



Orange County Library System is turning 100 and

YOU'RE INVITED

to celebrate with us!

WHEN:

Saturday, January 7, 10:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

WHERE:

Orlando Public Library 101 E. Central Blvd. Orlando, FL 32801



- Storytime and crafts
- Music and nonalcoholic craft cocktails
- Friends of the Library Book Sale
- Activities on every floor

WASHINGTON PARK BRANCH WILL BE CLOSED FOR A REFRESH NOVEMBER 24—DECEMBER 18

VISIT US WHEN WE REOPEN DECEMBER 19

While we are closed, you can access library services online or visit any of our other <u>library branches</u>.

Nearby branches include:

South Trail Branch 4600 S. Orange Blossom Trail, Orlando Hiawassee Branch 7391 W. Colonial Dr., Orlando



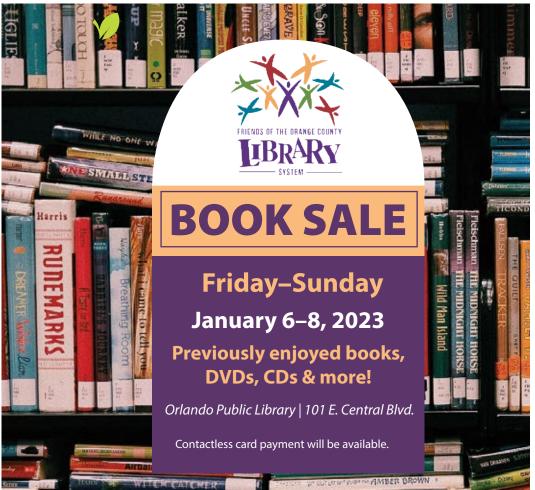
These projected dates are subject to change.

CHECK OUT EVEN MORE AT THE LIBRARY!

VISIT THE OCLS BLOG FOR EVERYTHING FROM AUTHOR INTERVIEWS TO POP CULTURE DISCUSSIONS

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LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

President Crockett Bohannon Vice President Nicole Benjamin Danielle Levien Richard Maladecki Lizannette Tam

Next Board Of Trustees Meeting:

Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room *Thursday, December 8, 6 p.m.*

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President Melissa Stillman Vice President Erica Lee Treasurer Irene McNutt Secretary Almeda Sun

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Next Friends Of The Library Board Of Directors Meeting:

Virtual

Wednesday, December 14, Noon

FROM THE DIRECTOR

Every year for the past several years, Orange County Library System has been a member of OverDrive's One Million Checkout Club. That means our customers used OverDrive to check out more than a million ebooks and audiobooks in a year. We're on track to be part of the club again – in fact, we're on track to far surpass one million checkouts for 2022. So we've decided to set a goal for ourselves.

As you hopefully read in last month's issue, the library system turns 100 in 2023. We thought it would be cool to try to reach 1,923,000 checkouts this year, to highlight the fact that we first opened our doors in 1923. To hit this goal, we need your help!

If you enjoy reading ebooks or listening to audiobooks, check something out through OverDrive's Libby app this month. Even if you think you're too busy to sit down and read, download an audiobook to listen to while you're in the car or doing work around the house. Libby even has your favorite magazines. Every checkout counts!

If you haven't tried Libby yet, download it to your phone or tablet, check out a title and give it a try. Libby makes it easy to take advantage of the thousands of digital titles we have in our catalog, and you can read on your phone through the app, or download the title to the device of your choice. If you're not sure where to find ebooks and audiobooks on our website, scan the QR code below to browse titles on our website now. You can also download the app quickly and easily to your Apple or Android device.

Once we reach 1,923,000 checkouts, we'll pick one lucky customer who checked out a digital title through Libby to win a prize. We'll announce the winner at our 100 Year Celebration Kickoff, which takes place at the Orlando Public Library on January 7, 2023. You don't have to attend to be entered to win – we'll reach out to the winner via email. All you have to do is take advantage of one of the best digital perks your library card offers.

Scan here to browse our OverDrive collection





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Steve Powell Director/CEO Orange County Library System

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STAFF PICKS

Book reccommendations from library staff.

Eight Kisses: Eight All-New Tales of Hanukkah Romance edited by Mindy Klasky & Lori Ann Bailey

Hanukkah is the Festival of Lights, celebrating an ancient miracle with candles, fried foods and family gatherings. What better time to find true love? From Regency Scotland to contemporary New York City, from sweet short stories to super-spicy novellas, *Eight Kisses* spreads a feast of love.

Silent Night: The Story of the World War I Christmas Truce by Stanley Weintraub

Describes the spontaneous celebration that occurred in the trenches on Christmas Eve in 1914 during World War I, when participants on both sides briefly put aside their differences to exchange gifts, share food and enjoy a brief moment of peace.

Baking for the Holidays: 50+ Treats for a Festive Season by Sarah Kieffer

A festive baking book featuring more than 50 recipes to enjoy during the holiday season and all winter long.

My True Love Gave to Me: Twelve Holiday Stories edited and with a story by Stephanie Perkins

If you love holiday stories, holiday movies, made-for-TV-holiday specials, holiday episodes of your favorite sitcoms and, especially, if you love holiday anthologies, you're going to fall in love with *My True Love Gave to Me: Twelve Holiday Stories* by twelve bestselling young adult writers.

The Holiday Switch by Tif Marcelo

Two rival coworkers with two very big secrets . . . what could possibly go wrong? Cozy up with this charming holiday romance by *USA Today* bestselling author Tif Marcelo.

You Can Go Your Own Way by Eric Smith

A heartwarming and thoughtful enemies-to-lovers rom-com about two teens – one trying to save his family's failing pinball arcade, the other working for her tech genius dad who wants to take it over – who get trapped together in a snowstorm.



Getting Started with Libby

South Creek Branch

Saturday, December 3, 10:30 a.m.

Learn how easy it is to get started with Libby, including how to download the app, find your library and sign in! Recommended for ages 18 and up.

Upcycled Basket Weaving

West Oaks Branch

Saturday, December 3, 2-4 p.m.

Create a beautiful coiled basket using plastic shopping bags and scraps of yarn that will be perfect for your home or holiday gifts. Recommended for ages 18 and up.

Download eBooks with Libby

Southeast Branch

Saturday, December 3, 3 p.m.

Get to know Libby, the ebook platform from Overdrive. Bring your phone, tablet or other device to download your ebooks.

Adult Game Time

Windermere Branch

Saturdays, December 3-17, 3-4:30 p.m.

Get your game on! Spend a fun afternoon playing games and meeting new friends. From party games to classic cards, on a team or on your own, enjoy seeing how the dice roll. Recommended for ages 18 and up.

Tea & Conversation

South Creek Branch

Sunday, December 4, 2 p.m.

This monthly social is designed to bring adults together. Share your stories and have a cup of tea in this celebration of everyday life.

Rock the Wrap: Headwrap Styling Workshop Alafaya Branch

Sunday, December 4, 3-4:30 p.m.

This educational and interactive experience provides step-by-step instruction of headwrap styling techniques. Learn about the significance and history of head wrapping.

Registration required.

Yoga

Virtual

Monday, December 5, 9 a.m.

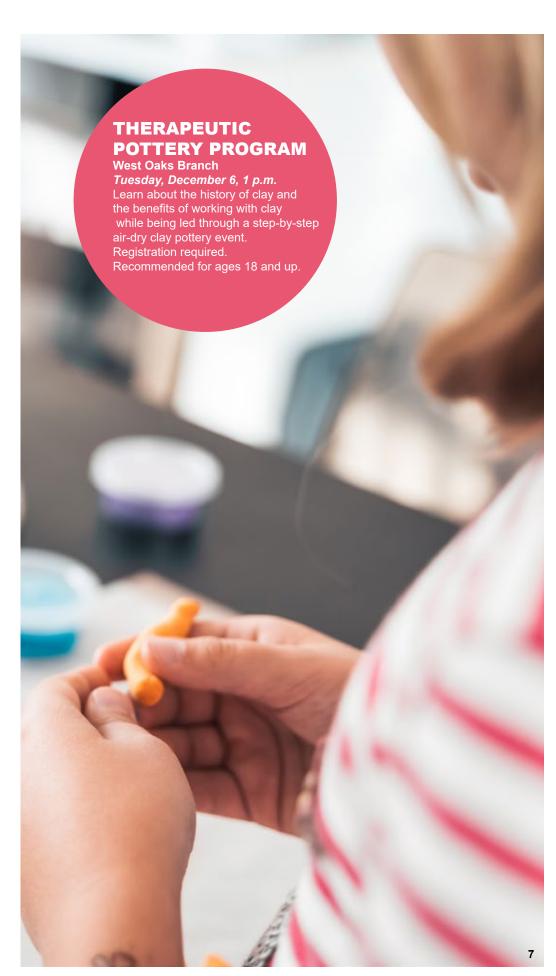
Get moving with this energizing and relaxing yoga sequence for all levels. Tap into the strength, balance, flexibility and relaxation that your body can provide you.

