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Make this your most creative year ever with help from the Melrose Center

The Melrose Center is ready to kick off the new year with some exciting events that'll give you the inspiration you need to make 2019 your most creative year ever. On January 13, come unwind and relax as you paint your own masterpiece on a tablet during Melrose Meetups: Say It Paint So!

From January 17 through March 21, learn to make your own multi-player video game during our Game Design Camps (for kids ages 11-17).

Because even creatives need to learn to manager their money, the Melrose Center hosts a six-week program, Personal Finance Using Morningstar, for those interested in learning about become better acquainted with budgeting, investing, bonds and finance.

Mark your calendars: The Melrose Center celebrates its fifth anniversary on February 16 with the Melrose Creative Expo, featuring an open house, community exhibitors, family-friendly activities and the presentation of the annual Melrose Awards. Visit melroseawards.ocls.info for more details.

If you have any questions about the events or information shared below, contact the library at 407-835-7323. You can also check for more library events online at www.ocls.info.

Learn a Language Using Library Resources

Alafaya Branch, 12000 E. Colonial Drive

Monday, January 7, 2:30 p.m.

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

Tuesday, January 22, 12:30 p.m.

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

Tuesday, January 22, 4 p.m.

Orlando Public Library, 101 E. Central Blvd.

Monday, January 28, 5:30 p.m.

Become familiar with online language learning resources and other resources at the library that can help you learn a new language or improve your English.

Melrose Meetups: Say It Paint So!

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

Sunday, January 13, 2 p.m.

Sit and relax while painting on a canvas with instructor assistance and walk away with your very own masterpiece. Registration required.

Melrose Meetups: Producer Booster

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

Wednesday, January 16, 5:30 p.m.

Empower yourself with knowledge! Learn how to maximize library resources through every stage of producing a project. A vital meetup for film, documentary and online content producers.

Game Design Camp

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

Thursdays, January 17–March 21, 4:30 p.m.

Learn what it takes to make your own multi-player game using basic modeling and rigging techniques. We'll use Unity 3D to animate and configure characters, create animation transitions and build a game for play on a server. Registration required. Ages 11–17.

NEW! Ableton Live Fundamentals

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

Saturday, January 19, 2 p.m.

Thursday, January 24, 6 p.m.

Turn your ideas into reality with Ableton Live. Live is made for music creation and performance with fast, fluid and flexible options. Master the fundamental skills necessary to use this powerful software, including navigating the environment and tools, working with arrangement and session views, and capturing audio and MIDI sounds.

Personal Finance Using Morningstar

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

Mondays, January 28–March 4, 6 p.m.

Get the basics of budgeting and investing using Morningstar's *Investing for the Long Run: Strategies and Solutions to Help You Shape Up Your Personal Finances*. This six-week series welcomes anyone interested in their financial well-being. Program topics include: budgeting, investing in stocks, bonds, mutual funds, asset allocation and portfolio review. Learn financial fundamentals in a fun, supportive and educational environment. In addition to the Morningstar Investment Research Center library database, participants will receive information from the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority.

NEW! More Melrose Makerspace Open Labs

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

Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays

You asked and we heard! The Melrose Center's Fab Lab will now be open all day on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays for you to come in and work on your projects. Attend our classes on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays, then hone your skills by coming in on our Open Lab days to design and complete projects using equipment such as our 3D printers and CNC machine. Guests under 18 years of age will need a guardian present to sign release.

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