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### **Learn how to cook a fast, delicious dinner for two, plus the African-American Read-In and more this February**

This February the library will be hosting a variety of events for everyone to learn and enjoy. Visit the Alafaya branch on February 9 and the Orlando Public Library on February 12 for Cuisine Corner: Healthy Cooking for Two. Chef Yamira Lee Johnson of Breaking Bread with Mira will share some easy recipes, perfect for two. Then on February 24 the Orlando Public Library will host the 29<sup>th</sup> Annual African American Read-In where speakers from our community and beyond share inspiring stories, poetry, songs and more. See below for more details.

The Chickasaw branch will be continuing English Classes for Families this month where bilingual teachers help parents and children improve their language skills. The Citizenship Inspired program also continues at the Alafaya Branch and the South Creek branch for those who wish to prepare themselves for U.S. Naturalization.

Check out our Spanish twitter account @OCLSespanol for everyday content, as well as our Facebook page, @oclslib. If you have any questions about the events or information shared below, contact us at 407-835-7323. You can also check for more library events online at [www.ocls.info](http://www.ocls.info).

#### **English Classes for Families**

Chickasaw Branch, 870 N. Chickasaw Trail

*Tuesdays & Wednesdays, January 8–March 13, 6–8 p.m.*

This 10-week series is designed to develop English skills for the whole family. Bilingual teachers will help parents and children work on their language skills and provide strategies to address challenges they

may face at work or school. Snacks will be provided. Sponsored in part by the Florida Humanities Council and the National Endowment for the Humanities. Please be prepared to attend all class sessions.

### **Clases de inglés para la familia**

Chickasaw Branch, 870 N. Chickasaw Trail

*martes y miércoles, 8 de enero–13 de marzo, 6–8 p.m.*

Esta serie de diez semanas esta diseñada para desarrollar habilidades de inglés para toda la familia.

Instructores bilingües ayudarán a los padres e hijos a trabajar en sus habilidades lingüísticas que podran enfrentar en el trabajo o la escuela. Patrocinado en parte por el Florida Humanities Council y National Endowment for the Humanities.

### **Tertulia Cuatro Gatos / Spanish Book Club**

South Creek Branch, 1702 Deerfield Blvd.

*miércoles, 6:30 p.m.*

Chickasaw Branch, 870 N. Chickasaw Trail

*martes, 5 de febrero, 6:30 p.m.*

Edgewater Branch, 5049 Edgewater Drive

*jueves, 7 y 21 de febrero, 6:30 p.m.*

Windermere Branch, 530 Main St., Windermere

*martes, 12 de febrero, 6:30 p.m.*

Southeast Branch, 5575 S. Semoran Blvd.

*jueves, 14 y 28 de febrero, 6:30 p.m.*

Eres amante de los buenos libros, la música y la poesía? Te gusta socializar con hispanos en tu comunidad? Acercate a la Biblioteca más cercana a tu domicilio y asiste a nuestras reuniones!

### **Tertulia Cuatro Gatos / Spanish Book Club**

South Creek Branch, 1702 Deerfield Blvd.

*Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m.*

Chickasaw Branch, 870 N. Chickasaw Trail

*Tuesday, February 5, 6:30 p.m.*

Edgewater Branch, 5049 Edgewater Drive

*Thursdays, February 7 & 21, 6:30 p.m.*

Windermere Branch, 530 Main St., Windermere

*Tuesday, February 8, 6:30 p.m.*

Southeast Branch, 5575 S. Semoran Blvd.

*Thursdays, February 14 & 28, 6:30 p.m.*

Do you love literature, poetry and music? Would you like to socialize with Hispanics in your community? Join our Spanish-language book club!

### **Citizenship Inspired**

Alafaya Branch, 12000 E. Colonial Drive

*Mondays, February 4–25, 5:30 p.m.*

South Creek Branch, 1702 Deerfield Blvd.

