, 10 a.m.
Calling all caregivers to participate in a clothing swap for ages 0–4. Bring in clean, gently-used clothes, tabletop toys and accessories to swap and shop for something new-to-you!

Get Ready for K
Eatonville Branch
Tuesdays, March 28 – May 2, 10:15 a.m.
Preschoolers will hear songs and stories to help them begin learning the skills that they will need to start kindergarten. The series of six events will introduce reading, math, basic concepts, basic skills, health and safety and art. Ages 3–5. Registration is required. Call 407.835.7323 to register. Get more ideas for how to prepare your child at ocls.info/kindergarten.



Drop In Chess
Orlando Public Library
Wednesday, March 1, 2 p.m.
Drop in for a game of chess at the library on the first Wednesday of each month. Chess sets are available for play and rule sheets are provided. All ages.

Seussville Celebration
Herndon Branch
Wednesday, March 1, 3:30 p.m.
Eatonville Branch
Thursday, March 2, 3 p.m.
Windermere Branch
Thursday, March 2, 4 p.m.
Edgewater Branch
Friday, March 3, 3:30 p.m.
Winter Garden Branch
Saturday, March 4, 2:30 p.m.
Chickasaw Branch
Friday, March 24, 3:30 p.m.
Come one, come all ... we are having a Seussville Ball! Filled with fun and wonderful things, our stories and crafts will make you sing. Ages 5–8.

Crafternoons
Winter Garden Branch
Wednesdays, March 1–29, 3:30 p.m.
Stop by the library for an hour of crafting fun with friends. Ages 6–12.

The CREATE Space
Orlando Public Library
Fridays, March 3–31, 3 p.m.
What will you create today? Explore, experiment or be entertained. Ages 6–18.

Super Science
Alafaya Branch
Saturday, March 4, 11:30 a.m.
Are you someone who likes to see things crash, bubble, spark or fly? Then join us each month as we conduct awesome new experiments and learn all about chemistry, physics, earth science and more. Ages 8–12.

Women Make History
Alafaya Branch
Saturday, March 4, 2 p.m.
Orlando Public Library
Saturday, March 4, 2 p.m.
Southeast Branch
Saturday, March 4, 2 p.m.
Herndon Branch
Friday, March 17, 2 p.m.
Winter Garden Branch
Saturday, March 18, 2:30 p.m.
Eatonville Branch
Tuesday, March 21, 3 p.m.
West Oaks Branch
Tuesday, March 28, 5 p.m.

Celebrate Women's History Month with stories, crafts and activities all about powerful women and their awesome contributions to history. Ages 6–12.

Robots Remixed
North Orange Branch
Saturday, March 4, 2 p.m.
Tinker with different robots, games and toys both on and off the screen to learn the basics of writing code. Ages 4–12.

Painting with Georgia
South Creek Branch
Saturday, March 4, 2:30 p.m.
Chickasaw Branch
Monday, March 6, 3:30 p.m.
Eatonville Branch
Tuesday, March 7, 3 p.m.
West Oaks Branch
Tuesday, March 7, 5 p.m.
Windermere Branch
Thursday, March 9, 4 p.m.
Washington Park Branch
Monday, March 13, 5 p.m.
Orlando Public Library
Saturday, March 18, 2 p.m.
Edgewater Branch
Thursday, March 23, 4 p.m.
Winter Garden Branch
Saturday, March 25, 10:30 a.m.
North Orange Branch
Tuesday, March 28, 5:30 p.m.
Discover the art style of Georgia O'Keeffe and paint your own larger than life work of art. Ages 6–12.

Southwest Homeschool Club: Wonder Woman
Southwest Branch
Monday, March 6, 1 p.m.
Come celebrate some of the wonderful women from history! We'll learn about famous inventors, artists and more with stories and activities. Ages 6–12.

CHILDREN'S

AGES 6-12

Cuisine Corner Junior: On Your Mark, Get Set, Cook!

