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Orange County Library System awarded \$5,000 grant from Duke Energy Foundation

ORLANDO, FL – Orange County Library System (OCLS) is one of 23 organizations in Florida to collectively receive \$653,000 in grants from the Duke Energy Foundation. The library was awarded \$5,000 for its Summer Reading Program outreach efforts to overcome COVID-19.

OCLS is one of nine Central Florida STEM programs to receive the grant which will be used for programming during its Summer Reading Program this year. Other organizations in Central Florida to receive the grant include Orlando Science Center, Foundation for Orange County Public Schools Inc., and Foundation for Seminole County Public Schools.

"Building a brighter future begins with providing students with the best education and opportunities for success," said Melissa Seixas, Duke Energy Florida state president. "These grants are an investment in our communities and will strengthen and support those who are educating our next generation."

The Duke Energy Foundation's Powerful Communities program makes strategic investments to build powerful communities where our natural resources thrive, students can excel and a talented workforce drives economic prosperity for all. The Foundation annually funds more than \$30 million to communities throughout Duke Energy's seven-state service area.

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