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SUMMER LEARNING 2026

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Summer Learning programs will not take place at The Fruitville Library due to temporary closure for renovation.

PROGRAMS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE!

Visit SarasotaCountyLibraries.org for updates before joining the fun.

SPEND YOUR SUMMER AT YOUR LIBRARY

PROGRAMS DATES: MAY 31 THROUGH AUG. 1.

EXPLORE. IMAGINE. WIN.

Sarasota County libraries invite you to a season full of fun programs and reading rewards for all ages!

HOW IT WORKS

Explore our guide by location and age group: Youth (0-8), Tweens (9-12), Teens (13-18), Adults (19+) and All Ages.

Keep an eye out for asterisks (like this*) indicating registration is needed. Our beginning-of-summer and end-of-summer events are highlighted for easy reference.

Please note that offerings vary by location and may include additional instructions.

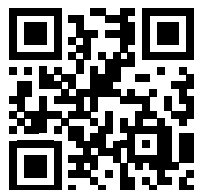
EARN PRIZES

Join our Summer Reading Challenge on Beanstack, May 23 through Aug. 15. Earn prizes when you read for 200 and 400 minutes. Read for 600 minutes (10 hours) to complete the challenge. Visit scgov.beanstack.org or scan the QR code to get started.

- **YOUTH (AGES 0-8):** Complete the challenge to choose a prize or free book.
- **TWEENS/TEENS (AGES 9-18):** Teens who complete the challenge will automatically be entered for a chance to win a Nintendo Switch and can also choose a book or other prize.
- **ADULTS (AGES 19+):** Complete the challenge and be automatically entered to win a Kindle Fire.

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BETTY J. JOHNSON NORTH SARASOTA LIBRARY

2801 Newtown Blvd., Sarasota | Call 311 or 941-861-1110

Hours:

Mon, Wed: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. | Tues, Thurs: 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. | Fri, Sat: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Accessible through Breeze Route 7. Bus routes are subject to change.

Visit scgov.net/breeze or call 311 before planning your trip.

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SUMMER LEARNING EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

FOREVER FIT

Adults

FRIDAYS: STARTING JUNE 5 | 10:15-11 A.M.

Move, stretch and feel your best! Come as you are to learn simple exercises for building strength, balance and endurance. Recommended for ages 55+.

FEATURED EVENT!

SUMMER LEARNING KICK-OFF: POTATO PARTY

All Ages

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10 | 1-3 P.M.

Join us for a spud-tacular celebration for your whole family! Enjoy hands-on crafts, STEM activities, a food truck and more.

BLOOM AND BRAID: FLOWER WEAVING FOR TEENS

Tweens, Teens

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17 | 2-3 P.M.

Weave flowers and greenery into creative and colorful crowns and bracelets that give magnificent summer vibes.

WILD ABOUT ANIMALS WITH JUNGLE GARDENS

All Ages

FRIDAYS: JUNE 19 AND JULY 17 | 2-3 P.M.

Learn fascinating facts and see incredible creatures up close with the amazing animal ambassadors from Jungle Gardens during two special summer presentations.

DIY CHIA FRIEND CREATION

All Ages

THURSDAY, JUNE 25 | 2-3:30 P.M.

Patrons of all ages are invited to create their very own chia friend. Plant the seeds and watch how they grow!

DROP-IN SOLAR PRINTING

Adults

MONDAY, JUNE 29 | NOON TO 1:30 P.M.

Drop in for this quick craft and let your creativity shine as we use light-sensitive paper, a variety of objects, and the power of the sun to create brilliant solar prints.



CALM, CREATE, EXPLORE: SENSORY GARDEN HOUR

Youth

WEDNESDAY, JULY 1 | 2-3 P.M.

Drop in and enjoy a calming, garden-inspired program with tactile stations and simple crafts. Recommended for children aged 2-10.

MACRAME PLANT HOLDER DIY*

Adults

TUESDAY, JULY 7, | 10:30 A.M. TO NOON

Hang out with fellow adult crafters and learn the ropes of creating a macramé plant holder. No green thumb needed!

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FEATURED EVENT!

