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**Celebrate National Library Week this April, plus the Summer Reading Program registration opens April 1 and more at the library**

The American Library Association (ALA) celebrates how libraries help make our communities stronger from April 7 to 13 during National Library Week. Visit one of our Orange County Library's where we will host some great events, including the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Southwest Author series at the Southwest branch on April 12. Melanie Benjamin, author of *The Girls in the Picture* and *The Aviator's Wife* will be our special guest speaker where she will discuss and sign copies of her books.

The 2019 Summer Reading Program launches from June 1 to August 3. Registrations open on April 1 where all are welcome to 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 [ocls.info/srp](http://ocls.info/srp) for more information and to sign up.

The Melrose Film Festival returns this year and seeks to highlight the work of imaginative filmmakers across the globe. Interested in submitting your short film, animation or music video to win cash prizes? Submissions will be accepted April 14–June 14 at [filmfreeway.com/MelroseFilmFestival](http://filmfreeway.com/MelroseFilmFestival). The festival will be held in September in the Melrose Center, featuring screenings of selected films, industry panels and Q&A discussions.

If you have any questions about the events or information shared below, contact us at 407-835-7323. You can also check for more library events online at [ocls.info](http://ocls.info).

**Money Talks for Women**

Orlando Public Library, Melrose Center, 101 E. Central Blvd.

*Mondays, March 18–May 6, 6:30p.m.*

In this nine-week series, learn about library services such as Morningstar Investment Research Center, goal-oriented tools for saving, investing and more. Discuss what works for achieving financial confidence for women and share money management best practices across the financial spectrum. Join us at 6 p.m. to meet and chat before the program.

### **Citizenship Inspired**

Alafaya Branch, 12000 E. Colonial Drive

*Tuesdays, April 2–23, 6:30 p.m.*

Students meet each week to prepare for the U.S. Naturalization (Citizenship) Test and Interview. To be eligible for U.S. Naturalization, you must be able to read, write and speak basic English. This series is for adult learners and is free to Orange County district resident cardholders, fee cardholders and Orange County Property Owner cardholders. Register online or call 407.835.7323.

### **Color Correction**

West Oaks Branch, 1821 E. Silver Star Road., Ocoee

*Wednesday, April 4, 11 a.m.*

Orlando Public Library, 101 E. Central Blvd.

*Friday, April 12, 2:45 p.m.*

Edgewater Branch, 5049 Edgewater Drive

*Monday, April 15, 6:30 p.m.*

Hiawasse Branch, 7391 W. Colonial Drive

*Saturday, April 20, 3:15 p.m.*

Winter Garden Branch, 805 E. Plant St., Winter Garden

*Monday, April 22, 6:45 p.m.*

Alafaya Branch, 12000 E. Colonial Drive

*Thursday, April 25, 7:30 p.m.*

Take an average photo and make it pop. Learn basic color correction techniques and make global and location adjustments to images in Adobe Camera Raw.

### **Cuisine Corner: Cooking by the Book**

Hiawasse Branch, 7391 W. Colonial Drive

*Thursday, April 4, 6:30 p.m.*

Windermere Branch, 530 Main St., Windermere

*Thursday, April 18, 6:30 p.m.*

Farah Davids is back with recipes straight from your favorite book. Learn to prepare iconic dishes from *A Series of Unfortunate Events* and *Charlotte's Web*. Be ready to enjoy the fruits of your labor after you reach the final chapter. Ages 18 and up. Registration recommended.

### **Autism Spectrum Disorders: From Diagnosis to Action**

Alafaya Branch, 12000 E. Colonial Drive

*Saturday, April 6, 11 a.m.*

Orlando Public Library, Cypress Room, 101 E. Central Blvd.

*Saturday, April 6, 11 a.m.*

Eatonville Branch, 200 E. Kennedy Blvd., Eatonville

*Saturday, April 6, 1 p.m.*

North Orange Branch, 1211 E. Semoran Blvd., Apopka

*Saturday, April 27, 11 a.m.*

South Trail Branch, 4600 S. Orange Blossom Trail

*Saturday, April 27, 11 a.m.*

Today, 1 in 59 children are diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). Early identification and treatment are essential for best development. Learn the red flags for diagnosis, first steps to take when ASD is suspected or diagnosed and local resources to help maximize a child's abilities.

### **Snack & Learn: Good Food for Your Gut**

Hiawasse Branch, 7391 W. Colonial Drive

*Tuesday, April 9, 1:30 p.m.*

Your stomach will not react well with everything you eat. Find out which foods help keep your digestive system running smoothly and which you should avoid with Jamila Way, DNP of Orlando Primary Care. Snacks provided.

**14<sup>th</sup> Annual Southwest Author Series featuring Melanie Benjamin**

Southwest Branch, 7255 Della Drive

*Friday, April 12, 6:30 p.m.*

Celebrate National Library Month with the Southwest Author Series, presented in partnership with The Rotary Club of Dr. Phillips. Melanie Benjamin, author of *The Girls in the Picture* and *The Aviator's Wife*, will speak and sign copies of her books. A book sale will follow the presentation. The event is free and light refreshments will be served. Doors open at 6 p.m.

**Melrose Meetups: 3D Animation – The Twelve Principles**

Orlando Public Library, Melrose Center, 101 E. Central Blvd.

*Saturday, April 13, 4 p.m.*

Discover how the 12 principles of traditional animation can greatly improve the quality of your own 3D animations.

**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.

**Trap-Neuter-Return Boot Camp**

Southeast Branch, 5575 S. Semoran Blvd.

*Tuesday, April 16, 5:30 p.m.*

Best Friends Pet Care and Pet Alliance of Greater Orlando will be hosting a Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) Boot Camp to teach people the basics of humanely trapping community cats. Due to the high volume of kittens entering shelters every year, TNR is the most humane and effective way to control the population of free-roaming cats. Cats are humanely trapped, vaccinated, sterilized and returned to the location they were found.

**Container Gardening**

Southwest Branch, 7255 Della Drive

*Monday, April 22, 7p.m.*

Master Gardener Dena Wild from UF/IFAS Extension Orange County Office will give you tips on starting your own container garden. Learn the many advantages and how easy it is to grow herbs, flowers and even vegetables right out of containers from your own household. Dena will also be demonstrating the techniques for transplanting plants to your containers.

**Let's Knit: Turn Your Plastic Bags into Yarn – Beginner Level**

Orlando Public Library, 101 E. Central Blvd.

*Tuesday, April 23, 10 a.m.*

Transform your plastic bags into lightweight, strong and weather resistant yarn. Discover how to turn your bags into plastic yarn (PLARN), connect individual strands into a ball and pattern ideas for your new creation.

**Memory Jars**

Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room, 101 E. Central Blvd.

*Tuesday, April 23, 10:30 a.m.*

Capture those special moments and bottle up your favorite memories in a jar. Library staff will provide materials to create your own memory jar. Space is limited. Registration required. To register, visit [ocls.info](http://ocls.info) or call 407.835.7323.

**The Business of Book Writing**

Orlando Public Library, Cypress Room, 101 E. Central Blvd.

*Tuesday, April 23, 6:30 p.m.*

Author Kerry Evelyn will discuss what she's learned from her experiences with indie publishing and help you plan out and establish a timeline for setting up your business and getting your book published.

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