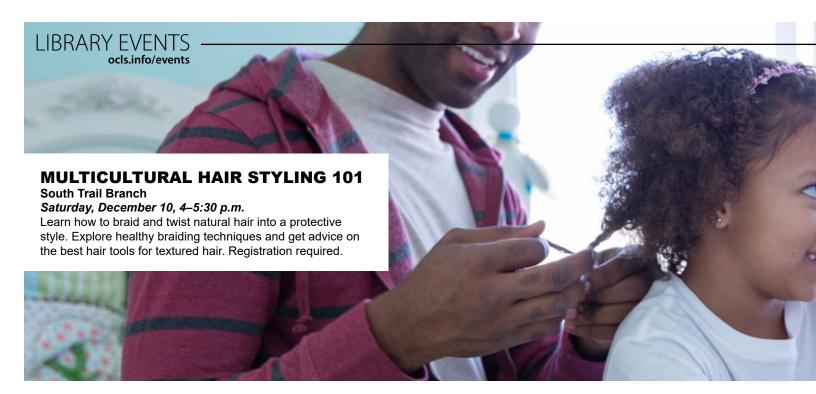
Plan Your Way to a Stress-Free Holiday!

Virtual

Monday, December 5, 11 a.m.

Join Jane Cole, certified professional organizer, as she gives you tips and hints for organizing your holiday décor, preparing the kids for the holidays, gift giving and prepping for the new year.





Southwest Film Club Virtual

Tuesday, December 6, 7–8:30 p.m. The Southwest Film Club discusses the themes and importance of a different movie each month. All films available for free on Kanopy.

Craft and Chat

Virtual
Wednesdays,
December 7–28, 2–3:30 p.m.
Work on your art or craft projec

Work on your art or craft projects while connecting with others. Share your skills or learn something new! All experience levels welcome. Registration required. Recommended for ages 18 and up.

Plant Clinic

Alafaya Branch
Thursday, December 8, 2–4 p.m.
Winter Garden Branch
Saturday, December 10,
11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.

Bring your plants and ask questions! Master Gardener Volunteers from the UF/IFAS Orange County Extension Office will be available to answer your gardening questions.

Holiday DIY: Paint Party! North Orange Branch Thursday, December 8, 5–6:30 p.m. You'll be guided through painting a snowy mountain against a colorful sky on a canvas that you can take home.

Make Your Own Snowflake UV Resin Ornament

Chickasaw Branch
Thursday, December 8, 5:30 p.m.
Orlando Public Library,
Albertson Room
Tuesday, December 13, 5:30 p.m.
Create a one-of-a-kind snowflake
UV resin ornament to take home
with you. Ages 18 and up.

Virtual Paper Possibilities Virtual

Registration required.

Friday, December 9, 10:30–11:45 a.m. The possibilities are endless! Make an envelope book to give gift cards in a cute aesthetic book.

Mindfulness MeditationSouthwest Branch

Friday, December 9, 10:30–11:45 a.m. Practice techniques of mindfulness and meditation for well-being and vibrancy. Taught by Rev. Dr. Viviana Collazo, Luminous Holistic Center. All levels welcome. Bring own mat. Chairs available. Recommended for ages 15 and up.

Sketching 101 Virtual

Friday, December 9, 11 a.m.
Learn the basics of sketching through use of simple art techniques and observing the world around you. All you need is a no. 2 pencil, colored pencils, paper and paper towels.

Career Online High School Graduation Orlando Public Library, Library Central Saturday, December 10, 11 a.m. Celebrate the recent graduates from Career Online High School.

Congratulations COHS graduates!

Holiday Cookies South Creek Branch Saturday, December 10, 2 p.m. Decorate cookies to dazzle everyone! Learn easy ways to dress up holiday cookies for the season. Space is limited. Registration required. Recommended for ages 18 and up.

Examining Mental Health Stigma Eatonville Branch

Monday, December 12, 5 p.m.
Join Yasmin Flasterstein of Peer
Support Space for a discussion about
the mental health stigma that causes
people to suffer alone and learn what
resources are available to help.

Processed Sugar: The Bittersweet Truth Virtual

Wednesday, December 14, 11 a.m.
Jessica Daly faculty librarian and

Jessica Daly, faculty librarian and assistant professor with Advent Health, discusses the effects of processed sugar on our bodies and simple tips we can do to stop it.

Holiday DIY: Resin Gift Tags North Orange Branch

Thursday, December 15, 5:30 p.m. Make this holiday a special one with a personal touch.

Beginner Line Dancing Southwest Branch

Saturday, December 17, 10:30 a.m. Learn beginner line dances and discover a great way to exercise and have fun. Partners not needed. Nonstick sole shoes recommended. Recommended for ages 18 and up.

New Planner Calendar Year, New You

Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room Sunday, December 18, 1:30–3:30 p.m.

Enjoy a short presentation on what's new for the 2023 planner calendar year before open planner project time. Bring your own supplies and connect and share ideas with other planners.

Chair Yoga

Virtual

Monday, December 19, 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 use of a chair.

Podcast Listening Club Virtual

Tuesday, December 20, 7–8:30 p.m. Join us to discuss a themed podcast listening list. Like a book club, but instead of reading a pre-selected book, listen to informative and interesting podcasts. Recommended for ages 18 and up.



A Christmas Carol Orlando Public Library, Library Central Sunday, December 4, 2 p.m.

Broadway and film actor Duffy Hudson, without the aid of props and costumes while playing all 30 characters, brings this magical tale to life. Don't miss this unusual take on a seasonal favorite.

Exploring Victorian Holiday TraditionsVirtual

Thursday, December 8, 7:30 p.m.

Many of our most common holiday traditions have their roots in the Victorian Era. From sending cards to decorating trees, learn about how these traditions were conceived throughout the 1800s.



COZY UP WITH A GOOD BOOK CHALLENGE FOR ADULTS

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December 1-31

'Tis the season for coziness. Grab a blanket, your fluffy socks and your favorite warm drink or snack! Hop into a reading nook and sink into a good book. Log your reading to earn badges all month long.

ART & DISPLAY ocls.info/art

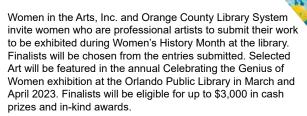
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Apply online at **womeninthearts.org/call-for-artists**. Submission deadline January 20, 2023, 11 a.m.

Two Mediums: One Art Form Southwest Branch

On Display Through December

Silvana Martins creates a one-of-a-kind art form by combining century's old technique of paper marbling with bookbinding by hand. Since you can only get a mono print from each design, every piece is unique.

Meet the Artist: Silvana Martins Southwest Branch Saturday, December 17, 2–4 p.m.

Silvana creates a one-of-a-kind art form by combining century's old techniques of paper marbling with bookbinding by hand. Take an opportunity to meet Silvana, visit her exhibit and watch a demo.



Then & Now: 100 Years of Orlando Public Library Orlando Public Library, Melrose Gallery On Display Saturday, January 7, 2023

Join us for the opening reception for this retrospective created by Winny Rivas, looking at the history of the Orlando Public Library building and its operation over the years. Work displayed includes images from local photographers during the 1960s through the 1980s alongside Winny's current day recreations, celebrating the changes that have occurred in the building and its surroundings.

Qigong Movement and Breathing

Alafaya Branch

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

Southwest Branch

Tuesday, December 13, 10:30 a.m. Virtual

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

Learn ancient qigong practice with modern day instructor Jasmine Win. Using the five elements of life, students will undergo an empowering and uplifting shift to take control of their health and lives.

Snack & Learn: Preventing Falls

Hiawassee Branch

Tuesday, December 13, 1:30 p.m.

The risk of falling increases with age. Learn what can put you at risk for falls, ways to help prevent falls, tips to fall-proof your home and more.

LIFE Information for Elders' **End of Year Celebration** Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room

Thursday, December 15, 12:10 p.m.

Join Orange County Office on Aging and Orange County Library System as we celebrate 2022 Life Information for Elders Series presenters. Learn more about each presenter's resources and ask questions. To register, email OfficeonAging@ocfl.net or call 407.836.7446. Seating is limited, registration required.



WRITERS CORNER -

ocls.info/writerscorner

Make the Most of Your Point of View West Oaks Branch

Saturday, December 3, 10:30 a.m.-Noon

Point of view is the best tool writers can have in their toolkit. Author Janice Hardy will discuss common pitfalls, how to share details and how to see your story through the eyes of your characters. Presented by Florida SCBWI.

