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## *At the Library: Get in the holiday spirit at OCPL*

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Orange County Public Library is here to help you prepare for and celebrate this holiday season with a wide variety of free activities, programs and services. Throughout the month of December, visit the OCPL Main Library to do, give and enjoy.

### **Things to do**

- Make a custom photo holiday card at 6 p.m. Monday, Dec. 2.
- Celebrate Jewish heritage at the Family Hanukkah Program with stories, songs, dancing and games at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 3.
- Meet local children's author John Claude Bemis at the Friends of the Library holiday gathering at 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7. Refreshments will be served.
- Listen to stories told by local authors at "The Storyteller's Gift" program: Anne Clinard Barnhill, Natania Barron, Barbara Davis, James Maxey and Barbara Claypole White will each present an original work and discuss the importance of books and stories as gifts at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 12.
- Wrap gifts away from prying eyes at the free gift wrap station starting Dec. 12.
- Take an imaginative, magical train ride on the Arctic Express as led by Conductor Steve. Families will learn about winter festivals around the world at 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14.
- Teens: Attend the "Not-A-Holiday" Party at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 18, to fold origami, roll sushi and sing karaoke.

### **Things to give**

- Need a unique gift? Consider a personalized paver. The Friends of the Library Paver Sale runs through Friday, Dec. 20. The pavers will be installed in the front walkway of the OCPL Main Library and all monies raised support your library. For more information, go to [www.orangecountync.gov/library/pavers.asp](http://www.orangecountync.gov/library/pavers.asp).
- Food and Toys for Fines: Reduce or eliminate your library fines while making the season bright for fellow Orange County residents. Through Friday, Dec. 13, all OCPL locations are accepting non-perishable food items (including pet food) and toy donations in exchange for reduced library fines. Food items will be sent to Orange Congregations In Mission, and toys will go to Orange County Department of Social Services' Toy Chest.
- Help OCPL build a video game collection this season by donating new or gently used video games. Bring your donations to the collection box by the Teen Room.
- Give back to the community by signing up to be a 2014 World Book Night book giver. For more information, go to [www.orangecountync.gov/library/wbn.asp](http://www.orangecountync.gov/library/wbn.asp).

### **Things to enjoy**

- Attend the library's holiday open house at 5 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 12. Library celebrity and recent retiree Kevin Delaney will present a selection of acoustic seasonal songs, and holiday treats will be served. Youth services will also host a holiday craft session from 5 to 6 p.m. for the kids.
- Soak in the seasonal decorations adorning the library's walls. Thanks go to the creative efforts of the Hillsborough Garden Club and art students from Orange High School. And check out the stunning photographs from Orange County Animal Services' Home for the Holidays exhibit promoting adoption awareness.

*More details about these events and other holiday happenings are available at [www.orangecountync.gov/library](http://www.orangecountync.gov/library).*