

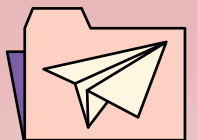


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Disney Memories

Orange County Library System is collecting stories celebrating Disney's 50th anniversary. Do you have a story you would like to share about your first or your most memorable time at Disney? Visit ocls.info/disney-memories to submit photos and share your stories with us.



CELEBRATE NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK WITH WonderWorks™

All Locations: April 3–9

Celebrate National Library Week with a free, All Access ticket to WonderWorks! Any Orange County resident that signs up for a new library card or renews an expired card during National Library Week (April 3–9, 2022) will receive one ticket for free admission to WonderWorks.

This promotion is open to all ages, April 3–9, 2022. While supplies last. Those who register online will receive their library card and WonderWorks ticket in the mail within two weeks.



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LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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Next Board Of Trustees Meeting:

Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room
Thursday, April 14, 6 p.m.

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Next Friends Of The Library Board Of Directors Meeting:

Virtual
Wednesday, April 20, Noon



FROM THE INTERIM DIRECTOR

National Library Week is April 3–9, 2022. It's a week to celebrate libraries and all the contributions they make to the community.

Aside from promoting reading and literacy, libraries impact communities in so many ways – some visible and some not so much.

For example, according to research from the American Library Association (ALA), library usage has been shown to enhance the academic success of students. The highest-achieving students tend to be the ones from schools with media centers that are well-staffed and funded.

Libraries are also tied to the health and happiness of communities. The ALA points to studies showing that people report being happier when their states spend money on public goods, including libraries and parks, because they enhance their quality of life.

Libraries help strengthen local economies – approximately 73% of public libraries in the United States provide programs that help people apply for jobs, build their resumes and

learn better interview skills, and more than 80% offer computer software training for customers. Libraries also help create healthier communities by offering fitness and wellness classes, as well as health resources. More than 75% of American libraries provide online health resources, and more than half provide people with assistance on how to find health insurance.

Orange County Library System is proud to be among the libraries that offer these services to the community. In Fiscal Year 2021, we:

- Served 15,248 free meals to children as part of the Orange County Public Schools Mobile Lunch Program
- Helped 1,965 children complete our Summer Reading Challenge, which encourages children to embrace a love of reading even when school is not in session
- Delivered more than 508,000 books, DVDs and other library materials to doorsteps as part of our Books by MAYL home delivery service

- Assisted 756 people through our Social Worker @ the Library program
- Offered 13,335 technology classes on topics ranging from the basics of Microsoft Office all the way up to advanced classes in Adobe Creative Cloud

There's so much more – too much to list here. We work hard to give our customers the kind of library services that support and connect people, creating stronger and more vibrant communities. Not just during National Library Week, but all year long.

Steve Powell
Interim Director/CEO & COO
Orange County Library System

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SUMMER READING PROGRAM

Sponsored by
Window World of Central Florida

Preview events online starting April 1
Registration begins May 2

ocls.info/srp



IN-PERSON

Plant Clinic

Alafaya Branch

Thursday, April 14, 2–4 p.m.

Bring your plants, get your soil pH tested and ask questions! Master gardener volunteers from the UF/IFAS Orange County Extension Office will be available to answer your gardening questions.

LIBRARY EVENTS

ocls.info/events

IN-PERSON

Fingerpainting for Adults

South Creek Branch

Thursday, April 7, 3 p.m.

Leave your stress behind, and be a kid again. Relax with fingerpainting by creating simple abstracts or vibrant landscapes. Materials provided.

Guardianship of Individuals with a Disability

Fairview Shores Branch

Friday, April 8, 11 a.m.

Learn about the different types of guardianships, all the necessary steps for applying for guardianship and what disabilities classify for the parent to get guardianship of disabled individuals.

Ageless Grace:

Body and Brain Fitness

Southwest Branch

Saturdays, April 9–23, 10:30 a.m.

Experience simple, playful exercise based on the science of neuroplasticity. Learn tools that work your brain and body. Led by certified Ageless Grace educators. Registration required. Recommended for ages 18 and up.

Altered Books Workshop

West Oaks Branch

Saturday, April 9, 10:30 a.m.–1 p.m.

Junk journal, scrapbook, diary? Bring your imagination and discover all the possibilities of altered books at this monthly workshop. Recommended for ages 13 and up.

Free Legal Assistance with Housing and Eviction

Fairview Shores Branch

Saturday, April 9, 11 a.m.–2:30 p.m.

Speak with a lawyer on how to avoid eviction. Learn what your rights are, what you can do if you are facing eviction, your options for housing and get help filling out your forms.

Alphabet Calligraphy

Orlando Public Library,

Albertson Room

Sunday, April 10, 2 p.m.

Join artist Lynda Chandler as she demonstrates how to practice lettering the alphabet. Explore how to create different fonts using a variety of pens and techniques. Registration required.

West Oaks Wildflower Club

West Oaks Branch

Sunday, April 10, 2–3:30 p.m.

Meetup with other nature lovers to celebrate wildflowers. Each month, we'll spotlight a different wildflower and host discussions and crafts that promote native Florida plants. Recommended for ages 18 and up.

Healing Arts Series:

Haiku Painting

Southwest Branch

Friday, April 15, 10:30 a.m.–Noon

Create a haiku-inspired painting. Part of the Healing Arts series. Supplies provided. No writing or painting experience needed. Recommended for ages 18 and up.

Snack & Learn:

Making a Healthy Change

Hiawassee Branch

Wednesday, April 20, 11 a.m.

Learn seven simple steps to make a healthy change. This event is part of the ongoing Snack & Learn series presented by Casman Mosby, CarePlus Health Plans.

Marble Dipped Mugs

West Oaks Branch

Saturday, April 23, 3 p.m.

Create a colorful and unique marble dipped mug using nail polish. All supplies will be provided. Registration required. Recommended for ages 18 and up.

VIRTUAL

Water Conservation Education

Friday, April 8, 11 a.m.

Do you have questions about water conservation? A representative from the Orange County Utilities Water Division will discuss this important topic. Part of the Sustainability Series sponsored by The Friends of the Orange County Library System.

ART & DISPLAY

ocls.info/art

IN-PERSON

Women in the Arts Exhibition

Orlando Public Library

On Display Through April 22

The annual Women in the Arts exhibition features local finalists as well as national and international artists who have entered work in the Women in the Arts Inc. competition.

Angie Vazquez Art Exhibit

Southwest Branch

On Display Through June

This exhibit captures the artist's work in both graphite and oils, specializing in graphite portraits.



VIRTUAL

Yoga

Monday, April 4, 9 a.m.

Get moving with this energizing and relaxing yoga sequence for all-levels. Tap into the strength, balance, flexibility and relaxation that your body can provide you. Registration required.

High Blood Pressure

Wednesday, April 6, 11 a.m.

Join Jessica Daly, faculty librarian and assistant professor with AdventHealth University, as she discusses the causes of high blood pressure, how to prevent it and how to treat it when diagnosed.

Meditation –

Seven Laws of Spiritual Success

Thursday, April 7, 7 p.m.

Discover how *The Seven Laws of Spiritual Success* can be used as a tool to enhance meditation practice with Chopra Global master educator Adam Brady. Novice and seasoned meditators welcome.

Chair Yoga

Monday, April 11, 11 a.m.

Get moving with this energizing and relaxing chair yoga sequence for all-levels. Tap into the strength, balance, flexibility and relaxation that your body can provide you. Requires use of a chair.

Foundations of Meditation

Thursday, April 14, 7 p.m.

Take a step-by-step tour through what meditation is, what its benefits are and how you can do it in a simple, effortless and comfortable manner. Novice and seasoned meditators welcome.

OCLS Business Resources for Entrepreneurs

Tuesday, April 19, 3 p.m.

Join us for a live webinar on using OCLS business databases for startup, company development and competitive advantage.

Let's Talk: Podcast Discussions

Tuesday, April 19, 7–8:30 p.m.

Just like book club, but for podcasts! Join a community of podcast listeners as we explore a human interest topic by way of three to five podcast episode selections. Recommended for ages 18 and up.

Ask A Lawyer

Monday, April 25, 5:30–7 p.m.

The Orange County Bar Association will provide an open forum for individuals to speak with a panel of attorneys to get guidance on family law.

Food 101: Cooking with Wine

Wednesday, April 27, 6:30 p.m.

The Food 101 series introduces you to a new topic every month, examining the historical and social significance of what we eat.

VIRTUAL

Fresh Florida Fruit

Wednesday, April 13, 6 p.m.

Enjoy the seasonal fruit Florida has to offer. Yamira Lee Johnson, head chef and founder of Breaking Bread with Mira, will show us how to incorporate blueberries into a healthy diet.

Soft Corn Tortillas and Salsas

Tuesday, April 26, 6:30 p.m.

Join culinary expert Dianne Morin as she demonstrates how to make soft corn tortillas, fresh tomato salsa and black bean corn salsa.

Instant Pot Phở

Wednesday, April 27, 6:30 p.m.

If you're intimidated by the time and effort it takes to make phở from scratch we've got the event for you! Join Chef Ha Roda as she creates the delicious Vietnamese soup quickly in an Instant Pot.





BOOK CLUBS

ocls.info/bookclubs

IN-PERSON

Nature Walk Book Club

Southwest Branch

Thursday, April 14, 10 a.m.–Noon

Join Southwest Branch for a walk at a local park followed by discussion of a pre-selected book. Exercise your mind and body! Registration required. Recommended for ages 18 and up.

VIRTUAL

Hiawassee Book Club

Monday, April 18, 7 p.m.

In March, the Hiawassee Book Club will discuss *The Lost Apothecary* by Sarah Penner. Secretly dispensing poisons to liberate women from the men who have wronged them, a London apothecary triggers unintended consequences that shape three lives across multiple centuries.

Southwest Book Club

Tuesday, April 26, 7–8:45 p.m.

Join Southwest Book Club to discuss *The Midnight Library* by Matt Haig. Nora Seed finds herself faced with the possibility of changing her life for a new one, following a different career, undoing old breakups, or realizing her dreams of becoming a glaciologist, she must search within herself as she travels through the Midnight Library to decide what is truly fulfilling in life, and what makes it worth living in the first place. Recommended for ages 18 and up.

Winter Garden Book Club

Thursday, April 28, 6 p.m.

Join us as we discuss our April selection, *Things You Save in a Fire* by Katherine Carter. When her estranged, ailing mother asks her to move to Boston, firefighter Cassie Hanwell becomes the only woman in her new firehouse, where she faces discrimination, low funding and her unwanted attraction to a fellow firefighter.

MEET THE AUTHOR

ocls.info/meettheauthor

Orlando Book Festival

Orlando Public Library, Library Central

Saturday, April 30, 10:30 a.m.–5 p.m.

The Orlando Book Festival is a day-long celebration of books at Orlando Public Library.

Join us for panels, writing workshops and more

with bestselling authors from all over

the state including keynote speaker Tim Dorsey.

For information, visit ocls.info/obf.

