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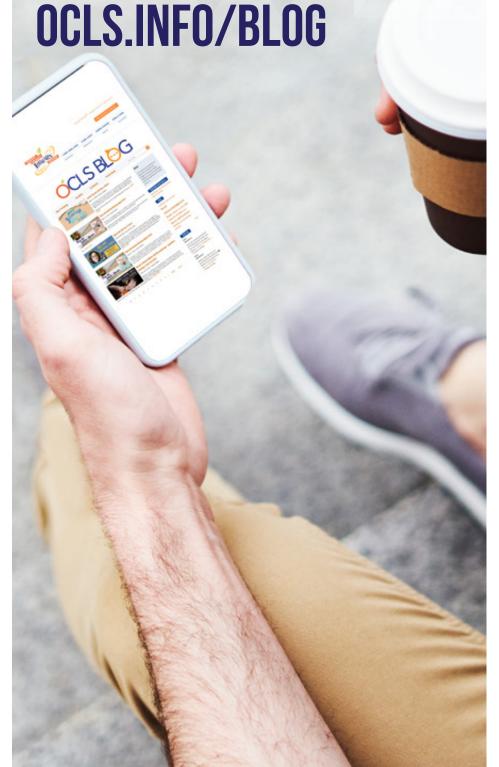
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Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room *Thursday, May 12, 6 p.m.* 

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Orlando Public Library, Melrose Center Wednesday, May 18, Noon

### FROM THE INTERIM DIRECTOR

It's hard to believe, but it's already time for registration to open for the library's annual Summer Reading Program. This year's program theme is Oceans of Possibilities, and we're inviting everyone in the community to take a deep dive into what the library has to offer for kids and adults this summer. The Summer Reading Program begins June 4, but registration opens on May 2 – visit our website at ocls.info/srp to find out what's in store. Sign up soon because our most popular events, camps and classes fill up quickly!

Every year, the Summer Reading Program serves the community in so many ways. For example:

- We host Orange County Public Schools' Mobile Lunch program, which gives out free, nutritious meals to children and young adults under 18 at six branches, five days a week. In 2021, we distributed more than 15,000 meals to kids at library locations and we're doing it again in 2022.
- We offer reading challenges for adults and children to promote literacy in the community. Last year, we created a community reading goal of one million minutes, and we asked people to log their reading using paper trackers or the Beanstack app. We far exceeded that goal people logged more than 1.8 million minutes during summer 2021. This year, we hope to encourage people to read even more and help us reach our new community reading goal of two million minutes.
- We host educational, entertaining and informative programs all summer long. Last year, all of our summer programming was virtual, but this year we're offering you a choice of virtual or in-person events at all library locations, from June 4 through July 23. Check out our Summer Reading Program page to browse our offerings for adults and kids alike and don't forget to visit our Facebook and YouTube channels for livestream programs for kids every Thursday at 4 p.m.
- Want your kids to keep learning, even when school's out? Our Melrose Center and Technology and Education Center offers free camps and classes for kids and teens on everything from sewing to video production to coding. They'll learn new skills and have fun at the same time. Sign them up before classes are filled!
- At the end of every summer, we also give away prizes, generously donated by our Summer Reading Sponsor, Window World of Central Florida. Kids who complete the summer reading challenge earn a chance to win scooters, electronics and more. This gives kids an incentive to keep up with their summer reading goals, which studies show can help them avoid summer learning loss (or "summer slide").

We're excited for Summer Reading Program 2022 – after two years of being entirely virtual, we're looking forward to welcoming you back in person to celebrate summer with us this year.

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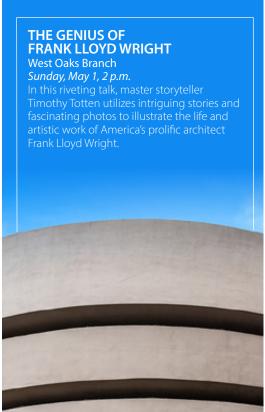
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IN-PERSON





### Altered Books Workshop

West Oaks Branch

Saturday, May 7, 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m.
Junk journal, scrapbook, diary? Bring your imagination and join us to discover all the possibilities of altered books at this monthly workshop. Recommended for ages 13 and up.

### Plant Clinic

Chickasaw Branch

Thursday, May 12, 11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.
Bring your plants, get your soil pH tested and ask questions! Master Gardener Volunteers from the UF/IFAS Orange County Extension Office will be available to answer your gardening questions.

### **Individualized Education Plan IEP/504**Fairview Shores Branch

Friday, May 13, 11 a.m.

Information session about what an IEP and 504 are and what your rights are as a parent.

### **Trap-Neuter-Return Boot Camp** Alafaya Branch

Saturday, May 14, 2–3:30 p.m.

Pet Alliance of Greater Orlando will be hosting a Trap-Neuter-Return Boot Camp to teach the basics of humanely trapping community cats.

### Taste of Mystery Winter Garden Branch Saturday, May 14, 2 p.m.

Do you love a cozy mystery? Drop in for a cup of tea as we discuss culinary cozy mystery titles and the recipes they include. Recommended for ages 18 and up.

### **West Oaks Wildflower Club** West Oaks Branch

Sunday, May 15, 2–3:30 p.m.

Meet up with other nature lovers to celebrate wildflowers. Each month we'll spotlight a different wildflower and host discussions and crafts that promote native Florida plants. Recommended for ages 18 and up.

### **Snack & Learn: Good Food for Your Gut** Fairview Shores Branch

Friday, May 20, 10:30 a.m.

Explore foods that help your digestion system run smoothly and foods you should avoid. This event is part of the ongoing Snack & Learn series presented by Casman Mosby, CarePlus Health Plans.

### **Health Insurance Marketplace Education** Chickasaw Branch

Saturday, May 21, 1 p.m.

Meet with certified marketplace navigators to learn about the Health Insurance Marketplace. Navigators will discuss coverage options and assist with enrollment. Presented by Covering Central Florida.

### Southwest Art Club: Ink and Watercolor Painting Workshop Southwest Branch

Saturday, May 21, 2-4:30 p.m.

Enjoy this step-by-step workshop using ink and watercolors to create a painting of a bird enjoying springtime. Materials are provided. No art experience needed. Recommended for ages 18 and up.

### Family Photo Frame West Oaks Branch Saturday, May 21, 3 p.m.

Repurpose acrylic CD cases into beautiful picture frames to display family photos. Bring a photo; all other materials will be provided. Registration required. Recommended for ages 18 and up.

### **Thank You Letters**

Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room *Sunday, May 22, 4 p.m.* 

Give thanks with a heartfelt note! Learn how to create simple envelopes and note cards. Join Lynda Chandler as she shares creative tips and techniques for lettering on cards and envelopes.





**BUTTERFLY & POLLINATOR GARDENING** 

Local horticulturalist Caroline Chomanics teaches the basics

Sustainability Series sponsored by the Friends of the Orange

landscaping, raising butterflies and solitary beehives. Part of the

of setting up a pollinator garden including: Florida native

Windermere Branch

County Library System.

Wednesday, May 4, 3:30 p.m.

Aprenda cómo calificar para un préstamo hipotecario y qué uno hacer si desea comprar una casa. ¡Para lograr su objetivo, debe saber qué pasos debe seguir para tener éxito! Se requiere registro.

### Boom Zoom Trivia

Tuesday, May 10, 7–8:30 p.m.

Can you name five characters from the TV show *Happy Days*? Take a road trip through the '50s, '60s, and '70s by playing Boom Zoom trivia. Participants play on teams. Prepare for fun and laughter! Recommended for ages 18 and up.

### Sketching 101

Friday, May 13, 11 a.m.

Learn the basics of sketching through the use of simple art techniques and observing the world around you. Materials: All you need is a No. 2 pencil, colored pencils, paper and paper towels.

### Chair Yoga

Monday, May 16, 11 a.m.

Get moving with this energizing and relaxing chair yoga sequence for all levels. Tap into the strength, balance, flexibility and relaxation that your body can provide you. Requires the use of a chair.

### Understanding The Nutrition Label Tuesday. May 17. Noon

Join KeyVion Miller, registered dietitian nutritionist, as she discusses how to read the nutrition facts label. Learn helpful tips on how to make healthier food choices when you are grocery shopping.

### OCLS Business Resources for Entrepreneurs *Tuesday, May 17, 3 p.m.*

Join us for a live webinar on using Orange County Library System business databases for startup, company development and competitive advantage.

### Let's Talk: Podcast Discussions Tuesday, May 17, 7–8:30 p.m.

Just like a book club, but for podcasts! Join a community of podcast listeners as we explore a human interest topic by way of three to five podcast episode selections. Recommended for ages 18 and up.

### Intro to Foundation Center & Grant Resources

*Thursday, May 19, 11 a.m.*Looking for funding? Get the 101 on using this comprehensive directory to win grants and make a difference.

### Pathway to Homeownership Wednesday, May 25, 6:30 p.m.

Explore each step a home buyer will walk through from beginning to end. Discover where you currently are in the process of home buying to help you plan for a successful journey to homeownership.

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### **Q&A WITH COURTNEY REYNOLDS** by Scottie Campbell, Marketing Director, reThink Your Commute

May is National Bike Month and OCLS will be hosting a series of webinars on commuting by bicycle presented by reThink Your Commute and facilitated by Courtney Reynolds. Courtney is a native Floridian who didn't own a car until after college, traveling on foot, by bike, or bus to get where she needed to go. She is a Cycling Savvy Instructor and a League Certified Instructor, teaching hundreds of Central Floridians about bike safety over the past decade. Courtney is currently the President of the Board of Directors for the Florida Bicycle Association, a statewide not-for-profit organization working to make bicycling safe, accepted and encouraged in Florida.

How did you get interested in promoting biking as a work commute option? I was biking to work, loved it and wanted to help others do it too. I saw a need to do more than just encourage people to try it, but to offer them real-world strategies to incorporate it into their everyday transportation options.

