Event Guide
DECEMBER 2019

Santa’s Ornament Workshop
See inside for locations and times
**STORYTIMES**

**Baby & Me**  
Buenaventura Lakes 9:30am, Tuesdays  
Hart Memorial 11:45am, Tuesday, Dec. 3, 10, 17  
Poinciana 11am, Thursday, Dec. 5, 12, 19  
St. Cloud 11am, Wednesdays  
West Osceola 11:15am, Thursday, Dec. 5, 12, 19  
Hug your little one while sharing this special first-time experience. This storytime introduces books with playtime and repetitive music. Ages Birth - 18 months.

**Mother Goose Storytime**  
Buenaventura Lakes 10:15am, Tuesdays  
Poinciana 10am, Wednesdays  
Stories, songs, and a craft activity to build early literacy skills; a blend of entertainment and education for families. Special bilingual storytime December 3 at the Buenaventura Lakes Library. Ages 18 months - 5 years old.

**Great Beginnings Storytime**  
Hart Memorial 10am, Tuesday, Dec. 3, 10, 17  
West Osceola 10am, Thursday, Dec. 5, 12, 19  
Encourage your child's love of reading with great books and enrichment activities that build early literacy skills. Ages 18 months - 5 years old.

**Rhythm, Rhyme, & Storytime**  
Buenaventura Lakes 10:15am, Thursday, Dec. 5, 12, 19  
Poinciana 10am, Tuesday, Dec. 3, 10, 17  
St. Cloud 10am, Thursday, Dec. 5, 12, 19  
Finger plays, rhythm movement, dancing, and free play create the perfect opportunity for fun-filled learning as you watch your child develop their vocabulary, counting skills, creative thinking, and listening skills. Ages 2 - 5 years old.

**Tinkering Toddlers**  
Poinciana 10am, Thursday, Dec. 5, 12, 19  
Work on your child's fine motor and gross motor skills while they learn ABCs, colors, and numbers. Sponsored by Friends of the Poinciana Library. Ages 18 months - 4 years old.

**Toddler Tales**  
St. Cloud 10am, Wednesdays  
Toddlers in for stories, songs, and more engaging activities that build emerging language skills. Ages 18 months - 3 years old.

**Preschool Storybook Fun**  
St. Cloud 9:30am, Wednesdays  
Encourage your child's love of reading with great books and enrichment activities that build early literacy skills. Ages 3 - 5 years old.

**Learn 2 Read**  
Buenaventura Lakes 10am, Friday, Dec. 6, 13, 20  
Hart Memorial 10am, Thursday, Dec. 5, 12, 19  
Poinciana 10am, Monday, Dec. 2, 9  
St. Cloud 10am, Tuesday, Dec. 3, 10, 17  
West Osceola 10am, Wednesdays  
Help your child develop an early love for reading. This interactive experience provides how-to techniques for parents and non-school age children (infants/toddlers). Presented by The Parent Involvement Team of the Osceola County School District.

**Santa's Ornament Workshop**  
Buenaventura Lakes 10am, Saturday, Dec. 14  
Hart Memorial 6pm, Wednesday, Dec. 18  
Poinciana 4:30pm, Tuesday, Dec. 17  
St. Cloud 2pm, Saturday, Dec. 14  
West Osceola 4:30pm, Wednesday, Dec. 18  
Share a cookie with Santa at his special storytime, then stay to create keepsake ornaments at craft stations.

**Homeschool Chess Club**  
Hart Memorial 12pm, Wednesdays  
Face off against new friends in the ultimate battle of wits.

**Play! Pokémon League**  
Buenaventura Lakes 4:30pm, Wednesday, Dec. 4, 18  
Hart Memorial 5:30pm, Wednesday, Dec. 4, 11  
Poinciana 4:30pm, Wednesdays  
St. Cloud 4pm, Tuesday, Dec. 3, 17  
West Osceola 5pm, Tuesday, Dec. 3, 10, 17  
Calling all Pokémon fans and trainers. Share, trade, and play Pokémon with other enthusiasts! All skill levels, beginner to master, are welcome. Must bring your own Pokémon cards and/or DS to participate. Ages 8 and up.