Orlando Book Festival and National Library Week Reading Challenge

ocls.beanstack.org

April 1–30

Celebrate the Orlando Book Festival and

National Library Week throughout April with our

Beanstack challenge. Log your reading, write

book reviews and participate in activities to earn

badges all month long! Recommended for ages

18 and up.



WRITERS CORNER

ocls.info/writerscorner

VIRTUAL

Writing 101: A Writer's Guide to Planning or Revising a Novel

Monday, April 4, 7 p.m.

Author Jessica Vitalis offers a flexible pre-writing framework geared toward writing a solid first draft or revising a first draft without making the process feel too prescriptive.

OCLS Writer's Group

Sunday, April 10, 4 p.m.

Join your fellow writers for critique, discussion and camaraderie. Writers of all genres and experience are welcome. Please attend one meeting before submitting a piece for critique.

Selling a Nonfiction Book with a Proposal

Tuesday, April 12, 7 p.m.

Most nonfiction books are sold on proposal. Cookbook author Jules Sherred will discuss what should be in a nonfiction book proposal, how to make sure it sells your book and how it keeps you on track.

Turning True Stories into Truly Great Fiction

Saturday, April 16, 2 p.m.

Author Veronica Bartles will help you go beyond "That's what really happened," "You'll never believe it," and "I swear I'm not making it up!" to turn true stories into truly great fiction.

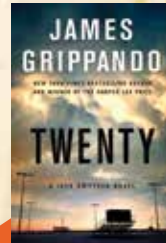
World Building in a Contemporary Setting

Thursday, April 21, 7 p.m.

A lot of conversations about world-building focus on secondary-world fantasy, but author Gail D. Villanueva will discuss how to build magical elements into a story set on our world.

15TH ANNUAL SOUTHWEST AUTHOR SERIES

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JOBSEEKERS

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IN-PERSON

An-Pèsòn: Ekri Rezime CV
South Trail Branch
Monday, April 18, 10:15 a.m.

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VIRTUAL

Career Academy: Perfecting Your Resume
Tuesday, April 12, 2:30 p.m.

Get noticed! Elevate your job application with best practices in crafting a resume and cover letter.

Career Academy: Interview Like a Pro
Tuesday, April 26, 2:30 p.m.

You've landed an interview! Now what? Get tips that will help you to practice and prepare, and to write a memorable thank you letter.



NEXT CHAPTER

ocls.info/nextchapter

IN-PERSON

What is Community Action? – LIFE Information for Elders

Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room
Thursday, April 21, 12:10 p.m.

Join Lavon B. Williams, AICP, Esq., Manager, Community Action Division as she shares “The Promise of Community Action” and reviews the division’s programs and services. This seminar is part of a monthly LIFE Information for Elders series. To register, email OfficeonAging@ocfl.net.

Senior Living Affordability – Smarter Senior Seminar Series Alafaya Branch

Wednesday, April 27, 10:30 a.m.

Discuss senior living options with experts in our community. This event is part of the ongoing Smarter Senior Seminar Series presented by Mike Flahaven, certified senior housing professional. To learn more, visit yourfloridahaven.com.

Qigong Movement and Breathing Alafaya Branch

Thursday, April 28, 11 a.m.

Jasmine Win shows basic qigong techniques and how using them in your daily life can benefit your health. Qigong is a crucial tool in Chinese medicine which involves movement, breathing and meditation.

WORLD TAI-CHI & QIGONG DAY

Qigong Movement and Breathing with Jasmine Win

Southwest Branch

Saturday, April 30, 10:30 a.m.

Celebrate World Tai-Chi & Qigong Day with Jasmine Win. Learn basic qigong techniques and how using them in your daily life can benefit your health. All levels are welcome to learn and celebrate.

Tai Chi De-stress with Jim McClellan

Southwest Branch

Saturday, April 30, Noon

Celebrate World Tai-Chi & Qigong Day with Jim McClellan. De-stress by practicing meditative movements in the 24 Yang style: tai chi’s most popular form. All levels are welcome to learn and celebrate.

VIRTUAL

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GENEALOGY

ocls.info/genealogy

VIRTUAL

Family Tree Guide to DNA Testing Study Group

Tuesdays, April 5–19, 1 p.m.

Join us for our genetic genealogy study group and learn how DNA test results can help to confirm, extend and deepen your genealogical research.

Genealogy in the States: South Carolina

Wednesday, April 6, 6:30 p.m.

Explore the rich research resources and collections that are held in a variety of archives and repositories in South Carolina. Discover what records are available and how to use them.

Advanced Searching on Ancestry.com

Thursday, April 7, Noon

Learn how to make the most out of your searches on Ancestry Library Edition and Ancestry.com.

Global Genealogy: Mexico

Thursday, April 14, Noon

Explore resources, tips and tricks for finding records in the home countries of your ancestors. This session focuses on Mexico.

Conducting Family History Interviews

Wednesday, April 20, 6:30 p.m.

Oral history is an important part of genealogical research. Learn how to get the most information from the family members you interview.

Connecting With Cousins

Thursday, April 21, Noon

Explore the best way to begin analyzing and working with your autosomal DNA matches.

Genealogy Surprise Box: Processing Documents

Tuesday, April 26, 1 p.m.

Have you ever received a box of family memorabilia from a relative and weren't sure how to process the items? Learn how to scan, catalog and handle a box full of surprise genealogical keepsakes.

Key Websites for Genealogy Research

Wednesday, April 27, 6:30 p.m.

Familiarize yourself with the core genealogical websites and explore the similarities and differences between them.

The Paperless Genealogist

Thursday, April 28, Noon

Feeling bogged down with too much paper from years of genealogical research? Explore options for going paperless and see how digital versions can actually enhance your research experience.



LANGUAGE LEARNING ocls.info/language

ENGLISH FOR SPEAKERS OF OTHER LANGUAGES (ESOL)

IN-PERSON

English from Zero

North Orange Branch

Fridays, April 1–29, 2–4 p.m.

Chickasaw Branch

Fridays, April 1–29, 10:30 a.m.–Noon

Alafaya Branch

Saturdays, April 2–30, 10:30 a.m.

Southeast Branch

Tuesdays, April 5, 19 & 26, 10:30 a.m.

West Oaks Branch

Thursdays, April 7–28, 4:30 p.m.

Designed for beginning English learners, each workshop targets specific vocabulary, grammar structure and conversation practices.

English Conversation Hour

Windermere Branch

Fridays, April 1–29, 3:30 p.m.

Alafaya Branch

Saturdays, April 2–30, Noon

Chickasaw Branch

Thursdays, April 7–28, 12:15 p.m.

Practice your English speaking skills with us. Each session will have specific topics for discussion. All proficiency levels are welcome.

Open Language Lab

West Oaks Branch

Mondays, April 4–25, 4–5:30 p.m.

Explore and learn English (ESOL) or the language of your choice in an open lab environment. Learn and practice using one of the available programs.

An-Pèsòn: Creole Connect

South Trail Branch

Mondays, April 4–25, 4:15 p.m.

Vin aprann pale e pratike anglè w nan kou sa.

Speaking Clearly for Beginners

Southeast Branch

Tuesdays, April 5, 19 & 26, 12:30 p.m.

A pronunciation class for beginners designed to introduce learners to the basic sounds of English for pronunciation.

Reading Clearly for Intermediate

Southeast Branch

Wednesdays, April 6–20, 1 p.m.

Learn, practice and discuss reading strategies and complex English vocabulary.

Writing Clearly for Beginners

Southeast Branch

Wednesdays, April 6–20, 2:30 p.m.

This class is designed to introduce learners to the basics of English grammar by focusing on the parts of speech, sentence organization and vocabulary building.

Pronunciator Orientation

Southeast Branch

Friday, April 22, 11:30 a.m.

Learn how to use Pronunciator to begin or improve your English, Spanish or any other language skills. This software provides lessons through watching, listening, practicing and speaking.

VIRTUAL

English from Zero

Fridays, April 1–22, 10:30 a.m.

Mondays, April 4–23, 3 p.m.

Tuesdays, April 5–26, 3:30 p.m.

Thursdays, April 7–28, 10:30 a.m. & 6:20 p.m.

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Speaking Clearly for Intermediate

Fridays, April 1–22, Noon

A pronunciation class for intermediate speakers designed to introduce learners to spelling and pronunciation rules of English words and phrases.

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Writing Clearly for Intermediate

Mondays, April 4–25, 1:30 p.m.

Writing Clearly is a grammar and writing course for intermediate learners that focuses on grammatically complex ideas including sentence structure, phrases and vocabulary building.

Conversation Hour

Mondays, April 4–25, 4:15 p.m.

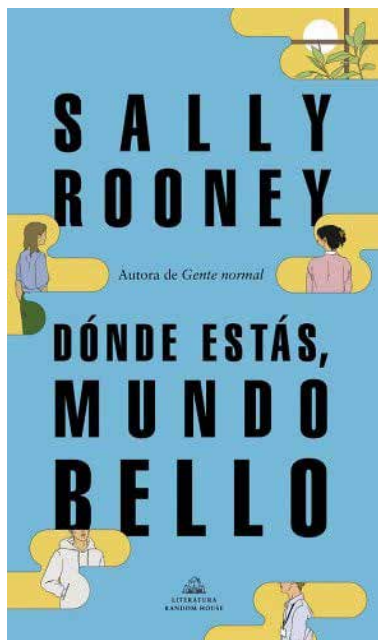
Tuesdays, April 5–26, 6:20 p.m.

Practice your English speaking skills in a virtual conversation hour. Each session will have specific topics for discussion.

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NUEVO EN LA BIBLIOTECA

Dónde estás, mundo bello
por Sally Rooney
traducción de Inga Pellisa

La historia de dos amigas que buscan el amor y la belleza ante un mundo incierto. La nueva novela de la aclamada autora de *Gente normal*. Rooney despliega de nuevo su capacidad para analizar el comportamiento humano y vuelve a demostrar por qué es una de las autoras más importantes del momento.

El hotel de cristal
por Emily St. John Mandel
traducción de Claudia Casanova

Una cautivadora novela sobre dinero, belleza, delitos, fantasmas y compromisos morales en la que una mujer desaparece de un barco de contenedores frente a las costas de Mauritania y un enorme esquema Ponzi implosiona en Nueva York, arrastrando consigo innumerables fortunas.

Hija de la fortuna
por Isabel Allende

De la reverenciada autora de éxitos de ventas del *New York Times*, llega una historia apasionante sobre la búsqueda de una joven para salvar a su amante, frente al caos, la codicia y la promesa de la Fiebre del oro de California de 1849.

El arte perdido de educar: recuperar la sabiduría ancestral para criar pequeños seres humanos felices
por Michaelleen Doucleff
traducción de Carlos Abreu y Alfonso Barguño Viana

El arte perdido de educar nos ofrece una forma completamente nueva de enfocar la crianza de los niños y resulta maravillosamente intuitiva incluso cuando va en contra de todo lo que nos han enseñado hasta ahora como padres occidentales.

El genio de Jesús: el hombre que lo cambió todo
por Erwin Raphael McManus

Un manifiesto revolucionario sobre las innumerables formas en que Jesús de Nazaret transformó nuestro mundo y nos capacita para vivir vidas de valor, propósito y gracia hoy.

