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Get Cozy this Winter with Events at Your Library

Orange County Library System welcomes winter's shorter days and colder weather with a selection of events to keep you warm and cozy. Learn to cook a new favorite comfort meal, craft a new holiday trinket or décor piece to give as a gift or display for yourself, discover historical wintertime traditions and create new ones of your own. View our events calendar online at ocls.info/classes-events for a listing of all upcoming programs.

As part of OCLS's upcoming 100 Year Celebration, the library has teamed up with audio- and ebook distributor OverDrive for a goal of 1,923,000 digital checkouts this year through OverDrive's reading app, Libby. This number was chosen to highlight 1923, the year Orange County Library System was born. Once OCLS hits its goal of 1,923,000 digital checkouts, one library customer who checked out a digital title through Libby will be chosen for a prize, to be announced at the 100 Year Celebration Kickoff at Orlando Public Library on January 7, 2023. Visit the library's OverDrive page at ocls.overdrive.com for more information.

Computer Science Education Week starts December 5. Take the opportunity to begin your coding journey this winter. You can also find more Winter Break learning opportunities for kids ages 5–17 at ocls.info/schoolbreak.

Registration is strongly recommended for all in-person events due to limited capacity. If you have any questions about the information shared below, call 407-835-7323. Visit us online at ocls.info to register, or to view a complete listing of both virtual and in-person library events.

Youth events:

Chiquiticos / Little Ones

Southeast Branch

Thursday, December 1–29, 10:15 a.m.

Chickasaw Branch

Mondays, December 5–19, 11 a.m.

Learn Spanish through the exploration of original music with a live guitar performance. Reinforce new vocabulary words using visual, auditory and kinesthetic skills. Recommended for ages 0–8.

Virtual - Cuisine Corner Junior: Flan

Thursday, December 1, 4 p.m.

Flan is a rich custard dessert finished off with caramel that is famous in numerous Latin American nations. Learn how to make this dish with only six ingredients and serve it at your next gathering.

This is a virtual event. For more information, visit attend.ocl.info/event/7374541.

Family Art Adventures: Winter Fun

Alafaya Branch

Saturday, December 3, 11 a.m.

Families are invited to paint a snowy scene together. Recommended for families with children 3–12. Registration required for each family member.

Mindful Start Family Yoga

West Oaks Branch

Saturday, December 3, 11 a.m.

Wednesdays, December 7–21, 10 a.m.

Winter Garden Branch

Mondays, December 5–19, 10:30 a.m.

Silly and fun yoga poses designed for kids! Flow-through an imaginative journey filled with puppets, parachute games and relaxing rest time. Recommended for families with children ages 0–7.

Yoga with PLAYologist Yolonda

Eatonville Branch

Tuesdays, December 6–20, 10:15 a.m.

Fun-filled yoga, meditation and mindfulness sessions with a twist that uses a PLAY-based yoga curriculum that is trauma-informed conscious. Recommended for ages 3–5.

Baby's First Art

Southwest Branch

Monday, December 12, 10:30 a.m.

First experiences are so incredible to witness! Bring your little one to play, explore and create art pieces that both of you will enjoy.

Mayor Buddy's Book Club End of Book Party

Orlando Public Library

Wednesday, December 14, 4 p.m.

Mayor Buddy's Book Club is celebrating the completion of their latest book *Katie the Catsitter* by Colleen AF Venable! There will be a Q&A with the author. Recommended for ages 8–12.

Sponsored in part by the State of Florida, Department of State, Division of Arts and Culture, the Florida Council of Arts and Culture, and the National Endowment for the Arts.

I Spy Winter

West Oaks Branch

Tuesday, December 27, 11 a.m.

Explore a winter wonderland through a story and hands-on activities to warm up your little fingers.

Virtual - Little Chef: Little Pig, Little Pig Let Me In

Tuesday, December 27, 11 a.m.

The Three Little Pigs are in trouble and need some help. Build them a house of candy and sticks to keep them safe before the wolf huffs and puffs and gobbles it all up!

This is a virtual event. For more information, visit attend.ocl.info/event/7361025.

General events:

Book Talk: *The Opioid Fix*

Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room

Saturday, December 3, 4 p.m.

Barbara Andraka-Christou, author of the award-winning *The Opioid Fix*, will discuss the legal, cultural and health service barriers to use of lifesaving medications that treat opioid use disorder.

A Christmas Carol

Orlando Public Library, Library Central

Sunday, December 4, 2 p.m.

Broadway and film actor Duffy Hudson, without the aid of props and costumes while playing all 30 characters, brings this magical tale to life. Don't miss this unusual take on a seasonal favorite.

Therapeutic Pottery Program

West Oaks Branch

Tuesday, December 6, 1 p.m.

Learn about the history of clay and the benefits to your body of working with clay while being led through a step-by-step air-dry clay pottery event. Registration required. Recommended for ages 18 and up.

Virtual - Design Holiday Decorations with Inkscape

Tuesday, December 6, 3 p.m.

Monday, December 12, 6:30 p.m.

Learn how to design holiday decorations with Inkscape. Once designed you can choose to make your creation by getting access to our 3D printers, Silhouette Cameo or laser cutter machines.

This is a virtual event. For more information, visit attend.ocl.info/event/7395213.

Virtual - Exploring Victorian Holiday Traditions

Thursday, December 8, 7:30 p.m.

Many of our most common holiday traditions have their roots in the Victorian Era. From sending cards to decorating trees, learn about how these traditions were conceived throughout the 1800s.

This is a virtual event. For more information, visit attend.ocl.info/event/7339544.

Multicultural Hair Styling 101

South Trail Branch

Saturday, December 10, 4–5:30 p.m.

Learn how to braid and twist natural hair into a protective style. Explore healthy braiding techniques and get advice on the best hair tools for textured hair. Registration required.

Music in the Library: Dickens Holiday Celebration

Orlando Public Library, Library Central

Sunday, December 11, 2 p.m.

Enjoy some fun and festive holiday songs performed by the Orlando Dickens Carolers.

LIFE Information for Elders' End of Year Celebration

Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room

Thursday, December 15, 12:10 p.m.

Join Orange County Office on Aging and Orange County Library System as we celebrate 2022 Life Information for Elders Series presenters. Learn more about each presenter's resources and ask questions. To register, email OfficeonAging@ocfl.net or call 407.836.7446. Seating is limited, registration required.

Virtual - Writing Satisfying Endings

Friday, December 16, 7 p.m.

A satisfying ending is a crucial, but overlooked element of great fiction. Author and Editor Kristen Stieffel will discuss how to avoid the most common errors and satisfy your readers.

This is a virtual event. For more information, visit attend.ocl.info/event/7034725.

OCLS Gaming Expo

Orlando Public Library, Melrose Center

Sunday, December 18, 1–5 p.m.

Join us at the Melrose Center for a day all about gaming. Meet local game developers, network with industry exhibitors, participate in workshops and play the latest in games! Game on.

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