**Escape Room: Santa’s Lost Luggage**  
St. Cloud 12pm - 2:30pm, Saturday, Dec. 7  
Wipe out! On vacation in Florida, Santa lost his suitcase and he needs your help in finding it in time for Christmas Eve. For groups of 3-5.
Study Stars
Buenaventura Lakes 4pm, Tuesday, Dec. 3, 10, 17
Get homework help from trained Teen Ambassadors in math, reading, science, and other school subjects. For this unique Library Study Buddy program, participants must be in Kindergarten – 8th grade. Study help offered will depend on Teen Ambassador availability.

Yoga for Kids
West Osceola 4:30pm, Wednesday, Dec. 4
Certified yoga instructor Donna Mogilski will teach children a series of beginner friendly poses, designed to build confidence and encourage a mind-body connection. Participants should bring their own mat or towel and wear comfortable, stretchy clothing. Registration required.

Namaste! StorYoga
St. Cloud 9am, Friday, Dec. 6
Beginner-friendly yoga poses easily modified to meet any needs or limitations. Participants should wear comfy stretchy clothes and bring their own mat or towel.

American Girl Club
St. Cloud 5pm - 7pm, Thursday, Dec. 5
Do you love American Girl? Explore the world of the historical American Girl. Registration required.

Winter Around the World: December Traditions
West Osceola 4:30pm, Wednesday, Dec. 11
Celebrate diversity this winter season with holidays and traditions from other parts of the world.

Teen Unwind
St. Cloud 2pm - 4pm, Wednesday, Dec. 11
Give these delicious gingerbread people a Florida vacation this year - frost on bathing suits and let them swim in cups of hot cocoa.

Medieval Sword Fighting
Hart Memorial 3pm - 5pm, Sunday, Dec. 15
Your path to knighthood begins here. Learn historically accurate sword fighting techniques using a rapier. Loaner gear provided for adults and youth ages 6-17. Waivers must be signed to participate. For minors, a legal guardian must be present to sign. Hosted by the Society for Creative Anachronism.

Tertulia Cuatro Gatos para Niños
Buenaventura Lakes 4:30pm, Monday, Dec. 16
Express your creativity while discovering new interests about different cultures, music, and art. Ages 5 - 12 years old. Expresa tu creatividad mientras descubres nuevos intereses sobre diferentes culturas, música y arte. Niños entre 5 y 12 años de edad.

Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math

Edison Club
Poinciana 4:30pm, Tuesday, Dec. 3, 10
Inventing, tinkering, and science come together every week when you explore different challenge stations. Create your own project, test a hypothesis, or just play at this program that has something for every inquisitive mind. Registration required for the December 10 session.

Homeschool Book Club
Hart Memorial 11am, Wednesday, Dec. 4
Connect literacy to STEAM! Kids of all ages will read the Magic Tree House series and report back to do experiments, activities, and crafts that bring the books to life.

Homeschool Libratory
St. Cloud 12pm, Wednesday, Dec. 4, 11, 18
Kindergarten through high school and their parents participate in a fun and educational weekly program that features a STEAM activity.

Family Fun Night
Poinciana 4:30pm, Thursday, Dec. 5, 12, 19
Take a break from your busy week to spend quality time as a family. Board games, crafts as a family, solve STEAM problems together or work on a puzzle while having snacks. Each week will be a new adventure to take as a family.

After School Special
Buenaventura Lakes 4:30pm, Thursday, Dec. 5, 19
St. Cloud 4:30pm, Wednesdays
Each week engage with exciting activities that run the gamut from science and math to engineering and yoga. Always something new and guaranteed fun!

C³ (Cubing Club in Celebration)
West Osceola 5pm, Thursday, Dec. 5, 12, 19
Exercise your brain and learn how to solve the best-selling puzzle toy in history... the Rubik’s Cube.
Voices of Silence: On My Own
Buenaventura Lakes  10am - 1:30pm, Mondays
Fostering independent living, reading and math fundamentals, and developing social skills in young adults with intellectual disabilities.