Traditional Publishing 101 Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room

Sunday, December 4, 4 p.m. Authors Elle E. Ire and José Iriarte will give an

overview of publishing novels and short fiction traditionally. Please bring all of your questions related to traditionally publishing fiction.

Worldbuilding for Writers Virtual

Tuesday, December 6, 7 p.m. Nebula award-winning author Premee Mohamed will discuss worldbuilding techniques for writers, with a focus on speculative fiction.

OCLS Writer's Group

Virtual

Sunday, December 11, 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.

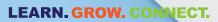


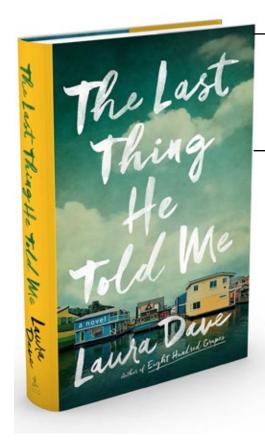
Writing Satisfying Endings

Virtual

Friday, December 16, 7 p.m.

A satisfying ending is a crucial, but overlooked element of great fiction. Author and editor Kristen Stieffel will discuss how to avoid the most common errors and satisfy your readers.





Winter Garden Book Club

Virtual

Thursday, December 29, 6 p.m.
Join us as we discuss The Last Thing
He Told Me by Laura Dave.

Silent Book Club

Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room *Thursday, December 1, 5:30 p.m.*

Want the benefits of a book club without the pressure of reading a particular book in a defined time frame? Then the Silent Book Club is for you!

Alafaya Book Club

Virtual

Thursday, December 8, 7 p.m.

The Alafaya Book Club's December selection is *The Swimmers* by Julie Otsuka.

Nature Walk Book Club

Southwest Branch

Monday, December 12, 10 a.m.-Noon

Join Southwest Branch for a walk at a local park followed by discussion of *Small Things Like These* by Claire Keegan. Exercise your mind and body! Registration required. Recommended for ages 18 and up.

Central Florida Book Club

Virtual

Tuesday, December 13, 10-11:30 a.m.

Join us on the second Tuesday of each month as we discuss a wide range of books. For December, we will be reading *The Ride of Her Life* by Elizabeth Letts.

Hiawassee Book Club

Virtual

Monday, December 19, 7-8:30 p.m.

In December, the Hiawassee Book Club will discuss *A Slow Fire Burning* by Paula Hawkins.

Southwest Book Club: Joy of Reading Celebration Virtual

Tuesday, December 27, 7-8:45 p.m.

Enjoy an evening of sharing a favorite book or author with other readers. Give a toast to a new year of shared reading adventures! No preselected title. Recommended for ages 18 and up.

MEET THE AUTHOR ocls.info/meet-author



Author Talk with Geraldine Brooks

Virtual

Tuesday, December 6, 7 p.m.

Join us for an exciting virtual chat with awardwinning novelist, Geraldine Brooks about her *New York Times* bestselling novel, *Horse*.

Author Talk with Fredrick Backman

Virtual

Saturday, December 10, 2 p.m.

Join us for an online chat with bestselling author Fredrik Backman as we discuss his outstanding body of work, including his new novel, *The Winners*, the third installment of the Beartown series.

Author Talk with Nicole Eustace

Virtual

Wednesday, December 14, Noon

Explore American history with Pulitzer Prizewinning historian Nicole Eustace as she discusses her award-winning book Covered With Night: A Story of Murder and Indigenous Justice in Early America.

WAIVE FINES GOODBYE!

SEE WHAT CUSTOMERS ARE SAYING ABOUT ORANGE COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM GOING FINE FREE.



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Cuisine Corner Junior: Snowman Dessert Dip Fairview Shores Branch Saturday, December 10, 3 p.m.

Do you want to build a snowman? Come pour, mix and taste a dip that will melt in your mouth this winter. Recommended for ages 8-18.

Arroz con Gandules Virtual

Wednesday, December 14, 6 p.m.

Yamira Lee Johnson, head chef and founder of Breaking Bread with Mira, will show us how to make a traditional Puerto Rican dish of rice and pigeon peas including homemade sofrito.

Battle of the Cupcakes Fairview Shores Branch Wednesday, December 21, 2:30 p.m.

Test your cupcake decorating skills and compete against your friends for cupcake glory. Registration required. Recommended for ages 12-18.

English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)

Practice Makes Perfect

Southeast Branch

Thursdays, December 1-29, 1-2:30 p.m.

English conversation classes led by Adult Literacy League volunteers.

Conversation Hour

Virtual

Thursdays, December 1-29, 2 p.m. Mondays, December 5-26, 4:15 p.m. Tuesdays, December 6-27, 6 p.m.

Wednesday, December 7-28, Noon

Practice your English speaking skills with us during a virtual Conversation Hour. Each session will have specific topics for discussion.

English Conversation Hour

Alafaya Branch

Saturday, December 3-17, Noon

Windermere Branch

Fridays, December 9-16, 3:30 p.m.

Practice your English speaking skills during the English Conversation Hour. All proficiency levels are welcomed!

Speaking Clearly for Beginners

Virtual

Saturdays, December 3-17, 2:30 p.m.

This pronunciation class for beginners is designed to introduce the basics of the sounds of English for pronunciation.

Speaking Clearly Advanced

Mondays, December 5-19, 10:30 a.m.

This course is designed for students who want to improve their speaking and presentation skills.

Creole Connect

South Trail Branch

Mondays, December 5-26, 4:15 p.m.

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Speaking Clearly Intermediate Southeast Branch

Tuesdays, December 6-20, 2 p.m.

This pronunciation class for intermediate speakers is designed to introduce the rules of spelling and pronunciation of English words and phrases.

ENGLISH FROM ZERO

West Oaks Branch

Thursdays, December 1-29, 4:30-6 p.m.

Windermere Branch

Thursdays, December 1-29, 4:45-6:15 p.m.

Southeast Branch

Thursdays, December 1-15, 5 p.m.

Tuesdays, December 6–20, 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday, December 7 & 14, 2:30 p.m.

South Trail Branch

Fridays, December 2-30, 4-5:30 p.m.

North Orange Branch

Fridays, December 2-30, 4:30-5:45 p.m.

Alafaya Branch

Saturdays, December 3-17, 10:30 a.m.

Winter Garden Branch

Tuesdays, December 6-27, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Virtual

Thursdays, December 1-29, 12:30 p.m. & 6 p.m.

Mondays, December 5-19, 3 p.m. & 6:45 p.m.

Tuesdays, December 6-27, 3:30 p.m.

English from Zero classes are designed for beginning English learners.

Each workshop has a specific target topic.



Spanish Classes

Spanish from Zero -**Basics with Ms. Brenda**

Virtual

Tuesdays, December 6 & 13, 4 p.m.

Learn the basics of Spanish conversation, grammar, vocabulary and more.

Spanish from Zero -Intermediate with Brenda

Virtual

Tuesdays, December 6 & 13, 5 p.m.

Learn Spanish grammar with Ms. Brenda.

Basic Spanish with Ms. Wilnelia

Virtual

Tuesdays, December 6-20, 6 p.m.

Join us in this workshop for individuals who speak little to no Spanish.

Spanish Pronunciation

Virtual

Wednesdays, December 7-28, 10:30 a.m.

This six-week course is designed to take you through the sounds of Spanish. Special focus is given to the Spanish alphabet, vowel sounds, and tricky consonant sounds, like Ñ and the "rolled R."

Práctica Spanish Conversation

Wednesdays, December 7-21, 4-5:30 p.m.

Práctica tu español! Develop your Spanish language skills through conversation. Conversational topics and themed vocabulary will be provided. Recommended for ages 18 and up.

Libros

El camino: acelera tu viaje hacia la libertad financiera por Peter Mallouk, Tony Robbins traducción de Cristina de Olano

Las herramientas, estrategias y actitud mental imprescindibles para dominar el dinero, acelera tu viaje hacia la libertad financiera.

Cosas que mi hijo necesita saber sobre el mundo

por Fredrik Backman traducción de Diomedes Rábago

No existe un manual para aprender a ejercer uno de los trabajos más difíciles que existe: ser padre. Afortunadamente para nosotros, el autor sueco más reconocido e interesante de nuestros tiempos, Fredrik Backman, nos alumbra el camino con anécdotas personales tan graciosas como enternecedoras.

Trono de cristal por Sarah J. Maas traducción de Victoria Simó y Diego de los Santos

Un corazón de hielo. Una voluntad de acero. Te presentamos a una asesina. Te presentamos a Celaena Sardothien. Bella. Letal. Destinada a la grandeza.

