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## **Learn about everything from local resources to out-of-this-world experiences in August at your library**

August at Orange County Library System is all about helping you prepare. Whether it's getting ready to go back to school, finding help from a community resource or helping you learn to turn a hobby into a career, you can find out how to do it at your library this August.

On Sunday, August 6, from 2-3:30 p.m., local community organizations from across Orange County will be available to connect with at the Reaching Out Community Resource Fair at Orlando Public Library. Organizations like IDignity, The Center and Orlando VA will be present to discuss their many services. Find a full list of participating organizations and further event details at [attend.ocls.info/event/8077170](https://attend.ocls.info/event/8077170).

Two solar eclipses are coming to North America – an Annular Eclipse on October 14, 2023 and a Total Solar Eclipse on April 8, 2024. A grant from the Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation and a supplement to the NASA @ My Library Project has allowed the Space Science Institute's STAR Net team to provide a limited number of solar viewing glasses to public libraries. To receive your solar viewing glasses (while supplies last) from OCLS, you must attend a program related to the upcoming eclipses. Eclipse programs will be hosted at branches across the library system starting in August. A full listing of eclipse-related programs can be found at [ocls.info](https://ocls.info) on [the classes and events catalog](#).

OCLS continues to provide in-person and virtual workshops on developing writing skills and navigating the publishing industry from authors, editors and literary agents. Our Author Talks series continues in August, featuring conversations with bestselling authors like Robert Jones Jr., Jeff Selingo and Cassandra Clare. Visit [ocls.info/meet-the-author](https://ocls.info/meet-the-author) for more information.

Registration is strongly recommended for all in-person events due to limited capacity. If you have any questions about the information shared below, call 407.835.7323. Visit us online at [ocls.info](https://ocls.info) to register, or to view a complete listing of both virtual and in-person library events.

### General Events

#### **Reaching Out: A Community Resource Fair**

Orlando Public Library, Library Central

*Sunday, August 6, 2–3:30 p.m.*

Connect with local community services. Various organizations will discuss the services they provide, including Orange County Library System. Participating organizations include the Agency for Persons with Disabilities,

Alzheimer's Association – Central and North Florida Chapter, The Center, Healthy Start Coalition of Orange County, Inc., Homeless Services Network of Central Florida, IDignity, Legal Aid Society of the Orange County Bar Association, Inc., Miracle of Love, New Hope for Kids, Operation New Hope, Orlando VA, and Victim Service Center.

### **Genealogy 101**

West Oaks Branch

*Friday, August 11, 3 p.m.*

Are you interested in learning about your family history but don't know where to begin? This program will help you get started by introducing you to genealogical terms, techniques and resources.

### **100 Years of OCLS: 1923–2023**

Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room

*Sunday, August 13, 2 p.m.*

Celebrate 100 Years of OCLS by exploring people, events, locations and initiatives that have shaped our path to the award-winning library system we are today. Discover why our future looks so bright.

### **Boombox Block Party: A FabLab and Audio Joint**

Orlando Public Library, Melrose Center

*Sunday, August 13, 2 p.m.*

The Melrose FabLab and Melrose Audio crews are teaming up to build that staple of all great 1980s block parties – the boombox! Learn how these boxes work as you build one from the boards up.

### **Virtual Writing Workshop: Developing Voice & Style**

*Tuesday, August 15, 7 p.m.*

Readers will forgive a lot if the authorial voice speaks to them. Author and editor Lorin Oberweger will discuss how to develop sentence-level writing skills to improve your narrative voice and style.

This is a virtual event. For more information, visit [attend.ocls.info/event/8609012](https://attend.ocls.info/event/8609012).

### **Virtual: Meal Prep With Mira**

*Wednesday, August 16, 6 p.m.*

Get ready to meal prep with Yamira Lee Johnson, head chef and founder of Breaking Bread with Mira. Yamira Lee will walk us through the best practices for organizing your meals and creating a tasty dish.

This is a virtual event. For more information, visit [attend.ocls.info/event/8453275](https://attend.ocls.info/event/8453275).

### **Meaningful Conversation on Living with Diabetes**

LIFE Information for Elders

Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room

*Thursday, August 17, 12:10 p.m.*

Join Dr. Jorge Nazario, M.D., EliteCare Health Centers, as he discusses living with and managing diabetes, as well as treatment options available. To register, email [OfficeonAging@ocfl.net](mailto:OfficeonAging@ocfl.net) or call 407.836.7446. Seating is limited.