*Sundays, February 17–March 3, 2 p.m.*

Students meet each week to prepare for the U.S. Naturalization (Citizenship) Test and Interview. To be eligible for U.S. Naturalization, you must be able to read, write and speak basic English. This series is for

adult learners and is free to Orange County district resident cardholders, fee cardholders and Orange County Property Owner cardholders. Registration is required. Register online at [ocls.info/citizenship](http://ocls.info/citizenship) or call 407.835.7323.

***Race: The Power of an Illusion* PBS Documentary Screening and Discussion**

Edgewater Branch, 5049 Edgewater Drive

*Mondays, February 4, 11 & 25, 6 p.m.*

How valid are your beliefs about the human species? *Race: The Power of an Illusion* is a three-part PBS documentary series that investigates and challenges the concept of race in society, science and history. Following each screening, join the discussion with Dr. Ada Crosby and Deacon Tommy Tate as they confront the myths associated with race. They will deconstruct the word “race” which created and continues to foster social inequalities.

**Family History Fair!**

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

*Saturday, February 9, 11 a.m.–2 p.m.*

Celebrate the four-year anniversary of the grand re-opening of the West Oaks Branch Library and Genealogy Center at our Family History Fair. Explore your roots! If you are a beginner, this event can help you get started researching your family history. Experienced genealogists can learn tips about additional resources to aid in your research. The Central Florida Genealogical Society, local lineage and family history societies, and library staff will be available to share information on how to research and document your family history in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

**Cuisine Corner: Healthy Cooking for Two**

Alafaya Branch, 12000 E. Colonial Drive

*Saturday, February 9, 11 a.m.*

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

*Tuesday, February 12, 6:30 p.m.*

Cooking for two can be a challenge. Yamira Lee Johnson, head chef and founder of Breaking Bread with Mira and certified holistic life coach, will show you how to make tasty meals for two without wasting food. For more information about Breaking Bread with Mira, visit [breakingbreadwithmira.com](http://breakingbreadwithmira.com). Space is limited. Registration required.

**Improve Your English Reading Workshop**

Hiawasse Branch, 7391 W. Colonial Drive

*Wednesdays, February 13–27, 6–8 p.m.*

Improve your English conversational skills, vocabulary, pronunciation and comprehension by reading a book. This workshop is presented through a partnership between the Orange County Library System and the Adult Literacy League Inc. Walk-ins are welcome. For more information, call 407.422.1540 or visit [adultliteracyleague.org](http://adultliteracyleague.org).

**5<sup>th</sup> Annual Melrose Creative Expo**

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

*Saturday, February 16, 1-4 p.m.*

The 2019 Melrose Creative Expo marks the fifth anniversary of the Dorothy Lumley Melrose Center for Technology, Innovation and Creativity. Join us for an afternoon of family-friendly activities throughout the Melrose Center, including virtual reality and video green screen demonstrations, live audio recording

sessions, short film screenings, theatre performances, photo studio portraits and vehicle simulator experiences. Visit with a host of exhibitors from the tech and creative communities, and help us celebrate the best audio, video, photo and digital design projects created during the past year at the Melrose Awards presentation.

**African-American Read-In**

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

*Sunday, February 24, 2 p.m.*

Celebrate African-American literature in poetry, story and song, performed by local luminaries in conjunction with the 29<sup>th</sup> Annual National African-American Read-In. Among the notable readers this year are Paralympic athlete April Holmes, Orange County Mayor Jerry Demings, Emmy Award-winning journalist and WESH 2 anchor Jazmin Bailey, Nerd Nite's Ricardo Williams, and more. Find out more at [ocls.info/readin\\_](http://ocls.info/readin_).

**Family Zumba**

Chickasaw Branch, 870 N. Chickasaw Trail

*Wednesday, February 27, 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 to create a fun workout. Comfortable exercise clothing and cross training or aerobic style shoes recommended. Recommended for adults and children ages 4–13.

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