What is the most common reason people give for not riding a bike to work? The most common reason is that it's too far – and yes, if you drive a very long distance to and from work, switching to a bike commute is going to be tricky. The second most common reason not to ride is the weather, whether that's the heat or the rain. For me, the heat is a factor whether I am driving a car or a bike – so I'd rather choose something that is fun! Having access to a shower at work is really helpful, especially if you are riding more miles and really working up a sweat. As long as there is no lightning, I have found that riding in rainy weather is manageable and since I'm going to take a shower when I get home anyways, it doesn't change my regular routine.

### Does your work commute include biking?

I start my week with a bike commute to and from work, which is a 28-mile round trip. Other days, I ride SunRail to LYNX Central Station, then normally walk to my office. If I am in a time crunch, I will use a Lime bike to get to or from the train station.

### What would you say is the main reason people should consider biking as transportation?

Biking is a great way to reclaim your health. Using the commute to exercise your body is worth the extra time it may take and help you achieve many personal

During your career, what positive changes have you seen for cycling? Cycling is no longer just part of the conversation but part of the solution. It's been great to see that transformation from theory to real action.

### What do you hope people will get out of this series of webinars?

I hope people will be inspired to continue their journey to reThink how they get around town, whether that is by bike, on board a bus or train, or sharing the ride

### **BIKING TO WORK**

### Strategies for Individuals Monday, May 2, 12:30 p.m.

Are you interested in biking to work but have some questions on how to get started? Learn which type of bike would be best for your needs, what clothing will serve you best and more.

Monday, May 9, 12:30 p.m.

In this bike safety introductory course, you will learn about the laws that apply to all drivers and bike specific laws. You'll also be guided through problem solving techniques to keep you safe on your bike rides.

#### **Strategies for Employers** Monday, May 16, 12:30 p.m.

Looking for ways to encourage your employees to get fit and do something good for the environment? This discussion will give employers strategies and policies that will encourage their employees to explore biking to work.



### **ART & DISPLAY** ocls.info/art

### Angie Vazquez Art Exhibit Southwest Branch On Display Through June

This exhibit captures the artist's work in both graphite and oils, specializing in graphite portraits.

### MILKOS G. CRUZ: **CANADIAN IMPRESSIONISM**

South Trail Branch

On Display Through May Based on the natural landscape of

North America, Milkos Cruz brings forth the beauty of the Canadian countryside and historic landmarks. Utilizing watercolors and the pointillist technique, this impressionist style of art transports the viewer into a dream-like atmosphere.





### VIRTUAL

Alafaya Book Club Thursday, May 12, 7 p.m. The Alafaya Book Club's March selection is *The Hobbit* by J.R.R. Tolkien. Bilbo Baggins, a respectable, well-to-do hobbit, lives comfortably in his hobbit-hole until the day the wandering wizard Gandalf chooses him to take part in an adventure from

**Hiawassee Book Club** Monday, May 16, 7 p.m. In May, the Hiawassee Book Club will discuss What's Mine and Yours by Naima Coster. Integrated into a predominantly white high school, an anxious young Black student and a half-Latina, whose mother would have her pass as white, join a bridgebuilding school play that shapes the

trajectory of their adult lives.

which he may never return.

### **Southwest Book Club**

Tuesday, May 24, 7–8:45 p.m. Join Southwest Book Club to discuss Everything I Never Told You by Celeste Ng. A story of the divisions between cultures and the rifts within a family explores the fallout of the drowning death of Lydia Lee, the favorite daughter of a Chinese American family in 1970s Ohio. Recommended for ages 18 and up.

Winter Garden Book Club Thursday, May 26, 6 p.m. Join us as we discuss The Guest List by Lisa Foley. An expertly planned célebrity wédding between a rising television star and an ambitious magazine publisher is thrown into turmoil by petty jealousies, a college drinking game, the bride's ruined dress and an untimely murder.

### WRITERS CORNER

ocls.info/writerscorner

#### **IN-PERSON**

**Finding a Literary Agent** 

Hiawassee Branch Saturday, May 7, 4 p.m.

Literary agent Sarah N. Fisk will discuss what an agent does and doesn't do, plus provide a step-bystep guide to finding literary agents, including how to select the right agent for you and your work.

#### VIRTUAL

### Picking a Point of View

Thursday, May 5, 7 p.m.

Choosing a point of view for your story can be tricky with so many factors to consider. Author and editor Natasha Razi will discuss how to decide on the point of view that will serve your story best.

### Write Time Travel Fiction

Thursday, May 12, 7 p.m.

Learn to write time travel fiction like a pro from author and editor Alli Martin. Discover which paradoxes you can prod and which to avoid by exploring the history of time travel fiction and science.

### OCLS Writer's Group

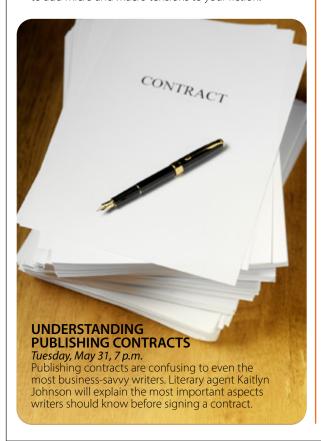
Sunday, May 15, 4 p.m.

Join your fellow writers for critique, discussion and camaraderie. Writers of all genres and experience are welcome. Please attend one meeting before submitting a piece for critique.

### Writing Workshop: Make it Worse

Thursday, May 19, 7 p.m.

Tension keeps readers turning the pages. Author Ralph Walker will introduce techniques you can use to add micro and macro tensions to your fiction.



### **NEXT CHAPTER** ocls.info/nextchapter

### Healthy Living for Seniors -**Smarter Senior Seminar Series**

Southwest Branch

Wednesday, May 18, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Nutrition, mental health and physical activity are key aspects of maintaining a healthy lifestyle as we age. Learn how you can keep healthy through nutrition and physical activity with yoga. Presented by Mike Flahaven, certified senior housing professional. To register, visit yourfloridahaven.com.

### How to Talk to Your Doctors -**LIFE Information for Elders**

Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room

Thursday, May 19, 12:10 p.m.

Learn skills to help you improve your next visit to the physician's office. Explore how to prepare, what to do during the visit and how to follow up if need be. Communication is key! Part of the monthly LIFE Information for Elders series. To register, email OfficeonAging@ocfl.net.

### **JOBSEEKERS** ocls.info/jobseekers

### Resume Do's & Don'ts

Southeast Branch

Monday, May 16, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Meet one-on-one with a bilingual employment specialist to learn techniques on how to improve your resume. Personal one-on-one assistance will be provided on a first come, first served basis.

#### VIRTUAL

### Career Academy: Interview Like a Pro

Tuesday, May 10, 2:30 p.m.

You've landed an interview! Now what? Get tips that will help you to practice and prepare, and to write a memorable thank you letter.

### Career Academy: Perfecting Your Resume Tuesday, May 24, 2:30 p.m.

Get noticed! Elevate your job application with best practices in crafting a resume and cover letter.



### **GENEALOGY** ocls.info/genealogy

### VIRTUAL

### Exploring FamilySearch.org Tuesday, May 3, 1 p.m.

FamilySearch is a tremendous and free source for family history research. Learn how to navigate this website and how to make the most of the information that it

### Genealogy in the States – California Wednesday, May 4, 6:30 p.m.

Explore the rich research resources and collections that are held in a variety of archives and repositories in California. Discover what records are available and how to use them.

### Working on the Railroad: Railroad Records Thursday, May 5, Noon

Do you have an ancestor who worked for the railroads? Join us and learn where to turn to discover information about the railroad, its records and where you might find them.

### **Sunday Morning Genealogy** *Sunday, May 15, 11 a.m.*Grab a cup of coffee (or tea) and join us

for this Sunday morning genealogy hangout. Feel free to ask any type of genealogy question or propose a genealogy discussion topic.

### Organizing Your Family History Research Tuesday, May 17, 1 p.m.

Keep your genealogy research on track by staying organized. Learn how to organize your genealogy documents and do your research in a systematic manner.

### Mastering Genealogical Proof

Study Group
Wednesdays, May 18 & 25, 6:30 p.m. Join us for our Mastering Genealogical Proof study group focusing on genealogical methods and reasoning.

**Using City Directories in** Genealogy Research Thursday, May 19, Noon Learn how historical city directories can supplement your family's genealogical reséarch.

### **Genealogy 101** *Tuesday, May 24, 1 p.m.*Are you interested in learning about your

family history but don't know where to begin? This program will help you get started by introducing you to genealogical terms, techniques and resources.

### Global Genealogy – Poland Thursday, May 26, Noon Explore resources, tips and tricks for finding

records in the home countries of your ancestors. This session focuses on Poland.

### **Genealogy in the States – Mississippi** *Tuesday, May 31, 1 p.m.*Explore the rich research resources and

collections that are held in a variety of archives and repositories in Mississippi. Discover what records are available and how to use them.

# MENTAL HEALTH

**AWARENESS MONTH** 

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Ageless Grace: Body and Brain Fitness Southwest Branch

Saturday, May 7, 10:30 a.m. Experience simple, playful exercise based on the science of neuroplasticity! Learn tools that work your brain and body. Led by certified Ageless Grace educators. Registration required. Recommended for ages 18 and up.

**Mindfulness and Meditation** Southwest Branch

Friday, May 13, 10:30 a.m. Practice techniques of mindfulness and meditation for well-being and vibrancy. Taught by Rev. Dr. Viviana Collazo, founder and director of Luminous Holistic Center. All levels are welcome. Recommended for ages 18 and up.

Angel Paws to Read

North Orange Branch Saturday, May 14, 11 a.m. Orlando Public Library Saturday, May 28, 11:30 a.m. West Oaks Branch Saturday, May 28, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

Practice your reading skills by reading aloud to a lovable, furry listener. Be An Angel Therapy Dogs Ministry presents this reading program for children with certified therapy dogs. Recommended for ages 6–12.

**Happiness Rocks** South Creek Branch

Wednesday, May 18, 3:30 p.m. Spread happiness by painting a rock and adding a positive message on the back. You can keep your rock or share it by hiding it for someone else to find. Recommended for ages 13–18.

### **MEET SUMER STRAWBREE**

Washington Park Branch Wednesday, May 18, 4 p.m.