SUMMER LEARNING FINALE: BUG BASH

All Ages

WEDNESDAY, JULY 29 | 1-3 P.M.

Celebrate the end of summer with a bug-themed bash featuring interactive stations, crafts, games, and some creepy-crawly surprises for the whole family.




Unlock incredible savings with a Sarasota County library card.

Discover a wealth of free resources.

- Borrow or stream books, music, movies
- Attend a program or class
- Use meeting spaces and study rooms
- Read magazines and newspapers
- Use computers, printers, copiers, and Wi-Fi
- Learn a craft, skill, or language

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ELSIE QUIRK LIBRARY

100 W. Dearborn St., Englewood | Call 311 or 941-861-1110

Hours:

Mon, Wed: 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. | Tues, Thurs: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. | Fri, Sat: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Accessible through Breeze OnDemand (Venice Englewood Zone).

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SUMMER LEARNING EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

FEATURED EVENT!

SUMMER LEARNING KICK-OFF: BREAKFAST ROCKS

All Ages

THURSDAY, JUNE 11 | 10:45 A.M. TO 12:30 P.M.

Join us for breakfast treats and rock painting! Then learn about the very real science behind your favorite magic tricks with Mad Science of Greater Tampa Bay.

HOMER: "THE ILIAD" AND "THE ODYSSEY"

Adults

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17 | 1-2:30 P.M.

"The Iliad" and "The Odyssey" are two of Western literature's greatest works. Learn about their enduring influence in this engaging presentation by Baila Miller.

ARTISTS IN THE LIBRARIES: RESCUED BOOK ART*

Teens, Adults

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17 | 3:30-5 P.M.

Give a used book new life at the library! Create a nature-inspired collage using up-cycled book pages and paint.

QUIRKY CRAFTERS: SEEDED PAPERMAKING*

Tweens, Teens

MONDAY, JUNE 22 | 4:45-5:45 P.M.

Plant a seed with your own handmade seeded paper! Learn how to turn scrap paper into pages you can grow in your yard.

PROFESSOR UNIVERSE: THE CARBON CONUNDRUM

All Ages

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24 | 3-4 P.M.

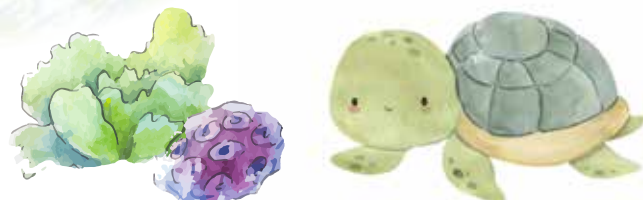
In this paleo-mystery, youth and families will learn about the carbon cycle through dinosaurs, science and comedy!

LITTLE MARINE BIOLOGY*

Youth

SATURDAY, JUNE 27 | 10:30-11:30 A.M.

Learn how to keep our sea creatures safe and discover amazing facts about sea turtles with Little Medical School. Recommended for ages 5-9.



OPEN CHOMP SAW LAB

Youth, Tweens

WEDNESDAY, JULY 1 | 3:45-5 P.M.

Learn to use the Chomp Saws, a safe, easy-to-use cutting device, to create whatever they can imagine! Recommended for ages 5-12.

ARTISTS IN THE LIBRARIES: PAINT A GEODE IN WATERCOLOR*

All Ages

WEDNESDAY, JULY 15 | 1-3 P.M.

Come learn about geode rocks and paint with watercolor glazes, thin layers of translucent paint repeated to create the depth of color found in a geode.

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PLAYDATE HARMONIES

Youth

THURSDAY, JULY 23 | 10:30-11:15 A.M.

Sing, play and explore live music by Jill Brown! Kids and caregivers engage in familiar songs while enjoying a sensory experience. Recommended for ages 1-5.

FEATURED EVENT!

SUMMER LEARNING FINALE: CELEBRATION BASH

All Ages

THURSDAY, JULY 30 | 11:30 A.M. TO 1 P.M.

Wrap up the summer with face painting, pizza, an ecology station and a visit from a fire truck.