La sombra blanca de Ivy Lin por Susie Yang

traducción de Yara Trevethan Gaxiola

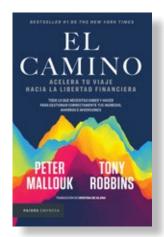
Una historia sobre la mayoría de edad, un triángulo amoroso, una exploración de clase, raza e identidad.

Stretch: descubre el potencial de tus recursos y logra mucho más de lo que jamás habías imaginado por Scott Sonenshein

traducción de Genís Montrabà

Un enfoque innovador para tener éxito en los

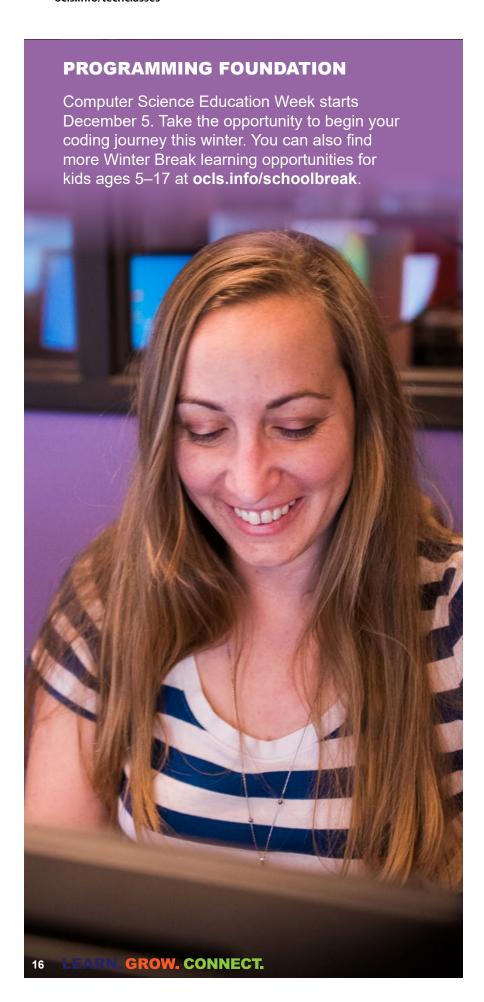
negocios y en la vida, utilizando la ciencia del ingenio.











Code with Minecraft: Adventurer (Ages 7-9)

Alafaya Branch

Sunday, December 4, 2 p.m.

Tuesday, December 6, 4 p.m.

Orlando Public Library

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

North Orange Branch

Tuesday, December 27, 2 p.m.

Join Alex and Steve on a Minecraft Adventure! Solve code challenges to explore, gather resources and defeat mobs. Create algorithms, use loops and debug your code.

Python Programming

Orlando Public Library Sunday, December 4, 3 p.m.

Wednesday, December 21, 2:30 p.m.

Create a program with Python, an easy to learn programming language. Assign variables, input data and develop calculations to make an interactive application.

Basic Computer Programming (Ages 13–17)

Alafaya Branch

Wednesday, December 7, 2:30 p.m.

Orlando Public Library

Thursday, December 29, 10:30 a.m.

Explore an easy-to-use programming language that is designed to make programming fun for beginners.

Computer Programming Level 1 (Ages 10–12)

Alafaya Branch

Thursday, December 8, 4 p.m.

Orlando Public Library

Wednesday, December 21, 10:30 a.m.

There's only one thing cooler than using a computer program and that is creating one. Explore the world of computer programming in a friendly development environment that is easy to master.

Scratch Programming

Alafaya Branch

Friday, December 9, 11 a.m.

Orlando Public Library

Sunday, December 18, 3 p.m.

Scratch is a programming language and online community where you create your own interactive stories, games and animations. Learn object-oriented programming with a simple to use drag-and-drop application.

Computer Programming Level 2 (Ages 10-12)

Alafaya Branch

Friday, December 9, 4 p.m.

Orlando Public Library

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

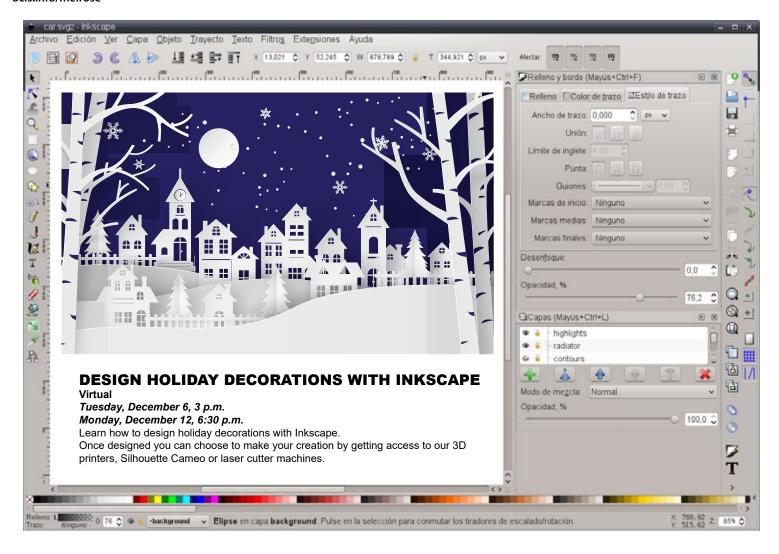
Take your skills even further. Have fun programming cool controls for your game.

Scratch Programming (Ages 13–17)

Orlando Public Library

Thursday, December 22, 10:30 a.m.

Scratch is a programming language and online community where you create your own interactive stories, games and animations.



Build a Gingerwood Cottage

Orlando Public Library, Melrose Center Monday, December 5, 5–6:30 p.m.
Sunday, December 11, 2–3:30 p.m.
Saturday, December 17, 10:30 a.m.–Noon
Get crafty with a cozy model house! Our family friendly event will provide the model, you'll build it and provide the decorations to make it shimmer and shine.

Winter Wonder Lantern

Orlando Public Library, Melrose Center Saturday, December 10, 4 p.m.
Tuesday, December 13, 5 p.m.

Discover what you can make with the Silhouette Cameo. In this one-hour class you will learn how to assemble your very own winter themed lantern using cardstock, vellum and LED lights. Get your home or porch ready for luminary season!

Melrose Game Jam Info Session Orlando Public Library, Melrose Center Wednesday, December 14, 5–6:30 p.m.

Test your skills and make a video game from scratch – in 3 days! Join us at this kick-off event where we will form teams and reveal the secret theme for the game! Up for the challenge? For more information and to register visit ocls.info/gamejam.





Hand Sewing Sashiko Patterns

Thursdays, December 1-15, 10:15-11:15 a.m.

Learn to stitch using Sashiko hand sewing techniques. This Japanese hand sewing technique uses the simple running stitch to form geometric patterns.

Let's Crochet Gingerbread Houses

Virtual

Thursdays, December 1, 15, & 29, 6-7:30 p.m. Orlando Public Library

Saturdays, December 3-17, 2-4 p.m.

Add some sweetness to your holiday décor with a festive gingerbread house. Students will be able to practice basic stitches (single, half-double) while constructing the foundation of the house.

Let's Knit Nature Holly

Virtual

Monday, December 5, 10:30 a.m.-Noon

Mix art and knitting using color knitting techniques such as intarsia and duplicate stitch knitting. This month's featured pattern is holly.

Sewing - Holiday Kitten Quilt Panel

Orlando Public Library

Tuesday, December 6, 10 a.m.-Noon & Wednesday, December 7, 12:30-2:30 p.m.

Create a quilted picture for decorating your home. Learn to topstitch a beautiful printed panel and make it pop with dimension. Learn to add batting backing and binding for a beautiful wall hanging.

Let's Crochet Corner to Corner

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Wednesdays, December 7–21, 10–11:30 a.m.
Celebrate winter with a corner to corner Nordic star square you can make into a pillow or blanket. Learn how to create yarn bobbins to drop and pick up your yarn on a later row.

Let's Loom Knit Easy Blankets

Virtual

Thursdays, December 8–March 30, 5:30–7:30 p.m. Loom knit your first blanket! Learn how to use an afghan loom while practicing beginning stitches.

Let's Crochet Gingerbread Buddies Virtual

Thursdays, December 8 & 22, 6-7:30 p.m.

Not my gumdrop buttons! Learn how to crochet an adorable and calorie-free "snack."

Let's Knit Angels

Virtual

Monday, December 12, 10:30 a.m.-Noon

Use basic knit and purl stitches to knit angels to decorate for winter.

Let's Crochet Candy Canes

West Oaks Branch

Thursday, December 15, Noon-2 p.m.

Use beginner crochet techniques to make a festive candy cane!

