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Enter the Youth Art Contest, join the BizKids Club, meet a NYT Best-selling author and more this January

The Orlando Public Library is calling all young artists from grades K-12 to enter the 2020 Youth Art Contest. From December 13 to January 21 artist can submit their work and entry form in person to the Orlando Public Library's Children's Department. All work submitted will be displayed during February, where the winners will be announced at the Youth Art Show Reception on February 15, 2020. Visit ocls.info/youthart for the entry form and submission guidelines.

BizKids Club will host a 10-session program introducing middle school students to the world of business and entrepreneurship. Business owners of the future will work with instructors and mentors to create a business plan, design marketing materials and set in motion their business ideas at the Mini BizKids Market later in 2020. Register at a branch near you or visit ocls.info/bizkidsclub.

Meet *New York Times* best-selling author of young adult fiction, Nic Stone, at the Eatonville branch on January 31. Here she will talk about her debut novel, Dear Martin, followed by a book signing. After the meet and greet she will host Writing Workshop with Nic Stone at the Southwest branch at 3:30pm for aspiring writers ages 11-18.

If you have any questions about the information shared below, contact us as 407-835-7323. Check us out online at ocls.info for a complete listing of all library events.

Fuel, Fun, Fitness

Chickasaw Branch, 870 N. Chickasaw Trail *Friday, January 3, 3:30 p.m.*Winter Garden Branch, 805 E. Plant St., Winter Garden *Wednesday, January 8, 3:30 p.m.*Fairview Shores Branch, 902 Lee Road, Suite 26. *Monday, January 13, 4 p.m.*

Hiawassee Branch, 7391 W. Colonial Drive

Tuesday, January 14, 6:30 p.m.

Orlando Public Library, 101 E. Central Blvd.

Wednesday, January 29, 2:15 p.m.

Eatonville Branch, 200 E. Kennedy Blvd., Eatonville

Thursday, January 30, 3:30 p.m.

Windermere Branch, 530 Main St., Windermere

Thursday, January 30, 3:30 p.m.

South Creek Branch, 1702 Deerfield Blvd.

Thursday, January 30, 4 p.m.

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

Thursday, January 30, 4:30 p.m.

What are the best foods to eat to fuel your body before a fun workout? Get ready, eat a snack and get active.

Orlando Public Library Pokémon League

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

Sunday, January 5 & 26, 3 p.m.

Calling all trainers! Join the official Orlando Public Library Pokémon League. Battle with the Pokémon Trading Card Game and more. Trainers of all ages and skill levels welcome.

Fantastic Family Fitness Fiasco

Fairview Shores Branch, 902 Lee Road, Suite 26.

Monday, January 6, 4 p.m.

Eatonville Branch, 200 E. Kennedy Blvd., Eatonville

Thursday, January 16, 3:30-5 p.m.

Windermere Branch, 530 Main St., Windermere

Thursday, January 16, 4 p.m.

Herndon Branch, 4324 E. Colonial Drive

Saturday, January 25, 3 p.m.

Get moving and work together with your family to complete challenges and have fun.

Jumbo Family Game Night

South Trail Branch, 4600 S. Orange Blossom Trail

Tuesday, January 7, 4:30 p.m.

Windermere Branch, 530 Main St., Windermere

Wednesday, January 8, 6:30 p.m.

Orlando Public Library, 101 E. Central Blvd.

Saturday, January 11, 3:30 p.m.

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

Monday, January 13, 6 p.m.

Eatonville Branch, 200 E. Kennedy Blvd., Eatonville

Tuesday, January 14, 4-7 p.m.

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

Wednesday, January 15, 4:30 p.m.

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

Wednesday, January 29, 4 p.m.

It's time for fun on a massive scale. We'll be recreating a family board game with you as the game pieces.

New Year, New You

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

Wednesday, January 8, 4 p.m.

Herndon Branch

Saturday, January 11, 3:30 p.m.