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FRANCES T. BOURNE JACARANDA LIBRARY

4143 Woodmere Park Blvd., Venice | Call 311 or 941-861-1110

Hours:

Mon: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. | Tue, Wed, Thu: 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. | Fri, Sat: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Accessible through Breeze OnDemand (Venice/Englewood Zone).

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SUMMER LEARNING EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

FEATURED EVENT!

SUMMER LEARNING KICK-OFF

All Ages

FRIDAY, JUNE 5 | 10:30 A.M. TO 2 P.M.

DJ Jamal Day will be spinning tunes 10:30-11:30 a.m., and Sub Zero Ice Cream will provide a fun and tasty scientific demonstration from 1-2 p.m.

VENICE KIDS' YOGA

Preschoolers, Youth

TUESDAYS: JUNE 9 AND 23; JULY 7 AND 21
10:30-11:15 A.M.

Little ones and their special grown-ups are welcome to learn and practice yoga with Sarah of Venice Kids' Yoga.

"OUT OF MY HANDS" JUGGLING AND ILLUSION SHOW

All Ages

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10 | 10:30-11:30 A.M.

Get ready to be dazzled by professional juggler Gerard Tricarico in his special performance that brings mind-bending illusions and the magic of juggling to life for kids of all ages.

WHAT'S THE BUZZ? LEARNING ABOUT BEES*

Tweens, Teens

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10 | 4:30-5:30 P.M.

Learn all about bees with local bee expert Daniel Beilman.

FARM TO TABLE RECIPES WITH CHEF WARREN*

Tweens, Teens

THURSDAYS: JUNE 11, 18 AND 25 | 4:30-5:30 P.M.

Young chefs can learn new skills to make fun dishes that focus on fresh fruits and vegetables.

EASY NATIVE PLANTS FOR POLLINATORS AND BIRDS*

Adults

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24 | 11 A.M. TO NOON

Learn about beautiful native plants you can add to your yard to attract pollinators and birds. A plant sale will follow the lecture.



PAPER QUILLING*

Teens, Adults

WEDNESDAY, JULY 15 | 4:30-6 P.M.

Learn more about this plant-themed art style in this hands-on workshop by artist Kathryn Sjogren.

HOMER: "THE ILIAD" AND "THE ODYSSEY"*

Adults

FRIDAY, JULY 17 | 1-2:30 P.M.

"The Iliad" and "The Odyssey" are two of Western literature's greatest works. Learn about their enduring influence in this engaging presentation by Baila Miller.

CURTAINS UP ACTING DEMONSTRATION*

Tweens, Teens

TUESDAY, JULY 21 | 4:30-5:30 P.M.

Learn more about the art of theater with a trained professional from Venice Theatre.

A HISTORY CENTER EVENT!

BAKED INTO HISTORY: STORIES GROWN IN SARASOTA*

Tweens, Teens

TUESDAY, JULY 28 | 4:30-5:30 P.M.

Presented by the Sarasota County History Center. Come cook with us! Bake, taste and explore how Sarasota's history grew from local farms, gardens and historic recipes.

FEATURED EVENT!

SUMMER LEARNING FINALE: FACEPAINTING AND COMMUNITY MURAL

All Ages

THURSDAY, JULY 30 | 11 A.M. TO 2 P.M.

Celebrate the end of Summer Learning with face painting from Childlike Productions from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and help create a collaborative art mural that will hang in the library from 1-2 p.m.



ARTISTS *in the* LIBRARIES

Enjoy masterful
artistic methods
from seasoned pros.

Sarasota County

FIND YOURSELF
AT THE LIBRARY

Visit our calendar of events for upcoming programs.



GULF GATE LIBRARY

7112 Curtiss Ave., Sarasota | Call 311 or 941-861-1110

Hours:

Mon, Tues, Wed: 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. | Thurs: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. | Fri, Sat: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Accessible through Breeze Route 6. Bus routes are subject to change.

Visit scgov.net/breeze or call 311 before planning your trip.

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SUMMER LEARNING EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

BEACH TIME IN A JAR

Adults

TUESDAY, JUNE 2, AND THURSDAY, JUNE 4 | 2-4 P.M.