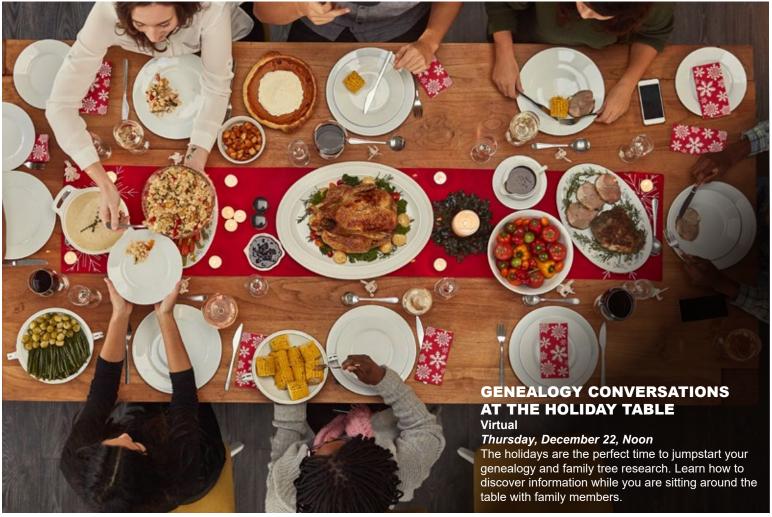
Let's Crochet Holiday Stockings

West Oaks Branch

Thursday, December 22, Noon-2 p.m.

We will use granny square techniques to create this festive decoration!





Building Your Family Tree on Ancestry.com

Virtual

Thursday, December 1, Noon
Discover all of the tools and resources
Ancestry.com has to help you build your
family tree online.

Hathi Trust Digital Library & Genealogy

Tuesday, December 6, 1 p.m.

Discover the Hathi Trust Digital Library and learn how you can use this amazing resource to enhance your genealogical research.

DNA for Native American Genealogy Study Group

Virtual

Wednesday, December 7, 6:30 p.m.
Join us for our DNA for Native American Genealogy
Study Group.

Genealogy 101

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Thursday, December 8, Noon

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.

Introduction to DNA Testing Virtual

Tuesday, December 13, 1 p.m.

Learn the basics of genetic genealogy and how DNA testing can supplement your traditional genealogical research. Explore the different types of tests that are available.

Exploring FamilySearch.org Virtual

Wednesday, December 14, 6:30 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 contains.

Global Genealogy Canada Virtual

Thursday, December 15, Noon

Explore resources, tips and tricks for finding records in the home countries of your ancestors. This session focuses on Canada.

Connecting With Cousins Virtual

Tuesday, December 20, 1 p.m.

Explore the best way to begin analyzing and working with your DNA matches.

Using DNAPainter.com

Virtual

Wednesday, December 21, 6:30 p.m.

Discover all of the DNA tools and features available on the **DNAPainter.com** website.

Exploring DNA Websites

Virtual

Tuesday, December 27, 1 p.m.

Explore four DNA websites: Ancestry DNA, FamilyTreeDNA, MyHeritage and 23andme. Learn the differences between the companies and see how to navigate each company's website.

Genealogy Research Question Workshop Virtual

Wednesday, December 28, 6:30 p.m.

Sharpen your genealogy skills and learn about resources by sharing your research questions.

Civil War Pension Files Union & Confederate Virtual

Thursday, December 29, Noon

Explore the contents of both Union and Confederate Civil War pension files. Discover what types of information are contained in these records.



Career Academy: Interview Like a Pro **Orlando Public Library**

Tuesday, December 6, 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 Orlando Public Library Tuesday, December 13, 2:30 p.m.

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

Disney Job Fair Orlando Public Library, Library Central Saturday, December 17, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

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



Level Up Orange Neighborhood Navigators

South Trail Branch

Wednesday, December 7, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Fairview Shores Branch

Thursday, December 8, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

North Orange Branch

Wednesday, December 21, 1–3 p.m. Washington Park Branch

Thursday, December 22, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Level Up Orange offers career exploration, training and internships, and job placement to Orange County residents who qualify. Level Up Orange is a program of CareerSource Central Florida.

The program is funded by Orange County government using federal dollars. This project is being supported, in whole or part, by federal award number HR 1319, Title IX, Subtitle M, Section 9901, awarded to Orange County, FL by the Department of Treasury.

Friends Fur-ever: Farewell to Angel Paws

by Caitlin Hill, Youth Programs Coordinator

Orange County Library System is sad to announce the official retirement of the Angel Paws to Read program. The library is grateful for the organization's more than 15 years of service to young readers in Orange County.

Angel Paws, presented by Be an Angel Therapy Dog Ministry, Inc., started out working with local schools when founders June and Ross Feezel decided to approach the library with the idea of establishing a new reading program. Angel Paws was designed to provide a relaxed atmosphere that allowed children to practice reading to certified therapy dogs, without the stress of being judged or criticized.

Studies show many children experience anxiety when asked to read aloud in school. By sitting next to a calm therapy dog, they can relax with a furry friend and focus on reading. This has helped children improve their reading skills, develop confidence in their abilities and associate reading with something fun and positive. With their friendly, nonjudgmental nature, the Angel Paws to Read Program dogs have helped struggling readers find delight in a good book.

Several library locations have offered this program since the early 2000s, including Orlando Public Library and the Alafaya, Herndon, Chickasaw, North Orange, West Oaks and Windermere branches. To motivate readers and encourage completing the full program, fun incentives were available for participating. Children who read for three sessions received a free book, and those who read for six sessions received two free books. After nine sessions, readers received an official Angel Paws to Read t-shirt and Certificate of Achievement.

The Feezels say that they have enjoyed seeing kids connect to the dogs, and the commitment to reading that kids developed as a result. They say that they have gotten to know the families who attend the programs, and that they have enjoyed watching the kids become stronger, more confident readers.

From 2009 to 2022, 196 readers completed the nine-session program and earned a Certificate of Achievement. In addition to free books, those who completed the program multiple times were awarded other incentives such as bookbags, hats and special Top Reader shirts and lanyards.

This program created excitement for reading and nourished a deeper love of literacy among children. Dogs are the perfect audience for any reader, providing comfort and companionship. The Angel Paws to Read Program has contributed to the academic success of many children in our community. The library is incredibly thankful for this program's service and its dedication to childhood literacy.



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Icv Science Southeast Branch

Friday, December 2, 4 p.m.

Combine ice, cold and fun for experiments that will make your teeth chatter. Recommended for families with children ages 5 and up.

Holiday Family Photos

Windermere Branch Saturday, December 3, 10 a.m.-Noon Bring your family to the library for a free family photo.

Family Art Adventures: Winter Fun Alafaya Branch

Saturday, December 3, 11 a.m.

Families are invited to paint a snowy scene together. Recommended for families with children 3-12. Registration required for each family member.

Pirates of the ZOOribbean

North Orange Branch

Saturday, December 3, 11 a.m.

Ahoy Mateys! Set sail on an exciting pirate's journey in search of amazing coastal and island animals. Discover the true treasures of a pirate's life! Recommended for families with children ages 0-12.

Fun Family Film

South Trail Branch

Saturdays, December 3-17, 2-4 p.m. Join us for a movie that's fun for the whole family!

STEAM Free Play

South Trail Branch

Thursdays, December 8 & 22, 3:30-5 p.m. Monday, December 12, 3:30-5 p.m.

Explore and play as we have fun with STEAMrelated toys! Kits such as LEGO and K'NEX are available for anyone to play.

Hidden Art

Southeast Branch

Saturday, December 10, 10:30 a.m.

Challenge your perceptions because things are not as they seem. Explore optical illusions, hidden pictures and other oddities in the art world. Recommended for families with children ages 5 and up.

Movie and a Craft

West Oaks Branch

Saturday, December 10, 3-5 p.m.

Sit back and relax during a family-friendly movie while working on a craft or coloring sheets.

Kids Movie Matinee

North Orange Branch

Sunday, December 11, 2-4 p.m.

Learn about the inspiration behind Frozen and enjoy watching the movie. Recommended for families with children ages 6-12.

What's Your Holiday Tradition? Eatonville Branch

Tuesday, December 13, 3:45 p.m.

Ever wondered how different cultures celebrate the holiday season? Learn about various traditions and share your own! You may bring an item. Recommended for families with children ages 6-12.

It Doesn't Snow in Florida

Winter Garden Branch Tuesday, December 13, 4:30 p.m. **Southeast Branch**

Friday, December 16, 4 p.m.

It may not snow in Florida, but that doesn't mean we can't make our own winter fun!

Gingerbread House

Chickasaw Branch

Wednesday, December 14, 11 a.m.

