



## Celebrate Literacy Week, Florida!

January 26-30, 2026

District: Orange

*The events and activities listed below are representative of those at the district's elementary, middle, and high schools. Each school site planned its activities in alignment with the 2026 theme: Read, White and Blue: Celebrating 250 Chapters of America.*

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Monday, January 26<sup>th</sup></b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chapter 1: The First Americans -- Read a book about early American history, indigenous peoples, or the founding of the nation.</li> <li>• Founding Pages Scavenger Hunt -- Students search for hidden "founding facts" around campus, each clue tied to a short reading passage.</li> <li>• Celebrate Read, White, and Blue! Camping is an American tradition that celebrates freedom and exploration. Honor this tradition with "Camp Read-A-Lot" Literacy Night.</li> <li>• Celebrate the Freedom to Read -- Kick off the Let's Read, OPCS Challenge!</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Tuesday, January 27<sup>th</sup></b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chapter 2: Symbols of Our Nation -- Focus on the American flag, the Statue of Liberty, and the bald eagle. Read a book that explains what these symbols represent.</li> <li>• Freedom Poster Challenge -- Students design creative posters inspired by famous American speeches or documents, displayed in a "Gallery of Freedom."</li> <li>• Great American Reads Book Tasting -- Students will sample different books set within US history.</li> <li>• Read My Shirt (Students and staff wear shirts with words, quotes, or book titles related to the USA printed on them. -- must be school-appropriate – and share photos on school social media, Padlet, etc.).</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Wednesday, January 28<sup>th</sup></b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chapter 3: Heading West -- Read books about westward expansion, frontier life, or famous landmarks like the Grand Canyon.</li> <li>• "American Heroes Read-Aloud" -- Students select short biographies or stories about notable Americans (inventors, activists, authors, leaders) and present a brief read-aloud to their peers. Each class creates a "Wall of Heroes" with student-written summaries or illustrations celebrating the figures they explored.</li> <li>• Red, White, and Blue: Wear red if you like fiction, white if you like non-fiction, and blue if you like graphic novels. Read your favorite type of book during DEAR time.</li> <li>• Stars, Stripes &amp; Study - Mini research stations throughout the Media Center, along with a writing prompt: "If I wrote America's 251st Chapter."</li> </ul>

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Thursday, January 29<sup>th</sup></b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chapter 4: The Stories We Tell -- Hold a school-wide read-aloud of an American classic.</li> <li>• Patriotic Poetry Slam -- Students read or write short poems inspired by American history, symbols, or values, then perform them in class or at a showcase.</li> <li>• Throughout the week, students are challenged to find and submit their favorite quote from any American historical figure, document, or piece of American literature they have read (or researched for the week).</li> <li>• Hold a Book Election -- Wear Red, White, and Blue and VOTE for your favorite book in the Media Center.</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Friday, January 30<sup>th</sup></b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chapter 5: Our Future -- Read books about innovation, technology, or community service -- Dress up as what you want to be when you grow up, representing the next chapter of America's story.</li> <li>• Living Library: Meet a Historical Figure -- Students dress up or role-play as famous Americans and share short readings or facts from that person's life. Peers "check out" these living books by asking questions and learning directly from them.</li> <li>• Students research a significant historical event that occurred during January 26-30 in any year of American history.</li> <li>• The Star-Spangled Story Stage – Homerooms will sign up to read at the custom-built reading area on the cafeteria stage.</li> </ul>