SPANISH CLASSES

VIRTUAL

"Hola Amigos" –
Spanish from Zero for Kids
Mondays, April 4–25, 6 p.m.

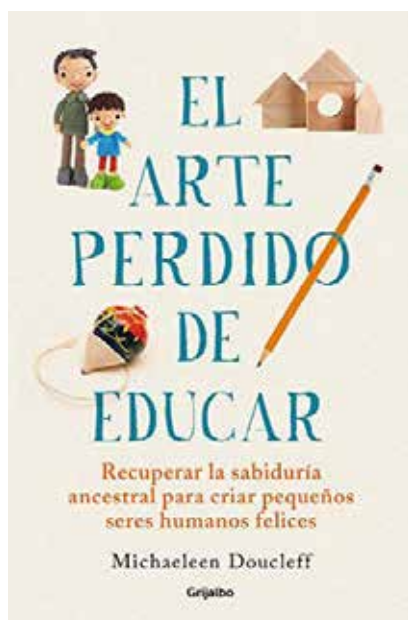
This basic introduction to Spanish for kids includes pronunciation, greetings, short sentences, descriptions and vocabulary.

Spanish from Zero –
Basics with Ms. Brenda
Tuesdays, April 5–26, 4 p.m.

Be bilingual! Learn Spanish pronunciation, vocabulary, phrases and reading with Ms. Brenda.

Spanish from Zero –
Intermediate with Ms. Brenda
Tuesdays, April 5 & 12, 5 p.m.
Learn Spanish grammar with Ms. Brenda.

Intermediate Spanish
Wednesdays, April 6–27, 10:30 a.m.
Get an introduction to Spanish grammar by focusing on the parts of speech, verb conjugations, sentence structure and vocabulary building.



CITIZENSHIP INSPIRED

ocls.info/citizenship

VIRTUAL

Citizenship Inspired

Tuesdays & Wednesdays, April 5, 6, 12 & 13, 3–5 p.m.

Thursdays, April 7–28, 3–4:30 p.m.

Tuesdays & Wednesdays, April 19, 20, 26 & 27, 3–5 p.m.

During this program, students will meet via Zoom to prepare for the U.S. Naturalization (Citizenship) Test and Interview.

IN-PERSON

Make an Earth Day Decal for a Water Bottle

Orlando Public Library, Melrose Center
Saturday, April 16, 11 a.m.

Wednesday, April 27, 4:30 p.m.

Reduce your need for single-use plastics!
Learn how to use the Silhouette Cameo
to customize a water bottle with an Earth
Day-themed vinyl decal.

VIRTUAL

Melrose Meetups: Audio

Tuesday, April 19, 6–7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 20, 6–7:30 p.m.

This special two-part Meetup is
organized and hosted by the Audio
Studio Instructors of The Dorothy Lumley
Melrose Center.

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Thursday, April 21, 6 p.m.

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to customize a water bottle with an Earth
Day-themed vinyl decal.

Melrose in the Mix: Viviana Clary
WUCF-TV

Thursday, April 21, 8:30 p.m.

Our live recording series continues on
WUCF-TV with singer-songwriter Viviana
Clary performing in the Melrose Audio
Studio.



Reel to Real Podcast

All major podcast platforms

Monday, April 11

Guests Richard Bowden and Jeff Nolan
appear on the next Reel to Real podcast,
where the stories behind the board go on
record.

NATIONAL ARAB AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

IN-PERSON

Music and Dance of Ancient Egypt

Southwest Branch

Friday, April 1, 10 a.m.

Chickasaw Branch

Friday, April 1, 11:30 a.m.

Create the ancient Egyptian instruments rig and sistrum, play them, and perform the traditional pyramid dance with South Florida Chamber Ensemble musicians. Recommended for ages 4 and up. Registration required.

Malala's Magic Pencil

Southeast Branch

Monday, April 25, 11 a.m.

Learn about *Malala's Magic Pencil*. Then create your own magic pencil at this craft based storytime all about Malala Yousafzai. Recommended for ages 3–5. Registration required.

The Red Pyramid

West Oaks Branch

Wednesday, April 27, 4 p.m.

Dive into Egyptology and explore hieroglyphics, pyramids, amulets and ancient Egyptian history. Based on *The Kane Chronicles* by Rick Riordan. Recommended for ages 6–12. Registration required.

VIRTUAL

Researching Your Middle Eastern Heritage

Wednesday, April 13, 6:30 p.m.

Gain an introductory overview of what resources are available to research your Middle Eastern heritage.

Pirates! All Aboard to Egypt

Tuesday, April 26, 4:30 p.m.

Explore stories and myths with our quirky pirate crew as we sail to Ancient Egypt! We'll share local information, experiment with science and dance our way through new adventures each month. Recommended for ages 6–12.

BOOKLIST



The Arabic Quilt:

An Immigrant Story

by Aya Khalil

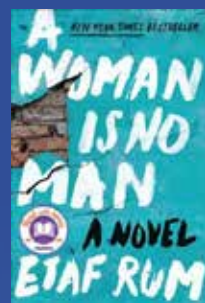
illustrated by Anait Semirdzhyan
The beautiful story of diversity follows a young girl named Kanzi whose most treasured reminder of her old home provides a pathway for acceptance in her new one.



Mirage

by Somaiya Daud

In a world dominated by the brutal Vathek empire, eighteen-year-old Amani is a dreamer. She dreams of having adventures and travelling beyond her isolated home. But when adventure comes for Amani, it is not what she expects.



A Woman is No Man

by Etaf Rum

Three generations of Palestinian American women in contemporary Brooklyn are torn by individual desire, educational ambitions, a devastating tragedy, and the strict mores of traditional Arab culture.



In the Language of Miracles

by Rajia Hassib

The affluent Al-Menshaw family find their American dream shattered when a devastating turn of events leaves their eldest son and their neighbor's daughter dead, and, becoming pariahs in their upscale New Jersey community, they struggle to keep their family together.



The Earth in the Attic

by Fady Joudah

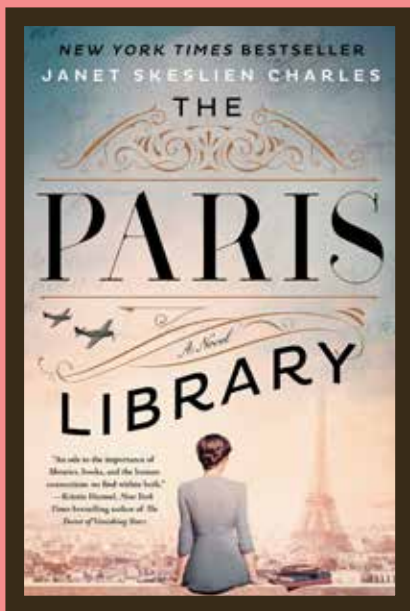
Fady Joudah, a Palestinian American physician, explores big themes – identity, war, religion, what we hold in common – while never losing sight of the specific. This original and moving first collection of poems explores Joudah's life experiences with urgency and clarity.



The Girl Who Fell to Earth

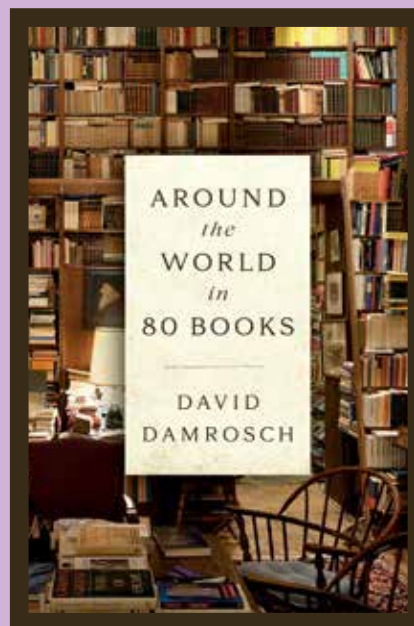
by Sophia Al-Maria

An award-winning young filmmaker and writer's funny and wry coming-of-age memoir about growing up in between the American and Arab cultures.



***The Paris Library*
by Janet Skeslien Charles**

A powerful novel that explores the consequences of our choices and the relationships that make us who we are “family, friends and favorite authors.” *The Paris Library* shows that extraordinary heroism can sometimes be found in the quietest of places.



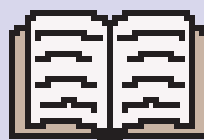
***Around the World in 80 books*
by David Damrosch**

A transporting and illuminating voyage around the globe, through classic and modern literary works that are in conversation with one another and with the world around them.



***The Forbidden Library*
by Django Wexler**

When her father is lost at sea shortly after meeting a very unusual visitor, Alice must leave her home to live with an “uncle” whose rural Pennsylvania estate includes a massive and mysterious library that holds much more than books.



Booklist

***Bibliophile: Diverse Spines*
by Jamise Harper & Jane Mount**

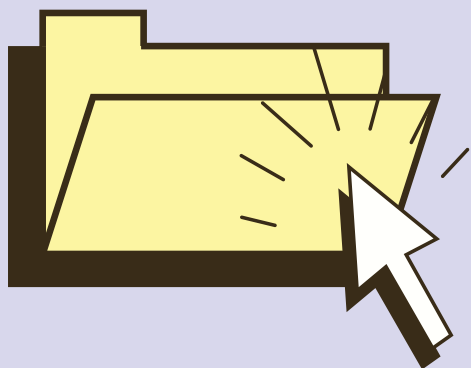
This richly illustrated and vastly inclusive collection uplifts the works of authors who are often underrepresented in the literary world. Using their keen knowledge and deep love for all things literary, coauthors Jamise Harper (founder of the Diverse Spines book community) and Jane Mount (author of *Bibliophile*) collaborated to create an essential volume filled with treasures for every reader.

***Pura's Cuentos: How Pura Belpré Reshaped Libraries with Her Stories*
by Annette Bay Pimentel
illustrated by Magaly Morales**

Lively illustrations and lyrical text combine to pay tribute to the extraordinary life and legacy of the celebrated storyteller, author, folklorist and the first Latina librarian in New York City who was a pioneer of bilingual storytimes.

***The Reader: Sea of Ink and Gold*
by Traci Chee**

Fleeing into the wilderness after her father's brutal murder, Sefia learns how to hunt, track and steal in order to survive before embarking on a quest to rescue the beloved aunt who is her mentor, an effort that is shaped by a magnificent book that is unheard of in her otherwise illiterate society.

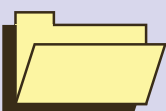
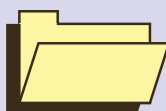
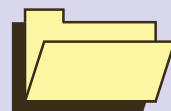


National Library Week

April 3-9

CONNECT WITH YOUR LIBRARY

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IN-PERSON

BookFace Photo Pop-Up!

Orlando Public Library

Sunday, April 3, 1–3 p.m.

Kick-off National Library Week with a photo opportunity showing off your best BookFace! Stop by to get a free portrait taken where you'll pose with book covers from our collection, immersing you into the scene! Recommended for families.



