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Explore your family roots at the library this February

On Saturday February 8, the West Oaks branch will host the Family History Fair where you can learn about your family's roots and beginnings. The Genealogical Society, as well as library staff, will be on hand to help you on your historical journey. Learn tips on how you can research using tools in the library's genealogy center.

The Alafaya branch celebrates its 20th anniversary on February 1 and you're invited! Enjoy games, crafts, live music, an animal storytime and much more with the whole family as our way of saying thank you to our community. The festivities begin at 10am. We hope to see you there!

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.

Alafaya Branch 20th Anniversary Celebration

Alafaya Branch, 12000 E. Colonial Drive Saturday, February 1, 10-5 p.m.

Celebrate Alafaya Branch's 20th Anniversary on Saturday, February 1 from 10 a.m.—5 p.m. Hear a story and mingle with visiting animals at Animal Storytime Presented by the Central Florida Fair, laugh out loud with the amazing Jiggleman and dance along to the rockin' tunes of Mr. Harley. Throughout the day we will have a variety of activities including face painting, interactive experiences, crafts and more!

English from Zero

South Trail Branch, 4600 S. Orange Blossom Trail Saturdays, February 1–29, 10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
Orlando Public Library, Fourth Floor, 101 E. Central Blvd. Saturdays, February 1–29, 4 p.m.
South Creek Branch, 1702 Deerfield Blvd.
Mondays, February 3–17, 2:30 p.m.
Alafaya Branch, 12000 E. Colonial Drive Mondays, February 3–24, 6:30 p.m.

Herndon Branch, 4324 E. Colonial Drive

Wednesdays, February 5-26, 6:30 p.m.

Classes designed for beginning English learners. Each workshop has a specific target vocabulary, grammar structure and conversation practices based on specific topics.

AARP Income Tax Assistance

Herndon Branch, 4324 E. Colonial Drive

Mondays, February 3–24, 10 a.m.–2 p.m.

Thursdays, February 6-27, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Southeast Branch, 5575 S. Semoran Blvd.

Mondays, February 3-24, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Thursdays, February 6-27, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

South Creek Branch, 1702 Deerfield Blvd.

Wednesdays, February 5-26, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

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

Fridays, February 7–28, 10 a.m.–2 p.m.

AARP Volunteers will provide free income tax assistance. Attendees will be seen on a first come, first served basis. For more information, visit aarp.org/taxaide.

Tertulia Cuatro Gatos / Spanish Book Club

Chickasaw Branch, 870 N. Chickasaw Trail

el martes, 4 de febrero, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

South Creek Branch, 1702 Deerfield Blvd.

el miércoles, 5-19 de febrero, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Fairview Shores Branch, 902 Lee Road, Suite 26.

el jueves, 6 y 20 de febrero, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Southeast Branch, 5575 S. Semoran Blvd.

el jueves, 12 y 27 de febrero, 6-8:30 p.m.

La Tertulia Cuatro Gatos se reúne para compartir y discutir poesía, literatura, arte e historia. Este programa es presentado en español.

Cuentame un Cuento

Chickasaw Branch, 870 N. Chickasaw Trail

Friday, February 7, 11 a.m.

An interactive storytime with crafts in English and Spanish suitable for speakers of either languages. Recommended for preschoolers.

Family History Fair!

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

Saturday, February 8, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

Explore your roots. Beginners, get started. Experienced genealogists, learn new tips. The Central Florida Genealogical Society, other local societies and library staff will share genealogy information.

2020 Melrose Creative Expo

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

Saturday, February 15, 1–4 p.m.

The 2020 Melrose Creative Expo marks the 6th anniversary of the Melrose Center. Come enjoy family-friendly activities and see the Melrose Awards presentation honoring the year's best works.

Youth Art Show Reception

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

Saturday, February 15, 3:30 p.m.

View artwork created by local K–12 students. Enjoy these masterpieces and converse with other art enthusiasts. Awards will be presented to the Youth Art Contest winners by age group.

African American Read-In

Orlando Public Library, Library Central

Sunday, February 16, 2-4 p.m.

Celebrate African American literature in poetry, story, and song, performed by local luminaries in conjunction with the 30th Annual National African American Read-In. For more information, visit ocls.info/readin.

STEAM Exploration Day

Orlando Public Library, 101 E. Central Blvd.

Monday, February 17, 11 a.m.–2 p.m.

Take a break from the everyday and explore what's new in tech at the library. Try out drones, robotics, and virtual reality headsets in interactive activities great for the whole family.

Cuisine Corner: Mofongo

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

Wednesday, February 19, 6 p.m.

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

Saturday, February 22, 1 p.m.

Yamira Lee Johnson, head chef and founder of Breaking Bread with Mira, will demonstrate how to make delicious mofongo. Space is limited. Registration required.

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