A World of Pausabilities Southeast Branch Friday, May 20, 4 p.m.

Take a moment to pause. Teach your child how to identify emotions, use meditation to control them and create fun tools to help your child meditate! Recommended for families with children ages 5 and up.

Feeling Faces West Oaks Branch Tuesday, May 24, 11 a.m.

Have a great time exploring feelings and emotions with your early learner. Recommended for ages 3–5.

Yoga with PLAYologist Yolonda Eatonville Branch

Tuesday, May 31, 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.

### **HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS**

Tuesday, May 24, 7 p.m.

Identify the characteristics of healthy, unhealthy and abusive relationships through interactive scenarios. Learn effective communication within relationships. Ages 18 and up.

### **Q&A WITH SUMER STRAWBREE**

by Caitlin Hill, Youth Programs Coordinator

Sumer Strawbree is a middle school student in Central Florida and the author and illustrator of two coloring books Black, Brown and Beautiful and Glow Up. She has a third book on the way called My Career Glow Up. We caught up with her for Mental Health Awareness Month to discuss her mission to boost young girls' self-esteem by sharing positive affirmations.

### How did you develop the concept of a coloring book with positive affirmations?

At the beginning of my art journey, I drew all types of girls except for black girls. Over time, as my drawings improved, my dad noticed my preference and suggested that I start drawing black and brown girls that looked like me.

He later introduced me to the Doll Test, which started in the 1940s, gauging black children's selfesteem and self-image. Black psychologists Dr. Kenneth Clark and Dr. Mamie Phipps Clark asked 253 Black children aged 3 to 7 years old which doll, Black or white, was good and which doll was bad. The majority of the children chose the white doll as being good and the Black doll as being the bad one. Their self-esteem was already ruined due to segregated schools.

Furthermore, I was also bullied by other kids at school because I have long fingers. They would laugh at me and compare their shorter fingers to mine. To make matters worse, I was also bullied about having a crooked tooth, which ruined my self-esteem. For many years, I found it difficult to show my teeth when I smiled.

My dad introduced me to affirmations, and I read them every day, rebuilding my self-esteem. Now, I've made it my mission to save and improve girls' drowning self-esteem with positive affirmations and positive imagery.

I grew a library of more than 30 colorful drawings of black and brown girls with different hairstyles, shapes, sizes and abilities! My dad suggested that I remove the color and what was left was just line art which birthed my first coloring book, Black, Brown and Beautiful.

### What inspired you to become an illustrator?

I naturally became a professional illustrator as I transitioned from drawing with paper, pencil and high-end markers into digital illustration. With the assistance of YouTube tutorials, I taught myself how to draw digitally with Photoshop and the Procreate app, which involves drawing on separate layers for line art, coloring, highlights, shadows, detail, etc.

### What motivates you to spread awareness about mental health and diversity?

I'm motivated knowing that there's a girl like me in my neighborhood, city, state, country and around the world that has been bullied or suffers from low self-esteem and could use a little reminder that she is not alone. I say, we don't want to focus our energy on those that try to dim our light. Let's focus on rebuilding and protecting our positive energy!

I'm motivated to spread diversity awareness, because I've felt that school curriculums overall haven't put forth the best effort to educate its diverse students on the positive achievements of black and brown girls throughout history and even presently. What is great is that all types of people Black, White, Hispanic, Asian, Indian have purchased my book, because we all have something in common. That is self-esteem.

#### Who is your biggest influence and/or role model?

My dad is my biggest male influence. He is the machine behind much of what you see. He makes sure the world experiences me, my art and my positive affirmations! He always tells me he isn't waiting until I'm 18 years old for me to start figuring out what I want to do. He says the time is now and that I am already a professional artist! Hove my dad.

Oprah is one of my biggest female influences. She has epic inspirational quotes and advice on manifestation on YouTube. I watched one of her shows on manifestation and heard that she used to use vision boards, but it got so powerful that she can manifest things without it! You can see a picture that I drew of her on my Instagram page.

### Do you have more coloring books in the works?

Yes. I will be releasing my third coloring book with positive affirmations, called My Career Glow Up, right before school is out in May. It features but is not limited to a female Supreme Court Justice, real estate broker, politician and an executive chef. This book focuses on showing representation of black and brown girls in powerful career choices. Imagine a girl repeating to themselves daily, "I am a politician, I am a politician." Their subconscious mind would be influenced so much that they'd start placing themselves unknowingly in opportunities that would manifest that career in due time.

BLACK, BROWN

Be sure to look up Sumer





on *The Kelly Clarkson* Show and other interviews on her YouTube channel. Follow he and to download free

12 LEARN, GROW, CONNI-

## **Q&A WITH JESSICA DALY**

by Andrea Jackson, Marketing Specialis

Jessica Daly, faculty librarian and assistant professor with AdventHealth University, sat with us to discuss the importance of mental health awareness. In this interview, she opens up about her experience as both a caregiver and librarian, and her journey with mental health. Her goal is to remove the stigma around mental health and help patients become their own advocates.

### Will you share about how your passion for mental and physical health developed?

I have been a librarian for 20 years serving within public and private schools, colleges and universities. Before taking my current role, I was a medical research librarian serving patients, family caregivers and community members across Central Florida and beyond. To improve overall health and quality of life, patients must understand their diagnosis, medications, treatments and self-care. Patients often won't say they don't understand. There's a lack of communication ... the patients aren't speaking up. That's a big thing for me – to teach them that they are their own advocate.

### How does someone's mental state affect the physical state of their body?

Whenever you have high anxiety, depression, or any other mental health situation, research shows that people are more likely to have strokes, heart attacks and develop high blood pressure. It's even been linked with things like diabetes and obesity. If these problems go untreated, it's very hard for patients to lose weight or begin to eat healthy and have a healthy lifestyle because that's not their focus. When we aren't in a great place mentally, we also don't make great decisions about our health. It's a direct connection. On the flip side, let's say you've been diagnosed with cancer and you're not taking care of yourself mentally, studies show that people who are struggling with their mental health during treatments don't do as well. Your state of mind and what you're focused on actually matters in whether or not the treatment works. A patient's state of mind has everything to do with their healing.

### What do you believe is the goal of mental health awareness in our community?

I think the goal is to improve it. I think everybody, especially since COVID, sees the need ... they're not afraid to talk about it now, so that's nice. When you don't feel alone and you hear people are speaking up, you don't feel like, "I'm strange or I'm weird for feeling this way." You realize there's a lot of other people who feel like you do. Since COVID, people are talking about mental health, which is a positive change. It's no longer a "bad topic" that people want to avoid. They're seeing that others aren't in a good place, and they want help.

### How can someone take their mental health seriously with a busy schedule?

The biggest thing is letting it be a focus and really putting some attention toward it. If you have some extra time in your day, how are you spending that? Are you spending it in productive ways, in ways that uplift you mentally? We kind of get in the rut of life. It really is just figuring out some of the things you can eliminate from the day-to-day. Be careful what you're allowing in and replace them with things that are going to help you.

### How can the library be a resource for those looking to improve their mental health?

I think the public library is great because there are free resources and expert librarians who can show you what they have to offer and guide you to what's reputable and what's not. Orange County Library System offers mental health support, resources and counseling, and that's becoming more and more common in public libraries. They can also connect you with resources within the community that may be at a free or reduced price. Often people know what they need, but they have no idea how to find it. I definitely think the public library is your best bet for at least getting started.

For the full interview with Jessica Daly, visit the OCLS Blog at ocls.info/blog.

MENTAL HEALTH MATTERS Wednesday, May 11, 11 a.m. **MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH** 



### LANGUAGE LEARNING ocls.info/language



### **ENGLISH FOR SPEAKERS OF OTHER LANGUAGES (ESOL)**

### **IN-PERSON**

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Open Language Lab
West Oaks Branch
Mondays, May 2–23, 4–6 p.m.
South Trail Branch
Fridays, May 6 & 13, 10:30 a.m.
Explore and learn English (ESOL) or the language of your choice in an open lab environment. Learn and practice using one of the available programs.

English from Zero
Hiawassee Branch
Mondays, May 2–30, 5:30 p.m.
Thursdays, May 5–23, 11:45 a.m.
Southeast Branch
Tuesdays, May 3–24, 10:30 a.m.
Wednesdays, May 4–25, 2:30 p.m.
Alafaya Branch
Saturdays, May 7–28, 10:30 a.m.
Designed for beginning English
learners, each workshop targets specific vocabulary, grammar structure and conversation practices.

### **Speaking Clearly for Beginners**Southeast Branch

Tuesdays, May 3–24, 12:30 p.m.
A pronunciation class for beginners designed to introduce learners to the basic sounds of English for pronunciation.

Reading Clearly Intermediate
Southeast Branch
Wednesdays May 4–25, 1 p.m.

Wednesdays, May 4–25, 1 p.m. Learn, practice and discuss reading strategies and complex English vocabulary.

English Conversation Hour Alafaya Branch Saturdays, May 7–28, Noon

Practice your Énglish speaking skills with us. Each session will have specific topics for discussion. All proficiency levels are welcome.

### VIRTUAL

### Speaking Clearly for Beginners Mondays, May 2–16, Noon

A pronunciation class for beginners designed to introduce learners to the basic sounds of English for pronunciation.

### Writing Clearly for Intermediate

Mondays, May 2–16, 1:30 p.m. Writing Clearly is a grammar and writing course for intermediate learners that focuses on grammatically complex ideas including sentence structure, phrases and vocabulary building.

### **English from Zero**

Mondays, May 2–16 & 30, 3 p.m. Tuesdays, May 3–24, 3:30 p.m. Wednesdays, May 4–25, 6:45 p.m. Fridays, May 6–27, 10:30 a.m. Designed for beginning English learners, each workshop targets specific vocabulary, grammar structure and conversation practices.

### Reading Clearly for Intermediate *Thursdays, May 5–26, 12:30 p.m.*Learn, practice and discuss reading

Learn, practice and discuss reading strategies and complex English vocabulary.

### Speaking Clearly for Intermediate Fridays, May 6–27, Noon

A pronunciation class for intermediate speakers designed to introduce learners to spelling and pronunciation rules of English words and phrases.

