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## **Orange County Library System awarded \$5,000 grant from Duke Energy Foundation**

ORLANDO, FL – Orange County Library System (OCLS) is one of 22 organizations in Florida to collectively receive \$641,000 in grants from the Duke Energy Foundation. The library was awarded \$5,000 for its Summer Reading Program, distributing age-appropriate books to combat summer learning loss in low-income children and providing outreach and support to childcare organizations in four Orange County communities.

OCLS is one of nine Central Florida STEM programs to receive the grant which will be used for programming during its Summer Reading Program this year. Other organizations in Central Florida to receive the grant include the Foundation for Orange County Public Schools, Orlando Science Center, HAPCO Music Foundation and The Foundation for Seminole County Public Schools.

“By investing in our local education foundations and the programs that ensure all students have access to robust STEM education, we are helping to create a vibrant economy,” said Melissa Seixas, Duke Energy Florida state president. “Duke Energy is proud to support these programs and help even more students gain the hands-on, essential skills needed to pursue energy and engineering careers and become the next generation of leaders and problem solvers.”

The Duke Energy Foundation provides more than \$30 million annually in philanthropic support to meet the needs of communities where Duke Energy customers live and work. The foundation is funded by Duke Energy shareholders.

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