Make an oasis to put on your shelf. All materials provided. First come, first seated. Pick up tickets at the reference desk.

CREATING YOUR EDIBLE GARDEN

Adults

THURSDAY, JUNE 4 | 2-3:30 P.M.

Create an edible garden in shared spaces while gaining practical tips you can easily adapt to improve your own home garden.

FEATURED EVENT!

SUMMER LEARNING KICK-OFF PARTY

All Ages

SATURDAY, JUNE 6 | NOON TO 2 P.M.

Celebrate the beginning of summer! Enjoy crafts, games and button-making. Plus, sign up for Summer Learning to receive a free snow cone.

HULA HOOP HARVEST

All Ages

TUESDAY, JUNE 9 | 1:30-2:30 P.M.

Join us for an exciting hula hoop and juggling performance by Shanda Button filled with music, movement and positive messages about confidence and creativity.

TINY CANVAS ART*

Teens

FRIDAY, JUNE 19 | 2-3:30 P.M.

Paint a miniature work of art with local artist Shelly Augsbury. All supplies will be provided.

JOHNNY APPLESEED PUPPET SHOW

All Ages

THURSDAY, JUNE 25 | 3:30-4:30 P.M.

Katie Adams' Make Believe Theatre weaves through classic tales of Johnny Appleseed from early days in the United States with a blend of puppetry, storytelling and American folk arts.

GARDENS AS GATHERING PLACES

Adults

THURSDAY, JULY 9 | 2-3:30 P.M.

Join architect and landscaper Charlie Weber as he highlights his Sarasota park-planning experience.

MEET BLUEY THE SENTINEL CHICKEN*

All Ages

FRIDAY, JULY 10 | 3-4 P.M.

Learn how chickens help us understand mosquitoes through an educational presentation, fun activities and a special visit with Bluey, the mosquito chicken.

A HISTORY CENTER EVENT!

BAKED INTO HISTORY: STORIES GROWN IN SARASOTA*

Tweens, Teens

WEDNESDAY, JULY 15 | 4-5 P.M.

Presented by the Sarasota County History Center. Come cook with us! Bake, taste and explore how Sarasota's history grew from local farms, gardens and historic recipes.

WILDERNESS MEDICINE*

Youth

THURSDAY, JULY 23 | 4:30-5:30 P.M.

Learn how to stay safe in the woods, with a special focus on snakes, in this class presented by Little Medical School.

A HISTORY CENTER EVENT!

WHERE WILDFLOWERS GROW: WATERCOLORING SARASOTA'S PAST*

Tweens, Teens

MONDAY, JULY 27 | 3-4:30 P.M.

Presented by the Sarasota County History Center. Explore Sarasota's natural heritage through watercolor while learning about the landscapes that shaped our community.



FEATURED EVENT!

SUMMER LEARNING FINALE: "UP, UP AND AWAY" SCIENCE SHOW AND WORKSHOP

Youth

FRIDAY, JULY 31 | 2-4 P.M.

Enjoy an afternoon of plant science with an exciting science show followed by a hands-on workshop where you can plant a seed to take home.

~ Plant a Seed, Read ~

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NORTH PORT LIBRARY

13800 S. Tamiami Trail, North Port | Call 311 or 941-861-1110

Hours:

Mon, Thu: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. | Tues, Wed: 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. | Fri, Sat: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Accessible through Breeze Route 9 and Breeze OnDemand (North Port Zone).

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SUMMER LEARNING EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

CLAY SUCCULENTS*

Adults

FRIDAY, JUNE 12 | 10:30 A.M. TO NOON

Discover the art of crafting beautiful, lifelike succulents.

FEATURED EVENT!

SUMMER LEARNING KICK-OFF: FAIRY TEA PARTY

All Ages

SATURDAY, JUNE 13 | 10:30 A.M. TO 4 P.M.

Join us for our beginning-of-summer celebration! Enjoy games, crafts, face painting and more. Fairy attire is encouraged.

BONSAI 101*

Adults

TUESDAY, JUNE 16 | 3-5 P.M.

Learn the basics of the art of bonsai. Participants may be entered into a raffle to win their own bonsai.