Orlando Public Library
Wednesday, March 29, 3 p.m.
Sharpen your basic cooking skills with Chef Tracy Mohr. Interact with your friends while making a simple and tasty recipe with a healthy twist! Ages 8–18. Space is limited, registration required.



Maker Monday

Alafaya Branch
Mondays, March 6–27, 4:30 p.m.
Maker spaces foster learning through hands-on tinkering and play. Discover the maker in you as we complete challenges, STEM projects and experiments. Ages 8–15. Registration required.

I'm Not Picking My Nose, I'm Scratching My Brain

South Trail Branch
Tuesday, March 7, 4:30 p.m.
Come on in and tickle your brain. Enjoy brain-bursting activities, crafts and stories. Ages 6–12.

Science Tuesdays

Winter Garden Branch
Tuesdays, March 7–28, 6 p.m.
Join us to make, create and build with hands-on activities. Ages 6–12.

Feathers

Herndon Branch
Wednesday, March 8, 3:30 p.m.
There are hundreds of bird species in Florida and many of them share our backyards. Listen to stories about birds, learn how to identify some of Florida's popular bird species and get tips on creating a comfortable habitat for our fine feathered friends. Ages 6–12.

Family Game Night!

South Creek Branch
Wednesday, March 8 & 22, 4–6:15 p.m.
Take time to play, you bring it we play it: Bring a board game to enjoy! Learn about sharing and socializing with others. All ages.

An Evening with Jackson Pearce

Alafaya Branch
Wednesday, March 8, 6:30 p.m.
Orlando Public Library
Thursday, March 9, 6 p.m.
Jackson Pearce, co-author of *Pip Bartlett's Guide to Magical Creatures*, on the Sunshine State Young Reader's Award list for third to fifth grade, reads from and discusses her book. Pearce is the author of *The Inside Job* and *The Doublecross*, both for children, and *Sisters Red*, *Sweetly*, *Fathomless* and *Cold Spell* for teens. She lives in Atlanta, Georgia. The Alafaya event will include a book giveaway while supplies last. A book signing follows the event at Orlando Public Library. Registration recommended. Sponsored in part by the State of Florida, Department of State, Division of Cultural Affairs and the Florida Council on Arts and Culture.

South Creek Music Club

South Creek Library
Thursdays, March 9 & 23, 6:30–8:30 p.m.
Are you ready to rock? We are looking for bands and musicians of all ages to perform in our South Creek Music Club. It's a chance for individuals to perform and share in their musical talents. It's fun, exciting and a great opportunity to broadcast yourself. It's all about self-expression—one music lover at a time!

Children's Writing Workshop with Jackson Pearce

West Oaks Branch
Friday, March 10, 3:30 p.m.
Jackson Pearce, co-author of *Pip Bartlett's Guide to Magical Creatures*, on the Sunshine State Young Reader's Award list for third to fifth grade, presents a writing workshop for children ages 9–14. Registration required. Sponsored in part by the State of Florida, Department of State, Division of Cultural Affairs and the Florida Council on Arts and Culture.

ShamROCKS!

South Creek Branch
Saturday, March 11, 11 a.m.
Southeast Branch
Saturday, March 11, 2 p.m.
West Oaks Branch
Tuesday, March 14, 5 p.m.
Southwest Branch
Wednesday, March 15, 3 p.m.
Winter Garden Branch
Wednesday, March 15, 5 p.m.
Alafaya Branch
Friday, March 17, 2 p.m.
Edgewater Branch
March 17, 3:30 p.m.
Kids, do you have the luck of the Irish? Come by to have a legendary good time. Join us for crafts, stories and leprechaun fun. Ages 6–12.

Cookies & Milk with a Cop

Orlando Public Library
Saturday, March 11, 11:30 a.m.
North Orange Branch
Saturday, March 18, 10:30 a.m.
Winter Garden Branch
Saturday, March 18, 10:30 a.m.
Bring your kids to meet our local police officers for cookies and milk! This will be a great time to interact with officers in a fun and informative environment. Sponsored by the Apopka Police Department, the Orlando Police Department and the Winter Garden Police Department. Ages 6–12.

