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The library celebrates Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month in May

Join us this May as we celebrate Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage month. On May 1 we kick off the festivities with Kung Fu Show where a team from the Wah Lum Kung Fu Temple will demonstrate martial arts and Chinese culture through the art of kung fu. Then on May 22 the Asian American Heritage Council of Central Florida presents the Asian Festival Virtual Celebration. Come back on May 23 for Meet the Authors: Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage as we are joined by some great authors for a panel discussion.

Registration is now open for the Summer Reading Program which runs from May 30 – August 1 with plenty of fun and educational virtual events for everyone to enjoy. Visit ocls.info/srp for more details.

All of our events are virtual, and available online for free with an Orange County Library System card. If you have any questions about the information shared below, call 407-835-7323. Check us out online at ocls.info for a complete listing of all library events.

Kung Fu Show

Saturday, May 1, 12:30 p.m.

A diverse team of professional performers from the Wah Lum Kung Fu Temple will present a kung fu demonstration. Explore martial arts and Chinese culture through this demonstration. https://attend.ocls.info/event/5020053

Star Wars – The Trivia Strikes Back

Tuesday, May 4, 4 p.m.

The Empire has destroyed the last Jedi Holocron! Help restore the Jedi history with a fun Q&A. This is no TRIVIAL matter. Perfect for all ages. May the Fourth be with you! https://attend.ocls.info/event/4988607

Bullying/Cyberbullying

Thursday, May 6, 6:30 p.m.

Learn the definition, characteristics and types of bullying. Identify the impacts of bullying and learn how to prevent it. Receive information and resources for victims of bullying.

https://attend.ocls.info/event/5006364

Create Handmade Cards Using Calligraphy

Friday, May 7, 11 a.m.

Celebrate Mother's Day with a heartfelt card made by you! Join Lynda Chandler, as she shares tips and techniques on how to create and letter on your own handmade cards and envelopes.

https://attend.ocls.info/event/5014801

20 Unique Websites for Genealogy Research

Thursday, May 13, Noon

New websites and features appear on the Internet almost daily. Come and explore these 20 unique websites that are indispensable for both beginning and experienced researchers.

https://attend.ocls.info/event/5037867

Take a Breather

Saturday, May 15, 11 a.m.

Explore healthy breathing techniques suitable for practical everyday applications while recognizing the role of mindfulness. Learn what our ancestors have always known – how to breathe to live.

https://attend.ocls.info/event/4839745

How to Unblock Writer's Block

Saturday, May 15, 3 p.m.

Many writers are struggling to get words on the page right now. John King, host of *The Drunken Odyssey: A Podcast About the Writing Life*, will provide tips and processes for getting yourself unstuck.

https://attend.ocls.info/event/4977552

Cuisine Corner: Avocado Chickpea Sandwich

Wednesday, May 19, 6 p.m.

Watch live as Yamira Lee Johnson, head chef and founder of Breaking Bread with Mira and certified holistic life coach, shows you how to make an avocado chickpea sandwich with grape juice agua fresca.

https://attend.ocls.info/event/4923546

Polasek Museum 60th Anniversary Archive Tour

Thursday, May 20, 7:30 p.m.

Take a look into the archives of the Albin Polasek Museum & Sculpture Gardens for some rarely seen artifacts behind the scenes for their 60th Anniversary.

https://attend.ocls.info/event/4968798

Asian Festival Virtual Celebration

Saturday, May 22, 10 a.m.-Noon

Join us virtually this year to celebrate the annual Asian Festival presented by the Asian American Heritage Council of Central Florida.

https://attend.ocls.info/event/5030419

Meet the Artist: Ankita Rani Nagaraju

Saturday, May 22, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Meet local artist Ankita Rani Nagaraju whose exhibit Seascapes and Geodes is on display at Southwest Branch through August. Nagaraju will show and discuss how she creates geode art forms.

Meet the Authors: Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month

Sunday, May 23, 4 p.m.

In celebration of Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month, enjoy a panel discussion from authors Erin Entrada Kelly, Pintip Dunn, Roselle Lim, and Mia P. Manansala. https://attend.ocls.info/event/5029732

DIY Mason Jar Terrarium

Tuesday, May 25, 10 a.m.

Learn some tips and tricks for creating a successful terrarium, then follow along as we show you step-by-step how to create your own closed terrarium using a mason jar.

https://attend.ocls.info/event/5013496

Streaming Live Video with OBS

Thursday, May 27, 2 p.m.

Stream live video on YouTube or Facebook with Open Broadcaster Software (OBS). Learn how to capture or record live streaming video and share it with your audience or save it for later viewing. https://attend.ocls.info/event/5038634

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