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Discover Oceans of Possibilities at Orange County Library System This Summer

Orlando, FL (April, 2022) – Sail the seas and explore the depths during the Summer Reading Program at the Orange County Library System. This summer's theme, "Oceans of Possibilities," will focus on oceanography with live performances, storytelling, camps, art programs and more. From June 4 through July 23, all 15 library locations in Orange County will host summer events and programs for all ages to enjoy.

During the summer, many children experience what is known as the "summer slide" or summer learning loss, if they don't participate in educational activities during summer break. To prevent this, the library offers a variety of programs that contribute to maintaining and developing their retentive ability, along with skills in areas such as reading and problem solving, which set kids up for success when they return to school in the fall.

The Orange County Library System has teamed up with Orange County Public Schools Food & Nutrition Services for Summer Breakspot, which offers meals at no charge to children and young adults under 18. From June 6 through July 22, the OCPS Mobile Lunch Vehicles, part of the USDA Summer Food Service Program, will travel to seven different library locations, Monday through Friday, providing a nutritious lunch to children. Locations include Chickasaw Branch, Fairview Shores Branch, Hiawassee Branch, South Creek Branch, North Orange Branch and South Trail Branch. Please note that no meals will be served on Monday, June 20 and Monday, July 4.

Summer Reading is not just for kids. Adults can also attend weekly special events at all library locations featuring technology courses, creative activities, educational programs, clubs and much more.

Track your activities and summer reading to earn virtual badges using <u>Beanstack</u> for a chance to win prizes. Readers are encouraged to log 20 minutes per day with a goal of 600 minutes read for the entire summer. Those that log 300 minutes will receive a goodie bag, while supplies last, and those that log 600 minutes will be eligible for a prize drawing at the End of Summer Celebrations on Saturday, July 30 at Orlando Public Library, Chickasaw Branch, Winter Garden Branch, South Creek Branch and North Orange Branch.

Details for 2022 Summer Reading Program events will go live for patrons to view online on Friday, April 1, 2022. Registration opens on Monday, May 2, 2022. Registration is strongly recommended for all in-

person events due to limited capacity. Visit <u>ocls.info/srp</u> to view a complete listing of both in-person and virtual Summer Reading Program events and to register. If you have any questions call 407-835-7323.

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