POKÉMON CLUB

Youth

WEDNESDAYS | 2-4 P.M.

Do you want to be the very best, like no one ever was? Come show off your Pokémon trainer skills at Pokémon Club!

WHAT'S THE BUZZ ABOUT BEES?

All Ages

SATURDAY, JUNE 27 | 11 A.M. TO NOON

Learn all about bees with local bee expert Daniel Beilman.



THE TALE OF ATALA AND COONTIE*

Adults

WEDNESDAY, JULY 1 | 4-5 P.M.

UF/IFAS Extension Sarasota County teaches us about the success story of the Atala butterfly and the coontie plant, a staple in Florida-Friendly Landscaping practices.

TEEN CODING BOOT CAMP*

Teens

SATURDAY, JULY 11 | 1:30-3:30 P.M.

Learn the basics of coding in this teen boot camp. Attendees will work with mBot robots and a block-based coding language.

ADULT PAINT BY NUMBERS*

Adults

FRIDAY, JULY 24 | 10:30 A.M. TO NOON

Create a masterpiece celebrating summer.

TEEN PAINT BY NUMBERS*

Tweens, Teens

FRIDAY, JULY 24 | 2-4 P.M.

Create a masterpiece celebrating summer.



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SUMMER LEARNING: MAD SCIENCE

All Ages

TUESDAY, AUG. 4 | 11 A.M. TO NOON

Celebrate the end of summer by learning about the wonders of water through Mad Science experiments.

FEATURED EVENT!

SUMMER LEARNING FINALE: MINI GOLF

All Ages

TUESDAY, AUG. 4 | 4-7 P.M.

Celebrate the end of summer with a professional mini golf experience. Bring your friends and family for a memorable adventure through our bookshelves.

UF/IFAS Extension Sarasota County

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Examine.
Experience.

Extension.

We provide practical education to build a better future.

Come grow with us through classes at your local library, programs at parks, and more.

FIND YOUR OPPORTUNITY: sfyl.ifas.ufl.edu/sarasota | 941.861.5000





OSPREY LIBRARY

337 N. Tamiami Trail, Osprey | Call 311 or 941-861-1110

Hours:

Mon–Fri: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. | Sat: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Accessible through Breeze Route 17. Bus routes are subject to change. Visit scgov.net/breeze or call 311 before planning your trip.

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PARTNERS IN PLAY® & WELCOME TO OUR WORLD®

JUNE 3 - JULY 26

Drop in to enjoy special time with your child in our FREE Partners In Play® (PIP) or Welcome To Our World® groups. Meet our friendly Parenting Educators and through the journey of play discover topics relevant to you and your family to support raising a healthy and happy child.

SUMMER LEARNING EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

MACRAME PLANT HANGER WORKSHOP*

Teens, Adults

TUESDAY, JUNE 2 | 11 A.M. TO 1 P.M.

Artist Christine Gilkey will lead this beginner macrame class to create a macrame plant hanger.

NATURE PRINTING WITH FLORIDA NATURE*

All Ages

SATURDAY, JUNE 6 | 11:30 A.M. TO 1 P.M.

Learn the basics of nature printing and leave with an abstract painting on watercolor paper suitable for framing.

ONE-POT VEGETARIAN MEALS*

Teens, Adults

MONDAY, JUNE 15 | 2-3:30 P.M.

Chef Warren teaches us to make healthy, filling and delicious one-pot meals for two, or two hundred, with options for every season.

ART WITH NATURE*

All Ages

SATURDAY, JULY 11 | 10:30-11:30 A.M.

Use nature's creations to design your own unique work of art.

WATERCOLOR HIBISCUS ART CLASS*

Adults

TUESDAY, JULY 28 | 2-3:30 P.M.