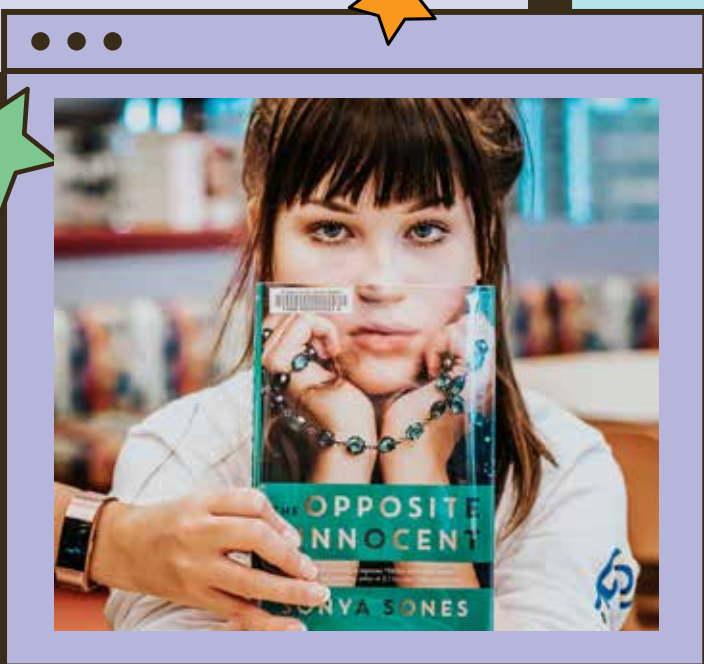
IN-PERSON

Music in the Library: Wassalou

Orlando Public Library, Library Central

Saturday, April 9, 3 p.m.

Wassalou is an Afropop band that presents a unique talent to the North American cultural landscape. Bringing language, colorful traditional costuming and dance straight out of Africa.



IN-PERSON

Speed-Date With a Book

Southwest Branch

Tuesday, April 5, 4 p.m.

Do you love to read but just don't know what to read next? We will gather some hot titles and you can have a five-minute date with each. The perfect book is waiting for you. Recommended for ages 13–18.

Homeschool:

National Library Week

Windermere Branch

Thursday, April 7, 1 p.m.

Celebrate National Library Week by exploring the library through fun activities. Recommended for ages 6–18.

Library Scavenger Hunt

Eatonville Branch

Thursday, April 7, 3:15 p.m.

Use your best detective skills to discover the secrets hidden in plain sight. Snoop around the library and enjoy fun crafts and activities. Recommended for ages 6–12.

Little Lit Classics

Fairview Shores Branch

Friday, April 8, 10:15 a.m.

Southwest Branch

Wednesday, April 13, 10:30 a.m.

Introduce your toddler to classic literature through basic concepts by exploring colors from *Alice in Wonderland*, shapes from *Treasure Island*, counting from *Jane Eyre* and more! Recommended for ages 18–36 months.

VIRTUAL

Paper Possibilities –

Hitch Stitch Bookbinding

Friday, April 8,

10:30–11:45 a.m.

Celebrate National Library Week by making a hitch stitch bound book structure! Custom thread bound books are fun to make and unique structures to house your art or tell your story. Recommended for ages 18 and up.



IN-PERSON

An-Pèsòn: Entènèt Nivo 1

South Trail Branch

Monday, April 4, 10:15 a.m.

Aprann tout konsèp ak tèminoloji entènèt la. Epi tou Vinn abitye avèk kijan pou w navige sou entènèt la.

An-Pèsòn: Entènèt Nivo 2

South Trail Branch

Monday, April 11, 10:15 a.m.

Aprann teknik motè rechèch yo, pou w ka jwenn egzakteman sa w-ap chèche sou entènèt la.

Internet Level 1 – Fundamentals

North Orange Branch

Thursday, April 7, 10:15 a.m.

Washington Park Branch

Friday, April 8, 10:15 a.m.

Chickasaw Branch

Monday, April 11, 10:30 a.m.

Orlando Public Library,

Tuesday, April 12, 3 p.m.

West Oaks Branch

Thursday, April 21, 1:45 p.m.

Winter Garden Branch

Tuesday, April 26, 10:15 a.m.

Fairview Shores Branch

Wednesday, April 27, 10:15 a.m.

Learn Internet concepts and terminology. Become familiar with web browsers while surfing the web.

Internet Level 2 – Search Techniques

North Orange Branch

Thursday, April 7, 11:30 a.m.

Chickasaw Branch

Monday, April 11, 11:45 a.m.

Washington Park Branch

Friday, April 15, 10:15 a.m.

Orlando Public Library

Tuesday, April 19, 3 p.m.

Fairview Shores Branch

Wednesday, April 27, 11:45 a.m.

Learn about search engines and search techniques to help you find exactly what you are looking for on the web.

Internet Security Basics

North Orange Branch

Thursday, April 14, 10:15 a.m.

Washington Park Branch

Friday, April 22, 10:15 a.m.

Fairview Shores Branch

Friday, April 22, 11 a.m.

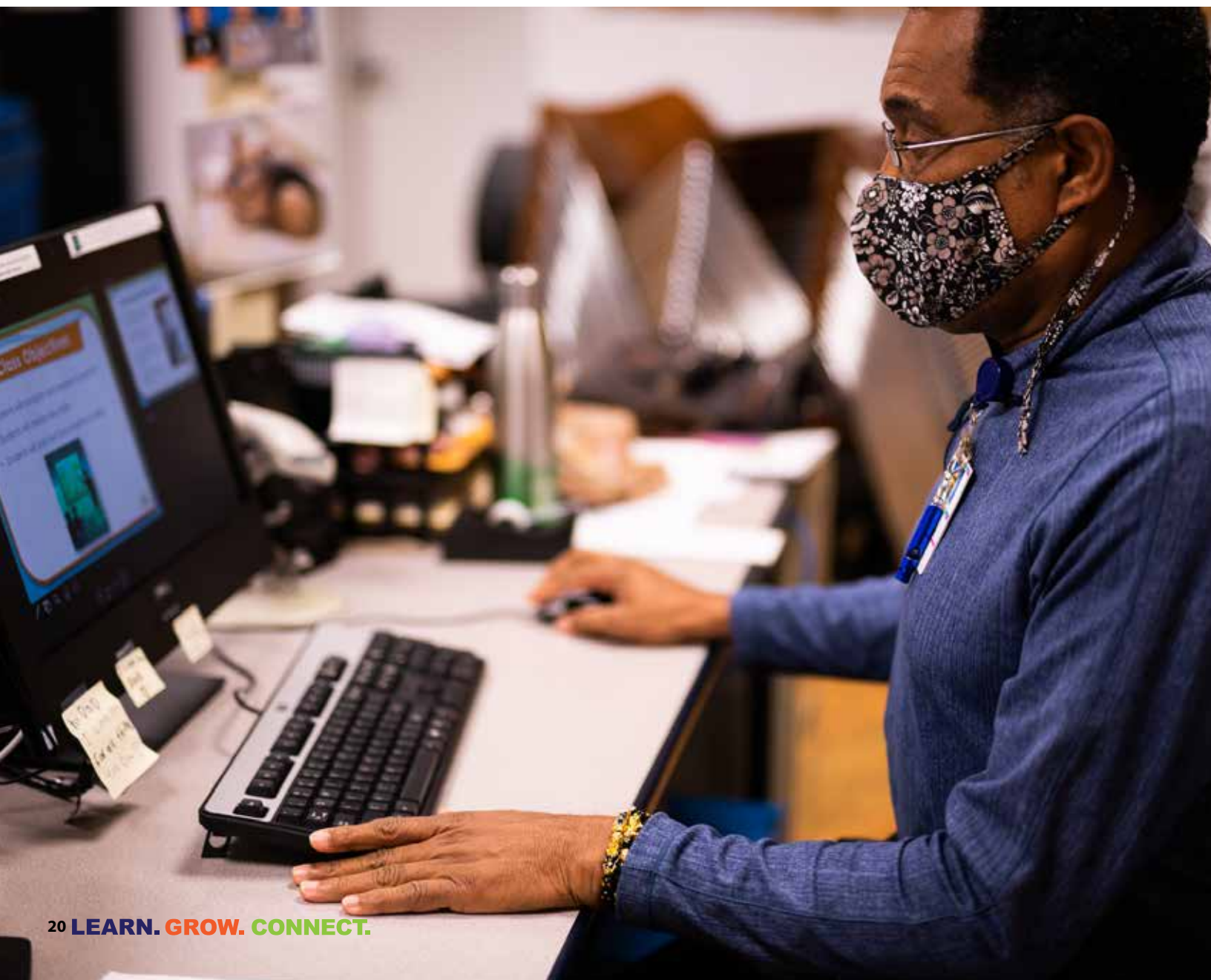
Winter Garden Branch

Tuesday, April 26, 11:30 a.m.

Orlando Public Library

Tuesday, April 26, 3 p.m.

Be safe online. From passwords to phishing scams, learn how to recognize dangers and the basics of protecting yourself online.



IN-PERSON

Sewing: Scrappy Book Cover

West Oaks Branch

Friday, April 1, 10 a.m.–Noon

We're celebrating National Library Week with a book cover. Gather up your scraps or use a mini-charm pack for this easy project.

Let's Crochet Level 1

North Orange Branch

Wednesday, April 6, 10:30 a.m.–Noon

Start crocheting today. Learn to chain and single crochet stitch to create your first project.

Let's Crochet Level 2

North Orange Branch

Wednesday, April 13,

10:30 a.m.–Noon

Add new stitches to your crochet repertoire! Learn the double and half double crochet stitches while you create a new project.

Sewing: Storage Basket

South Trail Branch

Saturdays, April 16 & 23,

3:30–5:30 p.m.

Organize your room with these trendy fabric baskets. Parents are welcome to sew together with their kids!

Let's Crochet: In the Round

North Orange Branch

Wednesday, April 20,

10:30 a.m.–Noon

Add to your project possibilities by crocheting in the round! Create crochet projects such as hats, bowls and ornaments.

Macram-April

Windermere Branch

Saturday, April 23, 11 a.m.

Why wait until May when you can macramé now? Learn some macramé basics and complete a small project to keep. Recommended for ages 6–12.

Sewing: Library Book Quilt Block

West Oaks Branch

Friday, April 29, 10 a.m.–Noon

We're celebrating National Library Week with a library book quilt block. We'll need some scraps and a fat quarter for this project.

VIRTUAL

Let's Crochet With Words!

Wednesdays, April 6–27,

10–11:30 a.m.

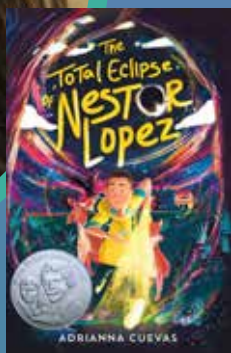
In celebration of National Library Week, we're creating a pillow cover that's filled with words using the popcorn stitch, tapestry crochet and more.

Hand Sewing Sashiko Patterns

Thursdays, April 7–28, 10:15 a.m.

