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Explore Hispanic Heritage, International Films and More at Your Library

Hispanic Heritage Month kicks off on September 15 and celebrates the diverse histories and cultures of people of Hispanic descent. Join Orange County Library System as we highlight Hispanic Heritage with programs that explore and celebrate Hispanic culture. Library branches will host in-person and virtual events throughout the month, from crafts and cooking classes to art history lessons and retrospectives. Traditional folk performances from Mexican Danza and Viva Mexico Folklore as well as up-tempo party music from Latin pop band La Calle Band will keep the celebration going. For more information, visit ocls.info/hispanic-heritage-month.

The 5th Annual Melrose Film Festival premieres Friday, September 9. This year's festival features selections chosen from over 2,000 submissions from more than 90 countries. The festival is entirely virtual, with categories including animation, documentaries, shorts, music videos and more. Melrose Center staff will also offer virtual and in person events on all things film worthy. Visit ocls.info/melrose-film-festival for screenings, information about virtual events, and to vote for the audience choice award.

OCLS continues to offer conversations with award-winning writers with its Author Talk series. In September, featured authors include child development expert Dr. Michele Borba and her book *Thrivers: Surprising Reasons Why Some Kids Struggle and Others Thrive*; prolific *New York Times* bestselling author and journalist Simon Winchester; and Pulitzer Prize finalist Hernan Diaz, who will discuss his new novel, *Trust*. Check the calendar of events at library.org/ocls for more information and a full listing of Author Talk events.

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

Orlando Public Library

Fridays, September 2–30, 10:30 a.m.

South Creek Branch

Thursday, September 8, 11 a.m.

North Orange Branch

Thursday, September 15, 5:30 p.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.

Sophia's Hearth Wool Puppet Storytime

Southeast Branch

Saturdays, September 10 & 24, 10:30 a.m.

Children benefit from a daily rhythm, healthy foods and plenty of time accompanied by educators. This curriculum is based on Waldorf education and the principles developed by pediatrician Emmi Pikler.

Cardboard Box Play

Southwest Branch

Wednesday, September 7, 10:30 a.m.

Fuel your creativity with a cardboard box! Explore imaginary places with friends during an interactive storytime and free play.

G is for Grandparents

Fairview Shores Branch

Tuesday, September 6, 10:15 a.m.

Chickasaw Branch

Wednesday, September 7, 11 a.m.

North Orange Branch

Thursday, September 8, 11 a.m.

Hiawasse Branch

Friday, September 9, 10:30 a.m.

Windermere Branch

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

West Oaks Branch

Tuesday, September 13, 11 a.m.

South Trail Branch

Wednesday, September 14, 11 a.m.

Winter Garden Branch

Tuesday, September 20, 10:30 a.m.

Southwest Branch

Tuesday, September 27, 10:30 a.m.

Make a hug that you can mail and learn new songs about grandmas and grandpas.

Virtual: Family Zumba

Saturday, September 10, 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.

This is a virtual event. For more information, visit attend.oclsl.info/event/6645341.

Teen Writers Group

Alafaya Branch

Saturday, September 17, 4 p.m.

Interested in writing your own story? Want to share things you've written with other writers? Join us to get inspired, and get writing.

Baby Bookworms

Southwest Branch

Monday, September 19, 10:30 a.m.

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

Virtual: Mayor Buddy's Book Club

Wednesday, September 21, 4 p.m.

Engage in a lively discussion and fun activities with Mayor Buddy's Book Club. Recommended for ages 8–12. This is a virtual event. For more information, visit attend.ocls.info/event/6688706.

Music with Evan and Vanessa

Southwest Branch

Wednesday, September 28, 10:30 a.m.

Southeast Branch

Wednesday, September 28, 4 p.m.

Enjoy an award-winning bilingual Oregon-based children's band. Tune in and listen to peaceful music recently named "Best New Latin Kid's Music Groups." Recommended for families with children ages 0–8.

General Events:

Virtual: 5th Annual Melrose Film Festival

Screenings will premiere Friday, September 9 at noon, and will remain accessible through Saturday, September 24, 6 p.m.

This is a virtual event. For more information, visit ocls.info/melrose-film-festival.

Music in the Library: Shannon Rae

Orlando Public Library

Saturday, September 10, 2 p.m.

Seasoned vocalist Shannon Rae will perform adored classics from our past. Hear songs every generation will enjoy, you might even catch yourself singing along.

Music in the Library: La Calle Band

Orlando Public Library

Saturday, September 17, 11 a.m.

The Latin pop band, La Calle Band delivers the quintessential Latin street party – a seamless blend of music and dance. The energetic, up-tempo music is always sure to get a crowd moving.

You Have a Movie Script Idea: Now What?

Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room

Sunday, September 18, 4 p.m.

If you have an idea for a movie script, what are the next steps? Screenwriter and professor Jennie Jarvis will discuss how to develop and sell your movie script.

Mexican Danza

Orlando Public Library

Sunday, September 18, 2 p.m.

Southeast Branch

Thursday, September 22, 11 a.m.

Chickasaw Branch

Friday, September 30, 11 a.m.

Experience a live Mexican folkloric dance performance. Enjoy colorful costumes and traditional Mexican music.

Puerto Rican Arts & Culture Five Years After Maria

Chickasaw Branch

Tuesday, September 20, 5 p.m.

Learn how Hurricane Maria affected the cultural expression of people in Puerto Rico and in the diaspora through language, music, performance and literature from a panel of four Puerto Rican speakers.

Virtual Cuisine Corner: Papas Rellenas

Wednesday, September 21, 6 p.m.

Yamira Lee Johnson, head chef and founder of Breaking Bread with Mira, will show us how to make papas rellenas. Learn how to make this dish with potatoes and a yuca version using alternative fillings. Registration required. This is a virtual event. For more information, visit attend.ocls.info/event/6739532.

The Basics of Beekeeping with Winter Park Honey

Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room

Friday, September 23, Noon

Winter Park Honey visits the library to help you get started in beekeeping. Learn about equipment, safe habits and the best type of hive for your needs. Part of the Sustainability Series sponsored by the Friends of the Orange County Library System. Registration required.

Music in the Library: Viva Mexico Folklore

Orlando Public Library

Sunday, September 25, 3 p.m.

Embark on a musical journey from the coastal Veracruz region of Mexico to the northern border states of Monterrey and Tamaulipas. Experience traditional Mexican folklore and culture in song and dance.

Virtual: Author Talk with Hernan Diaz

Tuesday, September 27, 4 p.m.

Join us for an afternoon with Pulitzer Prize finalist and PEN/Faulkner Award-winner Hernan Diaz, author of *In the Distance* and *Trust*.

This is a virtual event. For more information, visit attend.ocls.info/event/6879053.

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