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Start the New Year Right with Orange County Library System

Orange County Library System celebrates its centennial in 2023. A kickoff event for the year-long celebration will be held at Orlando Public Library on January 7. A ribbon cutting and rededication ceremony begins at 10:30 a.m., with remarks from elected officials, members of the library's Board of Trustees and Library Director Steve Powell. Festivities at the all-day event include live music from Z Street Speakeasy Band, a virtual reality tour of the original Albertson Public Library, non-alcoholic craft cocktail refreshments from local spirit-free speakeasy The Bandbox, storytimes, crafts and activities. Visit ocls.info/100 for a full itinerary and for more information on the 100 Year Celebration.

2023 is the year of the rabbit in the Chinese zodiac. Prepare for the lunar new year with a virtual workshop on Chinese calligraphy on January 4, then celebrate in person on January 29 at Orlando Public Library with The Chinese School of CAACF, Inc. For more information on the celebration, visit attend.ocls.info/event/7378332.

Make 2023 the year you publish your novel with help from the OCLS Writers Conference, which takes place in person on January 28 at Orlando Public Library. Get tips and tools for your writing craft as well as invaluable business insights from authors and publishing professionals, and even update your professional headshot for free courtesy of our Melrose Center Photography Instructors. Get tips and tools for your writing craft as well as invaluable business insights from authors and publishing professionals, and even update your professional headshot for free courtesy of our Melrose Center Photography Instructors. To learn more about presenting authors and speakers and see the conference's full schedule, visit ocls.info/ocls-writers-conference.

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 to register, or to view a complete listing of both virtual and in-person library events.

Youth Events

Stretch Across the Universe

Southwest Branch

Wednesday, January 4, 10:30 a.m.

Southeast Branch

Saturday, January 7, 10:30 a.m.

Transform into a meteor, a shooting star and even the moon! Gather the family for a space-themed introduction to yoga.

One Hundred Years of Picture Books

Washington Park Branch

Wednesday, January 4, 4 p.m.

West Oaks Branch

Wednesday, January 4, 4 p.m.

Travel back in time through picture books. We will share stories from the past 100 years and children will have the opportunity to become picture book illustrators. Recommended for ages 6–8.

Family Art Adventures: 100 Years of Art

Southwest Branch

Saturday, January 7, 10:30 a.m.

Chickasaw Branch

Friday, January 20, 3:30 p.m.

Eatonville Branch

Wednesday, January 25, 3:45 p.m.

Explore art styles through the decades as we celebrate the library's 100th birthday! Recommended for families with children 6 and up.

Centipede's 100 Shoes

Southeast Branch

Monday, January 9, 10:15 a.m.

Eatonville Branch

Wednesday, January 18, 10:15 a.m.

Winter Garden Branch

Tuesday, January 24, 10:30 a.m.

Virtual

Tuesday, January 10, 11 a.m.

Help centipede put on his 100 shoes, then crawl into the celebration with stories, songs and rhymes about centipedes and other bugs in honor of the library's 100th birthday!

Babies en la Biblioteca

Southwest Branch

Monday, January 9, 10:30 a.m.

South Trail Branch

Wednesday, January 11, 11 a.m.

Adventures can be had both inside the pages of a book and out. Discover new words and new worlds with your child as we sing, talk and play during storytime to connect and foster a love for reading.

I Have a Dream

Winter Garden Branch

Wednesday, January 11, 3:30 p.m.

Chickasaw Branch

Thursday, January 12, 11 a.m.

Southeast Branch

Friday, January 13, 4 p.m.

Washington Park Branch

Wednesday, January 18, 4 p.m.

West Oaks Branch

Wednesday, January 18, 4 p.m.

South Creek Branch

Thursday, January 19, 4:30 p.m.

Celebrate the life and dream of Martin Luther King Jr. by making crafts inspired by your own dreams, the importance of peace and togetherness.

Winter Snow

North Orange Branch

Thursday, January 12, 11 a.m.

Explore winter, weather and snow with your toddler – then create your very own snowflake.

Teen Volunteering

Orlando Public Library

Saturday, January 14, 11 a.m.–1 p.m.

Hiawassee Branch

Saturday, January 21, 11 a.m.–1 p.m.

Winter Garden Branch

Saturday, January 28, 11 a.m.–1 p.m.

High school students will earn two hours of community service by assembling craft kits for the library.

