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Celebrate Native American Heritage Month, Learn Crowd-Pleasing Recipes and More at Your Library This November

ORLANDO, FL – November is Native American Heritage Month, a time to celebrate the rich histories and traditions of Indigenous peoples in North America. Orange County Library System will be presenting programs and events that highlight and appreciate the culture and contributions of Indigenous peoples. Explore the symbolism of totem animals, learn about the Navajo Code Talkers or participate in a monthly reading challenge that features Indigenous authors. For more information on Native American Heritage Month events at the library, visit ocls.info/nativeamericanheritagemonth.

As the holidays approach, OCLS also offers a plentiful harvest of cooking classes for all ages and skill levels that are sure to keep guests grateful. With recipes for plant-based stuffing, gluten-free holiday baking, turkey-shaped treat bags and air fryer tips and tricks, there's something to satisfy every palate at the library. Visit ocls.info/cuisinecorner for a complete listing of all Cuisine Corner events.

On November 1, Orlando Public Library will host a Veteran's Day Family Celebration offering families the chance to meet a Veteran for questions and crafts. The event will also take place at the Fairview Shores, Windermere and Southwest branches in the following weeks. For more information, visit ocls.info/classes-events?search_api_views_fulltext=veteran%27s%20day&sort_by=timestamp.

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:

Tabletop Tuesday

Orlando Public Library, Club Central
Tuesdays, November 1–29, 3 p.m.

Go toe-to-toe and test your wits against your fellow teens with a variety of strategy, card and multiplayer party games. The challenge awaits for beginner and expert gamers alike.

S is for Scarecrow

North Orange Branch
Thursday, November 3, 11 a.m.
Alafaya Branch

Tuesday, November 15, 11 a.m.

Fairview Shores Branch

Thursday, November 17, 4–5:30 p.m.

It's harvest time! We've gathered a bountiful blend of stories, songs and activities to celebrate the season.

Florida Natives

Eatonville Branch

Monday, November 7, 3:45 p.m.

Experience a day in the life of Florida's first people and learn about their history and culture through engaging hands-on activities. Recommended for ages 8–12.

Brain Games

Fairview Shores Branch

Mondays, November 7–28, 4:30 p.m.

Use your critical thinking and creativity skills to participate in STEM-based experiments and games.

Virtual – Resources for Children with Dyslexia

Virtual

Wednesday, November 9, 11 a.m.

Join Jessica Daly to learn about dyslexia and where you can locate free trustworthy information in order to better equip and assist your child in their educational journey.

This is a virtual event. For more information, visit attend.ocl.info/event/6996032.

Appreciation Stations

South Creek Branch

Thursday, November 10, 4:30 p.m.

Winter Garden Branch

Wednesday, November 16, 3:30 p.m.

Hiawassee Branch

Thursday, November 17, 4:30 p.m.

Washington Park Branch

Wednesday, November 23, 4 p.m.

West Oaks Branch

Wednesday, November 23, 4 p.m.

Show your appreciation for family, friends, teachers, your community and whatever else you may be thankful for with craft and activity stations full of kindness!

Code Talkers

Southeast Branch

Saturday, November 12, 10:30 a.m.

Eatonville Branch

Monday, November 21, 3:45 p.m.

West Oaks Branch

Wednesday, November 30, 4 p.m.

Learn to make and break codes while exploring the fascinating history of the Navajo Code Talkers from World War II. Recommended for families with children ages 5 and up.

Little Chef: Turkey Popcorn Treat Bags

North Orange Branch

Tuesday, November 15, 11 a.m.

Orlando Public Library

Wednesday, November 16, 11 a.m.

South Creek Branch

Wednesday, November 23, 10:30 a.m.

Sort colors and play with food to make a cute little turkey that is both festive and delicious! Adult participation is required for this event.

Baby's First Fall Festival

Alafaya Branch

Wednesday, November 16, 10 a.m.

Southwest Branch

Monday, November 21, 10:30 a.m.

The air is crisp, the apples are ripe, a fall gathering sounds just about right! Bring your little one and meet up with friends for a baby storytime and autumn fun.

Virtual – Lincoln and Thanksgiving

Tuesday, November 22, 6:30 p.m.

Mr. Lincoln shares the story of how our national, annual observance of the Thanksgiving holiday came to be established during his presidency. Recommended for ages 6 and up.

This is a virtual event. For more information, visit attend.ocls.info/event/7086900.

General Events:

Virtual – Author Talk with Lisa Napoli – The Extraordinary Story of the Founding Mothers of NPR

Wednesday, November 2, 4 p.m.

Join us for in conversation with highly acclaimed writer, journalist, broadcaster and speaker Lisa Napoli as she discusses the four women whose voices defined NPR.

This is a virtual event. For more information, visit attend.ocls.info/event/7022722.

Music in the Library: El Mariachi Show

Orlando Public Library, Library Central

Saturday, November 5th, 4pm-5pm

Listen to the unique sounds of El Mariachi Show as they take you on a musical journey to some of the Latin countries. The performance will include Countries from Mexico, Guatemala, Colombia, Venezuela, Peru, Ecuador, Argentina, Puerto Rico, Cuba and more.

Virtual – The True Story of Smoky the War Dog

Wednesday, November 9, 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 on record.

This is a virtual event. For more information, visit attend.ocls.info/event/6989626.

Nature Walk Book Club

Southwest Branch

Monday, November 14, 10 a.m.–Noon

Join the Southwest Branch for a walk at a local park followed by discussion of *World of Wonders* by Aimee Nezhukumatathil. Exercise your mind and body! Recommended for ages 18 and up. Registration required.

Virtual – Vegan Stuffing with Hungry Pants

Monday, November 14, 6:30 p.m.

Alex and Joey from Hungry Pants are back again to share their family recipe for vegan stuffing! Bring this delicious dish to your table and have something for everyone this Thanksgiving.

This is a virtual event. For more information, visit attend.ocls.info/event/7204477.

Virtual – Air Fryer Holiday Recipes

Wednesday, November 16, 6 p.m.

Utilize your air fryer to make the holidays easier. Yamira Lee Johnson, head chef and founder of Breaking Bread with Mira, will show us how to make tasty air fryer recipes.

This is a virtual event. For more information, visit attend.ocl.info/event/7034929.

Senior Living Affordability – Smarter Senior Seminar Series

Chickasaw Branch

Friday, November 18, 10:30 a.m.

Representatives from Advocates & Guardians for the Elderly & Disabled (AGED, Inc) will discuss the Donut Hole and go in depth regarding Medicare/Medicaid.

Music in the Library: Duo Beaux Arts

Orlando Public Library, Library Central

Saturday, November 19, 2 p.m.

Classical pianists Dr. Catherine Lan and Professor Tao Lin will present a piano recital. Dr. Lan and Professor Lin have toured nationally and internationally as recitalists.

Virtual – Writing and Selling Graphic Novels

Monday, November 21, 7 p.m.

Graphic novels are a growing segment of the book market. Author George Jreije, *Shad Hadid and the Alchemists of Alexandria*, will discuss the basics of writing and selling a graphic novel as a writer.

This is a virtual event. For more information, visit attend.ocl.info/event/7149962.

Let's Crochet Amigurumi Pumpkin Pies

Orlando Public Library

Saturday, November 26, 2–4 p.m.

Virtual

Thursday, November 3, 6–7:30 p.m.

Crochet cute amigurumi stuffed toys. Learn the basics of amigurumi, including crocheting 3D shapes in the round and embroidering facial features.

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