It's a new year and there's a new you. It's a little like the old you, only better! Learn tips and tricks to getting the new year started right. Recommended for Teens and Tweens.

BizKids Club

North Orange Branch, 1211 E. Semoran Blvd., Apopka

Wednesdays, January 8-29, 4:30-6 p.m.

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

Saturdays, January 18 & 25, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Saturdays, January 18 & 25, 12:30–3 p.m.

Southeast Branch, 5575 S. Semoran Blvd.

Saturdays, January 18 & 25, 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

Saturdays, January 18 & 25, 2-4:30 p.m.

BizKids Club is a 10-session program to introduce middle school students to the world of business and entrepreneurship. Students will work with instructors and mentors to create a business plan, design marketing materials and launch your business ideas at the Mini BizKids Market, a one-day marketplace where young entrepreneurs debut their innovative inventions and market their services or products. Funding opportunities are available to participants who complete the fun, interactive program designed to develop next generation entrepreneurs and motivate them to innovate and serve their communities. Nutritious snacks and meals will be provided. For more information or to register at a location near you, visit ocls.info/bizkidsclub or call 407.835.7273.

DIY Chia Pets

Fairview Shores Branch, 902 Lee Road, Suite 26.

Thursday, January 9, 4 p.m.

Decorate, dig and seed your very own potted plant pet, then take it home and watch it grow.

Recommended for upper elementary, tween and teen.

I Have a Dream

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

Saturday, January 11, 10:30 a.m.

Eatonville Branch, 200 E. Kennedy Blvd., Eatonville

Monday, January 13, 3:30 p.m.

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

Wednesday, January 15, 3:30 p.m.

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

Wednesday, January 15, 4 p.m.

South Trail Branch, 4600 S. Orange Blossom Trail

Wednesday, January 15, 4:30 p.m.

Herndon Branch, 4324 E. Colonial Drive

Saturday, January 18, 10:30 a.m.

Orlando Public Library, 101 E. Central Blvd.

Saturday, January 18, 3 p.m.

Fairview Shores Branch, 902 Lee Road, Suite 26.

Monday, January 27, 4 p.m.

Chickasaw Branch, 870 N. Chickasaw Trail

Friday, January 31, 3:30 p.m.

Celebrate the life and dreams of Martin Luther King, Jr. by making crafts inspired by your own dreams, the importance of peace and togetherness.

Little Chef: Banana Pudding

Herndon Branch, 4324 E. Colonial Drive

Wednesday, January 15, 10:30 a.m.

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

Sunday, January 26, 3 p.m.

You'll go BANANAS for our banana pudding! Bring your little one for mixing, mashing and stacking as they create this classic recipe. Registration required.

Year of the Rat

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

Wednesday, January 22, 3:30 p.m.

Ring in the Chinese New Year at the library. Enjoy stories, crafts and activities to kick off the Year of the Rat.

Seuss-a-palooza

Hiawassee Branch, 7391 W. Colonial Drive

Tuesday, January 28, 6:30 p.m.

Celebrate the world of Dr. Seuss with carnival-style fun filled with whimsical stories, activities and more. Recommended for toddlers and preschoolers.

Meet the Author: Nic Stone at ZORA Festival

Eatonville Branch, 200 E. Kennedy Blvd., Eatonville

Friday, January 31, 10:30 a.m.

Meet New York Times best-selling author of young adult fiction, Nic Stone! Book sale and signing to follow. Stone's debut novel, Dear Martin, tells the story of highschooler Justyce as he attempts to figure out his place in the world by exploring the life of Dr. Martin Luther King.

Writing Workshop with Nic Stone

Southwest Branch, 7255 Della Drive

Friday, January 31, 3:30 p.m.

Calling all aspiring writers ages 11–18! Meet *New York Times* best-selling author, Nic Stone, as she presents this special writing workshop with tips and tricks to improve your writing.

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