Celebrate National Library Week using sashiko hand sewing techniques to sew our featured pattern: The OCLS Orange. Pre-requisite Class: Basic Hand Sewing Skills.





Q&A with Adrianna Cuevas

by Jessica Pinkowski, Assistant Manager,
Technology and Education Center

Adrianna Cuevas is a first-generation Cuban American originally from Miami, Florida. She is the award-winning author of several middle-grade novels for young readers including *Cuba in My Pocket* and *The Ghosts of Rancho Espanto*. In 2021, she won the Sunshine State Young Reader Award for her grade 3–5 novel, *The Total Eclipse of Nestor Lopez*. This month, Mayor Buddy's Book Club will have a virtual visit with Adrianna to celebrate the End of Book Party.

Mayor Buddy's Book Club – End of Book Party
Wednesday, April 20, 4 p.m.
See page 29 for details.

Congratulations on being selected as a Sunshine State author! How did it feel to get that news?

I was so excited! I grew up in Miami and it was a routine in my family to go to the library every weekend and check out a mountain of books. So to be on a reading list from my home state was very special.

There are a variety of animals and interesting animal trivia in *The Total Eclipse of Nestor Lopez*. What's your favorite animal?

My favorite animals are llamas because they look extremely silly but don't seem to mind that at all. Also, they spit when they're mad and sometimes I feel like doing that.

How do you select the names of your characters?

My first goal when choosing character names is to make sure that the name matches the cultural background of the character. Most of my characters are Cuban American, so I use a lot of names that are common in Cuba. I also like to pick names that might be a little uncommon in order to make my characters unique.

***The Total Eclipse of Nestor Lopez* beautifully combines supernatural elements, Cuban culture and the reality of military family life. What resources did you use to write it?**

For the supernatural elements, I used my imagination combined with the mythology of Costa Rica and Panama, two countries I lived in when I was younger. All the details regarding military life came from my husband who was an Army military policeman. Finally, the Cuban elements come from my own culture, and I was excited to share Cuban food and Spanish sayings with my readers.

Nestor's abuela (grandmother) makes Cuban guava pastelitos for him, which sound delicious! Were those your favorite food growing up?

I loved pastelitos growing up! But I never learned how to make them myself until I moved away from Florida. Where I live in Texas, you can't just pop into Publix and buy some, so I had to learn how to make them at home.

What inspired you to become a writer?

I had an extremely overactive imagination when I was young and spent most of my time daydreaming stories. My fourth-grade teacher inspired me to start writing those stories down and I haven't stopped since.

Do you prefer writing in silence or to music?

I have a very short attention span and get distracted easily. If I had to write in silence, my brain would work overtime to make up for the lack of stimulation. So I actually used to write while watching television because I needed to be able to glance away from my laptop and get different visual stimulation every few minutes while I was writing. I've transitioned now and trained my brain to write while listening to music. Some authors curate special playlists that match the mood of each chapter of their books, but I write my super Cuban stories while listening to K-pop.

Who were your reading/writing influences growing up?

My two favorite authors when I was younger were Jack London and Edgar Allan Poe. I loved Jack London because as a kid from Florida who'd never seen snow, he showed me how you could transport readers to different worlds and experiences they'd never seen or had. Edgar Allan Poe was a favorite because I'm a huge fan of horror, and I loved the possibility of scaring readers while also talking about big themes.

What do you like to do when you're not writing?

When I'm not writing, I love trying new baking recipes that may or may not set off the smoke alarm in my kitchen. I also practice fencing, which is a sport I took up about three years ago when I wanted to learn something new. I also love exploring all the museums, hiking trails and restaurants in Austin and discovering places I haven't been before.

This author virtual visit is sponsored in part by the State of Florida, Department of State, Division of Arts and Culture and the Florida Council on Arts and Culture in conjunction with the City of Orlando.



EARTH DAY



IN-PERSON

How Does a Seed Grow?

North Orange Branch
Monday, April 4, 11 a.m.

Hiawassee Branch

Monday, April 11, 11 a.m.

With our little hands we can make a difference and care for our environment. Let's read, learn and play through a fun celebration for Earth Day. Recommended for ages 3–5.

Homeschool Jr. – Earth Day

Windermere Branch

Wednesday, April 13, 10:30 a.m.

Kick start your little one's education with Homeschool Junior! Join us for a storytime and activities all about basic concepts. Recommended for ages 3–5.

Earth Day, Hooray!

South Trail Branch

Wednesday, April 13, 11 a.m.

Southeast Branch

Monday, April 18, 11 a.m.

Chickasaw Branch

Friday, April 22, 11 a.m.

It's never too early to start learning about protecting our planet! Enjoy nature-friendly stories, crafts and activities with your little one. Recommended for ages 2–5.

Green Thumbs, Dirty Feet

Washington Park Branch

Wednesday, April 13, 4 p.m.

West Oaks Branch

Wednesday, April 20, 4 p.m.

Earth Day is April 22 and we are celebrating! Plant a seed and learn how you can get your feet dirty while showing your appreciation for our planet Earth. Recommended for ages 6–12.

Help the Earth

Eatonville Branch

Monday, April 18, 10:15 a.m.

South Trail Branch

Wednesday, April 20, 11 a.m.

North Orange Branch

Thursday, April 21, 11 a.m.

No one is too little to help the Earth! Celebrate Earth Day with stories and crafts that honor the planet. Recommended for ages 3–5.

Earth Day

Eatonville Branch

Wednesday, April 20, 2:30 p.m.

Make Earth Day today and every day! Find out how you can save the planet while creating environmentally friendly crafts. Recommended for ages 6–12.

April Crafternoon

Alafaya Branch

Wednesday, April 20, 4 p.m.

Make an Earth Day magnet with Shrinky-Dinks. Design and shrink a mini magnetic masterpiece! Registration required for each child. Recommended for ages 6–8.

Earth Day Birthday

South Creek Branch

Thursday, April 21, 10:30 a.m.

Happy Birthday, Earth! Honor our planet on her special day with stories, games and activities about keeping her clean. Recommended for ages 3–5.

Homeschool: Earth Day

Windermere Branch

Thursday, April 21, 1 p.m.

Celebrate Earth Day with fun activities and a craft and learn what you can do to protect our home planet. Recommended for ages 6–17.

Secret Life of Trees

Fairview Shores Branch

Thursday, April 21, 4:30 p.m.

Southwest Branch

Friday, April 22, 4 p.m.

Winter Garden Branch

Wednesday, April 27, 3:30 p.m.

Trees are the oldest living things in the world. Join us for an Earth Day celebration of trees and discover their vital role in our environment. Recommended for ages 6–12.

VIRTUAL

Little Chef: Earth Day Cookies

Tuesday, April 12, 11 a.m.

Your little one will learn cooking skills such as kitchen safety, layering, measuring, tasting and presentation as you interact with a delicious and colorful recipe. Recommended for ages 3–5.

Help the Earth

Tuesday, April 19, 11 a.m.

You're not too little to help the Earth! Let's celebrate Earth Day with stories and crafts that honor our planet. Recommended for ages 3–5.

How Does a Seed Grow?

Thursday, April 21, 11 a.m.

With our little hands we can make a difference and care for our environment. Let's read, learn and play through a fun celebration for Earth Day. Recommended for ages 3–5.

HOMESCHOOL

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VIRTUAL

Homeschool Spanish

Wednesday, April 6, 2 p.m.

Monday, April 18, 2 p.m.

Develop your Spanish skills with us! In this Spanish class you will learn basic vocabulary, numbers, colors and much more. Recommended for ages 6–17.

Homeschool:

Let's Eat – Salsa! Salsa! Salsa!

Friday, April 8, 2 p.m.

Homeschoolers, join us virtually as we teach you how to make delicious homemade salsa! Recommended for ages 6–17.

Homeschool French

Friday, April 22, 2 p.m.

Develop your French skills with us! In this French class you will learn basic vocabulary, numbers, colors and much more. Recommended for ages 6–17.



IN-PERSON

Homeschool Meetup: Poet-Tree

Southwest Branch

Monday, April 4, 1 p.m.

Students explore various forms of poetry and make connections with nature through observation to express their ideas about the environment in writing. Recommended for ages 6–12.

Homeschool French

Windermere Branch

Tuesdays, April 5 & 19, 2 p.m.

Develop your French skills with us! In this French class you will learn basic vocabulary, numbers, colors and much more. Recommended for ages 6–17.

Homeschool Meetup:

Project WILD: Surprise Terrarium

Southwest Branch

Monday, April 11, 1 p.m.

Attendees will identify camouflage as an adaptation and explain the importance of adaptations to animals. Recommended for ages 6–12.

Homeschool Spanish

Windermere Branch

Tuesdays, April 12 & 26, 2 p.m.

Develop your Spanish skills with us! In this Spanish class you will learn basic vocabulary, numbers, colors and much more. Recommended for ages 6–17.

Homeschool: National Poetry Month

Windermere Branch

Thursday, April 14, 1 p.m.

Celebrate National Poetry Month by discovering your inner poet through fun activities. Recommended for ages 6–17.

Homeschool Art Expressions

Windermere Branch

Friday, April 15, 2 p.m.

Join us for a fun afternoon where you will learn to be more creative by developing and expressing your art skill. This art class is designed to help children improve their motor skills. Recommended for ages 6–17.

Homeschool Meetup: Picture This!

Southwest Branch

Monday, April 18, 1 p.m.

Students will classify and categorize plant and animal pictures to create a layout for a new exhibit at a nature museum. Recommended for ages 6–12.

Homeschool Meetup: The Recycling Journey

Southwest Branch

Monday, April 25, 1 p.m.

Learn about recycling from Orange County Solid Waste Division and celebrate Earth Day every day. Recommended for ages 6–12.

IN-PERSON

Happiness Rocks

Southeast Branch

Saturday, April 2, 11 a.m.

Spread happiness by painting a rock and adding a positive message on the back. You can keep your rock or share it by hiding it for someone else to find. Recommended for families with children ages 5 and up.

Poetry is Art!

Windermere Branch

Saturday, April 2, 11 a.m.

Southeast Branch

Friday, April 8, 4 p.m.

Winter Garden Branch

Saturday, April 9, 2:30 p.m.

Southwest Branch

Wednesday, April 20, 4 p.m.

Washington Park Branch

Wednesday, April 20, 4 p.m.

Create art and poetry together while learning about acrostics, shape poetry and more.

ArtMazing

South Creek Branch

Saturday, April 2, 2 p.m.

Unleash your inner artist and discover your creative side in this all-ages art exploration. Inspiration is a must! Recommended for families with children ages 6 and up.

Movie and a Craft

West Oaks Branch

Saturday, April 2, 3–5 p.m.

Sit back and relax during a family-friendly movie while working on a craft or coloring sheets. Recommended for families with children ages 6–12.

You Are a Poet

Winter Garden Branch

Tuesday, April 5, 4:30 p.m.

Do you enjoy reading poetry? Ever thought of writing your own? Now you can by joining us for our poetry event! Recommended for ages 13 and up.

Bingo for Books

Winter Garden Branch

Wednesday, April 6, 3:30 p.m.