Holi, Festival of Colors

Winter Garden Branch
Saturday, March 11, 2:30 p.m.
Come celebrate the Hindu Spring Festival of Holi also known as the Festival of Colors. Learn the history and meaning of this festival through a presentation and a short film showing how it is celebrated in India. Create crafts and enjoy Indian sweets. Ages 6–12.

Shopkins Craftaganza

Chickasaw Branch
Saturday, March 11, 3 p.m.
North Orange Branch
Saturday, March 25, 1 p.m.
If you are one of those kids who love Shopkins, chances are your collection keeps growing bigger and bigger! Bring part of your collection to the library and celebrate one of the hottest toys around with activities and crafts. Ages 4–12. Registration required.

Lucky Lures: DIY Leprechaun Traps

Alafaya Branch
Sunday, March 12, 2 p.m.
Just in time for St. Patrick's Day, come in and use your imagination to make your own leprechaun catching contraption! Ages 6–12.

Money as You Grow

Eatonville Branch
Tuesday, March 14, 3 p.m.
Southeast Branch
Saturday, March 18, 2 p.m.
Hiwassee Branch
Saturday, March 18, 3 p.m.
Let's learn the what, who and how of financial intelligence for kids! This money smart program introduces financial literacy to youth with stories, activities and crafts. Ages 6–12.

Trading Card Game Series

Alafaya Branch
Saturday, March 18, 2 p.m.
Learn how to play today's most popular trading card games such as Pokémon, Yu-Gi-Oh! and Magic: The Gathering. We will also cover the most ideal ways of trading, purchasing and selling cards from your personal collection. Ages 7 and up. Registration required.

How to: Basic First Aid

Alafaya Branch
Sunday, March 19, 2 p.m.
If you have ever wondered how to wrap a cut, soothe a burn, brace a sprain and more, join us for Basic First Aid. Learn how to respond safely to common injuries and properly care for them. Ages 8 and up. Space is limited. Registration recommended.

So Weird, Science Experiments Part Two

South Creek Branch
Sunday, March 19, 2:30 p.m.
It's time for more weird hands-on science experiments! All supplies will be provided. Ages 6–12.

Spring Break @ Your Library

North Orange Branch
Monday–Friday, March 20–24, 2 p.m.
Spend your spring break at the North Orange Branch where we will be hosting Fairy Tale STEM and other fun activities. Registration required. Ages 6–12.

Spring Break @ Windermere

Windermere Branch
Monday–Saturday, March 20–25, 10:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m.
Help your child develop a love for reading, writing and learning through a free week-long program. Children will make new friends, participate in a basic coding class, create a 2D video game, build a bridge with K'NEX, develop computer skills and much more. Space is limited. Registration required. Ages 6–12.

Spring Break Movie Days

Orlando Public Library
Monday–Saturday, March 20–25, 2 p.m.
South Trail Branch
Monday–Thursday, March 20–23, 2 p.m.
Southwest Branch
Tuesday, March 21, 10:30 a.m.
Relax with us at our Spring Break Movie Days! Enjoy family friendly PG-rated films at your library. Ages 6–12.

Make It & Take It

West Oaks Branch
Monday, Wednesday & Friday, March 20, 22 & 24, 2:30 p.m.
Winter Garden Branch
Monday & Friday, March 20 & 24, 2:30 p.m.
Edgewater Branch
Monday, March 20, 4 p.m.
Windermere Branch
Thursday, March 23, 4 p.m.
Washington Park Branch
Monday, March 27, 5 p.m.
South Trail Branch
Tuesday, March 28, 4:30 p.m.
Herndon Branch
Wednesday, March 29, 3:30 p.m.

Spring into the library and show off your creativity as we explore painting, patterns and papier mâché! Ages 6–12.

