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Celebrate Pride Month, Juneteenth and the Summer Reading Program at the Library

Join Orange County Library System in a celebration of culture for Pride Month. During June, we amplify voices and recognize the contributions that courageous people of the LGBTQIA+ community have made to the world. The library will host to a rainbow of events for all ages, from readings and talks like [I Am a Queer Man](#) that explore and the experiences of LGBTQIA+ people, to art events and concerts like the [Chamber Ensembles from the Central Florida Sounds of Freedom](#). To learn more about Pride events at the library, visit <https://ocls.info/pride>.

This month OCLS also celebrates the significance of Juneteenth, the day in 1865 that emancipated slaves living in Galveston, Texas learned they were free. Juneteenth has been observed by African American communities since 1866, and officially became a federal holiday on June 17, 2021. Events like [A Black Girl's Reflections of Love and Resilience](#), an artistic journey through the history of Juneteenth by actress and songstress Patrece Bloomfield, will highlight Black history, love and joy. For a full listing of all Juneteenth events, visit ocls.info/juneteenth.

June also kicks off the library's Summer Reading Program, which runs from June 4 – July 23, 2022. Get ready to discover *Oceans of Possibilities*: an exploration of new depths, seven seas and infinite stories for children and adults. OCLS is diving right in with the [Local Author Festival](#) on Sunday, June 5, and will be sure to keep you afloat with programs, classes and events to be offered both in-person and online throughout the summer. Visit ocls.info/srp for more details on how to make a splash with the Summer Reading Program.

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:

Crabby Crustaceans

Wednesday, June 1, 11 a.m.

Let's get snappy! Learn about lobsters and crabs through stories and activities to help your preschoolers develop early literacy skills.

Love Makes a Family

Thursdays, June 2 & 23, 11 a.m.

Tuesday, June 21, 11 a.m.

Family may look different to everyone but most importantly – it's where the heart is. Celebrate diverse families with reading, songs and a craft! Recommended for ages 3–5.

Spheres Bubble Show

Washington Park Branch

Monday, June 6, 10:30 a.m.

Hiawassee Branch

Tuesday, June 7, 10:30 a.m.

Fairview Shores Branch

Wednesday, June 8, 10:30 a.m.

Alafaya Branch

Thursday, June 9, 10:30 a.m.

South Creek Branch

Friday, June 10, 10:30 a.m.

Horizon West Pop-up

16150 Pebble Bluff Loop

Saturday, June 11, 10:30 a.m.

Winter Garden Branch

Tuesday, June 14, 10:30 a.m.

Chickasaw Branch

Wednesday, June 15, 10:30 a.m.

Eatonville Branch

Friday, June 17, 10:30 a.m.

Orlando Public Library

Tuesday, June 21, 10:30 a.m.

Windermere Branch

Wednesday, June 22, 10:30 a.m.

Southeast Branch

Thursday, June 23, 11 a.m.

Southwest Branch

Friday, June 24, 11 a.m.

West Oaks Branch

Monday, June 27, 11 a.m.

Watch Blaise Ryndes, master bubble performer, blow gigantic bubbles and create “liquid fireworks.”

Move Like the Ocean: Family Yoga

Fairview Shores Branch

Monday, June 6, 2:30 p.m.

Chickasaw Branch

Friday, June 10, Noon

Southeast Branch

Saturday, June 11, 11 a.m.

Winter Garden Branch

Wednesday, June 22, 3:30 p.m.

Glide like a shark, sway like seaweed, and stretch like a starfish! Bring the family together for this all-ages yoga event. Recommended for families with children ages 6–8.

Follow That Turtle

Washington Park Branch

Wednesday, June 8, 10:30 a.m.

Windermere Branch

Tuesday, June 14, 10:30 a.m.

Winter Garden Branch

Tuesday, June 21, 4:30 p.m.

Sea turtles are survivors of the age of dinosaurs, but many are vulnerable today. Learn about these ancient reptiles and what you can do to protect them. Recommended for ages 9–12.

Caribbean Cruisin'

Winter Garden Branch

Thursday, June 9, 10:30 a.m.

Eatonville Branch

Wednesday, June 15, 10:15 a.m.

South Creek Branch

Thursday, June 23, 2 p.m.

Orlando Public Library

Wednesday, June 29, 10:30 a.m.

South Trail Branch

Thursday, June 30, 11 a.m.

Welcome onboard! Preschoolers will set sail for a cruise around the Caribbean. We will share multicultural stories and songs from each port of call.

Freedom and Juneteenth

South Trail Branch

Tuesday, June 14, 2 p.m.