Join artist Shelly Augsbury for this fun class covering the techniques used to create a watercolor hibiscus. Registration required



PARTNERS IN PLAY® LOCATIONS

- VENICE LIBRARY
- ELSIE QUIRK LIBRARY
- NORTH PORT LIBRARY
- NORTH SARASOTA LIBRARY
- SHANNON STAUB LIBRARY
- JACARANDA LIBRARY
- SELBY LIBRARY
- GULF GATE LIBRARY
- FRUITVILLE LIBRARY

WELCOME TO OUR WORLD® DAYS, TIMES + LOCATIONS

FORTY CARROTS FAMILY CENTER
MONDAY 11:30AM - 12:30PM

JACARANDA LIBRARY
MONDAY 12:15PM - 1:00PM

BRADEN RIVER LIBRARY
TUESDAY 2:00PM - 2:45PM



FOR A DETAILED SCHEDULE OF DAYS & TIMES, PLEASE VISIT FORTYCARROTS.ORG/CALENDAR

1500 S. Tuttle Avenue, Sarasota, FL 34239 | 941.365.7716 | fortycarrots.org



SELBY LIBRARY

1331 First St., Sarasota | Call 311 or 941-861-1110

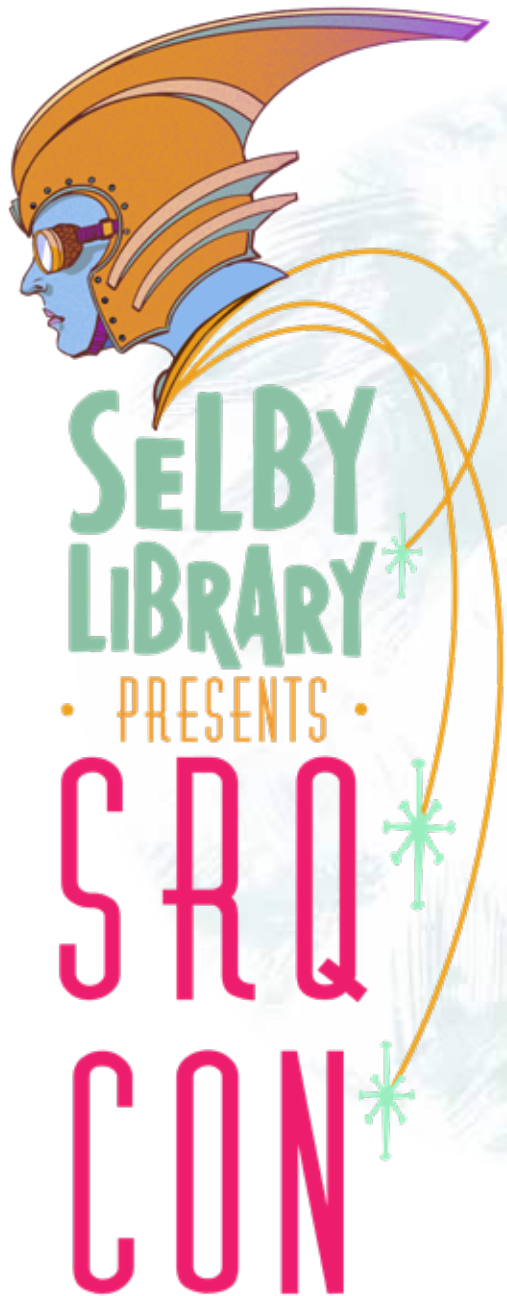
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SUMMER LEARNING EVENTS AND PROGRAMS



FEATURED EVENT!

SUMMER LEARNING KICK-OFF: SRQCON

All Ages

SATURDAY, JUNE 6 | 11 A.M. TO 4 P.M.

Join us for a celebration of pop culture, arts and stories. Wear your costume for the cosplay contest and gather your friends for a puzzle hunt, botanical crafts and more adventures throughout the library.

VISUAL STORYTELLING: ILLUSTRATION AND COMICS*

Tweens, Teens

TUESDAYS: JUNE 2, 9, 16 AND 23 | 1-3 P.M.

Join Sarah Dean for four workshop sessions focused on the comic creation and illustration process. Attendees will create their own sketchbooks and build on the skills they learn in each session. Registration required.



CREATION STATION: YOUTH LABS*

Youth

MONDAYS | 3-4:30 P.M.

Enjoy a variety of arts and crafts in the Creation Station for ages 5-9. Some adult assistance may be needed. Check the library calendar for each week's project.