### **SPANISH CLASSES**

### IN-PERSON

### Spanish Interactions with Ms. Brenda

Southeast Branch

Thursdays, May 5–26, 4–5:30 p.m. Learn, develop and practice your Spanish speaking skills in this conversational workshop with Ms. Brenda.

### **Pronunciator Orientation**

Southeast Branch

Saturday, May 14, 3 p.m.

Learn how to use Pronunciator to begin or improve your English, Spanish or any other language skills. This software provides lessons through watching, listening, practicing and speaking.

### VIRTUAL

### **Basic Spanish**

Tuesdays, May 3–24, 10:30 a.m.
Come and learn basic Spanish vocabulary.

### Spanish from Zero – Basics with Ms. Brenda

Tuesdays, May 3–24, 4 p.m.

Be bilingual! Learn Spanish pronunciation, vocabulary, phrases and reading with Ms. Brenda.

### Talk to a Spanish Teacher

Tuesdays, May 3–31, 5 p.m.

Do you want to be more exposed to the Spanish or English language? Talk with Ms. Brenda and her students, and practice your bilingual speaking skills.

### Intermediate Spanish

Wednesdays, May 4–25, 10:30 a.m. Get an introduction to Spanish grammar by focusing on the parts of speech, verb conjugations, sentence structure and vocabulary building.

### Practica Spanish Conversation

Wednesdays, May 4–25, 4–5:30 p.m.
Practica tu español! Develop your Spanish language skills through conversation.
Conversational topics and themed vocabulary will be provided.
Recommended for ages 18 and up.

### NUEVO EN LA BIBLIOTECA -

### Violeta por Isabel Allende

Vista con los ojos de una mujer poseedora de una pasión, una determinación y un sentido del humor inolvidables que la sostienen a lo largo de una vida turbulenta, Isabel Allende nos regala, una vez más, una historia épica furiosamente inspiradora y profundamente emotiva.

### Más allá de la frontera: crecer como Mexicano en Estados Unidos

edición de Margarita Longoria

En esta colección que mezcla diferentes géneros: cuentos, ensayos personales, poesía y cómics, este grupo célebre de autores comparte las fronteras que han cruzado, los obstáculos que han atravesado y las dos culturas por las que continúan navegando como mexicoamericanos.

### Invencible: cómo descubrí mi fuerza a través del amor y la pérdida

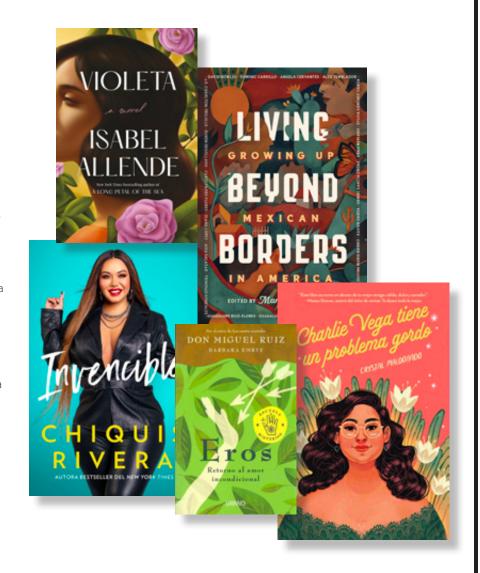
por Chiquis Janney Rivera con Cecilia Molinari Un nuevo libro de memorias de la cantante ganadora del Latin Grammy y autora bestseller del *New York Times*, Chiquis Rivera, quien comparte sus triunfos, desafíos y lecciones de vida tras la muerte de su madre, Jenni Rivera.

### Charlie Vega tiene un problema gordo por Crystal Maldonado

Charlie Vega tiene un problema gordo es una historia sensible, divertida y dolorosa sobre el crecimiento y la madurez. Con ironía y toneladas de chismes, este libro aborda las relaciones con los padres, con el cuerpo, con las diferentes culturas y con nosotros mismos.

#### Eros: retorno al amor incondicional por Don Miguel Ruiz traducción de Núria Martí Pérez

Eros, el segundo libro de la Escuela de Misterios, examina el conflicto entre el amor verdadero y todas las mentiras que nos han enseñado sobre el amor. Este libro es una master class sobre el arte del romance y cómo superar las supersticiones que nos impiden amar como deberiamos.



### CITIZENSHIP INSPIRED

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### **IN-PERSON**

Citizenship Inspired
Southeast Branch
Saturdays, May 7–21, 10 a.m.–Noon
South Creek Branch
Saturdays, May 14–28, 10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

During this program, students will meet once each week to prepare for the U.S. Naturalization (Citizenship) Test and Interview.

### VIRTUAL

### Citizenship Inspired

Tuesdays & Wednesdays, May 3, 4, 10 & 11, 3–5 p.m. Thursdays, May 5–26, 3–4:30 p.m. Tuesdays & Wednesdays, May 17, 18, 24 & 25, 3–5 p.m. During this program, students will meet to prepare for the U.S. Naturalization (Citizenship) Test and Interview.



# Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month

ASIAN AMERICAN & PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH 2022 READING CHALLENGE FOR ADULTS

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May 1–31
Asian American and Pacific Islander
Heritage Month is celebrated each
year from May 1–31. Celebrate Asian
American and Pacific Islander voices
through recommended books and
activities. Log your reading and
activities here to earn badges all
month long.



IN-PERSON

ArtMazing: Yayoi Kusama Winter Garden Branch Tuesday, May 10, 4:30 p.m. Unleash your inner artist and discover your creative side in this all-ages art exploration. Inspiration is a must! Recommended for families with children ages 6 and up.

Chinese Tea Garden Southeast Branch Saturday, May 14, 11 a.m. Transport yourself to China during this tea-inspired trip with stories, activities and crafts. Recommended for families with children ages 5 and up.

Aloha, Toddlers! Southeast Branch Monday, May 16, 11 a.m. North Orange Branch Thursday, May 26, 11 a.m. Cruise down to the library for a staycation luau with plenty of tropical island fun for your little ones. Recommended for ages 18–36 months. Chinese Tales
South Creek Branch
Tuesday, May 17, 10:30 a m

Tuesday, May 17, 10:30 a.m. Chickasaw Branch Monday, May 23, 11 a.m. Enjoy animal fables, crafts and activities at this celebration of Chinese tales. Recommended for ages 3–5.

Afternoon Art Alafaya Branch

Wednesday, May 25, 4 p.m. Let's go on an art adventure! Learn about a different artist and artistic style, and then create your own masterpiece. This month we're learning about Takashi Murakami. Recommended for ages 6–8.

History Happenings: Ancient China Southwest Branch

Wednesday, May 25, 4 p.m.
Join us for a journey into the history of Ancient China! Participants will learn about Ancient China through crafts and activities. Recommended for 9–12.

TEEN ART ADVENTURES: SAMOAN SIAPO CLOTH

Southeast Branch Wednesday, May 18, 4:30 p.m. Discover the cultural importance of the Samoan art form, Siapo, and create a patterned cloth of your own! Recommended for ages 13–18.

CUISINE CORNER: MAKE YOUR OWN SUMMER ROLLS Orlando Public Librar

Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room Friday, May 20, Noon Learn how to make delicious, refreshing and healthy Vietnamese summer rolls with chef Ha Rhoda during this hands-on class that's perfect for all ages!

KUNG FU SHOW:
PRESENTED BY WAH LUM
KUNG FU TEMPLE
Orlando Public Library,

Library Central
Sunday, May 22, 2 p.m.
A diverse team of professional performers from the Wah Lum Kung Fu Temple will present a lion dance, kung fu and tai chi performance demonstration.
Explore Chinese culture through this demonstration.

VIRTUAL

Little Chef: Mango Sticky Rice Thursday, May 12, 11 a.m.

Create a simplified version of a classic Thai treat! Learn about sticky rice, how it's served in Thailand and cooking skills like kitchen safety, measuring and tasting. Recommended for ages 3–5.

Semamori Paper Stitched Patterns Friday, May 13, 10:30–11:45 a.m.

Semamori are traditional Japanese auspicious patterns. Learn about the meaning and history of the featured Semamori pattern. Pierce and stitch the pattern on paper.

**Chinese Tales** 

Thursday, May 19, 11 a.m. Enjoy animal fables, crafts and activities at this library celebration of Chinese tales. Beginner's Chinese Calligraphy Saturday, May 21, 11 a.m.

Join artist Jojo Liu as she teaches the art of traditional Chinese calligraphy in honor of Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month.

Cuisine Corner Junior: Dumpling Dreams Thursday, May 26, 3 p.m.

How far will Joyce Chen's dumpling dream go? Learn about her story and how to whip up a delicious dumpling recipe. Recommended for for families with children ages 6–18.





### Last Night at the Telegraph Club by Malinda Lo

"Á riveting, emotionally stirring tale of a young Chinese American woman learning about herself during San Francisco's Red Scare. Last Night at the Telegraph Club – focused on unapologetically embracing one's true self – is a spectacular addition to the young adult historical fiction genre." – Shelf Awareness.

### Love, Chai, and Other Four-Letter Words by Annika Sharma

Determined not to fall in love with anyone who might disappoint her parents, Kiran Mathur finds her plans going awry when she meets her new neighbor psychologist Nash Hawthorne who she is willing to risk everything for.

### Finding Junie Kim by Ellen Oh

For fans of *Inside Out and Back Again* and *Amina's Voice* comes a breathtaking story of family, hope and survival from Ellen Oh, cofounder of We Need Diverse Books. When Junie Kim is faced with middle school racism, she learns of her grandparents' extraordinary strength and finds her voice. Inspired by her mother's real-life experiences during the Korean War, Oh's characters are real and riveting.

### Measuring Up by Lily LaMotte & Ann Xu

"Á beautiful story about food, family and finding your place in the world." – Gene Luen Yang, author of American Born Chinese and Dragon Hoops

Amboy: Recipes from the Filipino-American Dream by Alivin Cailan with Alexandra Cuerdo and Susan Choung photography by Wyatt Conlon

Filipino recipes from the creator of the legendary Eggslut in Los Angeles, host of the hit online series *The Burger Show*, and the most prominent Filipino chef in the US.

