



For more information, contact:

Erin Sullivan, Public Relations Administrator

407-835-7480

sullivan.erin@ocls.info

Halloween, Hispanic Heritage Month, Walt Disney World's 50th Anniversary and More

The spooky season has arrived. The Trick or Treat Safe Zone returns October 25 through 30. Families can visit the library to pick up candy and a take home craft – costumes welcome! Visit ocls.info/trickortreat for details and participating locations. All month long there will be virtual Halloween escape rooms, spooky storytimes, trivia and on October 30, the library will host Mad Science Spooky Spectacular live online.

As part of the Halloween festivities, on Friday, October 22, *New York Times* bestselling author Grady Hendrix, who's novels include *My Best Friend's Exorcism*, *The Southern Book Club's Guide to Slaying Vampires*, and his latest *The Final Girl Support Group*, will give a tour of the history of murder books and movies and discuss what it means that so much of our entertainment is about selling murder for fun. This event is recommended for ages 18 and up. To see all of the Halloween festivities, visit ocls.info/halloween.

Hispanic Heritage Month continues in October. Celebrate Hispanic Heritage at the library with a special livestream performance by award-winning bilingual children's band, Evan and Vanessa, learn to make ropa vieja and enjoy several youth events focusing on the cultures of Peru, Puerto Rico and more. To register for these events and more, visit ocls.info/hispanicheritagemonth.

This year marks the 50th Anniversary of Walt Disney World's grand opening on October 1, 1971. Explore the history of the park with an audio-visual retrospective presented by The Lake Buena Vista Historical Society using the society's vast archive of amateur and professionally shot photographs and film. Share your own memories, learn to cook Disney themed snacks and laugh along with a performance by Yehaa Bob by visiting ocls.info/disney50.

All of our events are virtual, and available online for free with an Orange County Library System card. If you have any questions about the information shared below, call 407-835-7323. Check us out online at ocls.info for a complete listing of all library events.

Sing-Along with Yehaa Bob

Wednesday, October 6, 11 a.m.

Sing along, clap along and laugh along with one of America's funniest entertainers, Yehaa Bob!
Recommended for families with children ages 3–5.

Little Chef: Hakuna Frittatas

Friday, October 8, 10 a.m.

It's our problem-free, fun recipe! Call in your caregiver to create a delicious crustless quiche to celebrate Walt Disney World's 50th Anniversary.

In-Person: Wildflower Garden Grand Opening StoryWalk

West Oaks Branch

Saturday, October 9, 10 a.m.–Noon

Calling all nature lovers! Celebrate the grand opening of the West Oaks Wildflower Garden with a StoryWalk and fun take-home crafts for families. Drop-in anytime between 10 a.m. and Noon.

Cuisine Corner: Ropa Vieja

Wednesday, October 13, 6 p.m.

Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month by learning how to make ropa vieja. Yamira Lee Johnson, head chef and founder of Breaking Bread with Mira, shows us how to prepare this traditional Cuban, Puerto Rican and Dominican Republic dish made with shredded flank steak and vegetables.

Hispanic Heritage Livestream Featuring Evan and Vanessa

Thursday, October 14, 7 p.m.

Tune in and listen to peaceful music from the award-winning bilingual children's band Evan and Vanessa, recently named one of the "Best New Latin Kid's Music Groups" by Billboard.com. Recommended for families.

A 50 Year Walt Disney World Retrospective Presented by The Lake Buena Vista Historical Society

Saturday, October 16, 11 a.m.

Enjoy an exciting audiovisual retrospective of 50 years at Walt Disney World. Experience this unique look using The Lake Buena Vista Historical Society's vast collection of amateur and professionally shot slides and films.

Grady Hendrix: The Final Girl Support Group

Friday, October 22, 9 p.m.

Grady Hendrix, *New York Times* bestselling author, gives you a guided tour of the history of murder books and movies and discusses what it means that so much of our entertainment is about selling murder for fun. Registration required. Recommended for ages 18 and up.

In-Person: Library Pop-up: Horizon West: Spooky StoryWalk

Southwest Branch

Saturday, October 23, 6–9 p.m.

StoryWalk is a way to enjoy the benefits of reading and the outdoors at the same time. Be sure to bring your flashlights and courage for this spooky edition!

Trick or Treat Safe Zone

October 25–30

Enjoy Halloween fun for an entire week with the library starting Monday, October 25 through Saturday, October 30. Pick up take-home crafts and candy all week long at select library locations! Costumes are

encouraged. Recommended for ages 3–12. For more information, visit ocls.info/trickortreat. Additionally, visit the Orange County Regional History Center’s event page for more Halloween fun at thehistorycenter.org/events.

Halloween Escape Room

Tuesday, October 26, 4 p.m.

Can your family escape? Join us for a Halloween themed escape room full of ghosts, ghouls, and maybe even monsters! Registration required. Recommended for ages 6–12.

Mad Science Spooky Spectacular

Saturday, October 30, 2 p.m.

Watch ghastly ghosts inflate and dance! Join in on the fun from home. All you need is a balloon, a piece of tissue paper, a piece of cardstock or cardboard, a marker, scissors and some tape

LEARN. GROW. CONNECT.

####