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# The Alafaya Library will host Studio Ghibli Week this May

The Alafaya Branch library will host a week-long celebration in honor of filmmaker Hayao Miyazaki. From May 12-18 join us for Studio Ghibli Week where fans of the famous filmmaker and artist can enjoy crafts, activities, a dance party and more. Learn how to crochet your very own Totoro face, make delicious ramen like Ponyo did, or create special bath bombs and tokens inspired by Spirited Away. Visit ocls.info/studioghibliweek to register today.

Show your mom, grandma or special caregiver just how much they mean to you by making a special gift for them during We HeART Mom! Various library branches will host this program. All you will need to bring is your imagination, we'll provide the rest. See below for more details.

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

## This is My Name

South Trail Branch, 4600 S. Orange Blossom Trail Wednesday, May 1, 10:30 a.m.
Chickasaw Branch, 870 N. Chickasaw Trail Wednesday, May 15, 11 a.m.
Hiawassee Branch, 7391 W. Colonial Drive Friday, May 17, 11 a.m.
Herndon Branch, 4324 E. Colonial Drive Thursday, May 23, 10:30 a.m.
North Orange Branch, 1211 E. Semoran Blvd., Apopka Tuesday, May 28, 11 a.m.

Your name is special, just like you! Help your little one recognize and spell their name through fun crafts and activities. Recommended for toddlers and preschoolers.

#### **Star Wars Galactic Games**

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

Wednesday, May 1, 4:30 p.m.

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

Wednesday, May 1, 4:30 p.m.

South Creek Branch, 1702 Deerfield Blvd.

Saturday, May 4, 10:30 a.m.

Orlando Public Library, 101 E. Central Blvd.

Saturday, May 4, 4 p.m.

Herndon Branch, 4324 E. Colonial Drive

Saturday, May 4, 2 p.m.

South Trail Branch, 4600 S. Orange Blossom Trail

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

Eatonville Branch, 200 E. Kennedy Blvd., Eatonville

Monday, May 20, 3:30 p.m.

Do you sense the force? Get into gear with galactic games and activities that celebrate the Star Wars Universe.

## Hello, Neighbor!

Chickasaw Branch, 870 N. Chickasaw Trail

Thursday, May 2, 11 a.m.

Welcome to our neighborhood of make-believe. Join us for a grr-ific time learning practical skills with stories and interactive activities! Inspired by PBS Kids *Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood* series.

Recommended for toddlers and preschoolers.

#### We HeART Mom!

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

Saturday, May 4, 2 p.m.

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

Saturday, May 4, 2:30 p.m.

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

Sunday, May 5, 2 p.m.

Hiawassee Branch, 7391 W. Colonial Drive

Tuesday, May 7, 6:30 p.m.

Orlando Public Library, 101 E. Central Blvd.

Wednesday, May 8, 10 a.m.

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

Wednesday, May 8, 4:30 p.m.

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

Wednesday, May 8, 4:30 p.m.

Eatonville Branch, 200 E. Kennedy Blvd., Eatonville

Thursday, May 9, 3:30 p.m.

Windermere Branch, 530 Main St., Windermere

Thursday, May 9, 3:30 p.m.

Chickasaw Branch, 870 N. Chickasaw Trail

Friday, May 10, 11 a.m.

South Creek Branch, 1702 Deerfield Blvd.

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

Celebrate mom, grandma or the special caregiver in your life by crafting and creating art to let her know just how much she means to you.

# One Book, One Community: Charlotte and Friends

Windermere Branch, 530 Main St., Windermere

Saturday, May 4, 2:30 p.m.

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

Wednesday, May 8, 4 p.m.

It's time for fun with Charlotte, Wilbur, Templeton and all their friends at Zuckerman's Farm. Celebrate the classic children's novel, *Charlotte's Web*, with stories, games and activities. Recommended for lower and upper elementary.

## **Inventor Fest**

South Trail Branch, 4600 S. Orange Blossom Trail

Monday, May 6, 4:30 p.m.

Calling all teen and tween inventors, entrepreneurs and problem solvers! Have a great idea that is going to change the world? Exercise your brainpower and show us what you've got. Recommended for teens.

## **Storytime for** *The Secret Garden*

Southwest Branch, 7255 Della Drive

Friday, May 10, 10:30 a.m.

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

Thursday, May 16, Noon

Windermere Branch, 530 Main St., Windermere

Wednesday, May 22, 10:30 a.m.

Alafaya Branch, 12000 E. Colonial Drive

Tuesday, May 28, 10:30 a.m.

Central Florida Community Arts Youth Theatre Troupe, a pre-professional ensemble of young performers, will bring Frances Hodgson Burnett's *The Secret Garden* to life. Step inside this enchanting tale with storytellers in costume and in character. Children will be given their very own secret garden keepsake key. Meet and greet to follow. For more information, visit CFCArts.com/SecretGarden. Recommended for preschool, lower and upper elementary.

#### **National Dance Like a Chicken Day**

Windermere Branch, 530 Main St., Windermere

Monday, May 13, 10:30 a.m.

Don't be a chicken, come get your squawk on for National Dance Like a Chicken Day. Story, dancing, craft and lots of chicken fun.

### **May Flowers**

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

Monday, May 13, 11 a.m.

South Trail Branch, 4600 S. Orange Blossom Trail

Tuesday, May 14, 4:30 p.m.

South Creek Branch, 1702 Deerfield Blvd.

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

Chickasaw Branch, 870 N. Chickasaw Trail

Friday, May 24, 11 a.m.

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

Tuesday, May 28, 11 a.m.

Hiawassee Branch, 7391 W. Colonial Drive

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

Herndon Branch, 4324 E. Colonial Drive

Thursday, May 30, 10:30 a.m.

Listen to stories and engage in hands-on science activities to learn about flowers and plants.

## **Maker Monday: Totoro Terrarium**

Alafaya Branch, 12000 E. Colonial Drive *Monday, May 13, 4:30 p.m.*Join us to create your very own Totoro Terrarium!

# Cuisine Corner Junior: Ponyo Ramen

Alafaya Branch, 12000 E. Colonial Drive *Tuesday, May 14, 6:30 p.m.* 

Learn how to make delicious ramen from Ponyo! A special Ponyo Shrinky Dink craft is included.

# Sesame Street Storytime

Orlando Public Library, 101 E. Central Blvd.

Wednesday, May 15, 10 a.m.

Sunny Day/Sweepin' the clouds away...enjoy stories, games and crafts from *Sesame Street*! Recommended for toddlers and preschoolers.

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