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Stay Cool with Events All Summer Long at Your Library

The Summer Reading Program continues to make a splash for readers of all ages. From creative crafts like a DIY ocean-themed resin pendant to talks from and about conservationists around the world, OCLS provides boatloads of opportunities for learning and fun. The festivities will conclude with a series of Kids' End of Summer Celebrations, hosted at five of OCLS's branches on July 30. Kids who have participated in the Summer Reading challenge will enjoy live music and have the chance to win exciting grand prizes. Visit ocls.info/end-summer-celebration to learn more.

On July 23, the Winter Garden branch will host Pedalpalooza. Local cycling organizations from around Central Florida will set up along the West Orange Trail to discuss all things bikes. Cycling enthusiasts of all ages are encouraged to come out and share their love of bikes. For more information, visit the event page at attend.ocls.info/event/6421061.

The Music in the Library series will continue on July 17 with a performance from the Friends of Koto. The Friends of Koto will perform traditional 17th century music along with modern pieces on the Japanese stringed instrument, the koto, while dressed in traditional kimono. This performance will be accompanied by a lecture on the koto's rich history. Visit attend.ocls.info/event/6520138 for details.

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:

Women on the High Seas – Family Pirateship Game

South Creek Branch

Saturday, July 2, 2 p.m.

Windermere Branch

Monday, July 11, 4 p.m.

Did you know that female pirates once terrorized the seas? Find out about these notorious women and compete in a life-size game of Pirateship. Recommended for families with children ages 6–12.

Pop-Up Culture

Alafaya Branch

Saturday, July 2, 4 p.m.

Create fun paper creations inspired by your favorite fandoms. Learn basic paper engineering techniques while making cards and bookmarks. Registration required.

Waterbending 101

Fairview Shores Branch

Tuesday, July 5, 2:30 p.m.

North Orange Branch

Thursday, July 7, 2:30 p.m.

Southwest Branch

Monday, July 25, 1 p.m.

Test your waterbending skills by mastering the element. Engage in scientific experiments that make you look as good as Katara and Aang. Recommended for ages 9-12.

Happy Clams

Windermere Branch

Tuesday, July 5, 10:30 a.m.

Southwest Branch

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

North Orange Branch

Tuesday, July 12, 11 a.m.

Chickasaw Branch

Thursday, July 21, Noon

Dig in the mud to explore the world of clams. Learn how to be as happy as a clam through talking and singing. Talking and singing develop early narrative skills.

Artsy Toddler

Alafaya Branch

Wednesday, July 6, 11 a.m.

Chickasaw Branch

Thursday, July 7, Noon

Fairview Shores Branch

Tuesday, July 19, 10:30 a.m.

Windermere Branch

Tuesday, July 19, 10:30 a.m.

Southwest Branch

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

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

Save the Planet, Save Your Skin

Hiawassee Branch

Wednesday, July 6, 4:30 p.m.

West Oaks Branch

Saturday, July 9, 3 p.m.

Eatonville Branch

Tuesday, July 12, 2:45 p.m.

Winter Garden Branch

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

Care for the planet, and your skin, with this DIY event. Learn to use your creativity by making your own self-care products with ocean-inspired ingredients.

Mother Goose on the Loose

Fairview Shores Branch

Thursdays, July 7–28, 10:30 a.m.

Southwest Branch

Monday, July 18, 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.

Cuisine Corner Junior: Pan Seared Peach Sundae

Friday, July 15, 2 p.m.

In 1976, Korea was hit by its heaviest rainfall in its history causing peaches to fall from the sky. Learn about how the community came together and follow along to make a refreshing peach treat.

Galápagos Girl: Biologist Valentina Cruz

South Trail Branch

Tuesday, July 26, 11 a.m.

Winter Garden Branch

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

Explore the Galápagos Islands, an island formed by fire. Learn about Valentina Cruz, a girl born on the Galápagos Islands who became a biologist to protect her homeland. Recommended for ages 6–8.

Kids' End of Summer Celebration

Chickasaw Branch

Saturday, July 30, 2–3:30 p.m.

Orlando Public Library,

Saturday, July 30, 2–3:30 p.m.

North Orange Branch

Saturday, July 30, 2–3:30 p.m.

Winter Garden Branch

Saturday, July 30, 2–3:30 p.m.

South Creek Branch

Saturday, July 30, 2–3:30 p.m.

It's time to celebrate all the fun you had this summer. Complete the Summer Reading Challenge to enter the Grand Prize Drawing and see if you are one of the lucky winners!

General Events:

Ocean Resin Pendant

Orlando Public Library

Saturday, July 2, 11 a.m.

West Oaks Branch

Saturday, July 2, 4 p.m.

South Creek Branch

Thursday, July 7, 5 p.m.

Windermere Branch

Saturday, July 9, 2 p.m.

South Trail Branch

Wednesday, July 13, 11 a.m.

Hiawasse Branch

Thursday, July 14, 4:30 p.m.

North Orange Branch

Saturday, July 16, 2 p.m.

Southeast Branch

Thursday, July 21, 4 p.m.

Create a one-of-a-kind resin pendant that looks like a beach scene. Recommended for ages 18 and up.

Hand Sewing Sashiko Patterns

Thursdays, July 7–28, 10:15 a.m.

Weave woven waves and lots of sun using Kuguri-sashi weaving techniques. Part of Sashiko, this Japanese hand sewing technique uses the simple running stitch and weaving to form geometric patterns.

The True Story of Smoky the War Dog

Thursday, July 7, 7 p.m.

Found by accident in the jungles of New Guinea during WWII, this brave dog went on to be chosen as the number one mascot of the South Pacific, the world's first official therapy dog of record.

Dolphin Conservation

Tuesday, July 12, 6:30 p.m.

Monique Pool, Founder and Director of Green Heritage Fund Suriname; Member, IUCN/SSC Anteater, Sloth and Armadillo Specialist Group; and CNN Hero, will share her dolphin conservation journey with us.

Disney Job Fair

Orlando Public Library

Saturday, July 16, 1–4 p.m.

Learn how you can be part of a team where you create magical vacation experiences. Speak with Disney Casting Services about open jobs and how to apply.

Friends of Koto Music Ensemble

Orlando Public Library

Sunday, July 17, 2 p.m.

The Friends of Koto will perform traditional 17th century music along with modern pieces on the Japanese stringed instrument, the koto. Explore koto's rich history with an accompanying lecture.

DIY Fishing Gear

Orlando Public Library

Monday, July 18, Noon

Plastic bottles and other trash from single-use drink containers are among the greatest ocean pollutants worldwide. Use recycled materials to create fishing gear and enjoy a day on the water. Recommended for ages 18 and up.

Florida Center for Change – LIFE Information for Elders

Orlando Public Library

Thursday, July 21, 12:10 p.m.

Join Michelle Blackwell, CTG Project Manager, as she discusses the Florida Center for Change and what they do. This seminar is part of the monthly LIFE Information for Elders series. To register, email officeonaging@ocfl.net

Pedalpalooza

Winter Garden Branch

Saturday, July 23, 11 a.m.–2 p.m.

Local cycling organizations from around Central Florida are setting up along the West Orange Trail to discuss all things bikes. Bring the family and share your love of bicycling! Part of the Sustainability Series sponsored by the Friends of the Orange County Library System.

Soft Corn Tortillas and Salsas

Tuesday, July 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.

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