It's bingo time! Bring the whole family to play bingo and win books as prizes.

Celebrate Spring with Easy Egg Decorating

Washington Park Branch

Wednesday, April 6, 4 p.m.

Get creative! Grab your paint, glue, markers and tissue paper for some fun and easy egg decorating. Adults and children will enjoy decorating spring eggs together with various mediums.

DIY Paper Cacti

South Creek Branch

Saturday, April 9, 2 p.m.

Craft your own 3D cactus that lives forever, doesn't need sun or water and won't poke you! Recommended for families with children ages 6–12.

Family Book Week Fun

Fairview Shores Branch

Saturday, April 16, 4 p.m.

Celebrate family and books with us during National Library Week! Enjoy stories about families of all types and make your own book together to take home.

Cookies & Milk with a Cop

North Orange Branch

Saturday, April 16, 11 a.m.

Bring your kids to meet our local police officers and enjoy a story, cookies and milk. This series will be a great chance to interact with Apopka police officers in a fun and informative environment.

Terraforming Terrariums

Southeast Branch

Friday, April 22, 4 p.m.

Design a world that fits in the palms of your hands and learn the concepts of planetary terraforming by creating a miniature terrarium. Recommended for families with children ages 5 and up.

Fantastic Beaks

Southeast Branch

Saturday, April 30, 11 a.m.

All birds have beaks. Find out why there are different kinds of beaks and how birds use them to eat, hunt and gather food. Recommended for families with children ages 5 and up.

Let's Talk About Bruno

South Creek Branch

Saturday, April 30, 2 p.m.

The family Madrigal is opening Casita's doors! Discover your gift with magical crafts and activities while dancing to songs from Disney's *Encanto*. Recommended for families with children ages 6 and up.

VIRTUAL

Afternoon Crafts

Wednesday, April 6, 3 p.m.

Learn about how you can create your own masterpiece using simple materials you probably have at home.

Community School of the Arts

Saturdays, June 25–July 30

The Community School of the Arts (CSA) invites you to a summer art experience with a set of curated art projects for students in grades PK–12. The weekly art program starts June 25, and it has been prepared by instructors at Women in the Arts Inc. Registration opens Saturday, April 23.



BIZKIDS

READY TO BECOME AN ENTREPRENEUR?

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IN-PERSON

BizKids Club

Orlando Public Library

Saturdays, April 2–May 21, 10:30 a.m.–Noon

Hiawasse Branch

Wednesdays, April 6–May 25, 4–5:30 p.m.

Southeast Branch

Mondays & Wednesdays, April 18–May 11, 4:30–6:00 p.m.

Ready to become an entrepreneur? The BizKids Club is an instructor-led virtual program that introduces participants to the world of business and entrepreneurship. Recommended for ages 9–14.



EARLY LEARNING ocls.info/earlylearning

Registration required for all in-person events.



BABY (Ages 0–18 Months)

IN-PERSON

Mama Gansa

Southwest Branch

Mondays, April 4 & 18, 10:30 a.m.

South Creek Branch

Wednesday, April 6, 10:30 a.m.

A Spanish immersion Mother Goose on the Loose with interactive songs, rhymes and activities to grow your baby's early literacy and Spanish skills.

Little Hatchlings

Southeast Branch

Monday, April 4, 11 a.m.

Hatch up some fun with an egg themed storytime with songs.

Explore eggs stations with your baby after the storytime.

Mother Goose on the Loose

Fairview Shores Branch

Thursdays, April 7, 21 & 28, 10:15 a.m.

Southwest Branch

Monday, April 11, 10:30 a.m.

Using rhymes, songs, puppets, musical instruments and more, we will be interacting together to help develop important pre-literacy skills in our littlest ones.

Baby Bugs

Alafaya Branch

Wednesday, April 20, 11 a.m.

Engage your little one in songs and stories all about bugs! Learn tips to help develop their early literacy skills.

Baby Bookworms

Southwest Branch

Monday, April 25, 10:30 a.m.

Read! Learn! Play! Introduce your baby to important literacy practices that encourage learning and developmental growth.

TODDLER (Ages 18–36 Months)

IN-PERSON

Hello, Spring!

Chickasaw Branch

Monday, April 4, 11 a.m.

Do you see the blooming flowers, smell the fresh cut grass or hear the baby chick peep? Learn, explore and play with all the things this season brings. Recommended for ages 2–5.

Teddy Bear Storytime

North Orange Branch

Tuesday, April 5, 11 a.m.

Fairview Shores Branch

Friday, April 22, 10:15 a.m.

Bring your teddy bear to the library! Interact with your teddy through stories, songs and rhymes for a one-of-a-kind story time! Recommended for ages 2–5.

Artsy Toddler

Southwest Branch

Wednesday, April 6, 10:30 a.m.

Paint, paste, glue, stamp and create. Young children will enjoy stories, songs and exploring age-appropriate art experiences.

Storytime Crafts

North Orange Branch

Wednesdays, April 6–27, 10:30 a.m.

Drop-in before and after storytime to create a make-and-take craft. Recommended for ages 2–5.

Little Lit Classics

Southwest Branch

Wednesday, April 13, 10:30 a.m.

Introduce your toddler to classic literature through basic concepts by exploring colors from *Alice in Wonderland*, counting from *Jane Eyre* and more.

Peek-a-Boo Bunny

Chickasaw Branch

Wednesday, April 13, 11 a.m.

Hop your way through an adventure filled with everything bunny sees! Bring a friend to sing and play through interactive stories, activities and more! Recommended for ages 2–5.

Once Upon a Cloud

North Orange Branch

Thursday, April 14, 11 a.m.

It's time to get our heads in the clouds. Investigate all about these puffy, white objects in the sky. Recommended for ages 2–5.

Little Bugs

North Orange Branch

Tuesday, April 19, 11 a.m.

Let's learn, grow and play as we learn about our favorite bugs.

Artsy Toddler: Berry Delicious

Chickasaw Branch

Wednesday, April 20, 11 a.m.

Paint, paste, glue, stamp and create! Enjoy stories, songs and exploring age-appropriate art experiences.

A Perfect Picnic

Chickasaw Branch

Monday, April 25, 11 a.m.

North Orange Branch

Thursday, April 28, 11 a.m.

The ants go marching one by one, hurrah! March on in to figure out what makes a picnic perfect. Recommended for ages 2–5.

Green Grass Grows All Around

Chickasaw Branch

Wednesday, April 27, 11 a.m.

There once was a tree, a pretty little tree, the prettiest little tree that you ever did see! Join us for stories, songs and activities about the greenery growing all around us.

Early Learning continued on next page

Hoppity-Hop-Hop!

North Orange Branch

Tuesday, April 12, 11 a.m.

It's funny bunny time! Hop along with a story and sensory activities full of fun for every bunny. Recommended for ages 2–5.



STORYTIME

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IN-PERSON

TINY TALES (ages birth–18 months)

South Creek Branch, Mondays, 11:15 a.m.

Chickasaw Branch, Tuesdays, 10:15 a.m.

North Orange Branch, Wednesdays, 11:15 a.m.

Southeast Branch, Wednesdays, 11:15 a.m.

Windermere Branch, Thursdays, 11:15 a.m.

West Oaks Branch, Thursdays, 10:15 a.m.

Southwest Branch, Thursdays, 11:30 a.m.

Winter Garden Branch, Fridays, 11:15 a.m.

Alafaya Branch, Fridays, 10:15 a.m.

TODDLER TIME (ages 18 months–3 years)

South Creek Branch, Mondays, 10:45 a.m.

Chickasaw Branch, Tuesdays, 10:45 a.m.

North Orange Branch, Wednesdays, 10:45 a.m.

Southeast Branch, Wednesdays, 10:45 a.m.

Windermere Branch, Thursdays, 10:45 a.m.

West Oaks Branch, Thursdays, 10:45 a.m.

Southwest Branch, Thursdays, 11 a.m.

Winter Garden Branch, Fridays, 10:45 a.m.

Alafaya Branch, Fridays, 10:45 a.m.

STORYBOOK FUN (ages 3–5 years)

South Creek Branch, Mondays, 10:15 a.m.

Chickasaw Branch, Tuesdays, 11:15 a.m.

North Orange Branch, Wednesdays, 10:15 a.m.

Southeast Branch, Wednesdays, 10:15 a.m.

Windermere Branch, Thursdays, 10:15 a.m.

West Oaks Branch, Thursdays, 11:15 a.m.

Southwest Branch, Thursdays, 10:30 a.m.

Winter Garden Branch, Fridays, 10:15 a.m.

Alafaya Branch, Fridays, 11:15 a.m.

ZERO TO FIVE STORYTIME (ages 0–5 years)

Fairview Shores Branch, Mondays, 10:15 a.m.

Hiawassee Branch, Mondays, 10:15 a.m.

Washington Park Branch, Tuesdays, 10:15 a.m.

Eatonville Branch, Thursdays, 10:15 a.m.

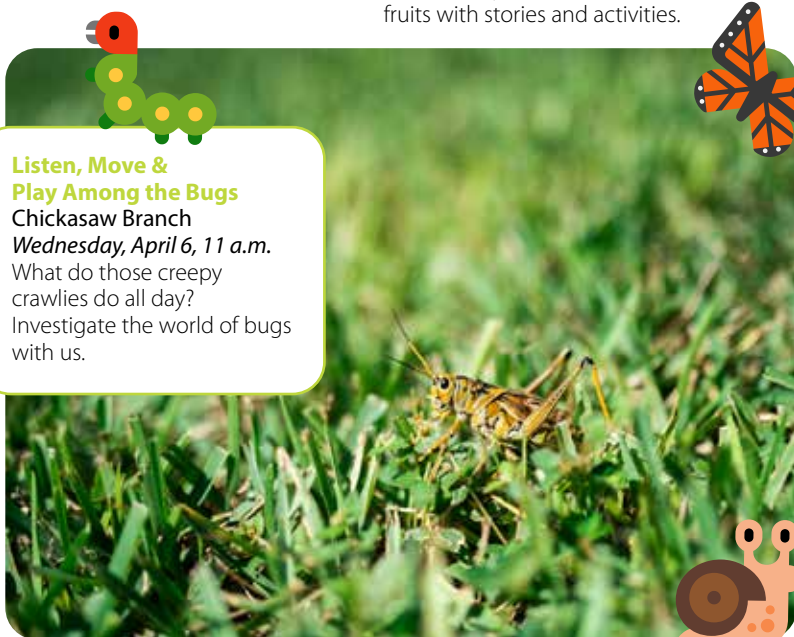
South Trail Branch, Fridays, 10:15 a.m.

Orlando Public Library, Saturdays, 11 a.m.



