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Create one-of-a-kind holiday decorations with the family at the library

Enjoy some festive events and programs at the library this December. On December 1 bring your family and friends to the Melrose Center and have your Holiday Family Photos taken. Make sure to bring your own USB drive to save your photos.

Chef Yamira Lee Johnson returns to the library as she share her delicious recipe for the traditional holiday Puerto Rican drink, coquito, during Cuisine Corner: Coquito. Space is limited, so see below for dates and locations.

Celebrate quality family time throughout the month together as you create handmade decorations, ornaments or a gift for a special person in your life during Holiday DIY Crafts. Make a special gift at a library branch near you. Check below for dates.

Follow us on Twitter @OCLSespanol for everyday content and news, as well as on Facebook @OCLSLib. If you have any questions about the information shared below, contact us as 407-835-7323 and 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.

Holiday Family Photos

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

Sunday, December 1, 2–5 p.m.

The holiday season is here! Families and groups are invited to have their holiday-themed portraits taken in the Photo Studio. Please bring a USB drive to save your photos.

Citizenship Inspired

Alafaya Branch, 12000 E. Colonial Drive

Monday, December 2–23, 5:30 p.m.

During this four-week event, students will meet once each week to prepare for the U.S. Naturalization (Citizenship) Test and Interview.

English from Zero

Alafaya Branch, 12000 E. Colonial Drive

Mondays, December 2–23, 6:30 p.m.

Thursdays, December 5–26, 10:30 a.m.–Noon

Herndon Branch, 4324 E. Colonial Drive

Wednesdays, December 4–18, 6:30 p.m.

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

Saturdays, December 7 & 14, 4–5:30 p.m.

English from Zero classes are designed for beginning English learners. Each workshop has a specific target topic. See calendar for more information.

Tertulia Cuatro Gatos / Spanish Book Club

Chickasaw Branch, 870 N. Chickasaw Trail

Tuesday, December 3, 6:30–8:30 p.m.

Fairview Shores Branch, 902 Lee Road, Suite 26.

Thursdays, December 5 & 19, 6:30–8:30 p.m.

La Tertulia Cuatro Gatos se reúne para compartir y discutir poesía, literatura, arte o historia. Todos son bienvenidos. El programa es presentado en español.

Holiday DIY Crafts

Hiawasse Branch, 7391 W. Colonial Drive

Tuesday, December 3, 6:30 p.m.

Washington Park Branch, 5151 Raleigh St., Suite A.

Wednesday, December 4, 4 p.m.

Eatonville Branch, 200 E. Kennedy Blvd., Eatonville

Thursday, December 5, 3:30 p.m.

Fairview Shores Branch, 902 Lee Road, Suite 26.

Thursday, December 12, 4 p.m.

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

Thursday, December 12, 4 p.m.

Herndon Branch, 4324 E. Colonial Drive

Saturday, December 14, 3:30 p.m.

South Creek Branch, 1702 Deerfield Blvd.

Saturday, December 21, 2:30 p.m.

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

Saturday, December 21, 2:30 p.m.

Orlando Public Library, 101 E. Central Blvd.

Saturday, December 21, 3:30 p.m.

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

Monday, December 23, 11 a.m.

South Trail Branch, 4600 S. Orange Blossom Trail

Monday, December 23, 4:30 p.m.

Chickasaw Branch, 870 N. Chickasaw Trail

Friday, December 27, 3:30 p.m.

Create handmade decorations, ornaments or simple gifts for the holiday season. Recommended for children and families.

Practice Makes Perfect

South Trail Branch, 4600 S. Orange Blossom Trail

Tuesdays, December 3–17, 5:30–7:30 p.m.

Fairview Shores Branch, 902 Lee Road, Suite 26.

Saturdays, December 7–28, 11 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Join other new English speakers for conversational English practice each Friday at the South Trail Branch.

Cuentame un Cuento

Chickasaw Branch, 870 N. Chickasaw Trail

Friday, December 6, 11 a.m.

Come enjoy bilingual stories and crafts for children. The library provides an interactive storytime in English and Spanish suitable for speakers of either languages. The whole family is welcome.

Cuisine Corner: Coquito

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

Tuesday, December 10, 6:30 p.m.

Herndon Branch, 4324 E. Colonial Drive

Thursday, December 12, 6 p.m.

Hiawasse Branch, 7391 W. Colonial Drive

Saturday, December 14, 11 a.m.

Yamira Lee Johnson, head chef and founder of Breaking Bread with Mira, will demonstrate how to make coquito a traditional Puerto Rican drink. Space is limited.

Cuisine Corner: Polvorones

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

Friday, December 13, 2 p.m.

Give the gift of sweetness this holiday! Chef Cristina will teach you how to make Puerto Rican Polvorones, sweet melt-in-your-mouth cookies. Space is limited.

Local Author Festival

Orlando Public Library, Library Central, 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.

Family Zumba

Chickasaw Branch, 870 N. Chickasaw Trail

Wednesday, December 18, Noon

Get your family moving with this energizing workout class! Learn basic Zumba moves to help you dance your way to fitness. Zumba uses dance aerobics for a fun workout. Recommended for adults and children ages 4–13.

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