DIY Sun Art

Alafaya Branch
Tuesday, March 21, 2 p.m.
Make a unique, ultraviolet work of art with the help of the sun! Use natural objects and light sensitive paper to make a decorative and colorful imprint. Ages 6–12.



CHILDREN'S AGES 6-12

Robot Coding: Beginner's Workshop Southwest Branch

Tuesday & Thursday, March 21 & 23, 3:30 p.m.
Friday, March 24, 10:30 a.m.

Learn the basics of coding and computer programming with Dash the Robot. Program your robot to talk, flash lights and zoom around the library! No prior coding knowledge needed. Ages 6 and up. Registration required.

Help! I'm Endangered West Oaks Branch

Tuesday, March 21, 5 p.m.

What do giant pandas, gorillas and Brazilian three-toed sloths have in common? They are all endangered and many more species are dwindling each day. You can help! Find out how as we celebrate all living things on our planet. Ages 6-12.

Afternoon Art Alafaya Branch

Wednesday, March 22, 2 p.m.

Join us for an art adventure! Learn about a different artist and artistic style each time and then create your own masterpiece. Ages 6-12. Registration required.

DIY Ice Cream in a Bag Alafaya Branch

Thursday, March 23, 2 p.m.

Beat the spring break heat with homemade ice cream! Perform a fun science experiment that turns easy household ingredients into delicious ice cream in minutes. Ages 6-12. Registration required.

The Science of Harry Potter Herndon Branch

Thursday, March 23, 4 p.m.

Journey with us to the magical world of Harry Potter and discover the science behind magical potions, mysterious creatures and more. Ages 6-12.

LEGO Block Party Winter Garden Branch

Thursday, March 23, 6 p.m.

Is there anything you can't build with LEGO? Let's find out. Join us for an evening of building fun. We provide the LEGO, you provide the creativity. LEGO will be provided but cannot go home with you. Ages 6-12. Registration required.

Candy Sushi Alafaya Branch

Friday, March 24, 2 p.m.

Take your taste buds to the next level. Learn to make candy sushi rolls! Ages 6-12. Registration required.

3D Paper Ball Ornaments South Creek Branch

Saturday, March 25, 2:30 p.m.

Learn how to craft multi-colored 3D paper ball ornaments using a simple template. All supplies will be provided. Ages 10 and up.

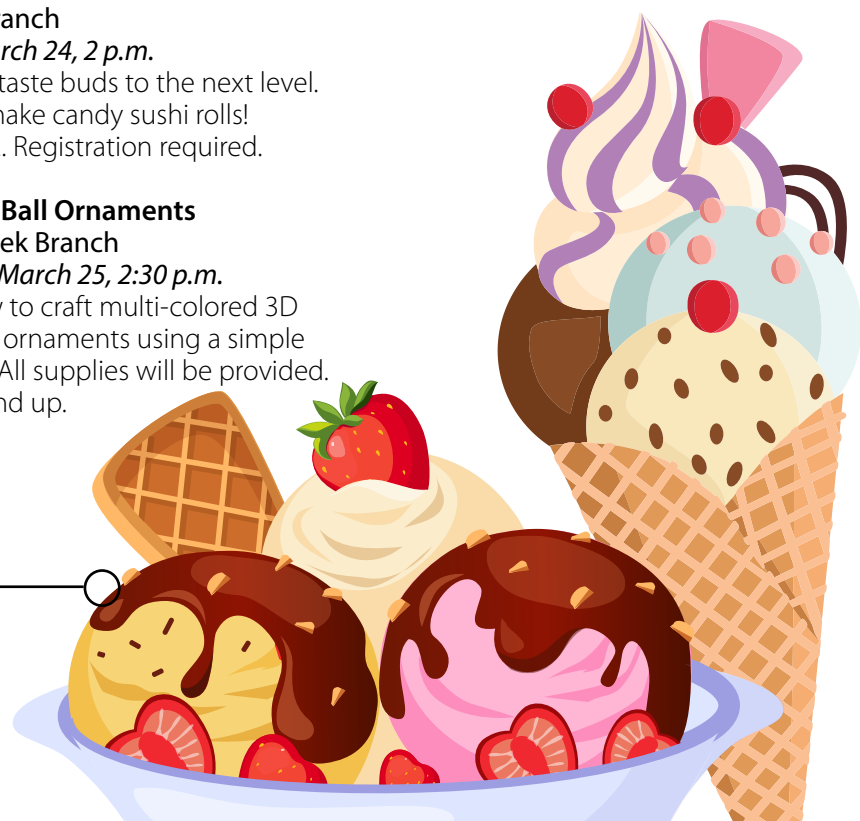
Homeschool Field Trip: Scopes and Slides Alafaya Branch

