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Get recommendations and hear from librarians and authors live this August

This August, the Orange County Library System is excited to bring you two great authors for a live Q&A on Zoom. On August 20, join David James Poissant, author of LAKE LIFE, during Meet the Author: David James Poissant. Then on August 23 we kick off the NEA Big Reads summer event with the series keynote author Kelly Link.

Every Thursday from 2-3 p.m. meet with librarians in real-time during Open Hour with a Librarian, which takes place on our Facebook page. Let our librarians know what you like, and they'll share some recommendations for your next great read.

The Virtual Summer Reading Program may be coming to an end, but that doesn't mean the fun has to stop. Track your summer reading and activities in [Beanstack](#), so you can earn points for a chance to win some great prizes. Beanstack can also help you discover great books with friends and family, or on your own.

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

Virtual Event: Money Talks for Women

Tuesday, August 4-25, 6:30 p.m.

Join the conversation! Learn about library services such as Morningstar Investment Research Center, goal-oriented tools for saving, investing and more. Registration required.

<https://www.ocls.info/classes-events-moneytalksforwomen>

Virtual Event: Open Hour with a Librarian

Thursday, August 6-27, 2 p.m.

Get real-time recommendations from OCLS Librarians on what to read next or what to read on specific topics through Facebook: [facebook.com/oclslib](https://www.facebook.com/oclslib) or Twitter: twitter.com/ocslibrary

<https://www.ocls.info/classes-events-openhourwithlibrarian>

Virtual Event: Novel Plot Pacing by the Numbers

Thursday, August 6, 7 p.m.

Does your feedback on plot pacing have you singing laments of a saggy middle or early resolution? Katie Golding, author of FEARLESS, will guide you through how to perfect your pacing, by the numbers.

<https://attend.ocls.info/event/4411122>

Virtual Event: Family Mood Playlist

Friday, August 7, 11 a.m.

Join CFCArts Music Therapist Ashley Lewis as she instructs your family on designing the perfect family mood playlist using the techniques of music therapy. Materials Needed: Access to a music resource.

<https://attend.ocls.info/event/4427532>

Virtual Event: Cuisine Corner- Seasonal Veggies

Wednesday, August 12, 6 p.m.

Watch live as Yamira Lee Johnson, head chef and founder of Breaking Bread with Mira and certified holistic life coach, shows you how to cook satisfying seasonal veggies.

<https://attend.ocls.info/event/4394702>

Virtual Event: Reaching Out- A Community Resource Fair

Saturday, August 15, 2 p.m.–4 p.m.

Connect virtually with local community services. Various organizations will discuss services they provide, including OCLS.

<https://attend.ocls.info/event/4358524>

Virtual Event Meet the Author: David James Poissant

Thursday, August 20, 7 p.m.

David James Poissant, author of LAKE LIFE, will be live in conversation with librarian Edward Booker. Join them for a conversation and live Q&A.

<https://attend.ocls.info/event/4456410>

Virtual Event NEA Big Read Kickoff & Keynote with Kelly Link

Sunday, August 23, 2 p.m.

The NEA Big Read series officially begins with a virtual keynote by "Pretty Monsters" author Kelly Link. For more virtual events in this series go to: www.ocls.info/bigread

<https://attend.ocls.info/event/4352010>

Virtual Event: Writing a Book in Multiple Points of View

Sunday, August 23, 2 p.m.

Author Ren Hutchings will discuss writing in multiple points of view, including how to craft unique character voices, how to structure a multi-POV novel, and how to develop interwoven plot threads.

<https://attend.ocls.info/event/4405233>

Virtual Event: Mamma Griot and Her Rocking Story Bag!

Monday, August 24, 3:30 p.m.

In this interactive, family friendly program, Dr. Johnston Bush shares traditional folktales and songs that participants choose and sometimes create by selecting items from her Rocking Story Bag.

<https://attend.ocls.info/event/4283411>

Virtual Event: Book to Art: NEA Big Read: Pretty Monsters

Monday, August 24, 6:30 p.m.

Discuss the book *Pretty Monsters: Stories* by Kelly Link and share your works of literary art inspired by your favorite story in the book. Supplies are provided upon request. Ages 18+

<https://attend.ocls.info/event/4320683>

Virtual Event: No Happy Endings: The Dark Side of Fairytales

Tuesday, August 25, 6:30 p.m.

Dr. Naima Bush delves into the murder, mayhem, abuse, and mutilation are just the tip of the iceberg when we delve deeper into the stories made famous by the Brothers Grimm. Ages 15 and up.

<https://attend.ocls.info/event/4283435>

Virtual Event: Food 101: Herbs & Fungi

Wednesday, August 26, 6:30 p.m.

The Food 101 series introduces you to a new topic every month, examining the historical and social significance of what we eat.

<https://attend.ocls.info/event/4062299>

Virtual Event: Winter Garden Book Club

Thursday, August 27, 6 p.m.

Please join us for a lively book discussion about the book selection of the month.

<https://attend.ocls.info/event/4366039>

Virtual Event: Ghosts of Murders Past

Thursday, August 27, 9 p.m.

Many of the ghostly tales of Florida focus on crime and grisly murders. This presentation tracks some of the famous murders and serial killers of the state and the ghost stories they left behind.

<https://attend.ocls.info/event/4316116>

Virtual Event: Upcycling: Faery Handbag

Saturday, August 29, 10 a.m.–11:30 a.m.

Magic your old t-shirts into stylish handbags. Once complete, accessorize it with faery charms. Bring your own shirt or use one of ours. Inspired by Kelly Link's short story "The Faery Handbag."

<https://attend.ocls.info/event/4368153>

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