Penguin Party

South Creek Branch

Tuesday, January 17, 10:30 a.m.

Alafaya Branch

Tuesday, January 17, 11 a.m.

Brrr! It's cold out there! Warm up with stories, math, science activities and a craft featuring some icy friends.

Jumpin' Jubilee

Fairview Shores Branch

Wednesday, January 18, 10:30 a.m.

North Orange Branch

Thursday, January 19, 11 a.m.

Celebrate with stories, songs, dancing and crafts in honor of the library's 100th birthday!

Virtual

General Events

Virtual: DIY Chinese New Year Couplet Workshop

Wednesday, January 4, 11 a.m.

Celebrate the Year of the Rabbit! In this workshop, you will learn basic Chinese calligraphy and create a pair of Chinese couplets that you can use for Chinese New Year decoration.

This is a virtual event. For more information, visit attend.ocls.info/event/7511871.

Lunch & Learn: 100 Years of Orlando Public Library

Orange County Regional History Center

Friday, January 6, Noon

In celebration of the centennial anniversary of the Orange County Library System, join us as we look back their 100 years of service to Orange County. We will explore the important role that libraries hold in their communities and take an in-depth look at the fascinating history of OCLS growing along with our community from the singular Albertson Library to the far-reaching, widely utilized resource we know today. The Orange County Regional History Center is located right next door to the Orlando Public Library at 65 E Central Blvd, Orlando, FL 32801.

100 Year Celebration Kickoff Event

Orlando Public Library,

Saturday, January 7, 10:30 a.m.–5 p.m.

Join us as we begin the Orange County Library's 100 Year Celebration.

Music in the Library: Z Street Speakeasy Band

Orlando Public Library, Library Central

Saturday, January 7, Noon

Celebrate the library's 100 Year Anniversary with the Z Street Speakeasy Band. Immerse yourself with the music of the roaring '20s.

The Bandbox Presents Non-Alcoholic Craft Cocktails

Orlando Public Library, Library Central

Saturday, January 7, 1 p.m.

Enjoy non-alcoholic craft cocktails created by Orlando's first spirit-free speakeasy tasting lounge The Bandbox. Discover how to recreate a unique tasting experience.

Share Your OCLS Memories on Orlando Memory

Orlando Public Library

Saturday, January 7, 3–5 p.m.

Do you have pictures or memories of your visits to OCLS over the years? Bring your photos to scan, and we will help you preserve your OCLS story on Orlando Memory.

Many Cultures, Many Instruments

Orlando Public Library, Library Central

Sunday, January 8, 2 p.m.

Explore a collection of 30 unique instruments from around the world as Yurtfolk uses them to perform engaging and fun stories and songs.

Understanding Hypertension

Southwest Branch

Monday, January 9, 1:30 p.m.

Hiawassee Branch

Tuesday, January 31, 1:30 p.m.

Join Dr. Fullerton, primary care physician with Village Medical, as he shares tips on managing high blood pressure. Explore preventative measures you can take before being diagnosed.

Virtual: Author Talk with Dana K. White

Tuesday, January 17, 2 p.m.

Enjoy a talk with Dana K. White, creator of the popular podcast and blog, *A Slob Comes Clean*, as she imparts tips from her books *Organizing for the Rest of Us* and *Decluttering at the Speed of Life*.

This is a virtual event. For more information, visit attend.ocls.info/event/7443971.

Virtual: Curry Chicken and Roti

Tuesday, January 24, 6:30 p.m.

Indian to the Caribbean – curry chicken is a dish originating from the Indian subcontinent. Join culinary expert, Dianne Morin, as she demonstrates how to make curry chicken and roti.

This is a virtual event. For more information, visit attend.ocls.info/event/7443971.

Car Seat Safety

Winter Garden Branch

Friday, January 27, 10 a.m.–Noon

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.

OCLS Writers Conference

Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room

Saturday, January 28, 10 a.m.–5:30 p.m.

Make 2023 the year you finish and publish a novel. Authors and publishing professionals will teach workshops on both craft and business topics to help you reach your writing and publishing goals.

Chinese New Year Celebration

Orlando Public Library, Library Central

Sunday, January 29, 2 p.m.

Celebrate and explore Chinese New Year traditions with The Chinese School of CAACF, Inc. To learn more about The Chinese School of CAACF, Inc., visit orlandochineseschool.org.

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