Deaf Education Series
Hart Memorial  6pm - 8pm, Monday, Dec. 16
Join the American Sign Language (ASL) Services, GlobalVRS, and the Communication Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (CCDHH) for an educational discussion on a new topic every month. This month: Identity Theft. A sign language interpreter will be present.

Toastmasters International
West Osceola  6pm - 8pm, Tuesday, Dec. 3, 10, 17
Build the skills you need to communicate and lead with this internationally-known organization.

E.S.O.L. Beginner
Buenaventura Lakes  6pm, Thursday, Dec. 5, 12
Hart Memorial  6pm, Wednesday, Dec. 4, 11
Poinciana  2pm, Monday, Dec. 2, 9
St. Cloud  10am, Monday, Dec. 2, 9
West Osceola  7pm, Thursday, Dec. 5, 12
Become more familiar with the English language. Taught by a certified instructor in partnership with the Adult Literacy League.

E.S.O.L. Intermediate
Hart Memorial  10:30am, Monday, Dec. 2, 9
Improve your English with reading, listening comprehension, and grammar instruction for real-life situations. Presented in partnership with the Adult Literacy League.

Everyday English
Buenaventura Lakes  6:30pm, Wednesdays
Hart Memorial  10am, Saturday, Dec. 7, 14, 21
Poinciana  6:30pm, Wednesdays
Improve your English through conversation. Taught by Florida State certified teachers. All home/native languages welcome.

Bits & Pieces Jigsaw Builders
St. Cloud  11am - 1pm, Thursday, Dec. 5, 12, 26
Calling all puzzle enthusiasts! It’s time to put your puzzle-piecing skills to work featuring puzzles with local historical landmarks and antique photos specific to the St. Cloud area.

Book Wyrms: Dungeons & Dragons
St. Cloud  3:30pm, Saturday, Dec. 7, 21
Roll up some fun with Dungeons & Dragons gaming! Use your imagination and problem-solving skills while meeting and socializing with others who enjoy role-playing games. All playing materials will be provided, but feel free to bring your own dice and/or D&D 5th Edition Character Sheet.

Canton of Swampkeypepe Gathering
Hart Memorial  7pm, Monday, Dec. 16
Hear ye, hear ye! The Society for Creative Anachronism is an international organization dedicated to researching and re-creating the arts and skills of pre-17th-century Europe. Find out about local events, and experience crafts, activities, games, and more. This Month: Yule Game Night.

Bingo for Books
Hart Memorial  11am, Friday, Dec. 20
Find out how lucky you are when you win Bingo and great books!
**Book Clubs**

**Rise Up!**
**Hart Memorial** 4pm, Friday, Dec. 6, 13, 20
More than a woke book club, this is your chance to discuss issues important to you, challenge your own perspective, and earn volunteer hours by helping your Library and your community. Teens (13-18) choose from a list of diversity-focused books, meet for in-depth discussion, and set goals for making a difference.

**Readers Club**
**West Osceola** 3pm, Saturday, Dec. 14
Bring your favorite fiction books to share with other readers and discover new interesting books.

**Kitchen Reader**
**St. Cloud** 6pm, Tuesday, Dec. 10
Hang on to your spatula and get cooking, where we pick the cookbook and you pick and make a recipe! This month: Holiday Potluck. Select your favorite holiday dish and bring in a regular sized recipe to share with other Kitchen Reader enthusiasts. Registration required at the St. Cloud Library.

**Book Club**
**St. Cloud** 10am, Thursday, Dec. 19
Enjoy a lively discussion of each month's book selection. This month: *Lark the Herald Angels Sing* by Donna Andrews.

**Writers Groups**

**Osceola County Authors and Writers Club**
**St. Cloud** 10am - 12pm, Wednesday, Dec. 4, 18
Published authors and aspiring writers meet to read and discuss writings they are working on. This is for serious writers wanting to get positive feedback and input on their work. All writers welcome.

**West Osceola Writers Group**
**West Osceola** 7pm, Monday, Dec. 2, 9, 16, 23
Writers of all genres share advice and writing tips in a positive and supportive environment.