### The Book of Form and Emptiness by Ruth Ozeki

When he begins hearing voices one year after his father's death, 13-year-old Benny Oh, seeking refuge in the library, meets a colorful cast of characters, including his very own Book, a talking thing, who narrates Benny's life and teaches him to listen to the things that truly matter.

### FIBER ARTS ocls.info/fiberarts

### **IN-PERSON**

Let's Crochet Level 1
North Orange Branch
Wednesday, May 4, 10:30 a.m.–Noon
Start crocheting today. Learn to chain and single crochet stitch to create your first project!

Let's Crochet Level 2 North Orange Branch

Wednesday, May 11, 10:30 a.m.–Noon Add new stitches to your crochet repertoire! Learn the double and half double crochet stitches while you create a new project.

Let's Crochet – In the Round North Orange Branch

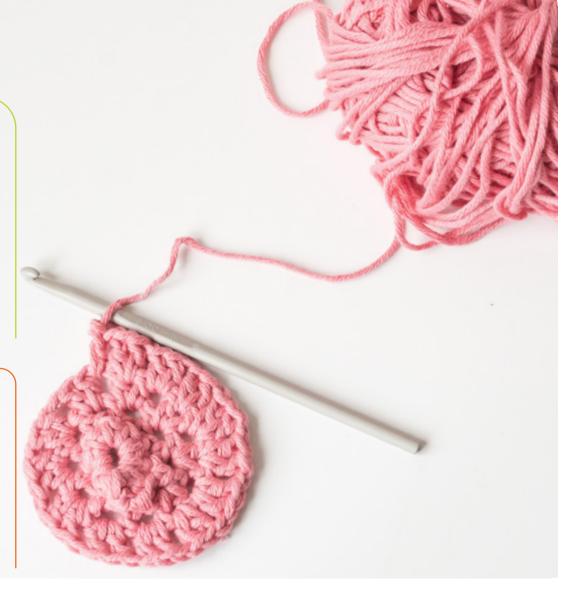
Wednesday, May 18, 10:30 a.m.–Noon Add to your project possibilities by crocheting in the round! Create crochet projects such as hats, bowls and ornaments.

#### VIRTUAL

**Let's Crochet: Amigurumi Cactus Garden** *Wednesdays, May 4–25, 10–11:30 a.m.*We're celebrating florals all month long by making a garden! You'll need Crochet Level 1 & 2, In The Round and Amigurumi Skills for this project.

Hand Sewing Sashiko Patterns *Thursdays, May 5–26, 10:15 a.m.* 

Stitch beautiful May flowers using sashiko hand sewing techniques. This Japanese hand sewing technique uses the simple running stitch to form geometric patterns.



### TECHNOLOGY ocls.info/techclasses

#### **IN-PERSON**

**Microsoft Excel: Pivot Tables** West Oaks Branch Tuesday, May 3, 12:15 p.m. Orlando Public Library Sunday, May 15, 1:30 p.m. Chickasaw Branch Thursday, May 19, 5:30 p.m. Fairview Shores Branch Monday, May 23, 10:30 a.m. South Creek Branch Saturday, May 28, 11:45 a.m. Dread analyzing data? Simplify the process and create meaningful reports using the powerful PivotTable tools. Learn how to create and customize PivotTables and PivotCharts using Microsoft Excel.

Microsoft Excel: **Formulas and Functions** West Oaks Branch Tuesday, May 3, 11 a.m. Orlando Public Library Sunday, May 8, 1:30 p.m. Fairview Shores Branch Monday, May 16, 10:30 a.m. Chickasaw Branch Thursday, May 19, 4:15 p.m. North Orange Branch Saturday, May 21, 2 p.m. South Creek Branch Saturday, May 28, 10:15 a.m. Calculate your data with formulas and functions. Use the Function Library to find the best fit for your project. Insert financial, logical, lookup, math

and text functions.

### <WEB DESIGN>

Web Design: HTML Level 1
Orlando Public Library
Wednesday, May 4, 10:30 a.m.–Noon
West Oaks Branch
Thursday, May 5, 1:30–3:30 p.m.
Chickasaw Branch
Saturday, May 14, 10:30 a.m.–Noon
Want to expand your skills? Learn how
to layout webpages using HTML5
tags. In this class, learn how to create a
header, footer and different sections in
a webpage.

Web Design: HTML Level 2
Orlando Public Library
Wednesday, May 11, 10:30 a.m.–Noon
West Oaks Branch
Thursday, May 12, 1:30–3:30 p.m.
Chickasaw Branch
Saturday, May 14, 12:30–2 p.m.
Learn basic web design processes and
terminology and how to create a simple

webpage using HTML tags.

Web Design: HTML Level 3
Orlando Public Library
Wednesday, May 18, 10:30 a.m.–Noon
West Oaks Branch
Thursday, May 19, 1:30–3:30 p.m.
Chickasaw Branch
Saturday, May 28, 10:30 a.m.–Noon
Want to display data properly on
your webpage? Learn how to build a
responsive table to showcase your data.

Web Design: HTML Level 4
Orlando Public Library
Wednesday, May 25, 10:30 a.m.–Noon
West Oaks Branch
Thursday, May 26, 1:30–3:30 p.m.
Chickasaw Branch
Saturday, May 28, 12:30–2 p.m.
Do you want to interact with your users?
Learn how to create an interactive form
to collect data from your site visitors.

### MELROSE ocls.info/melrose

IN-PERSON

Make a Cherry Blossom Andon Lamp
Orlando Public Library,
Melrose Center
Wednesday, May 4, 3 p.m.
Saturday, May 14, 10:30 a.m.
Celebrate Asian American and Pacific
Islander Heritage Month with a softly
glowing paper andon lamp! Learn how
to use the Silhouette Cameo to create
beautiful papercraft projects.

### VIRTUAL

Make a Cherry Blossom Andon Lamp Thursday, May 19, 6 p.m.



### **Blender Fundamentals**

*Tuesday, May 10, 11 a.m.–12:30 p.m.*This class will introduce you to the basics of modeling, rigging, and animating a 3D character using Blender.

### Modeling a Character in Blender

Tuesday, May 10, 3–4:30 p.m.

Learn to extrude, subdivide and edit geometrical shapes to create a biped character.

### **UV Mapping in Blender**

Wednesday, May 11, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Learn to correct and extract the UV coordinates of a biped character's geometry.

### Rigging a Character in Blender Wednesday, May 11, 3–4:30 p.m.

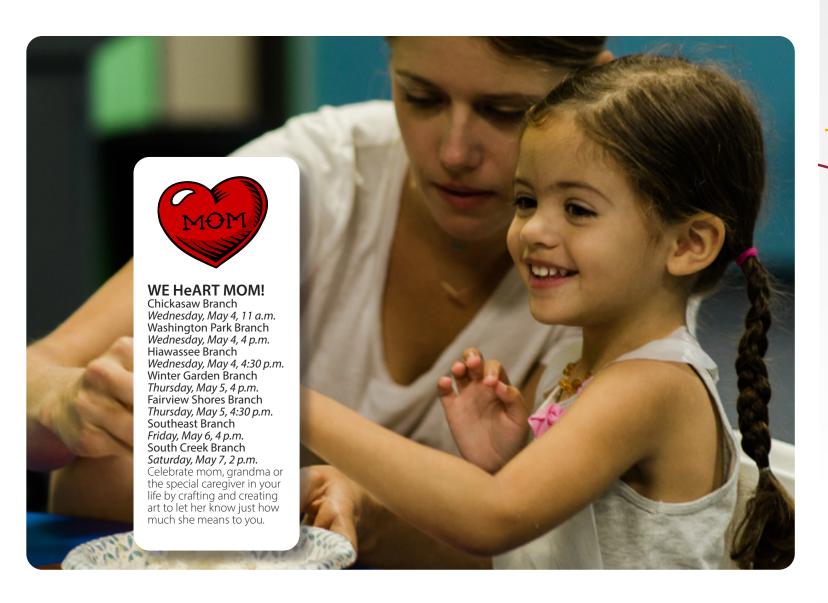
Learn to apply, modify and define a skeletal structure of a biped character using the Rigify add-on.

### Melrose Meetup:

Audio – The Importance of Preproduction Wednesday, May 18, 6–7:30 p.m.

The process of making your music come to life can be challenging. Melrose audio instructors will go over what the pre-production process entails and how to use it to maximize your time in the studio.





### **FAMILY** ocls.info/family

### **IN-PERSON**

How to Draw Baby Yoda Hiawassee Branch Tuesday, May 3, 5:30 p.m. Follow along as the instructor takes

you through the basic steps that are used to create beloved characters from our favorite stories.

Prime Time Family Reading Time Alafaya Branch

Wednesdays, May 4–25, 6–7:30 p.m. Join us for a six-week reading and discussion program that inspires thought and conversation between children and families. Meals will be provided.

**Animal Education** Workshop for Children Winter Garden Branch Saturday, May 7, 11 a.m.

Learn about responsible pet ownership and bite prevention. and play educational jeopardy in an animal welfare focused workshop. Recommended for families with children ages 6-12.

**Star Wars Crafts** Alafaya Branch Saturday, May 7, 11 a.m. Celebrate Star Wars Day with crafts and games. Costumes encouraged!

**Mindful Start Family Yoga** Winter Garden Branch Mondays, May 9–23, 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

**Family Art Adventures** Southeast Branch Thursday, May 12, 4 p.m. Explore art as a family with books and hands-on activities. Families will learn about mandala dot art, then create their own work of art. Recommended for families with children ages 5 and up.

with children ages 0–7.

ArtMazing South Creek Branch Saturday, May 14, 2 p.m.

Unleash your inner artist and discover your creative side in this all-ages art exploration. Inspiration is a must! Recommended for families with children ages 6 and up.

En Persona: Aprenda Inglés Básico South Trail Branch

Fridays, May 20 & 27, 10:30 a.m. Aprenda todo lo esencial del Inglés hablado y escrito, explicado de una forma clara y sencilla. Si es tu primera vez en esté pais, es la clase perfecta para dar tus primeros pasos. Te esperamos!

