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Orlando Public Library hosts a StoryCorps listening party, plus holiday entertainment this December

Last year, StoryCorps visited the Orlando Public Library to listen to stories from library customers and staff about how the library has impacted their lives. On December 6, join us at Orlando Public Library for OCLS x StoryCorps Listening Party, cohosted by WMFE, which gives participants an opportunity to listen to snippets of StoryCorps recordings of library customers, a panel discussion with StoryCorps participants led by WMFE's Nicole Darden Creston, and more. The library also has on display a series of live sketches from artist Thomas Thorspecken, who documented the project.

Explore the 12 principles of animation and the influence they have had on 3D animation tools at the Melrose Center on December 13 and 17. Then apply the principles using the Graph Editor in Maya to create an effective animation.

Stop by the Alafaya branch on December 18 and learn how to crochet a mini holiday wreath during Let's Crochet Holiday Wreaths. Prior crochet experience is required.

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

*PLEASE NOTE: The Southeast Branch will be closed December 1 – January 6 for a refresh. Visit us when we reopen January 7, 2020. During the refresh, materials can be returned to Southeast, and all other library services can be accessed online or at any of other 15 locations.

Dickens Holiday Celebration

Orlando Public Library, 101 E. Central Blvd.

Sunday, December 1, 2 p.m.

Enjoy some fun and festive holiday songs performed by the Orlando Dickens Carolers.

FREE Yoga Class

South Creek Branch, 1702 Deerfield Blvd.

Mondays, December 2-16, 6 p.m.

Roll out your yoga mat and get ready to work your body! You'll be amazed by what you can do. Tighten your stomach and strengthen your back with simple but challenging poses. Ages 7 years and up are welcome when accompanied by an adult.

Self Development Workshop

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

Tuesday, December 3, 6–7:30 p.m.

Get together with others in our community who want to improve themselves. Learn how to utilize the power of a mastermind to focus on one purpose: growth. Based on the numerous books of Napoleon Hill, consider the godfather of self-help.

Paint With a Disney Artist

Alafaya Branch, 12000 E. Colonial Drive

Wednesday, December 4, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Paint a fun image using ink and watercolors with Disney Artist David Buckley. Recommended for ages 13 and up. All supplies provided. Registration required.

Let's Speak Spanish!

South Creek Branch, 1702 Deerfield Blvd.

Thursdays, December 5–19, 4:30 p.m.

Learn basic Spanish concepts including the alphabet and their sounds, days of the week, months, numbers and conjugating verbs.

OCLS x StoryCorps Listening Party

Orlando Public Library, Second Floor, 101 E. Central Blvd.

Friday, December 6, 7 p.m.

An evening of listening to snippets of StoryCorps recordings of library customers with panel discussions with participants and other storytellers. Presented with the support of WMFE.

Volunteer Fair

Orlando Public Library, 101 E. Central Blvd.

Sunday, December 8, 2-3:30 p.m.

Curious about year-round volunteering opportunities in the Central Florida area? Interact with various organizations that offer volunteer services to the community.

Melrose Meetups: Orlando Melrose Makers

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

Tuesday, December 10, 6–7:30 p.m.

Reuse electronics for the holiday. Make upcycled electronics decor in a guided workshop led by the Fab Lab Makerspace instructors.

Music in the Library: Hungrytown

Chickasaw Branch, 870 N. Chickasaw Trail

Wednesday, December 11, Noon

Orlando Public Library, 101 E. Central Blvd.

Saturday, December 14, 11 a.m.

Vermont-based folk duo Hungrytown will perform a program of original and traditional songs of the winter and holiday season.

Cuisine Corner: Thịt Bò Bảy Món (Beef Seven Ways)

Windermere Branch, 530 Main St., Windermere

Thursday, December 12, 6:30 p.m.

Eatonville Branch, 200 E. Kennedy Blvd., Eatonville

Tuesday, December 17, 6:30 p.m.

Feast like it's the holidays in Vietnam with Ha Roda. Learn about the history and culture of the country and make spring rolls inspired by Thit Bò Bảy Món.

The 12 Principles of Animation in 3D

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

Friday, December 13, 3 p.m.

Tuesday, December 17, 3 p.m.

Explore the 12 principles of animation and the influence they have had on 3D animation tools. Apply the principles using the Graph Editor in Maya to create an effective animation.

Common Editing Mistakes

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

Saturday, December 14, 3 p.m.

Laura Helseth of Read Head Editing will discuss the most common fiction editing mistakes and how to avoid them. She'll provide tips and tricks for getting the most out of your self-editing.

Local Author Festival

Orlando Public Library, 101 E. Central Blvd.

Sunday, December 15, 2-4 p.m.

Meet and greet local authors at our Local Author Festival. Authors from a variety of genres will share their experiences and books. Each author will have books available for purchase and signing.

Using Music to Inspire Your Writing

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

Tuesday, December 17, 6:30 p.m.

Taylor Simonds will share her audiovisual outlining technique, showing you how to plot by creating a mood board for each scene with a corresponding instrumental score.

Let's Crochet Holiday Wreaths

Alafaya Branch, 12000 E. Colonial Drive

Wednesday, December 18, 6-8 p.m.

Learn how to crochet mini holiday wreaths. Previous crochet experience recommended.

Cuisine Corner: Stressless Holiday Entertaining

Alafaya Branch, 12000 E. Colonial Drive

Thursday, December 19, 6:30 p.m.

Chef Warren teaches you to enjoy the holidays without spending all of your time in the kitchen. Get great ideas for appetizers and the main course. Registration required.

Choosing a Publishing Path

South Creek Branch, 1702 Deerfield Blvd. *Thursday, December 19, 7–8:15 p.m.*

Hybrid author Sarah Nicolas, aka Aria Kane, will present the different book publishing paths available and openly discuss the advantages and disadvantages of each.

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