Tuesday, March 28, 2 p.m.

Explore the intricacies of everyday materials through a microscope and prepare your own slides! Ages 8-15. Registration required.

Angel Paws to Read

Sign up to practice your reading skills by reading aloud to a lovable, furry listener. Be An Angel Therapy Dogs Ministry presents this reading program for children with certified therapy dogs. Meet these pups at multiple locations. Visit ocls.info/paws for dates, times and locations.



A Conversation with Jackson Pearce



By Stephanie Doane

Stephanie Doane: When did you first realize you wanted to be a writer?

Jackson Pearce: When I was very young, I loved animals and thought I wanted to be a veterinarian. Then I realized I mostly wanted to play with animals and not go to school for 10 years, so I started writing about animals. After that, a writer is the only thing I ever considered. I wrote my first book when I was 9 or 10. It was about a little girl who finds a litter of magic kittens and a horse. It wasn't published but I found it empowering to create something out of nothing.

SD: When did you write your first published book?

JP: The first book I tried to publish was written when I was in high school, *The Keybearer*. It still isn't published. It was rejected over 100 times and it was bad, but it was a great feeling to stick with something that big. The more I write, the better I get. I don't feel like I waste my time when I write, even if the stories aren't published. My first published book was *As You Wish* in 2009.

SD: Where do you get your information or ideas for your books?

JP: I like animals, magic and smart girls. *Pip Bartlett* comes from that part of me. I love spy books so I wrote about a spy. In *The Doublecross*, the hero, Hale, is a little like me. He isn't athletic and he's a little clumsy, but he is a great spy. As a child, I felt like the black sheep of the family because I thought I was the only one that was creative. Looking back, I realize that my dad was also creative in his own way. Nothing was off limits in his workshop and he encouraged creativity by letting me make whatever I wanted.

SD: What are you working on now?

JP: I have a book coming out in 2018 about a young girl who likes pink sparkly stuff, but also likes building things with power tools. She runs a general contracting business out of her treehouse. It's about being proud to be both and bridging the gap between two things that don't appear to go together. Next I'm writing a time-travel comedy set during World War II.

SD: For *Pip Bartlett's Guide to Magical Creatures*, you collaborated with Maggie Stiefvater, how was that process?

JP: Writing with Maggie was fun. We would each write a chapter or until we were tired. We passed the story back and forth until it was finished. If one of us had an idea that the other didn't like, we would defend our idea. If the other person still wasn't sold on the idea, we would work together to find a different idea. Some of the best parts of the books came out of this process. We both love animal books with charts, especially dog breed charts, and some of the illustrations in the book came from this love.

SD: What is the main thing you want readers to take away from *Pip Bartlett's Guide to Magical Creatures*?

JP: The fact that everyone has a talent. Sometimes that talent is weird or doesn't seem to have much value, but you should make use of it, not hide it. You are the only one with that gift. No one else is going to do it, so use your special talent proudly.

An Evening with Jackson Pearce Alafaya Branch

Wednesday, March 8, 6:30 p.m.

Orlando Public Library
Thursday, March 9, 6 p.m.