Looking for something sweet and tasty to do this winter? Bring your building skills and join us for a gingerbread house decorating program.

Holiday DIY: Styrofoam Printmaking North Orange Branch

Wednesday, December 14, 4 p.m.

Create your own printed art to keep or give as a gift.

Holiday DIY Crafts

Hiawassee Branch

Thursday, December 15, 4-6 p.m.

Chickasaw Branch

Friday, December 16, 3:30 p.m.

Create handmade decorations, ornaments or simple gifts for the holiday season.

Cookies & Milk with a Cop **North Orange Branch**

Saturday, December 17, 11 a.m.

Bring your kids to meet our local police officers and enjoy a story, cookies and milk! This series will be a great chance to interact with Apopka officers in a fun and informative environment.

Holiday Gift Wrapping Party

Eatonville Branch

Saturday, December 17, Noon-2 p.m.

Come with gifts that need wrapping and get fun ideas on gift-wrapping techniques while we listen to sounds of the season and enjoy a hot cocoa bar.

Gingerbread Build-Off

South Creek Branch

Saturday, December 17, 2 p.m.

Fairview Shores Branch

Thursday, December 22, 2:30 p.m.

Grab your gum drops and frosting, it's time to construct the gingerbread house of your dreams! Registration required. Supplies limited. Recommended for families with children ages 6 and up.

Wishing for Winter

Southeast Branch

Friday, December 30, 4 p.m.

Celebrate the season with cool activities. Recommended for families with children ages 5 and up.

MINDFUL START FAMILY YOGA

West Oaks Branch

Saturday, December 3, 11 a.m. Wednesdays, December 7-21, 10 a.m.

Winter Garden Branch

Mondays, December 5-19, 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 with children

KIDS YOGA & MEDITATION

North Orange Branch

Mondays, December 5-19, 10:15 a.m. Fairview Shores Branch

Tuesdays, December 6-27, 3 p.m.

Practice yoga, meditation and mindfulness in a fun way by integrating music with movement. Families can wiggle together and learn ways to calm down. Recommended for families with



BABY (Ages 0-18 Months)

Caregiver Connect: Stay and Play West Oaks Branch

Thursdays, December 1-29, 11:45 a.m. Winter Garden Branch

Fridays, December 2-30, 11:35 a.m.

Fairview Shores Branch

Mondays, December 5-19, 11 a.m.

Southwest Branch

Mondays, December 5-19, 11 a.m. Southeast Branch

Mondays, December 5 & 19, 11 a.m.

Connect with other caregivers to meet and mingle while your little one explores

Baby Animals in the Snow

Southeast Branch

Monday, December 5, 10:15 a.m.

Southwest Branch

Monday, December 19, 10:30 a.m. Explore baby animals in the winter with

through sensory play all while warming

Mother Goose on the Loose Southwest Branch

Monday, December 5, 10:30 a.m.

will be interacting together to help develop important pre-literacy skills in our littlest ones.

Baby's First Art

Southwest Branch

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

Baby's First Ornament

Alafaya Branch

Wednesday, December 21, 10:15 a.m. Create a festive Shrinky Dink keepsake.

TODDLER (Ages 18–36 Months)



Storytime Craft

Southwest Branch

Thursdays, December 1-29, 10 a.m.-Noon

North Orange Branch

Wednesdays, December 7-28, 10:30 a.m.

Drop-in before and after storytime to create a make-and-take craft. Recommended for ages 2-5.

Sleepy Bear

North Orange Branch

Thursday, December 1, 11 a.m.

Southwest Branch

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

Zzzzz ... winter is here and it is time to hibernate! Interact and explore animal patterns as we snuggle into dreamland. Recommended for ages 2-5.

One Little, Two Little, **Three Little Presents**

West Oaks Branch

Tuesday, December 6, 11 a.m.

Yes please? Oh, thank you very much! Practice using your best manners for stories and activities about giving and receiving presents.

Bubble Playtime

Fairview Shores Branch

Tuesdays, December 6-27, 10:30 a.m.

Help your child with their motor development skills in this interactive bubble class. Recommended for ages 2-5.

Chilly Critters

South Creek Branch

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

Southeast Branch

Monday, December 19, 10:15 a.m.

Brrr! Who is brrrave enough to live in the cold? Discover chilly animal friends and their snowy homes with fun stories, crafts and activities.

Tiny House: Garage Play

Southwest Branch

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

Inviting little explorers to learn, grow and play with hands-on activities inspired by using objects in your garage.

Peppermint Pals

Chickasaw Branch

Wednesday, December 7, 11 a.m.

North Orange Branch

Thursday, December 15, 11 a.m.

They are red and white and sure smell nice! Join us for stories, crafts and activities inspired by sweet peppermint treats. Recommended for ages 2-5.

Artsy Toddler

Alafaya Branch

Wednesday, December 14, 10:15 a.m.

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

Hibernation Stations

Southwest Branch

Wednesday, December 14, 10:30 a.m.

See who's snoozing this season! Join us for crafts and activities about animals who sleep all winter.

Toddler Playground

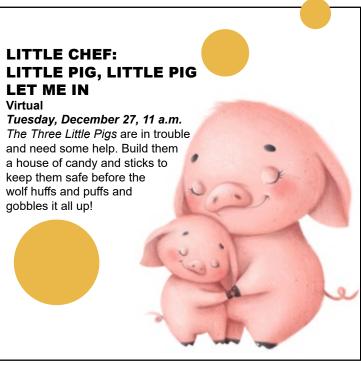
Southwest Branch

Wednesday, December 21, 10:30 a.m.

Toddlers use unstructured play to aid their physical and cognitive development and have fun using age-appropriate toys for children and their caregivers.

PRESCHOOL (Ages 3-5)





Penguin Party

Windermere Branch Monday, December 5, 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, December 14, 10:30 a.m. North Orange Branch

Thursday, December 8, 11 a.m. Southeast Branch

Monday, December 12, 10:15 a.m. Eatonville Branch

Wednesday, December 14, 10:15 a.m. West Oaks Branch

Tuesday, December 20, 11 a.m. Virtual

Tuesday, December 13, 11 a.m.
Thursday, December 15, 11 a.m.
Brrr! It's cold out there! Warm up with stories, math, science activities and a craft featuring some icy friends.

Pajama Party Virtual

Mondays, December 5–19, 7 p.m.Put on your pajamas and enjoy an interactive virtual storytime with a book, songs, games and a craft.

Cuéntame un Cuento South Trail Branch Tuesdays, December 6 & 20, 10:15 a.m.

Tuesday, December 13, 10 a.m. Cuéntame un Cuento is an interactive bilingual storytime featuring books and songs in English and Spanish that are suitable for speakers of either language.

Yoga with PLAYologist Yolonda

Eatonville Branch

Tuesdays, December 6–20, 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.

Button Up

Southwest Branch
Tuesday, December 6, 10:30 a.m.
Winter Garden Branch
Thursday, December 8, 10:30 a.m.
South Trail Branch
Wednesday, December 21, 11 a.m.
Virtual

Thursday, December 1, 11 a.m. Tuesday, December 20, 11 a.m. Brrr ... it's cold outside! Be sure to button up for this storytime all about buttons.

Countdown to Kindergarten Winter Garden Branch *Tuesdays*,

December 6 & 13, 10:30 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.

Little Chef: Milk Carton Gingerbread Houses

South Creek Branch
Tuesday, December 6, 10:30 a.m.
Celebrate the season with your little
one as they build their very own
gingerbread house. Adult
participation required.

Brush Your Teeth Alafaya Branch

Tuesday, December 6, 11 a.m.
Do you brush your teeth? Learn about the importance of dental health and enjoy a story, craft and giveaway.
Presented in partnership with Winter Park Pediatric Dentistry.

Look, I'm a Scientist: Iceberg Animal Rescue Virtual

Tuesday, December 6, 11 a.m.
What happens when rescuing animals from an iceberg? You don't need a white coat and a lab to be a scientist, you already have everything you need – your brain and amazing senses!

Bubble Party

Winter Garden Branch
Wednesday, December 7, 10:15 a.m.
Move and dance with your child
during this bubble filled event.

Explore the World! Alafaya Branch Wednesday December 3

Wednesday, December 7, 11 a.m. Learn about a different country each month through games, activities and crafts. Don't forget your passport!

Refreshing Rain

Virtual

Wednesday, December 7, 11 a.m.
Preschoolers will listen to stories
about rain and discover where it
comes from

Little Chef: Hot Cocoa Cookies Virtual

Thursday, December 8, 11 a.m.Prepare for the holiday season with a fun recipe combining everyone's favorite winter treats. Adult participation is required.

Look, I'm a Scientist: Let It Snow!

