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# Earth Day activities, Charlotte's Web crafts and more this April at the library

Join us for some nature fun this April during Earth Day, Hooray! Multiple library branches will host this enjoyable event where our young patrons can enjoy nature-friendly stories, activities and crafts. The fun begins on April 11 at the South Trail branch. See below for more times and locations.

The One Book, One Community Program is a special event that runs annually in the spring, encouraging both children and adults to read the same book. This year's One Book, One Community program winner is Charlotte's Web. Visit the Chickasaw branch on April 17 for One Book, One Community: Charlotte and Friends. Have some fun making crafts and enjoying games with Charlotte, Wilbur, Templeton and the gang at Zuckerman's Farm. See below for more dates.

The 2019 Summer Reading Program launches from June 1 to August 3. Registrations open on April 1. Sign up for free with your library card for some out of this world programs, art, storytimes and more. Earn points throughout the summer for a chance to win some stellar prizes. Visit <u>ocls.info/srp</u> for more information and to sign up.

If you have any questions about the events or information shared below, contact us at 407-835-7323. Check us out online at <u>ocls.info</u> for a complete listing of library events.

What Can You Do with a Crayon? Windermere Branch, 530 Main St., Windermere *Monday, April 1, 10:30 a.m.* North Orange Branch, 1211 E. Semoran Blvd., Apopka *Tuesday, April 9, 11 a.m.* South Creek Branch, 1702 Deerfield Blvd. *Wednesday, April 10, 10:30 a.m.* Winter Garden Branch, 805 E. Plant St., Winter Garden *Tuesday, April 23, 10:30 a.m.* Hiawassee Branch, 7391 W. Colonial Drive *Tuesday, April 23, 6:30 p.m.*  Chickasaw Branch, 870 N. Chickasaw Trail
Wednesday, April 24, 11 a.m.
Eatonville Branch, 200 E. Kennedy Blvd., Eatonville *Tuesday, April 30, 10:30 a.m.*West Oaks Branch, 1821 E. Silver Star Road., Ocoee *Tuesday, April 30, 11 a.m.*Get creative with us and help your child increase important developmental skills using crayons.

# K Ready!

Eatonville Branch, 200 E. Kennedy Blvd., Eatonville *Tuesdays, April 2–23, 10:30 a.m.* Herndon Branch, 4324 E. Colonial Drive *Wednesdays, April 3–24, 10:30 a.m.* 

This eight-part series readies preschool children to excel in kindergarten through creative play, cooperative learning and activities that stimulate the imagination! This series introduces important concepts and skills that align with the Florida Early Learning and Developmental Standards for Four-Year-Olds. In order to fully experience this series, register and attend all eight sessions. Visit ocls.info/kready for more information.

## **Cuisine Corner Junior: Mac & Cheese**

South Trail Branch, 4600 S. Orange Blossom Trail Saturday, April 6, 2 p.m.
Eatonville Branch, 200 E. Kennedy Blvd., Eatonville Tuesday, April 23, 3:30 p.m.
South Creek Branch, 1702 Deerfield Blvd.
Saturday, April 27, 2:30 p.m.
West Oaks Branch, 1821 E. Silver Star Road., Ocoee Tuesday, April 30, 5 p.m.
Hiawassee Branch, 7391 W. Colonial Drive Tuesday, April 30, 6:30 p.m.
Macaroni Cheese, everybody freeze! Learn how to make a classic mac and cheese recipe and add your own flavor for a delicious treat. Food will be served at this event, please see staff about specific needs concerning food allergies.

### **Riddles, Puzzles and Poetry**

Eatonville Branch, 200 E. Kennedy Blvd., Eatonville Monday, April 8, 3:30 p.m.
Edgewater Branch, 5049 Edgewater Drive Tuesday, April 9, 4 p.m.
West Oaks Branch, 1821 E. Silver Star Road., Ocoee Tuesday, April 9, 5 p.m.
Washington Park Branch, 5151 Raleigh St., Suite A.
Wednesday, April 17, 4:30 p.m.
Windermere Branch, 530 Main St., Windermere Friday, April 19, 3:30 p.m.
Your brain is a muscle; it needs to work out! Exercise your mind with tongue twisters, optical illusions and word games.