IN-PERSON

- Flutter By**
Windermere Branch
Monday, April 4, 10:30 a.m.
From crawling caterpillar legs to colorful wings, flutter by to explore the lives of beautiful butterflies. Recommended for ages 2–5.
- On Our Way to K: Happy to Be Me**
Southwest Branch
Tuesday, April 5, 10:30 a.m.
We will share books and engage in activities to build literacy skills that help preschoolers recognize their own unique abilities and strengths. Recommended for ages 4–5.
- Countdown to Kindergarten**
West Oaks Branch
Tuesdays, April 5–26, 11 a.m.
Alafaya Branch
Tuesdays, April 5–26, 11 a.m.
Learn about pets through stories, rhymes and activities designed to help preschoolers develop the necessary skills to become readers and succeed in kindergarten. Recommended for ages 4–5.
- Explore the World!**
Alafaya Branch
Wednesday, April 6, 11 a.m.
Learn about a different country each month through games, activities and crafts. Don't forget your passport! This month we're learning about Japan.
- On the Farm with The Little Red Hen**
South Creek Branch
Thursday, April 7, 10:30 a.m.
Explore the farm with stories, interactive stations and a craft.
- Dig It. Build It. Go!**
North Orange Branch
Thursday, April 7, 11 a.m.
Diggers are noisy, strong and big. Diggers can carry and push and dig. Diggers are ready for another day, filled with fun stories, activities and friends to play.
- Cuentame un Cuento**
North Orange Branch
Friday, April 8, 11 a.m.
Come enjoy bilingual stories and crafts for children. The library provides an interactive storytime in English and Spanish suitable for speakers of either language. The whole family is welcome.
- Spring into Storytime**
Southeast Branch
Monday, April 11, 11 a.m.
4-3-2-1! Spring is coming soon! Help us get ready with stories and activities to welcome the season.
- Toad on the Road and Other Frog Tales**
Chickasaw Branch
Monday, April 11, 11 a.m.
Ribbit! Strengthen early literacy skills with silly stories about frogs and toads.
- On Our Way to K: Where I Live**
Southwest Branch
Tuesday, April 12, 10:30 a.m.
We will engage in stories and activities that help preschoolers develop a sense of belonging to a community while strengthening important literacy skills. Recommended for ages 4–5.
- Fairy Tale Fun: Imagine You're a Jungle Adventurer**
Eatonville Branch
Wednesday, April 13, 10:15 a.m.
Are you a tiger? Listen to stories and use your imagination to become a jungle animal. Adventure awaits with hands-on learning and exploration.
- What Can You do with a Crayon?**
Chickasaw Branch
Monday, April 18, 11 a.m.
Explore the world of color and how crayons can help boost a child's imagination as well as strengthen important developmental skills.
- Recycle with Eyekel**
Hiawassee Branch
Monday, April 18, 11 a.m.
Learn the importance of the Three R's: reduce, reuse, and recycle during a puppet show.
- Pajama Jamboree**
Windermere Branch
Tuesday, April 19, 4 p.m.
Put on your favorite jammies for a fun-filled evening of a story, craft and cookies and milk. Recommended for ages 3–7.
- Hoppity-Hop-Hop!**
South Creek Branch
Wednesday, April 20, 10:30 a.m.
It's funny bunny time! Hop along with a story and sensory activities full of fun for every bunny.
- Sesame Street Storytime**
Southwest Branch
Tuesday, April 26, 10:30 a.m.
Let's learn and craft with our *Sesame Street* friends.
- Rutti-Tutti-Frutti Fun!**
North Orange Branch
Tuesday, April 26, 11 a.m.
Have a berry good time celebrating fruits with stories and activities.



VIRTUAL

- Sesame Street Storytime**
Monday, April 4–25, 11 a.m.
Can you tell me how to get, how to get to *Sesame Street*? Let's make it a sunny day with a storytime and craft celebrating our favorite friends.
- Pajama Party**
Monday, April 4–25, 7 p.m.
Put on your pajamas and join us virtually for stories, songs and a craft.
- Flutter By**
Tuesday, April 5, 11 a.m.
From crawling caterpillar legs to colorful wings, flutter by to explore the lives of beautiful butterflies.
- Magnificent Moon**
Wednesday, April 6, 11 a.m.
Learn about the moon through fact-filled stories and activities that promote early literacy in preschoolers.
- Listen, Move & Play Among the Bugs**
Thursday, April 7, 11 a.m.
What do those creepy crawlies do all day? Investigate the world of bugs with us.
- Perfect Plants**
Wednesday, April 13, 11 a.m.
Discover the mysterious lives of plants through fact-filled stories and activities that promote early literacy in preschoolers.
- Pond Peeping**
Wednesday, April 20, 11 a.m.
Find out who lives near the pond with fact-filled stories and activities that promote early literacy in preschoolers.
- Little Chef: Bird's Nest Treats**
Tuesday, April 26, 11 a.m.
Spring has sprung and it's time for birds to make their nests! Celebrate the season with a bird's nest inspired treat.
- Tranquil Turtles**
Wednesday, April 27, 11 a.m.
Learn about turtles and what makes them unique through fact-filled stories and activities that promote early literacy in preschoolers.

IN-PERSON

Casual Crafternoons

Fairview Shores Branch

Mondays, April 4–25, 4:30 p.m.

Create your own masterpiece as we explore different art fundamentals and styles.

Book Bingo!

Southwest Branch

Wednesday, April 6, 3 p.m.

West Oaks Branch

Wednesday, April 6, 4 p.m.

Bingo! You could win a book to take home.

What's Bugging You?

South Trail Branch

Wednesday, April 6, 3:30 p.m.

West Oaks Branch

Wednesday, April 13, 4 p.m.

Southeast Branch

Saturday, April 16, 11 a.m.

Learn all about creepy, crawly critters with stories, games and activities that will make your skin crawl.

Art Club

Alafaya Branch

Wednesday, April 6, 4 p.m.

Try out new artistic techniques each month and experiment with your fellow artists! Recommended for ages 9–12. Registration required for each child.

Angel Paws to Read

North Orange Branch

Saturday, April 9, 11 a.m.

Orlando Public Library

Saturday, April 23, 11:30 a.m.

West Oaks Branch

Saturday, April 23, 11:30 a.m.–1 p.m.

Practice your reading skills by reading aloud to a lovable, furry listener. Be An Angel Therapy Dogs Ministry presents this reading program for children with certified therapy dogs.

Paint Party

Fairview Shores Branch

Saturdays, April 9 & 23, 4 p.m.

Join the paint party! Create your very own rubber band painting, marble painting on tile and stencils! Be sure to bring your paint worthy outfit because we are having a paint party!

Sunshine State Jr. Book Club

Alafaya Branch

Wednesday, April 13, 4 p.m.

Hear us read aloud one of the 2021–2022 Sunshine State Jr. (K–2) books, then enjoy an activity! This month we're reading *Fussy Flamingo*. Registration required. Recommended for ages 6–8.

Making Your Own Wind Catcher!

Southwest Branch

Wednesday, April 13, 4 p.m.

Harness the power of the wind by making your very own wind catcher. Recommended for ages 9–12.

Framed! Library Mystery Game – One Book, One Community

Windermere Branch

Saturday, April 16, 11 a.m.

We need your help to solve a mystery! Join us for a role-playing game based on the book *Framed!* by James Ponti. Recommended for ages 9–12.

Spring Into Crafts

South Creek Branch

Saturday, April 16, 2 p.m.

Drop in and celebrate spring with easy to make crafts.

Amazing Science

Fairview Shores Branch

Tuesday, April 19, 4:30 p.m.

Love to paint? Do you like challenges? If you do then this program is for you! Learn about RGB painting.

Recycling Bin Rockets

Winter Garden Branch

Wednesday, April 20, 3:30 p.m.

Choose your materials, create your design and build your own rocket. Bring your imagination and we will supply the rest! Recommended for ages 6–8.

Terraforming Terrariums

Winter Garden Branch

Thursday, April 21, 4:30 p.m.

Design a world that fits in the palms of your hands by creating a miniature terrarium. Supplies limited. Recommended for ages 6–8.

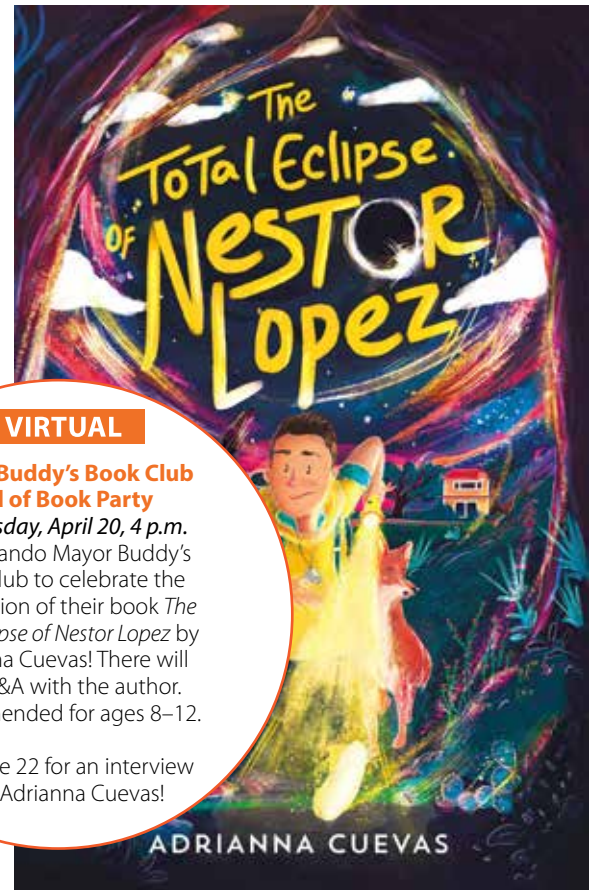
VIRTUAL

Mayor Buddy's Book Club End of Book Party

Wednesday, April 20, 4 p.m.

Join Orlando Mayor Buddy's Book Club to celebrate the completion of their book *The Total Eclipse of Nestor Lopez* by Adrianna Cuevas! There will be a Q&A with the author. Recommended for ages 8–12.

See page 22 for an interview with Adrianna Cuevas!



Pokémon Party

North Orange Branch

Saturday, April 23, 1 p.m.

Sing, play, craft and learn all things Pokémon!

Tween Art Adventures – Medieval Stained Glass

South Creek Branch

Saturday, April 23, 2 p.m.

Lower the drawbridge, and prepare the royal windows! It's time to create stained glass, just like in medieval times. Recommended for ages 9–12.

Macaroni Mania

Windermere Branch

Monday, April 25, 4 p.m.

Join us to make a fun craft with macaroni. Recommended for ages 5–12.

Afternoon Art

Alafaya Branch

Wednesday, April 27, 4 p.m.

Let's go on an art adventure! Learn about a different artist and artistic style, and then create your own masterpiece. This month we're learning about Andy Warhol. Recommended for ages 6–8.

Wild Earth: Volcanoes

Washington Park Branch

Wednesday, April 27, 4 p.m.

Did you know that every week we have at least one volcano erupt on planet earth? Together we will experiment and learn more fun facts about volcanoes.

VIRTUAL

Quiz Pop!

Friday, April 1, 4:30 p.m.

Are you the smartest person you know? Test your knowledge and compete head-to-head against your friends to see if you've got what it takes to be our Kahoot champion!

What's Bugging You?

Thursday, April 14, 4 p.m.

EWwww! What's that bug in your backyard? Learn all about creepy, crawly critters with stories, games and activities. Recommended for ages 6–8.

