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### **Orange County Library System Awarded Best Buy Community Grant**

*Grant will fund the Library's Drone Zone program for teens*

(Orlando, Florida) The Orange County Library system has been chosen as a recipient of the Best Buy Community Grant in support of the upcoming Drone Zone program which will introduce tweens and teens to new technology through hands on learning.

Drone Zone camps will introduce tweens and teens to drone related technology, programming and careers. The three-day camp will teach teens to program their drones to fly through an obstacle course, hit targets, carry objects and create aerial films. Additionally, students will learn about FAA guidelines and certifications for drone pilots, as well as educational and career opportunities. The Drone Zone camps are made possible by a generous \$4,800 grant through the Best Buy Community Grants program, allowing the purchase three Parrot Mambo Advance Drone Packs, which will supply 18 drones and accessories, enabling the Library to offer this camp at multiple locations during the 2019 Summer Reading Program. The Drone Zone kicks off with a three-day camp at the Orlando Public Library, 101 East Central Blvd., Tuesday, March 19 through Thursday, March 21 at 3 p.m. and on Saturdays, March 23 through April 5 at 10 a.m.

"We're really excited about being awarded this grant and the opportunity to run drone camps system-wide this SRP," Vanya Walker, Instructional Technology Specialist at the Orlando Public Library.

This grant is awarded by the Best Buy Foundation through the Community Grants program, in partnership with local Best Buy stores. These grants support programs that provide youth with access to new technologies and help them become interested and fluent in digital learning while developing skills to help better prepare them for future education and career success. For more information about Best Buy Community Grants, visit [corporate.bestbuy.com/community-grants-page](http://corporate.bestbuy.com/community-grants-page).

The Orange County Library System's Summer Reading Program is a yearly initiative focused on providing new and fun learning experiences to children, teens and adults during summer vacation. For more information, visit [www.ocls.info/srp](http://www.ocls.info/srp).

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