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## **Connect through pop culture fandoms during Random Fandom Week at the library**

Set your inner nerd free from December 6 through December 12, as the library hosts Random Fandom, a week-long celebration where we discover and connect through pop culture fandoms. Test your knowledge in Power Rangers trivia, create an algebraic item inspired by Adventure Time, or decorate a pot perfect for growing your own Groot. We will host virtual programming for fandoms of all ages, from Pokémon to Star Wars to popular anime shows and movies. End the week with Random Fandom: End Credits on December 12 for a chance to win fun prizes. Visit [ocls.info/randomfandom](https://ocls.info/randomfandom) for a complete list of events.

The holidays can be a stressful time of year for many. Take some time to decompress on December 28 during Qigong Holiday Destress. Relax and learn about Qigong, which involves movement, breathing and meditation.

All of our events are virtual, and available online for free with an Orange County Library System card. If you have any questions about the information shared below, contact us as 407-835-7323. Check us out online at [ocls.info](https://ocls.info) for a complete listing of all library events.

### **Creative Community Meetup: A Changing Industry**

*Wednesday, December 2, 6 p.m.*

The pandemic has significantly affected some creative professionals, forcing them to adapt in order to make a living. Some have reimaged their business model and others have reinvented themselves to offer different services. Have you successfully overcome the challenges of safely conducting business? Or are you looking for ideas to move forward? Join us to discuss success stories and share tips to inspire others. Presented by Melrose Center instructors.

<https://attend.ocls.info/event/4688246>

### **Basic Editing Approaches**

*Saturday, December 5, 1 p.m.*

While editing might not be as “fun” as the actual writing, it’s an important step in the process that no writer should overlook. Because it can be so daunting, a lot of writers hire professionals to assist in the editing process. But before YOU run off to hire a professional to do the work for you, there are a bunch of simple

techniques you can use to create a basic polish of your manuscript. Join award-winning author and screenwriter Jennie Jarvis as she walks you through some editing tips and tricks anyone can accomplish.

<https://attend.ocls.info/event/4637270>

### **Meet the Authors: Holiday Romances**

Sunday, December 6, 8 p.m.

Meet the authors of some of your favorite Holiday Romance books. Featuring Nancy Naigle, Priscilla Oliveras, Christina Lauren, and Farrah Rochon.

<https://attend.ocls.info/event/4679432>

### **Personalize Holiday Gifts Using Calligraphy**

Sunday, December 6, 2 p.m.

Expand your calligraphy skills with Lynda Chandler, calligraphy instructor, as she teaches you how to create and personalize simple holiday gift tags and ornaments. Registration required. Registration required.

<https://attend.ocls.info/event/4626055>

### **Random Fandom - Modern Anime and J-RPGs!**

*Monday, December 7, 4:30 p.m.*

Love anime? Love video games? Love anime video games? Celebrate your fandom, craft your own manga page and join us for a look into the world of anime as we see it today.

<https://attend.ocls.info/event/4687165>

### **Random Fandom - Timed Drawing Challenges**

*Tuesday, December 8, 2 p.m.*

Want to get those creative juices flowing? Come participate in timed drawing challenges. Just bring your favorite drawing materials and get ready to create. This event's theme: Nintendo!

<https://attend.ocls.info/event/4668302>

### **Plan Your Way to a Stress-Free Holiday!**

Wednesday, December 9, 11 a.m.

Join Jane Cole, a Certified Professional Organizer, as she gives you tips and hints for organizing your holiday décor, preparing the kids for the holidays, gift giving, and prepping for new year! Registration required.

<https://attend.ocls.info/event/4625679>

### **Random Fandom - Make a LEGO Movie**

*Wednesday & Thursday, December 9 & 10, 6–7:30 p.m.*

Learn the process to create a LEGO stop motion movie in this two-day class taught by Melrose Center Video and Audio Instructors.

[https://www.ocls.info/classes-events?search\\_api\\_views\\_fulltext=lego%20movie&sort\\_by=timestamp](https://www.ocls.info/classes-events?search_api_views_fulltext=lego%20movie&sort_by=timestamp)

### **Cuisine Corner: Vietnamese Coffee Culture**

*Wednesday, December 9, 7:30 p.m.*

Who doesn't love a delicious, sweet cup of Vietnamese Coffee? Ha Roda teaches us why coffee is so important in Vietnam, how to brew the perfect cup and a great variation on tradition.

<https://attend.ocls.info/event/4677104>

### **Random Fandom – Choose the Write Side**

*Wednesday, December 9, 8 p.m.*

Bring your drafts or use our prompts and join your fellow writers in this virtual write-in. Use the force and choose which side of the story you will write. Recommended for adults.

<https://attend.ocls.info/event/4681339>

### **Random Fandom – Schitt's Creek Trivia**

*Thursday, December 10, 6 p.m.*

This trivia event will consist of multiple rounds of questions of increasing difficulty all about *Schitt's Creek*. Teams may consist of 1-6 adults. Feel free to dress up as your favorite character to really get into the spirit! The winning team will be deemed "Simply the Best" and will earn ultimate bragging rights.

<https://attend.ocls.info/event/4691289>

### **Sketching 101**

*Friday, December 11, 11 a.m.*

Learn the basics of sketching through use of simple art techniques and observing the world around you. All you need is a No. 2 pencil, colored pencils, paper and paper towels.

<https://attend.ocls.info/event/4652835>

### **Random Fandom End Credits**

*Saturday, December 12, 2 p.m.*

After an exhilarating week discovering new fandoms and celebrating those you already loved, let's unite one more time for a fandom celebration with break out sessions, a dance party, and prizes!

<https://attend.ocls.info/event/4669623>

### **Story Structure & Pacing**

*Monday, December 14, 7 p.m.*

Understanding how structure and pace work together helps you craft a book that keeps readers turning pages. Author Michael Mammay will lead a workshop on structure and pacing in speculative fiction.

<https://attend.ocls.info/event/4635450>

### **Cuisine Corner- Healthy Holiday Dessert**

*Wednesday, December 16, 6 p.m.*

Avoid overindulging this holiday season. Watch live as Yamira Lee Johnson, head chef and founder of Breaking Bread with Mira and certified holistic life coach, shows you how to make a healthy dessert.

<https://attend.ocls.info/event/4582836>

### **Qigong Holiday Destress**

*Monday, December 28, 10:30 a.m.*

Jasmine Win practices Qigong to help us decompress this holiday season. Qigong is a crucial tool in Chinese medicine which involves movement, breathing, and meditation.

<https://attend.ocls.info/event/4553159>

### **Exploring FamilySearch.org**

*Tuesday, December 29, 1 p.m.*

FamilySearch is a tremendous and free source for family history research. Learn how to navigate this website and how to make the most of the information that it contains.

<https://attend.ocls.info/event/4680487>

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