**I Love Manatees** South Trail Branch Wednesday, May 25, 3:30 p.m. Show some love for Florida's state marine animal with stories, crafts and activities.

Movie and a Craft West Oaks Branch Saturday, May 28, 3–5 p.m. Sit back and relax during a familyfriendly movie while working on a craft or coloring sheets.



### **IN-PERSON**

**Homeschool Meetup:** Paper House Architect Southwest Branch

Monday, May 2, 1 p.m. Students will use observation and measurement to learn how architects use paper to represent plans for buildings and make a 3D model. Recommended for ages 6–12.

**Homeschool French** Windermere Branch

Tuesdays, May 3 & 17, 2 p.m. Develop your French skills with us! In this French class you will learn basic vocabulary, numbers, colors and much more. Recommended for ages 6–17.

**Homeschool Meetup:** Lessons from Star Wars Southwest Branch Monday, May 9, 1 p.m.

May the Force be with you for this program which will examine the lessons taught in the Star Wars universe! Recommended for ages 6-12.

**Homeschool Spanish** Windermere Branch Tuesdays, May 10 & 24, 2 p.m.

Develop your Spanish skills with us! In this Spanish class you will learn basic vocabulary, numbers, colors and much more. Recommended for ages 6-17.

Homeschool Jr. -Japanese Drum/Fan Windermere Branch Wednesday, May 11, 10:30 a.m.

Kick start your little one's education with Homeschool Junior! Join us for a storytime and activities all about basic concepts. Recommended for ages 3-5.

Homeschool: **Earn Your Green Thumb** Windermere Branch

Thursday, May 12, 1 p.m. Discover how seeds grow with an easy plant experiment. Recommended for ages 6–12.

**Homeschool Art Expressions:** Furoshiki Wrapping Windermere Branch Friday, May 13, 2 p.m.

Join us for a fun afternoon where you will learn to be more creative by developing and expressing your art skill. This art class is designed to help children improve their motor skills.

**Homeschool Meetup:** Who Needs a Map? Southwest Branch

Monday, May 16, 1 p.m. Students will learn to read a paper map, identify the parts of a map and complete a design challenge. Recommended for ages 6–12.

Homeschool: Maritime Day Windermere Branch Thursday, May 19, 1 p.m. From pirates to shipwrecks, we'll

explore the ocean with fun activities and a craft. Recommended for ages 6-12.

**Homeschool Meetup:** Where are You? Southwest Branch Monday, May 23, 1 p.m. How did people make the first maps? How can we create our own? Find out in this Homeschool Meetup! Recommended for ages 6-12.

Homeschool Jr. -Who Lives in Trees Windermere Branch

Wednesday, May 25, 10:30 a.m. Kick start your little one's education with Homeschool Junior! Join us for a storytime and activities all about basic concepts. Recommended for ages 3-5.

Homeschool: Is Your Thumb Still Green? Windermere Branch Thursday, May 26, 1 p.m.

Share important aspects of plant growth in this continuation of Earn Your Green Thumb. Recommended for ages 6–12.

**Homeschool Art Expressions** Windermere Branch Friday, May 27, 2 p.m.

Join us for a fun afternoon where you will learn to be more creative by developing and expressing your art skill. This art class is designed to help children improve their motor skills. Recommended for ages 6–12.

#### VIRTUAL

**Homeschool French** Friday, May 6, 2 p.m. Tuesday, May 31, 2 p.m.

Develop your French skills with us! In this French class you will learn basic vocabulary, numbers, colors and much more. Recommended for ages 6–17.



### BABY (Ages 0-18 Months)

#### IN-PERSON =

Mother Goose on the Loose Southwest Branch Monday, May 2, 10:30 a.m. Fairview Shores Branch Thursdays, May 5–26, 10:15 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.

Baby's First Galaxy Art
Southeast Branch
Monday, May 2, 11 a.m.
South Creek Branch
Thursday, May 5, 10:30 a.m.
Southwest Branch
Monday, May 16, 10:30 a.m.
Dress for a mess! Your baby will
use edible paint to create their first
interstellar masterpiece.

# Mama Gansa South Creek Branch Wednesday, May 4, 10:30 a.m. Southwest Branch Monday, May 23, 10:30 a.m. A Spanish immersion Mother G

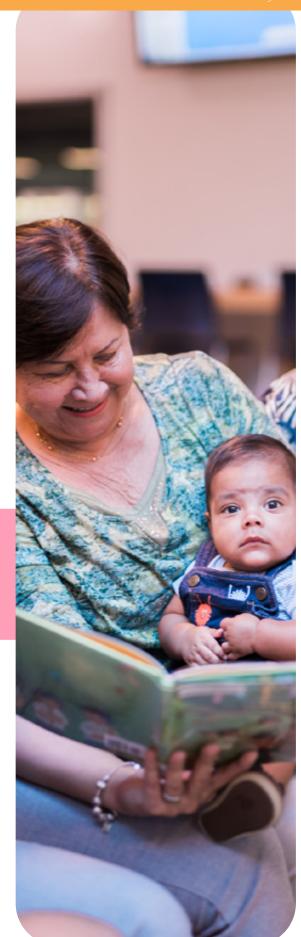
A Spanish immersion Mother Goose on the Loose with interactive songs, rhymes and activities to grow your baby's early literacy and Spanish skills.

### CAREGIVER CONNECT: STAY AND PLAY

Winter Garden Branch Fridays, May 6–27, 11:35 a.m.
Connect with other caregivers to meet and mingle while your little one explores imaginary play with new and old friends.

Baby's First Art Alafaya Branch Wednesday, May 18, 11 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. Registration required for each child.



### **TODDLER** (Ages 18–36 Months)

#### IN-PERSON

Asteroid Adventures
South Creek Branch
Tuesday, May 3, 10:30 a.m.
Hiawassee Branch
Friday, May 6, 11 a.m.
Develop your little astronaut's motor skills
on our asteroid adventure.

Storytime Craft
North Orange Branch
Wednesdays, May 4–25, 10:30 a.m.
Drop-in before and after storytime to create a make-and-take craft. Recommended for ages 2–5.

Space Discovery
North Orange Branch
Thursday, May 5, 11 a.m.
Southwest Branch
Wednesday, May 25, 10:30 a.m.
Zip up your suits and pop on yo

Zip up your suits and pop on your helmets; we're off on an outer space adventure. Discover the wonders of space through stories and interactive activities.

### **PARACHUTE PLAY**

North Orange Branch
Friday, May 6, 11 a.m.
Winter Garden Branch
Tuesday, May 24, 10:30 a.m. & 11 a.m.
Join us with your toddlers for a special
parachute playtime. Enjoy rhymes, songs and
tons of parachute fun. Seating is limited.

**Boom, Zoom, Blastoff!** North Orange Branch *Monday, May 9, 11 a.m.* 

Discover with us on a journey to outer space! Dress for a mess to explore the amazing world of stars and more.

**Traffic JAM!**North Orange Branch *Tuesday, May 10, 11 a.m.* 

It's time for a tough truck party with a celebration of things that go, go, go! Recommended for ages 2–5.

Little Bugs

Southwest Branch Wednesday, May 11, 10:30 a.m. Let's learn, grow and play as we learn about our

favorite bugs with interactive stations for all!

You Are My Sunshine

North Orange Branch Tuesday, May 31, 11 a.m.

Celebrate a positive mindset and sunshiny moments by singing songs, reading stories and completing crafts and activities sure to make your little one smile!





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### **IN-PERSON**

TINY TALES (ages birth–18 months)
South Creek Branch, Mondays, 11:15 a.m.
Chickasaw Branch, Tuesdays, 10:15 a.m.
North Orange Branch, Wednesdays, 10:15 a.m.
Southeast Branch, Wednesdays, 11:15 a.m.
Windermere Branch, Thursdays, 10:15 a.m.
West Oaks Branch, Thursdays, 10:15 a.m.
Southwest Branch, Thursdays, 11:30 a.m.
Winter Garden Branch, Fridays, 11:15 a.m.
Alafaya Branch, Fridays, 10:15 a.m.

TODDLER TIME (ages 18 months—3 years)
South Creek Branch, Mondays, 10:45 a.m.
Chickasaw Branch, Tuesdays, 10:45 a.m.
North Orange Branch, Wednesdays, 10:45 a.m.
Southeast Branch, Wednesdays, 10:45 a.m.
Windermere Branch, Thursdays, 10:45 a.m.
West Oaks Branch, Thursdays, 10:45 a.m.
Southwest Branch, Thursdays, 11 a.m.
Winter Garden Branch, Fridays, 10:45 a.m.
Alafaya Branch, Fridays, 10:45 a.m.

STORYBOOK FUN (ages 3–5 years)
South Creek Branch, Mondays, 10:15 a.m.
Chickasaw Branch, Tuesdays, 11:15 a.m.
North Orange Branch, Wednesdays, 11:15 a.m.
Southeast Branch, Wednesdays, 10:15 a.m.
Windermere Branch, Thursdays, 11:15 a.m.
West Oaks Branch, Thursdays, 11:15 a.m.
Southwest Branch, Thursdays, 10:30 a.m.
Winter Garden Branch, Fridays, 10:15 a.m.
Alafaya Branch, Fridays, 11:15 a.m.

**ZERO TO FIVE STORYTIME** (ages 0–5 years) Fairview Shores Branch, Mondays, 10:15 a.m. Hiawassee Branch, Mondays, 10:15 a.m. Washington Park Branch, Tuesdays, 10:15 a.m. Eatonville Branch, Thursdays, 10:15 a.m. South Trail Branch, Fridays, 10:15 a.m. Orlando Public Library, Saturdays, 11 a.m.

### PRESCHOOL (Ages 3-5)

### **IN-PERSON**

Mama Had a Little Lamb Winter Garden Branch Tuesday, May 3, 10:30 a.m. South Trail Branch Wednesday, May 4, 11 a.m. West Oaks Branch Tuesday, May 31, 11 a.m. Everywhere that mama went, her lamb was sure to go. Join us for an event that is sure to entertain the little lambs and celebrate their mamas.

