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New year, new fun for kids at the library: vision boards, art programs, chess club and more

Make 2021 your child's best year yet. Sign them up for Seeing 20/20 in 2021, a virtual program that will offer teach them to create a vision board for the new year. Vision boards are great tools to help set goals and organize tasks, both short term and long term. If your child has dreams for 2021, a vision board can help them achieve them.

Kids can also cultivate their artistic talents on January 9 during A Starry Night, A Peaceful Night, a program that will show kids how to recreate Vincent Van Gogh's famous painting, "Starry Night." Gather the family and create your own masterpiece together, or participate as individuals and compare your artistic renditions when the event is over.

During January, the library continues to host all events virtually to ensure our facilities are safe for library customers and staff. All locations are open Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. for essential services, including returns, grab-and-go service and computer usage for up to one hour. For the latest updates on the library, visit ocls.info/information-regarding-covid-19.

These virtual events and more are available to you online for free with your Orange County Library card. 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.

Seeing 20/20 in 2021

Monday, January 4, 4 p.m.

Don't be blindsided in the new year! Create a clear picture for where you want to go with a vision board.

Recommended for ages 9–12.

<https://attend.ocls.info/event/4701816>

Every Child Ready to Read Caregiver Workshop

Saturday, January 9, 11 a.m.

Learn about five early literacy practices as well as tips, tricks and resources to help your child strengthen important early literacy skills. Recommended for adults with children ages 0–5.

<https://attend.ocls.info/event/4693910>

A Starry Night, A Peaceful Night

Saturday, January 9, 2 p.m.

Let your artistic light shine as you recreate Vincent Van Gogh's Starry Night. Recommended for families with children ages 6 and up.

<https://attend.ocls.info/event/4707055>

Chess Club

Saturday, January 9 & 23, 4 p.m.

Come hangout and play against other local chess enthusiasts. Solve chess puzzles, do exercises online and find out if you're one of the best around. Recommended for teens.

https://www.ocls.info/classes-events?search_api_views_fulltext=Chess%20Club%20&sort_by=timestamp

Aquatic WILD: Turtle Hurdles

Tuesday, January 12, 4 p.m.

Learn about the life cycle of sea turtles, the effects of limiting factors on sea turtle populations and how we can minimize the factors that may lead to extinction.

<https://attend.ocls.info/event/4724114>

BizKids Club Online

Tuesdays & Thursdays, January 12–February 4, 5–6:30 p.m.

Mondays & Wednesdays, January 25–February 17, 5–6:30 p.m.

Saturdays, January 9–February 27, 10–11:30 a.m.

Ready to become an entrepreneur? Join the BizKids Club, an instructor-led virtual program that introduces students ages 9–14 to the world of business and entrepreneurship. Engage in fun interactive activities to create a business plan, design marketing materials and pitch your business idea.

https://www.ocls.info/classes-events?search_api_views_fulltext=BizKids%20Club%20Online%20&sort_by=timestamp

Little Chef: Ants on Parade

Wednesday, January 13, 11 a.m.

The ants go marching one by one, hurrah! Read stories, sing songs and make a delicious treat inspired by amazing ants.

<https://attend.ocls.info/event/4731684>

Countdown to Kindergarten

Thursdays, January 14–28, 11 a.m.

Rhyme your way to becoming a good reader through stories, rhymes and activities designed to help preschoolers develop the necessary skills to succeed in kindergarten. Recommended for ages 4–5.

https://www.ocls.info/classes-events?search_api_views_fulltext=Countdown%20to%20Kindergarten%20&sort_by=timestamp

I Have a Dream

Thursday, January 14, 4 p.m.

Celebrate the life and dreams of Martin Luther King, Jr. with stories and crafts inspired by your own dreams, the importance of peace and togetherness. Recommended for ages 6–12.

<https://attend.ocls.info/event/4731689>

Baby Bugs

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

Engage your little one in songs and stories all about bugs. Learn tips to help develop your little one's early literacy skills.

<https://attend.ocls.info/event/4708815>

Design Minecraft Characters

Friday, January 15, 3:30–4:15 p.m.

Thursday, January 28, 3:30–4:15 p.m.

Give Steve and Alex fresh new looks. Design characters, items, blocks and mobs for Minecraft using Tynker. Recommended for ages 7–9.

https://www.ocls.info/classes-events?search_api_views_fulltext=Design%20Minecraft%20Characters%20&sort_by=timestamp

Sunshine State Jr Book Club

Wednesday, January 20, 3 p.m.

Hear us read aloud one of the Sunshine State Jr (K–2) books, and then enjoy an activity. This month we're reading *Can I Be Your Dog*. Recommended for ages 6–8.

<https://attend.ocls.info/event/4692239>

Guitar Sing-A-Long

Monday, January 25, 2 p.m.

Have fun with your little one in this virtual sing-a-long featuring familiar songs with live guitar for you and your toddler. Recommended for babies and toddlers.

<https://attend.ocls.info/event/4725909>

Love & Harmony Storytime

Tuesday, January 26, 11 a.m.

Get an early start to including peace, love and harmony in your little ones day through stories and songs.

<https://attend.ocls.info/event/4706520>

Homeschool Lesson Planning

Thursday, January 28, 11 a.m.

Receive practical advice from a local professional and longtime home educator on the basics of lesson planning. Recommended for ages 18 and up.

<https://attend.ocls.info/event/4736458>

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