Registration required.

### **Music in the Library: Shannon Rae '80s**

Orlando Public Library, Library Central

*Sunday, August 20, 2 p.m.*

Seasoned vocalist Shannon Rae will perform adored classics from our past. Hear songs every generation will enjoy, you might even catch yourself singing along.

### **Virtual: Author Talk with Cassandra Clare**

*Wednesday, August 23, 8 p.m.*

Join us for an exciting evening online as we chat with mega-bestselling author Cassandra Clare about her newest and final book in The Last Hours series, *Chain of Thorns*.

This is a virtual event. For more information, visit [attend.ocls.info/event/8653856](https://attend.ocls.info/event/8653856).

**Meet the Artist: Eric Green**

Eatonville Branch

*Saturday, August 26, 3 p.m.*

Meet jewelry designer Eric Green as he showcases his new home collection featuring framed pieces from his jewelry collection curated to inspire your soul and exceed beauty within the home.

**Youth Events****T is for Teachers**

West Oaks Branch

*Tuesday, August 1, 11 a.m.*

It's never too early to celebrate the teachers in your life! Shout hooray for teachers with stories, songs and activities. Registration required.

**Cuisine Corner Junior: Pizza Roll-ups**

Fairview Shores Branch

*Wednesday, August 2, 4:30 p.m.*

Eatonville Branch

*Tuesday, August 22, 3:30 p.m.*

Get your fingers on this delicious four-ingredient pizza recipe that is perfect for an after-school snack and ready in no time! Recommended for ages 10 and up.

**Back to School Bucket List**

South Trail Branch

*Thursday, August 3, 4 p.m.*

Orlando Public Library, Club Central

*Tuesday, August 15, 3 p.m.*

A new school year calls for new goals! Discover ways to build self-confidence and learn relaxation techniques to keep your stress levels low and your grades high.

**Baby Goes to School**

Southeast Branch

*Monday, August 7, 10:15 a.m.*

Southwest Branch

*Monday, August 28, 10:30 a.m.*

Introduce your baby to school through movement, music, rhymes and stories to develop important pre-literacy skills in our littlest ones.

**Backpack Bling**

South Trail Branch

*Monday, August 7, 4 p.m.*

Winter Garden Branch

*Wednesday, August 16, 3:30 p.m.*

Hiawasse Branch

*Thursday, August 31, 4 p.m.*

Go back to school in style by making a statement with new decorations for your backpack.

**F is for Florida**

West Oaks Branch

*Tuesday, August 8, 11 a.m.*

Southeast Branch

*Thursday, August 10, 4:30 p.m.*

Washington Park Branch

*Wednesday, August 23, 4 p.m.*

Virtual

*Tuesday, August 8, 11 a.m.*

Celebrate the ABCs and 1-2-3s with crafts, stories and Florida fun! Registration required.

### **Cuéntame un Cuento**

Chickasaw Branch

*Wednesday, August 9, 11 a.m.*

West Oaks Branch

*Tuesday, August 15, 11 a.m.*

Southeast Branch

*Monday, August 28, 10:15 a.m.*

Virtual

*Tuesdays, August 15 & 29, 10 a.m.*

Cuéntame un Cuento is an interactive storytime featuring books and songs in English and Spanish that are suitable for speakers of either language.

### **Car Seat Safety**

Winter Garden Branch

*Friday, August 11, 10 a.m.–Noon*

Did you know that three out of four car seats are installed and used incorrectly? Certified technicians from Safe Kids Orange County will be available to check your car seat on a first-come, first-served basis.

### **Virtual Cuisine Corner Jr.: Turkey Pinwheels**

*Thursday, August 24, 4 p.m.*

School is back and so are our appetites! Learn to create some fun and tasty lunch ideas for your back-to-school lunchbox! Recommended for families with children ages 6–8.

This is a virtual event. For more information, visit [attend.ocl.info/event/8658223](https://attend.ocl.info/event/8658223).

### **Pinhole Viewer: Shoebox Version**

Winter Garden Branch

*Wednesday, August 30, 3:30 p.m.*

Create a safe way to view the sun. Using a shoe box and other common materials build your own solar eclipse viewers! Recommended for families with children ages 8 and up.

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