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Children's Writing Workshop with Jackson Pearce West Oaks Branch

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STRANGER TEENS

TEEN & TWEEN EVENTS

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Stranger Teens

South Trail Branch
Thursday, March 2, 4:30 p.m.
Herndon Branch
Tuesday, March 7, 6 p.m.
Orlando Public Library
Wednesday, March 8, 2:15 p.m.
Winter Garden Branch
Thursday, March 16, 6:30 p.m.

Unlock the curiosity door and join us for a *Stranger Things* themed event of '80s mystery, trivia and games. Demogorgons and mouth breathers not welcomed. Ages 13–18.

'Tween the Covers Book Club

Southeast Branch
Wednesdays, March 1–29, 3:30 p.m.
Join the 'Tween the Covers Book Club as we read our way through the world! Every month there will be a new theme with at least two books to choose from. Enjoy crafts, games and discussions based on the books. Books will be supplied for readers to check out. Ages 9–14. Registration required.

Mayor Buddy's Book Club Discussion Group

Orlando Public Library
Thursdays, March 2–16 & 30, 4:30 p.m.
Join Mayor Buddy's Book Club weekly discussion group to talk, meet other book club members, share experiences and have fun. See what we are reading and sign up for the club at mayor.ocls.info.

Teen Voices

Orlando Public Library
Thursday, March 23, 6 p.m.
Join our teen advisory board to meet new people and develop teen library programs and services while earning community service hours. Ages 13–18.

Chapters Teen Book Club

Orlando Public Library
Thursday, March 23, 6:30 p.m.
Like to read? Join our teen bookclub for lively discussion and friendship. March's selection is *Tales of the Peculiar* by Ransom Riggs. Ages 13–18.

Teen Library Corps

All Locations
Volunteer with the Teen Library Corps and give back a little "TLC" to your library and your community. Plan programs, help out at events, give suggestions for teen services, meet new people and earn community service hours for school. If you are between the ages of 13–18 and love to have fun, join TLC today! For more information, please call 407.835.7323 or go online at ocls.info/TLC.

Gaming at the Library!

If you love gaming like we love gaming, come get your game on at the library! Join us for action-packed fun at multiple locations. Visit ocls.info/GamingEvents for dates, times and locations.



Candy Land Live

Chickasaw Branch
Wednesday, March 22, 3:30 p.m.
Calling all Giggly Gumdrops and Cutie Cones for classic Candy Land game live! Choose your character and let your imagination soar as you make your way down a magical road of sweet surprises! Ages 11–18.

Game Changer Afterschool Adventures
Orlando Public Library
Mondays – Thursdays, March 1–16 & 27–30, 4–6 p.m.
Gaming and homework help collide at the Orlando Public Library. Complete your homework with the help of a tutor, and then join your peers for an awesome adventure playing Dungeons & Dragons. So sharpen your pencils and swords, because you've never had homework and writing help like this before!

Nail Polish Party
North Orange Branch
Wednesday, March 15, 5:30 p.m.
Discover fun and creative ways to decorate your nails!

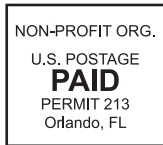
Lucky Charm
Eatonville Branch
Thursday, March 16, 3 p.m.
Washington Park Branch
Thursday, March 23, 2 p.m.
From leprechauns to the color green, find out what St. Patrick's Day is all about. Come ready to challenge a friend and expand your knowledge with Irish culture, shamrocks and everything in between. Ages 11–18.

Game Changer: A Dungeon & Dragons Writing Adventure
Orlando Public Library
Monday – Friday, March 20–24, 1–5 p.m.
Game Changer's unique five-day camp will lead you through the fundamentals of the galaxy's most famous tabletop role-playing game, Dungeons & Dragons. Develop your character, write an epic adventure as it unfolds within your mind's eye, battle monsters, solve mysteries and most importantly, have fun with other gamers. Ages 11–18. Seating is limited. Registration required.