West Oaks Branch

Wednesday, June 15, 11 a.m.

Winter Garden Branch

Wednesday, June 15, 3:30 p.m.

Hiawasse Branch

Wednesday, June 15, 4:30 p.m.

Fairview Shores Branch

Thursday, June 16, 1:30 p.m.

South Creek Branch

Thursday, June 16, 2 p.m.

Eatonville Branch

Thursday, June 16, 2:45 p.m.

Windermere Branch

Friday, June 17, 10:30 a.m.

Southeast Branch

Friday, June 17, 4 p.m.

Washington Park Branch

Thursday, June 23, 10:30 a.m.

What does it mean to be free? Learn about Juneteenth through stories and activities that celebrate freedom.

Recommended for ages 6–8.

Happy Clams

Winter Garden Branch

Wednesday, June 15, 10:30 a.m.

South Trail Branch

Wednesday, June 22, 10:15 a.m.

South Creek Branch

Wednesday, June 22, 10:30 a.m.

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.

Ocean Felties

Alafaya Branch

Saturday, June 18, 4 p.m.

Sew your own ocean animal felties! All materials provided, no experience necessary. Registration for each participant required. Ages 13–18.

The Octopus's Garden

Washington Park Branch

Thursday, June 30, 10:30 a.m.

North Orange Branch

Thursday, June 30, 2:30 p.m.

Learn about the many adaptations an octopus uses to survive. Children will engage in stories and hands-on science investigations to increase comprehension. Recommended for ages 6–8.

Aquatic Wild: Mermaids and Manatees

Orlando Public Library

Thursday, June 30, 10:30 a.m.

Journey through imagination and learn to discern wildlife fact from fiction.

General Events:

Adult Summer Reading Program 2022 Beanstack Challenge

ocls.beanstack.org

June 4–July 23

Explore oceans of possibilities this summer with the library! Log the books you read, book reviews you write and challenges you participate in to earn digital badges with a chance to win prizes. Recommended for ages 18 and up.

Local Author Festival

Orlando Public Library, Library Central

Sunday, June 5, 2–4 p.m.

Meet and greet local authors at our Local Authors Festival. Authors from a variety of genres will share their experiences and books. Each author will have books available for purchase and signing.

DIY: Decorative Lighthouses

Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room

Friday, June 10, 11 a.m.

Hiawassee Branch

Thursday, June 16, 4:30 p.m.

Southeast Branch

Saturday, June 18, 3 p.m.

South Creek Branch

Thursday, June 23, 5 p.m.

Explore endless possibilities as you create your own decorated lighthouse. All materials provided.

Exploring Our Natural Lands

Alafaya Branch

Friday, June 10, 3 p.m.

Orange County's Green PLACE has 18,839 acres of environmentally sensitive lands to explore. Learn how the program protects local ecosystems and provides social and economic value. Part of the Sustainability Series sponsored by the Friends of the Orange County Library System.

I am a Queer Man

Eatonville Branch

Saturday, June 11, 2 p.m.

Living life in the LGBTQ+ community can be difficult and challenging. Learn about the unique experiences of discrimination against gay men in the Black community. Registration required. Recommended for ages 18 and up.

A Black Girl's Reflections of Love and Resilience

Eatonville Branch

Tuesday, June 14, 5 p.m.

Actress and songstress Patrece Bloomfield takes you on an artistic journey through the history of Juneteenth.

Working with Bookstores as an Author

Thursday, June 16, 7 p.m.

Learn how to get your books into bookstores and how to approach them about hosting an author event. Dr.

Trenessa Williams of Kizzy's Books & More will also answer authors' questions about bookstores.

Meet the Artist: Angie Vazquez

Southwest Branch

Saturday, June 18, 2–4 p.m.

Join us to meet artist Angie Vazquez and view her *Reflections from the Heart* collection of graphite and white chalk drawings and oil paintings on display through June.

Haunted Ocala National Forest

South Trail Branch

Saturday, June 25, 11 a.m.

West Oaks Branch

Saturday, June 25, 3 p.m.

Author and legend tripper Christopher Balzano discusses his new book *Haunted Ocala National Forest*, a collection of stories and legends researched and collected from around the state.

Chamber Ensembles from the Central Florida Sounds of Freedom

Orlando Public Library, Library Central

Sunday, June 26, 4 p.m.

Celebrate Pride Month with chamber ensembles from the Central Florida Sounds of Freedom (CFSOF). CFSOF promotes LGBTQ+ awareness, acceptance and equality through quality entertainment and fellowship.

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