Winter Garden Branch
Thursday, December 8, 4:30 p.m.
Learn about what makes snow and
get your hands messy as we combine
ingredients to build a snowman.

Holiday Crafts

Windermere Branch Monday, December 12, 10:30 a.m. Come craft and create with us. It's going to be SNOW-much fun!

Caregiver Coffee and a Craft Southeast Branch

Monday, December 12, 11 a.m.
Connect with other caregivers while sipping a hot beverage and making a craft. Your child will explore imaginary play with friends. Learn about resources for you and your child.

Virtual

Bodacious Bears

Southwest Branch

Tuesday, December 13, 10:30 a.m.

Preschoolers will learn about bears while strengthening early literacy skills through stories and a craft.

Cuéntame un Cuento: Bedtime Stories

West Oaks Branch

Tuesday, December 13, 11 a.m.

Cuéntame un Cuento is an interactive bilingual storytime featuring books and songs in English and Spanish that are suitable for speakers of either language.

Little Chef: Winter Cake North Orange Branch

Tuesday, December 13, 11 a.m.

Assemble a winter treat! Layer festive cake, sweet frosting and colorful sprinkles to make a delicious treat. Adult participation required.

Counting with Pikachu

Alafaya Branch

Tuesday, December 13, 11 a.m.

There are so many numbers, but how can we count them all? With Pikachu and friends! Practice counting through stories, songs and games.

Sweet Sunshine

Virtual

Wednesday, December 14, 11 a.m.

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

Wild Penguin Tales

Winter Garden Branch

Thursday, December 15, 10:30 a.m. South Trail Branch

Wednesday, December 28, 11 a.m.

Penguins come in all shapes and sizes! Attendees will learn more about penguins through adventurous books, songs and activities

Little Artist

North Orange Branch

Friday, December 16, 11 a.m.

Get creative with arts and crafts! Preschoolers will enjoy age-appropriate stories and crafts.

Little Chef: Snowman Poop

South Creek Branch

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

Practice kitchen skills while making a silly winter treat! Adult participation is required.

Sesame Street Storytime

Southwest Branch

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

Mondays, December 5-19, 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.

Snowman Shuffle

Alafaya Branch

Tuesday, December 20, 11 a.m.

Celebrate our snowy friends through stories, songs, games and activities.

Pajama Jamboree

Windermere Branch

Tuesday, December 20, 4:30 p.m.

Put on your favorite jammies for a fun-filled evening of a story, craft and cookies and milk. Recommended for ages 3–7.

Curious Clouds

Virtual

Wednesday, December 21, 11 a.m.

What is the weather today? Learn why some clouds are white and fluffy and others are gray through stories and activities to help preschoolers develop early literacy skills.

Holiday DIY: Holiday Crafts

North Orange Branch

Thursday, December 22, 11 a.m.

Create handmade decorations for the holiday season.

Little Chef: Snowman Cupcakes Virtual

Thursday, December 22, 11 a.m.

Build a snowman with a delicious twist! Adult participation is required.

Polar Express Pajama Party

Eatonville Branch

Friday, December 23, 4-5:30 p.m.

Enjoy an afternoon of stories, crafts and activities as you ride along on *The Polar Express*. Attendees are invited to wear their pajamas! Recommended for ages 4 and up.

Colorful Chameleons

Southwest Branch

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

Preschoolers will learn how chameleons use color while strengthening early literacy skills through stories and a craft.

Happy Noon Year

Chickasaw Branch

Wednesday, December 28, 11 a.m.

North Orange Branch

Thursday, December 29, 11 a.m.

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Make some noise and ring in the noon year with your little ones! Join us for fun and games with an exciting countdown at noon.

Whimsical Wind

Virtual

Wednesday, December 28, 11 a.m.

Find out what happens when the wind blows through stories and activities that promote early literacy in preschoolers.

STORYTIME

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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. Alafaya Branch, Fridays, 10:15 a.m. Winter Garden Branch, Fridays, 11:15 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.
West Oaks Branch, Thursdays, 10:45 a.m.
Windermere Branch, Thursdays, 10:45 a.m.
Southwest Branch, Thursdays, 11 a.m.
Alafaya Branch, Fridays, 10:45 a.m.
Winter Garden 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. Southeast Branch, Wednesdays, 10:15 a.m. North Orange Branch, Wednesdays, 11:15 a.m. Southwest Branch, Thursdays, 10:30 a.m. West Oaks Branch, Thursdays, 11:15 a.m. Windermere Branch, Thursdays, 11:15 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.

FAMILY STORYTIMES

Orlando Public Library, Saturdays, 11 a.m. North Orange Branch, First Sundays, 2 p.m. Alafaya Branch, Second Sundays, 2 p.m. South Creek Branch, Third Sundays, 2 p.m. West Oaks Branch, Fourth Sundays, 2 p.m.



CUISINE CORNER JUNIOR: FLAN

Virtual

Thursday, December 8, 4 p.m.

Flan is a rich custard dessert finished off with caramel that is famous in numerous Latin American nations. Learn how to make this dish with only six ingredients and serve it at your next gathering.



Raptors and Art

Eatonville Branch

Thursday, December 1, 3:45 p.m.

Learn about raptors through observation by capturing the emotions of birds of prey through various forms of art.

Passport to Australia

Virtual

Thursday, December 1, 4 p.m.

Learn about the lives of kids around the world through hands-on activities.

Winter Wonderland

South Trail Branch

Thursday, December 1, 4:30 p.m.

Winter Garden Branch

Wednesday, December 14, 3:30 p.m.

South Creek Branch

Monday, December 19, 2 p.m.

Washington Park Branch

Wednesday, December 21, 4 p.m.

Even though it's not very cold, it really is winter! Join us for winter themed stories and crafts to get into the spirit of colder weather. Recommended for ages 6–8.

LEGO One Scoop

Alafaya Branch

Saturday, December 3, 3 p.m.

Create greatness with one single scoop!
The challenge is on so let's see what you can build! Bricks will be provided but cannot go home with you.

Read to Sydney

Winter Garden Branch Monday, December 5, 4 p.m.

Read to Sydney is a local therapy dog organization that encourages children to practice their reading skills with an attentive furry listener. All ages are welcome to join Thom and his dog.

Brain Games

Fairview Shores Branch

Mondays, December 5-19, 4:30 p.m.

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

Beginner's Spanish for Kids

Fairview Shores Branch

Tuesdays, December 6-20, 4:30 p.m.

Introduce your child to basic Spanish vocabulary through games and activities while having fun. Recommended for ages 6–12.

Under the Hood: Car

Virtual

Tuesday, December 6, 4:30 p.m.

How do cars move? Let's pop the hood and look underneath; then we'll do a fun activity to rev up the engineer in all of us. Recommended for ages 9–12.

Wishing for Winter

Winter Garden Branch

Tuesday, December 6, 4:30 p.m.

West Oaks Branch

Wednesday, December 7, 4 p.m.

Brrr ... it's finally cooling down in Florida. Wishing to get more in the winter spirit when there's no snow outside? Join us for winter-themed crafts.

Holiday Crafting Party

Eatonville Branch

Wednesday, December 7, 3:45-5 p.m.

Come make cool and crafty holiday items – perfect for gifting or for keeping! Craft while watching a holiday movie. Recommended for ages 8–12.

Art Club

Alafava Branch

Wednesday, December 7, 4 p.m.

Winter Garden Branch

Saturday, December 10, 3:30 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.

Crafternoons

South Trail Branch

Fridays, December 9 & 16, 3:30-5 p.m.

Get ready for crafting fun! Make an exciting gift just in time for the holidays.

Pokémon Rock Painting

Alafaya Branch

Tuesday, December 13, 4 p.m.

Who can paint a rock to look like Pikachu? We choose you! Create rock art based on your favorite Pokémon. Registration for each child required.

Book Adventure:

Escape From Mr. Lemoncello's Library Virtual

Tuesday, December 13, 4:30 p.m.

You have read the book. Now, live the adventure! Trivia, games, activities and crafts: experience the book in its storyworld dimension. Recommended for ages 9–12.

Cuisine Corner Junior: Pokémon Snacks Alafaya Branch

Wednesday, December 14, 4 p.m.

Learn how to make a sweet Poké Ball waffle and savory Poké Ball mini pizza to keep your strength up for battling. It's super effective! Registration for each child required.

Cuisine Corner Junior: Snowman Dessert Dip

West Oaks Branch

Wednesday, December 14, 4 p.m.

South Creek Branch

Wednesday, December 28, 2 p.m.

Do you want to build a snowman? Come pour, mix and taste a delicious dip that will melt in your mouth this winter.

MAYOR BUDDY'S BOOK CLUB END OF BOOK PARTY

Orlando Public Library
Wednesday, December 14, 4 p.m.

