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<p>planning to present the middle and high school virtual field trip experience during Library U in June 2022.</p>		
<p>In August 2021, the Youth Services department launched the second year of virtual field trips. OCLS began booking field trips for kindergarten and 1st graders for the 2021-2022 school year on October 4, 2021. This quarter, Noraliz Orengo, Youth Program Specialist, and Sara Ebersole, Youth Services Reference Clerk, presented twenty-four virtual field trips to schools across the county, tripling reach from 535 students in the first quarter of 2020 to 2,555 students in Q1 of 2021. In support of expanding our field trip offering, Youth Services is also working on a preschool field trip experience that highlights community helpers to local preschools and homeschool groups. To help with this initiative, the committee has expanded to add two new committee members, Natasha Rosa, Youth Services Reference Clerk, and Crystal Sullivan, Storyteller. On December 3, the newly formed committee met to plan and gather community contacts.</p> <p>Also, in the first quarter, another team of staff championed expanding field trip offerings to middle and high school students. The group includes Silence Bourn, Youth Services Librarian, India Solomon, Branch Librarian, and Taylor Spicer, Reference Clerk. They created "escape room-styled" virtual field trips that help students access and utilize their OCLS virtual library cards and their resources. These additions to the OCLS virtual field trip catalog allow the Library to reach all Orange County Public Schools system grade levels by leveraging the School Partnership Program. Ms. Bourn and Ms. Solomon marketed the high school virtual field trip to 22 public high schools, contacting 49 educators and media specialists to inform them of this new opportunity that supports the Florida State Learning Standards. In October, Ms. Bourn and Ms. Solomon piloted the high school virtual field trip where 42 students and three educators participated. They also drafted a marketing campaign to promote the new middle school field trip that will launch in January 2022 to 42 schools. They continue to market the high school virtual field trip to over 400 language arts educators. Instructional Technology Specialist Tony Orengo coordinated with Youth Services to include the new virtual offering for 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grades, <i>Computer Science: Robotic Friends</i>, on the field trips webpage. Instructional Technology Specialist Vanya Walker conducted a preliminary in-person test with a Girls Who Code group comprised of the target grade levels. Tony and Vanya are finalizing an on-site demonstration for their managers based on this demonstration's feedback. They will finish the curriculum in preparation for sign-ups in January 2022.</p>	<p>Bethany Stone</p>	<p>12.21</p>

### G. Foster Innovation & New Services

#### 1. Expand library offerings in targeted communities

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<p><b>In the fourth quarter, the Library continued to target the writing community by launching the new Author Talks series through the Library Consortium service:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Author Talk with Alka Joshi</b></li> </ul> <p><b>New York Times Best Selling author and Reese Witherspoon Book Club pick, Alka Joshi, discussed</b></p>	<p>Danielle King</p>	<p>9.22</p>

her bestselling books, *The Henna Artist* and *The Secret Keeper of Jaipur*.

- **Author Talk with David Allen**

New York Times Best Selling author David Allen, one of the world's most influential thinkers on personal productivity, shared insights, and best practices.

- **Author Talk with Dr. Marcia Chatelain**

Dr. Marcia Chatelain discussed her Pulitzer prize-winning book, *Franchise: The Golden Arches in Black America*.

- **Author Talk with Dr. Michele Borba**

Bestselling author and child development expert Dr. Michele Borba spoke about her book, *Thrivers: Surprising Reasons Why Some Kids Struggle and Others Thrive*.

- **Author Talk with Hernan Diaz**

Pulitzer Prize finalist and PEN/Faulkner Award winner, Hernan Diaz, explored his book, *In the Distance and Trust*, and shared his insights and experiences with writing.

- **Author Talk with Liz Moore**

New York Times Bestselling author Liz Moore discussed her international bestseller, *Long Bright River*, and her other works.

- **Author Talk with Liz Wiseman**

Liz Wiseman, New York Times Best Selling author, researcher, and executive adviser, talked about her latest book, *Impact Players*.

- **Author Talk with Michele Harper**

Author Michele Harper covered the many lessons she learned on her inspiring personal journey and the success of her New York Times bestselling memoir, *The Beauty in Breaking*.

- **Author Talk with Simon Winchester**

Prolific British-American writer, journalist, consummate adventurer, and New York Times Bestselling author Simon Winchester spoke about his career and writing.

**"Orlando Literary Expo,"** a new large-scale networking event for authors, connected writers with Orlando-area literary organizations to learn what they do, the resources available, and how to get more involved in the local literary community.

Throughout the quarter, the Fairview Shores Branch partnered with Avalon School's class for students with special needs to provide weekly programs to work on life skills and social interactions. The Chickasaw Branch partnered with the Friends of the Library to provide













designing a bookmark received a book bag filled with school supplies.

Windermere Branch is partnering with the Town of Windermere and The Art Room to promote Wings of Windermere project and a StoryWalk event planned for Feb 2022. The North Orange Branch continues to partner with Imagine our Florida to display information about wildlife and endangered animals. North Orange also partnered with the Orange County Environmental Division as part of an effort to reduce nutrient pollution in the Wekiva Basin Springs. The group provided displays and information on preventing algae bloom. North Orange had four community participation programs including a Halloween scavenger hunt, Book vs. Movie, As Seen on TV, Thankful Heart, Write a letter to your favorite book character. Winter Garden had five community art projects including a Halloween Pet Costume Contest, a Book Recommendations Tree, a Thankful Turkey, a Popsicle Stick Quilt, and a staff gingerbread house contest with 461 participants. Fairview Shores Branch had several community art projects including tissue pumpkin patches, bat patches, candy cane patches and a paper fish mobile. Washington Park Branch had three community art projects including Falling for Autumn, Favorite Holiday Dish, and Wishing for the New Year. OCLS continues to partner with Rollin's Museum of Art to distribute Museum Art Kits at the Orlando Public Library and Chickasaw Branch. We are also working with PBS to distribute 1,500 "Kindness Kits" at all of our libraries in February for their annual "Be My Neighbor Day" celebration.

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