CREATION STATION: ADULT LABS*

Adults

THURSDAYS | 1-2:30 P.M.

Enjoy new arts and crafts activities each week and develop skills to make gifts for friends or décor for your home. Check the library calendar for each week's project.

PRESCHOOL TUESDAYS

Youth

TUESDAYS | 11-11:30 A.M.

Join us for a surprise each week, from exercise to story time. Check the library calendar for more details. Recommended for ages 3-5.

BABY AND TODDLER FRIDAYS

Youth

FRIDAYS | 11-11:30 A.M.

Spend time with friends and enjoy a surprise each week, from storytimes to playtime. Check the library calendar for more details. Recommended for ages 0-3.

TALES OF JOHNNY APPLESEED

Youth

THURSDAY, JULY 2 | 6-6:45 P.M.

Katie Adams' Make Believe Theatre weaves through classic tales of Johnny Appleseed from early days in the United States with a blend of puppetry, storytelling and American folk arts.

CREATION STATION: TEEN LABS*

Tweens, Teens

FIRST AND THIRD THURSDAYS OF EACH MONTH
4-5:30 P.M.

Enjoy a variety of arts and crafts in the Creation Station for ages 9-18. Check the library calendar for each week's project.

SKETCHBOOK CLUB

Tweens, Teens

THURSDAYS: JUNE 25, JULY 30 AND AUG. 27 | 4-5 P.M.

Artists are invited to this open workshop to learn hands-on drawing techniques. Hang out, work on your portfolio and create at the library.

FEATURED EVENT!

SUMMER LEARNING FINALE: RUMPELSTILTSKIN MARIONETTE SHOW

All Ages

WEDNESDAY, JULY 29 | 1-1:45 P.M.

Join Bits N' Pieces for a demonstration of the art of marionette through a performance of "Rumpelstiltskin." Recommended for families and anyone who enjoys a puppet show.

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SHANNON STAUB LIBRARY

4675 Career Lane, North Port | Call 311 or 941-861-1110

Hours:

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SUMMER LEARNING EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

SUMMER LEARNING: ANIMONDAY SUMMER TAKEOVER*

Tweens, Teens

MONDAYS: JUNE 1, 15 AND 29; JULY 13 AND 27 5-7 P.M.

Animonday is back! Join us on select Mondays this summer to hang out, watch anime and enjoy Japanese snacks.

CHUCKO THE ALL-AMERICAN CLOWN

All Ages

THURSDAY, JUNE 4 | 6-7 P.M.

Meet Chuck Sidlow and watch, follow and participate in his magical and musical live transformation into Chucko the All-American Clown.

FEATURED EVENT!

SUMMER LEARNING KICK-OFF: ICE CREAM PARTY

All Ages

SATURDAY, JUNE 6 | 1-3 P.M.

Kick off Summer Learning with a visit from The Q Ice Cream Truck. Everyone who signs up for Beanstack will receive a free ice cream treat.

PRINCESS STORYTIME

Youth

MONDAY, JUNE 8 | 10:30-11:30 A.M.

Join us for a magical, musical storytime hosted by Anna and Elsa from "Frozen."

IT'S
SUMMER
READING
TIME!



DRUMS OF UNITY*

All Ages

SATURDAY, JUNE 13 | 10:30-11:30 A.M.

In this lively drum circle led by Joe Licinski, learn the basics of playing an African drum while practicing cognitive-motor connection, rhythm and active memory.

DUNGEONS AND DRAGONS*

Tweens, Teens

SATURDAY, JUNE 13 | 1-4 P.M.

Adventure awaits at the library! Play a special one-shot Dungeons & Dragons campaign written and hosted by professional Dungeon Master Alyssa Goodwin. All experience levels are welcome.

RENAISSANCE DAY

All Ages

SATURDAY, JUNE 20 | 10:30 A.M. TO 1:30 P.M.

You are formally invited to Renaissance Day at the library. Join us for snacks, crafts, professional sword fighters and more.

A HISTORY CENTER EVENT!

BAKED INTO HISTORY: STORIES GROWN IN SARASOTA*

Tweens, Teens

TUESDAY, JUNE 30 | 4:30-6 P.M.