Mayor Buddy's Book Club is celebrating the completion of their latest book *Katie the Catsitter* by Colleen AF Venable! There will be a Q&A with the author. Recommended for ages 8–12.

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Paper Pals

Alafaya Branch

Thursday, December 15, 4 p.m.

Create fun paper creations inspired by your favorite characters. Learn basic paper engineering techniques while making pop-up cards and papercrafts. Recommended for ages 8–12.

Passport to Nigeria Virtual

Virtual

Thursday, December 15, 4 p.m.

Learn about the lives of kids around the world through hands-on activities.

Holiday Kickback

Eatonville Branch

Thursday, December 15, 4-5:30 p.m.

Let's get together to celebrate this winter season with fun games, crafts, treats and activities. Remember this day forever with a holiday selfie station! Recommended for ages 8–12.

LEGO Block Party

Winter Garden Branch

Thursday, December 15, 4:30 p.m.

Is there anything you can't build with LEGO? The challenge is on so let's see what you can build! Bricks for play will be provided but cannot go home with you.

Pokémon Party!

Fairview Shores Branch

Thursday, December 15, 4:30 p.m.

Test your knowledge on winter Pokémon. See if you have what it takes to be a Pokémon trainer!

Readers of the Pack Tween Book Club Virtual

Thursday, December 15, 5 p.m.

Engage in a dynamic discussion and a themed activity based on *The Red Pyramid* by Rick Riordan. Recommended for ages 9–12.



Cookies & Milk with a Cop

North Orange Branch

Saturday, December 17, 11 a.m.

Bring your kids to meet our local police officers and enjoy a story, cookies and milk! This series will be a great chance to interact with Apopka officers in a fun and informative environment.

Pokémon Origami Bookmarks Alafaya Branch

Saturday, December 17, 3 p.m.

Don't let your place in a book get away! Craft origami Pokémon bookmarks so you can always catch the right page number. Recommended for ages 9–12.

Cookie Decorating

Fairview Shores Branch

Monday, December 19, 2:30 p.m.

Frosting, sprinkles, candy and cookies ... what more could you want? Stop in and express your creativity by decorating a sugary treat. Then enjoy the best part of all, eating it!

Blades of Flurry

South Trail Branch

Monday, December 19, 4 p.m.

Ice skaters make gliding across the ice look easy! Learn to skate across the floor, play with ice and spin model skaters around while staying toasty inside with some hot cocoa. Recommended for ages 6–8.

Cocoa & Craft

South Creek Branch

Wednesday, December 21, 2-4 p.m.

Join us for a little cocoa, a little movie and a little craft. Test your doodling skills for a creative cup of cocoa. Recommended for ages 8–12.

Snack Around the World

West Oaks Branch

Wednesday, December 21, 4 p.m.

Treat yourself to tasty snacks from a land far away! Each month we will learn about a different culture while we sample the yummiest snacks it has to offer.

Happy Habitats

Alafaya Branch

Wednesday, December 21, 4 p.m.

Learn about habitats, plants and animals through books and crafts. This month we're learning about lakes and rivers. Registration required for each child. Recommended for ages 6–8.

Pirates! All Aboard to Denmark

Virtua

Tuesday, December 27, 4:30 p.m.

All aboard to explore Denmark with a quirky pirate crew! We'll read *The Snow Queen*, do a cool icy experiment and play a roaring round of trivia!

Icy Science

West Oaks Branch

Wednesday, December 28, 4 p.m.

Combine ice, cold and fun for experiments that will make your teeth chatter!



Homeschool: Craft Mania Windermere Branch

Thursdays, December 1–15, 1–2:15 p.m. Tis the season to be crafty. Sharpen

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'Tis the season to be crafty. Sharpen those creative skills with a fun and frosty winter-themed craft. Recommended for ages 6–17.

Machines, Motion and EngineeringWest Oaks Branch

Monday, December 5, 11:30 a.m.
Build K'NEX machines such as
transmissions, cranes, rocket launchers
and more. Make learning about simple
machines, motion and engineering fun
with hands-on building. Recommended for
ages 10–12.

Homeschool Meetup Southwest Branch

Mondays, December 5–19, 1 p.m.Participate in math, science, history, art and literature-based learning to support your child's homeschool curriculum.
Recommended for ages 6–12.

Homeschool: Winter Technology Expo Windermere Branch

Tuesday, December 6, 2 p.m.

Learn critical problem-solving and computational thinking skills while having fun with Sphero indi. Kids will learn coding through hands-on play with Sphero BOLT. Recommended for ages 7–13.

Homeschool Teen Board Game Meetup

Winter Garden Branch

Thursday, December 8, 1–3 p.m. Inviting all teen homeschoolers to play games, socialize and share resources. Games will be provided or bring one to share! Recommended for ages 11–18.

Homeschool: Spanish

Windermere Branch

Tuesday, December 13, 2 p.m. Virtual

Wednesday, December 7, 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: French

Windermere Branch

Tuesday, December 20, 2 p.m. Virtual

Tuesday, December 13, 3 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.



DIY Thursday

Orlando Public Library, Club Central Thursdays, December 1-15, 3 p.m.

Choose your own creative adventure at a variety of do-it-yourself craft stations. Try your hand at different art forms from origami to collages, poetry and more! Recommended for ages 11-18.

Teen Volunteering

Orlando Public Library Saturday, December 3, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Hiawassee Branch

Saturday, December 10, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

High school students will earn two hours of community service by assembling craft kits for the library.

Kindness Counts!

South Creek Branch

Saturday, December 3, 2 p.m.

Even a small act can change the world! Find out how random acts of kindness can make a difference as we show our appreciation and pay it forward.

Paint Party!

Fairview Shores Branch

Saturdays, December 3 & 17, 3-4:30 p.m.

It's that time again for Paint Party! Bring your paint worthy cloth and make these three awesome projects: Sharpie ink blot art, yarn painting art and crystal art!

Money Mondays!

Virtual

Mondays, December 5 & 19, 5 p.m.

Buying a car is one of the first major financial decisions of many teens. Discover the factors involved in buying a car and see what it takes to purchase your dream car.

Holiday Movie and Crafts

Eatonville Branch

Tuesday, December 6, 3:30-5:30 p.m.

'Tis the season to show us your ugliest holiday sweater during this holiday movie and teen craft spectacular.

Middle School Advisory Board Meeting

Wednesday, December 7, 4 p.m.

Earn community service by collaborating with your peers to test out new tween and teen programs, brainstorm new teen services and more! Recommended for students in grades 6-8.

Teen Art Adventures: CD Scratch Art

Fairview Shores Branch

Thursday, December 8, 4:30 p.m.

Create your own unique wall hanging from recycled CDs. Bring your imagination and we will provide the rest.

Pop-Up Culture

Alafaya Branch

Saturday, December 10, 4 p.m.

Create fun paper creations inspired by your favorite fandoms. Learn basic paper engineering techniques while making pop-up cards and crafts.

Teen Book Club

Alafaya Branch

Sunday, December 11, 2 p.m.

Discuss a monthly novel, talk about your favorite books and celebrate all things YA in Teen Book Club! This month we're reading Gallant by V.E. Schwab.

Magical Menagerie

South Trail Branch

Thursday, December 15, 4:30 p.m.

Compare popular magical creatures from wellknown stories through trivia, games and even create one of your own.

Teen Art Adventures

Southeast Branch

Wednesday, December 21, 4:30 p.m.

Explore your creative side with this monthly series. We'll provide the supplies and instruction on different types of art forms, you bring the imagination!

Paper Pizzazz

Fairview Shores Branch Tuesday, December 27, 2 p.m.

Learn to make cool paper decorations to add pizzazz to your own room or to give as a gift.



DIY TERRARIUMS

West Oaks Branch

Friday, December 16, 4:30 p.m.

A terrarium is nothing less than a miniature world - one that you can create yourself. Design your own cool landscape inside a jar.



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LIBRARY LOCATIONS

Orlando Public Library

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Alafava Branch

12000 E. Colonial Drive, 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 Drive, 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.

Sunday Hours: (L)

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 Drive, 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 Road, Ocoee, FL 34761 Monday—Thursday 10 a.m.—7 p.m. Friday—Saturday: 10 a.m.—6 p.m. Sunday: 1–6 p.m.

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.

BOOK DROP LOCATIONS

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.

CLOSURES



Christmas

All Locations: Saturday, December 24— Monday, December 26

New Year's

All Locations: Saturday, December 31– Monday, January 2

Día de Navidad

Todos las localidades: el sábado, 24 de diciembre el lunes. 26 de diciembre

Año Nuevo

Todos las localidades: el sábado, 31 de diciembre el lunes, 2 de enero



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