Fantastic Beaks

Thursday, April 28, 4 p.m.

All birds have beaks. Find out why there are different kinds of beaks and how birds use them to eat, hunt and gather food. Recommended for ages 6–8.

IN-PERSON

Caregiver Connect: Stay and Play Winter Garden Branch Fridays, April 1–29, 11:35 a.m.

Connect with other caregivers to meet and mingle while your little one explores imaginary play with new and old friends.

How Helping Your Children with Homework Helps You Alafaya Branch

Wednesday, April 13, 11 a.m.
Learn about the positive aspects of how helping a child with their homework benefits the parent. Homework can be an aid in creating a positive bonding experience.

Tools for Keeping Teens Safe Online Fairview Shores Branch Tuesday, April 26, 4–6 p.m.

Learn what's happening in online spaces with our kids, the possible dangers lurking there and what we can do to keep our kids safe. Watch a screening of the award winning film *Trapped in the Trade*.

Children Listen When You Listen Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room Thursday, April 28, 11 a.m.

Communication is important for your children to know that they are being heard by their parents. Learn about active listening techniques and shifting speech perspective: what to say and how to say it.

VIRTUAL

Family Zumba Saturday, April 9, 11 a.m.

Get your family moving with this energizing workout class! Learn basic Zumba moves to help you dance your way to fitness. Zumba uses dance aerobics to create a fun workout. Registration required.

Every Child Ready to Read Tuesday, April 12, 10:30 a.m.

Learn about five early literacy practices as well as tips, tricks and resources to help your toddler strengthen important early literacy skills.

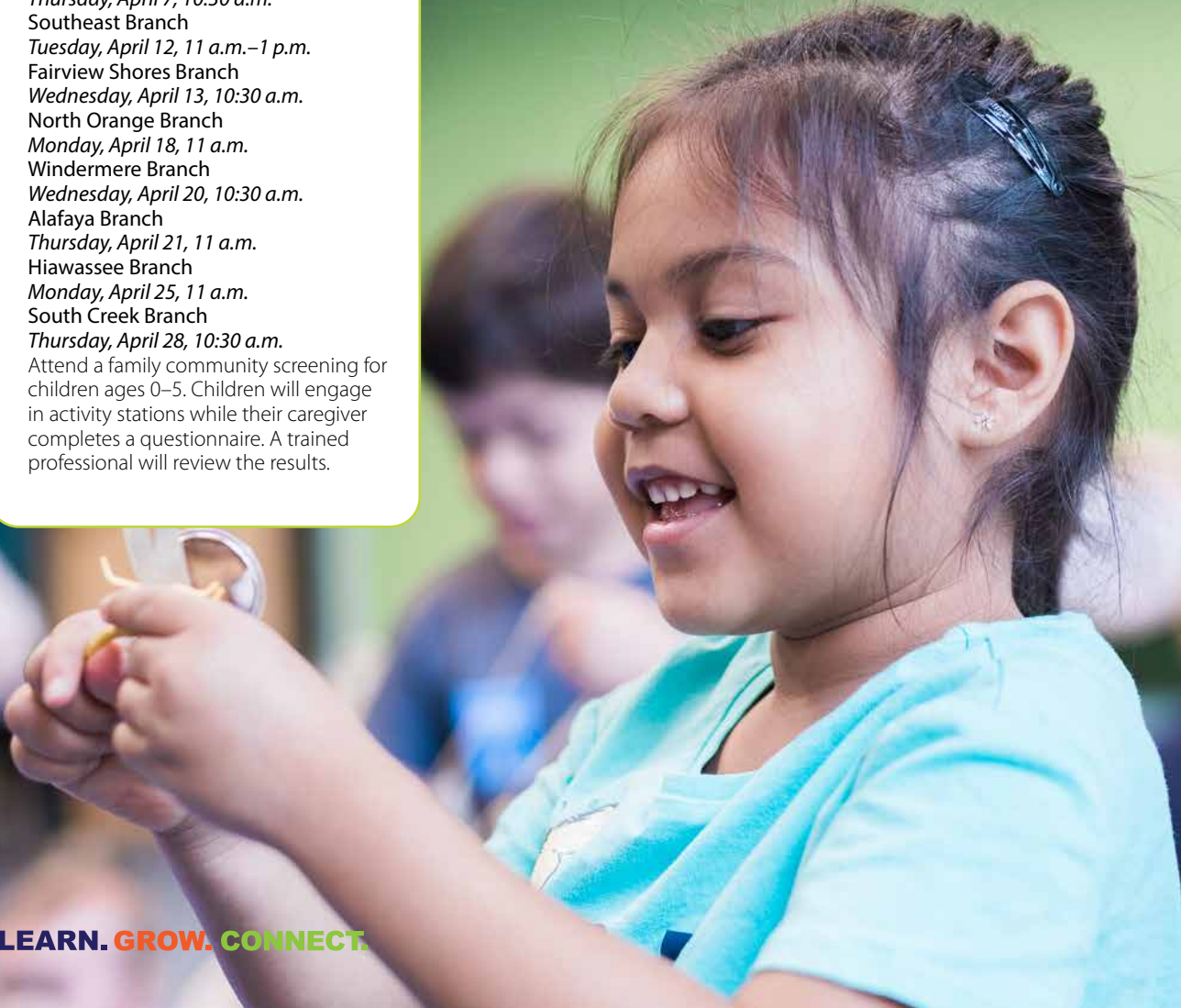


IN-PERSON

Books, Balls & Blocks Chickasaw Branch

Thursday, April 7, 10:30 a.m.
Southeast Branch
Tuesday, April 12, 11 a.m.–1 p.m.
Fairview Shores Branch
Wednesday, April 13, 10:30 a.m.
North Orange Branch
Monday, April 18, 11 a.m.
Windermere Branch
Wednesday, April 20, 10:30 a.m.
Alafaya Branch
Thursday, April 21, 11 a.m.
Hiawassee Branch
Monday, April 25, 11 a.m.
South Creek Branch
Thursday, April 28, 10:30 a.m.

Attend a family community screening for children ages 0–5. Children will engage in activity stations while their caregiver completes a questionnaire. A trained professional will review the results.



IN-PERSON**Teen Art Adventures: Book It!****Southwest Branch****Thursday, April 7, 4 p.m.**

Give some books a second life! From single page crafts to full book projects, it's time to upcycle some of our most well-loved titles.

Teen Volunteering**Orlando Public Library****Saturday, April 9, 11 a.m.–1 p.m.**

Attend a volunteer event and earn community service hours. Help assemble craft kits at this two-hour, in-person community service event.

Teen Book Club**Winter Garden Branch****Tuesday, April 19, 4:30 p.m.**

Are you a teen who enjoys reading Young Adult novels? Join us in a discussion with an activity for the YA novel, *The Cousins* by Karen M. McManus.

Silhouette Collage Art**Hiawassee Branch****Wednesday, April 20, 4 p.m.**

Join us as we turn old books and magazines into something new. Learn how to use the easy technique of collage to create a work of art. Recommended for ages 9–18.

Teen Art Adventures**Southeast Branch****Wednesday, April 20, 4:30 p.m.**

Explore your creative side with this monthly series. We'll provide the supplies and instruction on different types of art forms, you bring the imagination!





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BOOK DROP LOCATIONS

Horizon West Book Drop

Hamlin Town Center
14416 Shoreside Way, Winter Garden, FL 34787

Lake Nona Book Drop

Valencia College Lake Nona Campus
12350 Narcoossee Rd, Orlando, FL 32832

Materials placed in book drops are picked up and returned to the library Monday–Saturday.

LOCATIONS - STARTING APRIL 4 Sunday Hours: 🕒

Orlando Public Library

101 E. Central Blvd., Orlando, FL 32801
Hours: Monday–Thursday 10 a.m.–7 p.m.
Friday–Saturday 10 a.m.–6 p.m.
Sunday 1–6 p.m. 🕒

Alafaya Branch

12000 E. Colonial Dr., Orlando, FL 32826
Hours: Monday–Thursday 10 a.m.–7 p.m.
Friday–Saturday 10 a.m.–6 p.m.
Sunday 1–6 p.m. 🕒

Chickasaw Branch

870 N. Chickasaw Trail, Orlando, FL 32825
Hours: Monday–Thursday 10 a.m.–7 p.m.
Friday–Saturday 10 a.m.–6 p.m.

Eatonville Branch

200 E. Kennedy Blvd., Eatonville, FL 32751
Hours: Monday–Thursday 10 a.m.–7 p.m.
Friday–Saturday 10 a.m.–6 p.m.

Fairview Shores Branch

902 Lee Road, Suite 26, Orlando, FL 32810
Hours: Monday–Thursday 10 a.m.–7 p.m.
Friday–Saturday 10 a.m.–6 p.m.

Hiawassee Branch

7391 W. Colonial Dr., Orlando, FL 32818
Hours: Monday–Thursday 10 a.m.–7 p.m.
Friday–Saturday 10 a.m.–6 p.m.

North Orange Branch

1211 E. Semoran Blvd., Apopka, FL 32703
Hours: Monday–Thursday 10 a.m.–7 p.m.
Friday–Saturday 10 a.m.–6 p.m.
Sunday 1–6 p.m. 🕒

South Creek Branch

1702 Deerfield Blvd., Orlando, FL 32837
Hours: Monday–Thursday 10 a.m.–7 p.m.
Friday–Saturday 10 a.m.–6 p.m.
Sunday 1–6 p.m. 🕒

South Trail Branch

4600 S. Orange Blossom Tr., Orlando, FL 32839
Hours: Monday–Thursday 10 a.m.–7 p.m.
Friday–Saturday 10 a.m.–6 p.m.

Southeast Branch

5575 S. Semoran Blvd., Orlando, FL 32822
Hours: Monday–Thursday 10 a.m.–7 p.m.
Friday–Saturday 10 a.m.–6 p.m.

Southwest Branch

7255 Della Dr., Orlando, FL 32819
Hours: Monday–Thursday 10 a.m.–7 p.m.
Friday–Saturday 10 a.m.–6 p.m.

Washington Park Branch

5151 Raleigh St., Suite A., Orlando, FL 32811
Hours: Monday–Thursday 10 a.m.–7 p.m.
Friday–Saturday 10 a.m.–6 p.m.

West Oaks Branch & Genealogy Center

1821 E. Silver Star Rd., Ocoee, FL 34761
Hours: Monday–Thursday 10 a.m.–7 p.m.
Friday–Saturday 10 a.m.–6 p.m.
Sunday 1–6 p.m. 🕒

Windermere Branch

530 Main St., Windermere, FL 34786
Hours: Monday–Thursday 10 a.m.–7 p.m.
Friday–Saturday 10 a.m.–6 p.m.

Winter Garden Branch

805 E. Plant St., Winter Garden, FL 34787
Hours: Monday–Thursday 10 a.m.–7 p.m.
Friday–Saturday 10 a.m.–6 p.m.

CLOSURES

Easter

All Locations:
Sunday, April 17

Día de Pascua

Todos las localidades:
el domingo, 17 de abril



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