Presented by the Sarasota County History Center. Come cook with us! Bake, taste and explore how Sarasota's history grew from local farms, gardens and historic recipes.

A HISTORY CENTER EVENT!

WHERE WILDFLOWERS GROW: WATERCOLORING SARASOTA'S PAST*

Tweens, Teens

THURSDAY, JULY 9 | 2-3:30 P.M.

Presented by the Sarasota County History Center. Explore Sarasota's natural heritage through watercolor while learning about the landscapes that shaped our community.

HOT WHEELS RACERS

Youth

SATURDAY, JULY 11 | 10:30 A.M. TO NOON

Build looping, twisting tracks for Hot Wheels cars and experiment with Newton's laws of motion in this fun, hands-on event that combines STEM learning with classic play.

SUPER STEAM WITH SNAPOLOGY*

Youth, Tweens

WEDNESDAY, JULY 15 | 3-4 P.M.

Explore STEAM through play with the Snapology team. Kids will have so much fun, they won't even realize they are learning. Registration required.

FEATURED EVENT!

SUMMER LEARNING FINALE: ICE CREAM PARTY

All Ages

SATURDAY, AUG. 1 | 1-3 P.M.

Completed your 10 hours of reading in our Summer Learning program? Join us for our end-of-summer celebration featuring our friends from The Q Ice Cream Truck.

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SUMMER LEARNING EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

FEATURED EVENT!

SUMMER LEARNING KICK-OFF PARTY

All Ages

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10 | NOON TO 2 P.M.

Gear up for summer reading with cookies, crafts, music and prizes for signing up for Summer Learning.

FUN TO BE FIT - LITTLES

Youth

WEDNESDAYS: JUNE 17 AND JULY 8 | 10:15-11 A.M.

Get ready for a music and movement adventure with Ms. Adrienne. Enjoy a new theme each month with fresh songs, dances and stories. Recommended for ages 0-5.

ASTRALIS CHAMBER ENSEMBLE: FOREST WHISPERS*

Teens, Adults

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17 | 3-4 P.M.

Join us for a brilliant afternoon of classical music. Registration required.

ROCK PAINTING

All Ages

THURSDAY, JUNE 18 | 3-5 P.M.

Paint your very own rock. We will use acrylic paint, so wear your painting clothes. Materials provided. No experience required.

SUMMER LEARNING: DISCOVERY DOME DAY*

All Ages

TUESDAY THROUGH THURSDAY, JUNE 23-25

Step inside our indoor planetarium for viewings of "Expedition Reef," "Sunstruck" and "Incredible Sun" and learn how our world is interconnected.

SUMMER LEARNING: FUN TO BE FIT - BIGS*

Youth

TUESDAYS: JUNE 30 AND JULY 28 | 2-3 P.M.

Experience an action-packed class filled with obstacle courses, fitness games and team-building challenges designed to boost athletic skills while having fun. Registration required.

BABY RAVE

Youth

WEDNESDAY, JULY 15 | 10:15-10:45 A.M.

This dance party features fun lights, energetic music and a great time. Wear your brightest colors and dancing shoes. Recommended for ages 0-4.

KID RAVE

Preschoolers, Youth

WEDNESDAY, JULY 15 | 11-11:45 A.M.

This dance party features fun lights, energetic music and a great time. Wear your brightest colors and dancing shoes. For ages 5 and up.

CRAFT CLOSET CLEANOUT

All Ages

TUESDAY, JULY 21 | 1-3 P.M.

Glitter, watercolor, paint and more — our closets are overflowing with craft supplies. Bring your creativity and create a one-of-a-kind masterpiece.

FEATURED EVENT!

SUMMER LEARNING FINALE: SUMMER CELEBRATION PARTY

All Ages

WEDNESDAY, JULY 29 | NOON TO 2 P.M.

Celebrate all things summer with face painting, treats and lots of fun.

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FOR GRADES K-12+

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*So many stories and great information!
There's always a new adventure, a smile,
and something to improve the mind.
Where else can you find that? – Lorraine*

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