**Films**
Closed captioning available upon request.

**Books vs Movies**
**Hart Memorial** 2pm, Saturday, Dec. 14
"That's not in the book!" Rant, rave and tell it like it is when we pit books against their movie adaptions. Will you cheer the book or root for the film? You decide who's champ! This month's pick: *The Nutcracker and the Four Realms* (Rated PG).

**Super Saturday Cinema Presents: A Musical Matinee!**
**Hart Memorial** 2pm, Saturday, Dec. 28
Experience a night at the theatre while taking in the sights and sounds of a musical production on the silver screen (without the expense)! This month: *Evita* (Rated PG).
**Health**

**Health Insurance Marketplace Enrollment**
- **Bueanventura Lakes**: 12pm - 5:30pm, Friday, Dec. 13
- **Hart Memorial**: 9:30am - 5:30pm, Friday, Dec. 13
- **Poinciana**: 9:30pm - 5:30pm, Friday, Dec. 6
- **St. Cloud**: 12:30pm - 5:30pm, Monday, Dec. 2
  - 12pm - 5:30pm, Friday, Dec. 6
- **West Osceola**: 9:30pm - 2pm, Tuesday, Dec. 10

Meet with a Certified Marketplace Navigator to renew your plan or enroll in new affordable health coverage. Presented by Freedom Insurance Financial.

**Tai Chi Fitness**
- **St. Cloud**: 11am, Monday, Dec. 2, 16

Relax into vitality with Tai Chi! Rick Chamberlin, fitness instructor through the American Council on Exercise and owner of Autumn Moon Tai Chi Fitness, will guide you through stretching and breathing techniques of the Yang-style Tai Chi form. No experience necessary, beginners welcome! Comfortable clothing and bottled water is recommended.

**UCF Card Training: Preventing Challenging Behavior (Part II)**
- **Hart Memorial**: 10am - 12pm, Friday, Dec. 6

This presentation will review participants’ Part I home assignment, and present how to look at problem behaviors from a functional, behavioral perspective using principles of ABA (Applied Behavior Analysis). Unfortunately, we will not be able to provide childcare at this training.

**Lunch & Learn: Physician Lecture Series**
- **Poinciana**: 12pm, Monday, Dec. 9

Physicians from the Poinciana Medical Center are here to share information on health related issues. This is your opportunity to ask questions about diabetes, heart disease, and more. For more information about this or to RSVP please call the Poinciana Medical Center at 1.888.253.8117.

**Community Blood Drive**
- **Buenaventura Lakes**: 1pm - 3pm, Monday, Dec. 9

Be a hero and save a life by donating blood today! OneBlood’s Big Red Bus will be on-site to receive your life-saving donation.

**Medicare Counseling**
- **Hart Memorial**: 10am - 12pm, Wednesday, Dec. 11

Receive one-on-one counseling to address your Medicare Health and Drug plan. Free, unbiased and confidential. Presented by SHINE (Serving Health Insurance Needs of Elders).

**Nature & Gardening**

**Backyard Pollution Solutions**
- **St. Cloud**: 10am, Friday, Dec. 13
- **West Osceola**: 10am, Tuesday, Dec. 3

Rain gardens, rain barrels, and permeable pavement are all examples of low impact development (LID) we can use in our backyards to fight water pollution and protect our water resources. Learn about these easy-to-use solutions including: how they work, where to get them, how to install, and more. Presented by Krista Stump from UF/IFAS Extension Osceola County.

**Backyard Birds**
- **Poinciana**: 10am, Tuesday, Dec. 10

Learn to recognize common backyard birds, their habitat, and how to attract them by selecting the appropriate bird feeder and feed. Presented by Krista Stump from UF/IFAS Extension Osceola County.

**Civics**

**News or Nonsense**
- **St. Cloud**: 3pm, Wednesday, Dec. 11

Win prizes as you decide if our major headlines of 2019 are true events or fake news.

