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At the Library: Let us help you discover your next book

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Discovering your next great read is easier than ever at Orange County Public Library.

Many people enjoy the “If you liked this item, then consider this” feature on retail sites like amazon.com. OCPL now offers a similar feature through the library’s online catalog at <http://library.orangecountync.gov>.

When you search for a book title in the catalog, the book’s record now includes recommended authors, titles and series. These results can be found at the bottom of the page underneath the title details.

Explanations for why each title was recommended are included, and you can provide immediate feedback on the suggestion by clicking on the bull’s-eye or the X on the cover image.

You can also quickly and easily request that a book be held for you in the online catalog, too. Just click the Request It button and follow the prompts.

If you’re looking for a more personalized reading recommendation, our staff is here to help you find a book you’re sure to enjoy with the new Your Next 5 program.

Fill out a paper Your Next 5 questionnaire at the library or complete the online form at www.orangecountync.gov/library/next5form.asp.

Based on the answers you provide, library staff will compile a list of five books—especially for you—within a week.

Late openings at Main Library this month

The OCPL Main Library will open later than usual on Friday, May 16, and Friday, May 30.

The doors will open at 11 a.m. on those days to allow library staff to participate in professional development sessions.

Books and brews fundraiser

The Friends of the Orange County Public Library will hold a fundraiser on Monday, May 19, at Hot Tin Roof, 115 W. Margaret Lane in Hillsborough, from 5 to 7 p.m.

Join FOCPL members as they guest bar tend for a good cause. Tips and a percentage of drink sales will benefit OCPL.

Storytimes return

The OCPL Main Library storytimes returned this week after taking a hiatus in April. Bring your little one to one of these lively, fun programs held each week.

- Baby Lapsit on Mondays at 10 a.m.: A 20-minute program for babies and their caregivers that incorporates age-appropriate books, rhymes, music and movement.
- Tiny Tots Storytime on Tuesdays at 10 a.m.: A 25-minute program for children from walkers to age 3 and their caregivers.
- Preschool Storytime on Wednesdays at 10 a.m.: A 30-minute program for children ages 3 to 5 and their caregivers.

And join us for Stay and Play sessions after the Tiny Tots and Preschool storytimes. These free-play sessions offer educational toys, puppets and games to engage your child in early literacy learning and build social skills.

Afternoon computer classes now available

The OCPL Main Library offers free computer classes on Mondays at 4 p.m.

This month, join us on May 12 for Internet safety and May 19 for resume formatting.

Classes meet in the large study room on the second floor. Bring your own laptop, or use one of the library's six laptops available for class participants on a first-come, first-served basis.

The OCPL Main library is located at 137 W. Margaret Lane in Hillsborough. Free parking is available in the Eno River Parking Deck. Learn more about the many services and events at the library at www.orangecountync.gov/library.