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Orange County Library System to resume in-person events and programs *Library prepares a transition back to pre-COVID services*

(Nov. 17, 2021 – Orlando, FL) The administration of the Orange County Library System (OCLS) has announced that all locations will offer expanded services and in-person opportunities starting in January 2022. "After almost two years, we're delighted to welcome the public back to enjoy all the resources and events the library provides," says Library Director/CEO Mary Anne Hodel. "We're looking forward to a wonderful 2022 and seeing our customers face-to-face."

Beginning January 3, 2022, in-person classes and events will return to all locations. At the Orlando Public Library, restrictions on browsing will be lifted, and seating areas will return for public use. Additionally, study rooms and meeting rooms will be available to use or reserve.

On January 9, 2022, the Orlando Public Library, Alafaya, South Creek, West Oaks and North Orange branches will resume regular Sunday hours of 1 to 6 p.m.

Though the library will continue to offer virtual events, customers can look forward to the return of inperson storytimes, children's programs and technology classes. Special events are also being scheduled to celebrate this year's National Endowment of the Arts Big Read selection, *Call of the Wild* by Jack London. OCLS will be offering a wide variety of programming for all ages, including book discussions, a movie night and other activities to inspire conversation and discovery.

Registration is strongly recommended for all in-person events due to limited capacity. Visit us online at <u>ocls.info</u> to register, or to view a complete listing of both virtual and in-person library events.

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