Teen Art Adventures, Polymer Clay Owls
Edgewater Branch
Tuesday, March 21, 4 p.m.
Sculpt a cute owl from polymer clay that can be used as a pendant, key chain or zipper pull. All you need are creative hands. We will supply the rest. Ages 11–18.

Library Mini-Golf
Hiawasse Branch
Wednesday, March 22, 2 p.m.
Come see your library transform into a mini-golf course just for you! Grab a putter and dare your friends to a challenge. Ages 11–18.

Duct Tape-tastic
Eatonville Branch
Wednesday, March 22, 3 p.m.
What can you do with duct tape? Explore with us and create your own unique pieces. Ages 11–18.



LOCATIONS

Orlando Public Library

101 E. Central Blvd., Orlando, FL 32801
Hours: Monday-Thursday 9 am - 8 pm
Friday & Saturday 9 am - 6 pm
Sunday 1 pm - 6 pm

Alafaya Branch

12000 E. Colonial Dr., Orlando, FL 32826
Hours: Monday-Thursday 10 am - 9 pm
Friday & Saturday 10 am - 5 pm
Sunday 1 pm - 6 pm

Chickasaw Branch

870 N. Chickasaw Trail, Orlando, FL 32825
Hours: Monday-Thursday 10 am - 9 pm
Friday & Saturday 10 am - 5 pm

Eatonville Branch

200 E. Kennedy Blvd., Eatonville, FL 32751
Hours: Monday - Thursday 10 am - 8 pm
Friday and Saturday 10 am - 5 pm

Edgewater Branch

5049 Edgewater Dr., Orlando, FL 32810
Hours: Monday-Thursday 10 am - 9 pm
Friday & Saturday 10 am - 5 pm

Herndon Branch

4324 E. Colonial Dr., Orlando, FL 32803
Hours: Monday - Thursday 10 am - 9 pm
Friday & Saturday 10 am - 5 pm

Hiwassee Branch

7391 W. Colonial Dr., Orlando, FL 32818
Hours: Monday-Thursday 10 am - 9 pm
Friday & Saturday 10 am - 5 pm

North Orange Branch

1211 E. Semoran Blvd., Apopka, FL 32703
Hours: Monday-Thursday 10 am - 9 pm
Friday & Saturday 10 am - 5 pm
Sunday 1 pm - 6 pm

South Creek Branch

1702 Deerfield Blvd., Orlando, FL 32837
Hours: Monday-Thursday 10 am - 9 pm
Friday & Saturday 10 am - 5 pm
Sunday 1 pm - 6 pm

South Trail Branch

4600 S. Orange Blossom Tr., Orlando, FL 32839
Hours: Monday-Thursday 10 am - 8 pm
Friday & Saturday 10 am - 5 pm

Southeast Branch

5575 S. Semoran Blvd., Orlando, FL 32822
Hours: Monday-Thursday 10 am - 9 pm
Friday & Saturday 10 am - 5 pm

Southwest Branch

7255 Della Dr., Orlando, FL 32819
Hours: Monday-Thursday 10 am - 9 pm
Friday & Saturday 10 am - 5 pm

Washington Park Branch

5151 Raleigh St., Suite A., Orlando, FL 32811
Hours: Monday-Thursday 10 am - 8 pm
Friday & Saturday 10 am - 5 pm

West Oaks Branch & Genealogy Center

1821 E. Silver Star Rd., Ocoee, FL 34761
Hours: Monday-Thursday 10 am - 9 pm
Friday & Saturday 10 am - 5 pm
Sunday 1 pm - 6 pm

Windermere Branch

530 Main St., Windermere, FL 34786
Hours: Monday-Thursday 10 am - 8 pm
Friday & Saturday 10 am - 5 pm

Winter Garden Branch

805 E. Plant St., Winter Garden, FL 34787
Hours: Monday-Thursday 10 am - 9 pm
Friday & Saturday 10 am - 5 pm

Sunday Hours:

OCLS Renewal Line

Take advantage of renewing your items and checking your account information via the 24/7 Renewal Line at **407.316.0021**.

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