**Census 2020 Recruiting Event**
- **Hart Memorial**: 1pm - 4pm, Tuesday, Dec. 3
  - 12pm - 5pm, Thursday, Dec. 12
- **Poinciana**: 12pm - 4pm, Tuesday, Dec. 10
- **St. Cloud**: 1pm - 5pm, Monday, Dec. 9

Representatives from the U.S. Census Bureau are recruiting qualified personnel to help with the 2020 Census operations in the area; you could be a part of history in the making as a temporary paid Census Taker. Applications are taken on site.
**Art with Grace**
**Buenaventura Lakes** 6pm, Monday, Dec. 2
**Hart Memorial** 6:30pm, Tuesday, Dec. 17
Nurture your artistic talent and be inspired by local artist, Grace Senior Morandi. Learn to create art using different mediums such as charcoal drawing, acrylic painting, watercolors, and more. Please bring your own supplies.

**Acrylic Painting for Adults**
**Poinciana** 10am, Saturday, Dec. 7, 14, 21
Flex your creative muscle in this fun and instructive class on acrylic painting. All supplies are included except the canvas.

**Tertulia Cuatro Gatos**
**Buenaventura Lakes** 6:30pm, Lunes, Dec. 9
Te invitamos a disfrutar de esta velada informal junto a talentosos exponentes hispanos de la lectura, poesía, música, teatro y otras facetas del arte.

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**Let’s Get Knitting**
**St. Cloud** 6pm, Thursday, Dec. 12, 26
Beginners and seasoned knitters, grab your supplies! Presenter Francine Salisbury will be there for all of your knitting needs. Topics include yarn weights, needle sizes, common abbreviations, and simple pattern readings.

**Prick ‘n Stitch-a-Roo**
**St. Cloud** 3pm, Thursday, Dec. 5, 12, 19
Hand-design your own greeting cards using vintage book pages and embroidery floss. Patterns and templates are provided.

**Crafty Crew**
**Hart Memorial** 4pm, Tuesday, Dec. 10
**St. Cloud** 6pm, Thursday, Dec. 5, 19
Learn, share ideas, and create while in the company of others.

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**A Guitar for Christmas**
**Hart Memorial**
4pm, Tuesday, Dec. 17
Start off the Holiday season to the tunes of Jane Rosenbohm, Guitar Extraordinaire®. A soprano ukulele will be raffled at the end of the presentation.

**Christmas Cookie Recipe Exchange**
**St. Cloud**
6pm, Tuesday, Dec. 17
Share your love of holiday cookie baking with other Christmas cookie enthusiasts. Registration required.
Computer Classes
Classes offered on a first-come, first-served basis, no registration necessary. Please see schedule for all branches.

Exhibits
Blanca Rosado
Buenaventura Lakes

Mike Valentine
Hart Memorial

Carolyn Davis
St. Cloud

Celebration Rediscovered: a Heather Nagy Exhibit
West Osceola

Meet Your New Hobby
Step into the New Year by trying something new! Learn a new craft, step out into nature, or even cook up some new dishes! Presented by UF/IFAS Extension Osceola County. St. Cloud 3pm, Thursdays, January 9 - 30

Collector’s Fair
Explore a variety of treasured collections showcased by local collectors. St. Cloud 10am, Saturday, January 25

Book Sales
Friends of the Library Mini Book Sale
Poinciana 10am - 12pm, Wednesday, Dec. 4

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Hours & Locations
Hart Memorial Central & Ray Shanks Law Library
211 East Dakin Avenue
Kissimmee, FL 34741

Veterans Memorial St. Cloud Library
810 13th Street
St. Cloud, FL 34769

Buenaventura Lakes Library
405 Buenaventura Boulevard
Kissimmee, FL 34743

Poinciana Library
101 North Doverplum Avenue
Kissimmee, FL 34758

West Osceola Library
305 Campus Street
Celebration, FL 34747

Kenansville Library
1154 South Canoe Creek Road
Kenansville, FL 34739

Holiday Hours:
Closed: Tuesday, December 24
Closed: Wednesday, December 25
Closed at 6pm: Tuesday, December 31
Closed: Wednesday, January 1

KISSIMMEE’S FOOD TRUCK RODEO
December 6th 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Kissimmee Lakefront Park (Lighthouse Lawn)

KISSIMMEE FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS PARADE
December 14th 7:00 p.m.
Historic Downtown Kissimmee

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA
December 21st 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Chambers Park Community Center

HOLIDAY CAMP
December 23, 26-27, 30-31 7:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Oak Street Park Community Center

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