### **Book Character Classics**

Orlando Public Library, 101 E. Central Blvd. *Wednesday, April 10, 10 a.m.* Help us bring our favorite children's book characters to life with stories, games and crafts! Recommended for toddlers and preschoolers.

### **Exploring Math with Orlando Math Circle**

Edgewater Branch, 5049 Edgewater Drive *Wednesday, April 10, 3 p.m.* Through problem solving with patterns, numbers and shapes your child can learn to be a better thinker and problem solver.

## Earth Day, Hooray!

South Trail Branch, 4600 S. Orange Blossom Trail Thursday, April 11, 10:15 a.m. Orlando Public Library, 101 E. Central Blvd. Wednesday, April 17, 10 a.m. South Creek Branch, 1702 Deerfield Blvd. Wednesday, April 17, 10:30 a.m. Alafaya Branch, 12000 E. Colonial Drive Monday, April 22, 10:30 a.m. Chickasaw Branch, 870 N. Chickasaw Trail Monday, April 22, 11 a.m. North Orange Branch, 1211 E. Semoran Blvd., Apopka Tuesday, April 23, 11 a.m. Hiawassee Branch, 7391 W. Colonial Drive Wednesday, April 24, 6:30 p.m. Winter Garden Branch, 805 E. Plant St., Winter Garden *Thursday*, *April 25*, *10:30 a.m.* Celebrate Earth Day with your little one with nature-friendly stories, crafts and activities. After all, it's never too early to start learning about protecting our planet!

### **Sesame Street Storytime**

Alafaya Branch, 12000 E. Colonial Drive Sunday, April 14, 2 p.m. Come for a sunny day as we enjoy stories, games and crafts from Sesame Street! Recommended for toddlers and preschoolers.

## One Book, One Community: Charlotte's Web Movie Screening

Southwest Branch, 7255 Della Drive *Tuesday, April 16, 10:30 a.m.*Washington Park Branch, 5151 Raleigh St., Suite A. *Saturday, April 20, 2:30 p.m.*Herndon Branch, 4324 E. Colonial Drive *Saturday, April 27, 2 p.m.*Chickasaw Branch, 870 N. Chickasaw Trail *Wednesday, May 8, 3 p.m.*Settle in for a trip to the farm as we watch the classic story of *Charlotte's Web* come alive on the big screen. Recommended for families.

## Fun and Easy Spanish for Kids

Windermere Branch, 530 Main St., Windermere *Tuesdays, April 16–May 7, 10:30 a.m.* A four-week fun and interactive Spanish class for preschoolers. We will be using the Little Pim Online Language Learning for Kids database.

#### **One Book, One Community: Charlotte and Friends**

Chickasaw Branch, 870 N. Chickasaw Trail
Wednesday, April 17, 3 p.m.
Windermere Branch, 530 Main St., Windermere
Saturday, May 4, 2:30 p.m.
West Oaks Branch, 1821 E. Silver Star Road., Ocoee
Wednesday, May 8, 4 p.m.
It's time for fun with Charlotte, Wilbur, Templeton and all their friends at Zuckerman's Farm. Celebrate
the classic children's novel, *Charlotte's Web*, with stories, games and activities. Recommended for lower
and upper elementary.

#### Sensory-Friendly Family Film

North Orange Branch, 1211 E. Semoran Blvd., Apopka *Thursday, April 18, 5 p.m.* Celebrate National Autism Awareness Month with an inclusive screening of a family favorite movie!

#### **Baby Bookworms**

Southwest Branch, 7255 Della Drive *Friday, April 19, 10:30 a.m.* Read! Learn! Play! Introduce your baby to important literacy practices that encourage learning and developmental growth. Recommended for toddlers and preschoolers.

### **Creative Writing for Kids: Picture Poetry**

Herndon Branch, 4324 E. Colonial Drive *Tuesday, April 23, 3:30 p.m.* Learn to create beautiful poetry to form pictures, inspired by the book *Love That Dog* by Sharron Creech.

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