### **Countdown to Kindergarten** Alafaya Branch

Tuesdays, May 3 & 10, 11 a.m.
West Oaks Branch
Tuesdays, May 3 & 10, 11 a.m.
Who says you can't play with your food? Strengthen important early literacy skills through food-themed stories, activities and a craft.
Recommended for ages 4–5.

May Flowers
North Orange Branch
Tuesday, May 3, 11 a.m.
South Creek Branch
Thursday, May 19, 10:30 a.m.
Listen to stories and engage in
hands-on science activities to learn

### Build My Universe: Build an Alien Race Chickasaw Branch

about flowers and plants.

Friday, May 6, 11 a.m.
A new alien race requests permission to land at your local library! Explore the five senses and how they help us to live in this world, then create an alien race for your universe.

#### It's All Groovy! / ¡Todo es fantástico! Southeast Branch

Monday, May 9, 11 a.m. Learn basic concepts with stories and activities inspired by Pete the Cat. Aprende conceptos básicos con historias y actividades inspiradas en Pete el Gato.

Boom, Zoom, Blastoff! Winter Garden Branch Tuesday, May 10, 10:30 a.m. Discover with us on a journey to outer space! Dress for a mess to explore the amazing world of stars and more.

Shape Seekers
Southwest Branch
Tuesday, May 10, 10:30 a.m.
Shapes are found everywhere!
Embark on a shape search to help
your preschooler identify shapes in
nature and built environments.

Zoo Zen Chickasaw Branch Wednesday, May 11, 11 a.m. South Trail Branch Wednesday, May 11, 11 a.m. North Orange Branch Tuesday, May 17, 11 a.m. It's time for an introduction to yoga with zoo animals and friends! Learn fun movements as you go on a wild and magical journey full of movement and stories.

Bubble Playtime
Winter Garden Branch
Tuesday, May 17, 10:30 a.m.
Help your child with their motor
development skills in this interactive
bubble class.

#### Mulan Storytime Alafaya Branch

It's All Groovy

Tuesday, May 17, 11 a.m.
Train to be a hero like Mulan
through stories, activities and crafts.
Registration for each child required.

Chickasaw Branch
Wednesday, May 18, 11 a.m.
North Orange Branch
Tuesday, May 24, 11 a.m.
Who's the cool cat on the street?
Learn basic concepts with singalong stories and activities inspired by Pete the Cat. Come dressed with your groovy buttons for a good time.

Lots of Dots North Orange Branch Thursday, May 19, 11 a.m. Some dots are big. Some dots are small. Some dots fly. Some dots fall. Enjoy stories, activities and crafts around us all!

**Animal Education** 

citizens and animals.

Workshop for Children Alafaya Branch Thursday, May 19, 4 p.m. Learn about responsible pet ownership, bite prevention and play educational jeopardy in an animal welfare focused workshop. Support the Orange County Code to protect

Cuentame un Cuento North Orange Branch Friday, May 20, 11 a.m. Enjoy bilingual stories and crafts for children. The library provides an interactive storytime in English and Spanish suitable for speakers of either languages. The whole family is welcome!

#### Ada Twist, Scientist Storytime Alafaya Branch

Tuesday, May 24, 11 a.m.
Become a scientist just like Ada
Twist! Join us for stories, games and
a science experiment! Registration
for each child required.

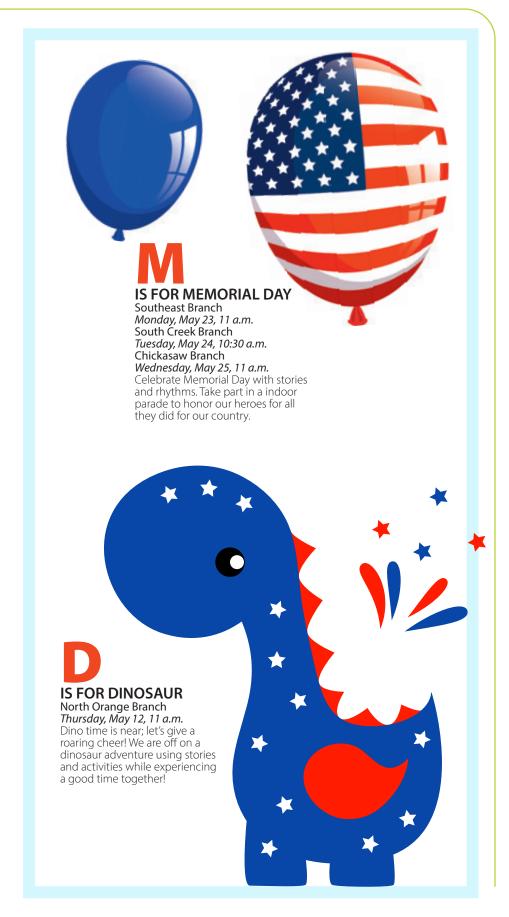
Sound Safari
Southwest Branch
Tuesday, May 24, 10:30 a.m.
What's that sound? Preschoolers
will explore sounds in nature and
discover ways they can imitate these
sounds through musical instruments
and voice.

What Can You Do With Money? Winter Garden Branch Thursday, May 26, 10:30 a.m. Count it, earn it, spend it, save it. Learn what you can do with money through stories and hands-on activities.

Alligator or Crocodile? Southwest Branch Tuesday, May 31, 10:30 a.m. Preschoolers will engage in learning activities to explore the differences between alligators and crocodiles in this fun story time.

Tiny Toes Ballet Alafaya Branch Tuesday, May 31, 11 a.m. Let's dance! Jump and plié as we read stories and learn some basic ballet moves. Registration required for each child.





#### VIRTUAL

### Sesame Street Storytime

Mondays, May 2–23, 11 a.m.

Can you tell me how to get, how to get to Sesame Street? Let's make it a sunny day with a storytime and craft celebrating our favorite friends.

### Pajama Party

Mondays, May 2–23, 7 p.m.

Put on your pajamas and join us virtually for stories, songs and a craft.

#### Frolicking Foxes

Wednesday, May 4, 11 a.m.

Foxes live in many parts of the world and are known for being clever and playful. Learn more about these animals while practicing important literacy skills for preschoolers.

### Space Discovery

Thursday, May 5, 11 a.m.

Zip up your suits and pop on your helmets; we're off on an outer space adventure. Discover the wonders of space through stories and interactive activities.

### It's All Groovy!

Tuesday, May 10, 2:30 p.m.

Who's the cool cat on the street? Learn basic concepts with sing-along stories and activities inspired by *Pete the Cat*. Come dressed with your groovy buttons for a good time!

#### **Wonderful Whales**

Wednesday, May 11, 11 a.m.

Whales are some of the largest animals on our planet. Find out more about these amazing creatures with fact-filled stories for preschoolers.

#### **Pretty Pigs**

Wednesday, May 18, 11 a.m.

Preschoolers will discover amazing facts about pigs through fact-filled stories and activities that encourage learning and development of early literacy skills.

#### Zoo Zen

Friday, May 20, 11 a.m.

It's time for an introduction to yoga with zoo animals and friends! Learn fun movements as you go on a wild and magical journey full of movement and stories.

#### **Busy Bees**

Wednesday, May 25, 11 a.m.

Buzzz! Preschoolers will explore the amazing world of bees through fact-filled stories and activities that help them develop early literacy skills.

### Little Chef: No-Churn Galaxy Ice Cream Thursday, May 26, 11 a.m.

Create ice cream that's out of this world! Your little one will learn cooking skills like kitchen safety, measuring and scooping as you interact with a delicious recipe.

#### **IN-PERSON**

# Casual Crafternoons Fairview Shores Branch Mondays, May 2–23, 4:30 p.m. Create your own masterpiece as

Create your own masterpiece as we explore different art fundamentals and styles!

#### Moon Myths

Winter Garden Branch Wednesday, May 4, 3:30 p.m. South Trail Branch Wednesday, May 4, 4 p.m. West Oaks Branch Wednesday, May 25, 4 p.m.

Do you feel different when there's a full moon? Do you think it could be made of cheese? Find out what else people across the world believe about the moon. Recommended for ages 9–12.

### **Art Club** Alafaya Branch

Wednesday, May 4, 4 p.m.

Try out new artistic techniques each month and experiment with your fellow artists! Recommended for ages 9–12. Registration required for each child.

Astronaut for a Day West Oaks Branch Wednesday, May 4, 4 p.m. Washington Park Branch Wednesday, May 11, 4 p.m.

Test your skills and complete missions to see if you have what it takes to blast off into space.

### The Lightsaber's Lore and Legacy Southwest Branch Wednesday, May 4, 4 p.m.

The lightsaber is the iconic weapon of the Jedi and one of the most recognizable pieces of pop culture on the planet. Learn everything there is to know about lightsabers and learn a spinning trick or two.

### **Space Lander STEM Challenge** Southwest Branch

Wednesday, May 11, 3 p.m. Aliens orbiting the Earth need to deliver important information about saving our planet. Can you help them travel through our atmosphere and land safely on Earth? Recommended for 9–12.

### How Much do You Weigh on the Moon?

South Trail Branch Wednesday, May 11, 3:30 p.m.
Ever fall asleep and have something fall on your head? That's gravity!
Experiment with this phenomenon and learn how it works, both on earth and in space.

### Sunshine State Jr. Book Club Alafaya Branch Wednesday, May 11, 4 p.m.

Hear us read aloud one of the 2021–2022 Sunshine State Jr. (K–2) books, and then enjoy an activity! Registration required. Recommended for ages 6–8.

### Happy Habitats Alafaya Branch

Thursday, May 12, 4 p.m. Learn about habitats, plants and animals through books and crafts. This month we're learning about the tundra. Registration required for each child. Recommended for ages 6–8.

### How do you BURP in Space? Washington Park Branch Tuesday, May 17, 4 p.m.

Learn answers to questions you didn't know you had about outer space and beyond. Enjoy activities and crafts that are out of this world.

### Gardening for Wildlife Winter Garden Branch Tuesday May 17, 4:20 p.p.

Tuesday, May 17, 4:30 p.m.
Spring is in the air. It's the perfect time to learn about some of the critters that live in our own backyards, and how we can make a space for them. Recommended for ages 6–8.

### A Trip to Japan

Winter Garden Branch
Wednesday, May 18, 3:30 p.m.
West Oaks Branch
Wednesday, May 18, 4 p.m.
Southeast Branch
Saturday, May 28, 11 a.m.
Konnichiwa! Explore the land of
the rising sun with stories, games
and crafts inspired by Japan.
Recommended for ages 6–8.

### Art History for Kids Southwest Branch

Wednesday, May 18, 4 p.m. In this series we will explore artists and their styles. We will also create our own masterpieces inspired by their work. Recommended for ages 9–12.

### May Crafternoon Alafaya Branch Wednesday, May 18, 4 p.m.

Make your own bunch of easy paper flowers. April showers bring May flowers, so let's get colorful! Registration required for each child. Recommended for ages 6–8.

### Sunday Matinee: Raya and the Last Dragon North Orange Branch Sunday, May 22, 2 –4:30 p.m.

Learn about some of the Southeast Asian culture that inspired Disney's Raya and the Last Dragon, then enjoy watching the movie and completing fun activities.

#### Macaroni Mania Windermere Branch

Monday, May 23, 4 p.m.

Join us to make a craft with macaroni.

### 4EverFit4Kidz!

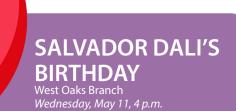
Southwest Branch
Friday, May 27, 10:30 a.m.
Children develop skills and
neurological growth engaging in fun

and playful movement exercises.

### VIRTUAL

### Pirates! All Aboard to Japan Tuesday, May 31, 4:30 p.m.

Join our quirky pirate crew as we sail to Japan to celebrate Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month! We'll share stories, experiment with science and dance our way through new adventures via Zoom.



Happy birthday, Dali! Celebrate the life of this unique artist by creating your own works of art inspired by his surreal pieces.

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TO HIS BIRTHDAY CAKE





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### **BIZKIDS CAMPS**

Ready to become an entrepreneur? The BizKids Club is an instructor-led program that introduces participants to the world of business and entrepreneurship. Recommended for ages 9–14. BizKid Camps will begin in June, visit ocls.info/bizkids for a complete listing of dates.



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### MODERN PARENTING

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**Books, Balls & Blocks** 

South Trail Branch Monday, May 2, 10:30 a.m. Southwest Branch Monday, May 9, 10:30 a.m. West Oaks Branch

Tuesday, May 17, 11 a.m. Attend a family community screening for children ages 0-5. Children will engage in activity stations while their caregiver completes a questionnaire. A trained professional will review the results.

#### VIRTUAL

**Family Zumba** Saturday, May 14, 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. Registration required.

### **Children Listen When You Listen** Chickasaw Branch Wednesday, May 18, 5 p.m.

Communication is important for your children to know that they are being heard by their parents. Learn about active listening techniques and shifting speech perspective: What to say and how to say it.

**HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS** 

Alafaya Branch

Sunday, May 15, 2 p.m.

Identify the characteristics of healthy, unhealthy and abusive relationships through interactive scenarios. Learn effective

### communication within relationships. Recommended ages 13 and up.

### IN-PERSON

Pop-Up Culture Alafaya Branch

Saturday, May 7, 4 p.m.

Create fun paper creations inspired by your favorite fandoms. This month we'll make Star Wars pop-up cards using basic paper engineering techniques.

### **Constellation Canvas**

Southwest Branch

Thursday, May 12, 4 p.m.

What do you see when you gaze at the night sky? Discover the patterns in the stars while creating a stellar masterpiece.

### **Totally Totoro**

Windermere Branch

Monday, May 16, 4:30 p.m.

Are you a fan of anime and manga? Share your fandom with others while making crafts inspired by the classic anime My Neighbor Totoro.

### **DIY: Summer Music Speaker**

Southwest Branch

Thursday, May 19, 4 p.m.

Gearing up for the summer and need a cool speaker for the beach or your room? Join us in making your own music speaker!

### **Teen Art Adventures:**

Watercolor Rose

South Creek Branch Saturday, May 21, 2 p.m.

Create a beautiful watercolor rose using glue

and basic art supplies.

#### **Geeky Crafts** South Creek Branch

Wednesday, May 25, 3:30 p.m.

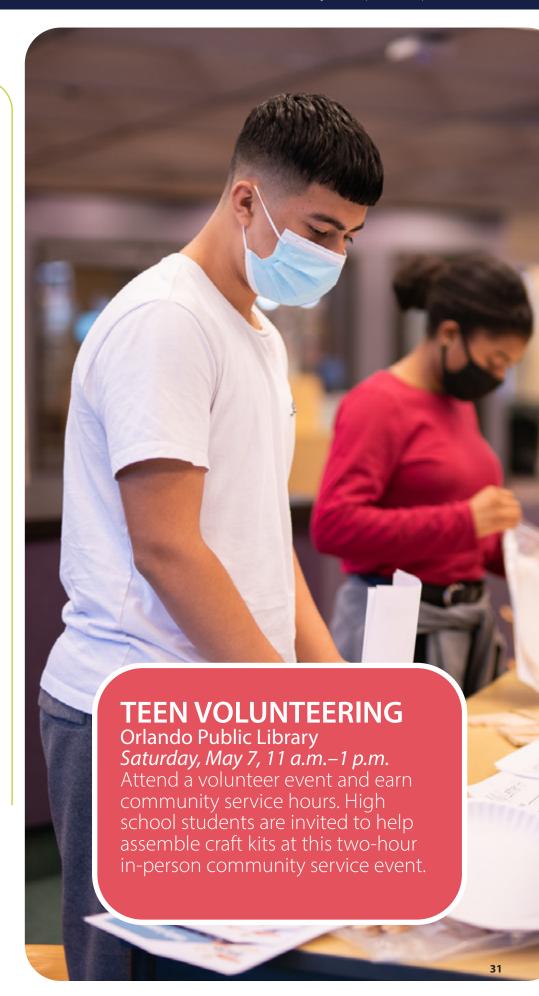
Calling all fans of everything from Star Wars to Harry Potter, it's time to get crafty! Spend the hour creating geeky crafts to keep.

### Teen Art Adventures: **Medieval Stained Glass**

Hiawassee Branch

Wednesday, May 25, 4 p.m.

Lower the drawbridge, prepare the royal windows! It's time to create stained glass just like in medieval times.



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Horizon West Book Drop Hamlin Town Center 14416 Shoreside Way, Winter Garden, FL 34787

### Lake Nona Book Drop

Valencia College Lake Nona Campus 12350 Narcoossee Rd, Orlando, FL 32832

Materials placed in book drops are picked up and returned to the library Monday—Saturday.

### **LOCATIONS** Sunday Hours: (9)

**Orlando Public Library** 101 E. Central Blvd., Orlando, FL 32801 Monday—Thursday 10 a.m.—7 p.m. Friday—Saturday 10 a.m.—6 p.m. Sunday 1—6 p.m. 🕒

#### Alafaya Branch

12000 E. Colonial Dr., Orlando, FL 32826 Monday—Thursday 10 a.m.—7 p.m. Friday—Saturday 10 a.m.—6 p.m. Sunday 1–6 p.m. 🕒

#### Chickasaw Branch

870 N. Chickasaw Trail, Orlando, FL 32825 Monday—Thursday 10 a.m.—7 p.m. Friday—Saturday 10 a.m.—6 p.m.

### **Eatonville Branch**

200 E. Kennedy Blvd., Eatonville, FL 32751 Monday-Thursday 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Friday—Saturday 10 a.m.—6 p.m.

### Fairview Shores Branch

902 Lee Road, Suite 26, Orlando, FL 32810 Monday—Thursday 10 a.m.—7 p.m. Friday—Saturday 10 a.m.—6 p.m.

### Hiawassee Branch

7391 W. Colonial Dr., Orlando, FL 32818 Monday—Thursday 10 a.m.—7 p.m. Friday—Saturday 10 a.m.—6 p.m.

### North Orange Branch

1211 E. Semoran Blvd., Apopka, FL 32703 Monday—Thursday 10 a.m.—7 p.m. Friday—Saturday 10 a.m.—6 p.m. Sunday 1—6 p.m.

### **South Creek Branch**

1702 Deerfield Blvd., Orlando, FL 32837 Monday—Thursday 10 a.m.—7 p.m. Friday—Saturday 10 a.m.—6 p.m. Sunday 1—6 p.m.

### South Trail Branch

4600 S. Orange Blossom Tr., Orlando, FL 32839 Monday-Thursday 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Friday—Saturday 10 a.m.—6 p.m.

### **Southeast Branch**

5575 S. Semoran Blvd., Orlando, FL 32822 Monday—Thursday 10 a.m.—7 p.m. Friday—Saturday 10 a.m.—6 p.m.

### **Southwest Branch**

7255 Della Dr., Orlando, FL 32819 Monday—Thursday 10 a.m.—7 p.m. Friday—Saturday 10 a.m.—6 p.m.

**Washington Park Branch** 5151 Raleigh St., Suite A., Orlando, FL 32811 Monday—Thursday 10 a.m.—7 p.m. Friday—Saturday 10 a.m.—6 p.m.

#### West Oaks Branch & Genealogy Center 1821 E. Silver Star Rd., Ocoee, FL 34761

Monday—Thursday 10 a.m.—7 p.m. Friday—Saturday 10 a.m.—6 p.m. Sunday 1–6 p.m. (L)

### Windermere Branch

530 Main St., Windermere, FL 34786 Monday—Thursday 10 a.m.—7 p.m. Friday—Saturday 10 a.m.—6 p.m.

#### Winter Garden Branch

805 E. Plant St., Winter Garden, FL 34787 Monday—Thursday 10 a.m.—7 p.m. Friday—Saturday 10 a.m.—6 p.m.

### **CLOSURES**

### **Memorial Day**

All Locations:

Sunday & Monday, May 29 & 30

### Día de los caídos

Todos las localidades:

el domingo y lunes, 29 y 30 de mayo



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