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## on the cover:

Martial Arts World students get ready  
to kick-start their summer at the library.

Pictured: Brooke Marsh, Jason Velazquez,  
Tenley Proctor, Sydney Proctor, and  
Angelle Abdul.



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## a word FROM THE DIRECTOR

By Julie Sieg  
Director, Marion County  
Public Library System



## One Fine Young Man

Those of you who know me know that my son plays volleyball at 352 Elite Volleyball club here in Ocala. Since he turned 18 and has now graduated, he is finishing his final year of club play. However, for the last several years our family vacations have consisted of going to tournaments throughout Florida, and to places such as Richmond, Virginia, Columbus, Ohio, St. Louis, Missouri and Dallas, Texas. And, rather than fly, amazingly, we drive to all these places. It saves money and is a great opportunity for family time.

One thing we love to do while in the car is to listen to audio books. Zach and I love our SciFi/fantasy and my husband likes his suspenseful action-adventure. Of course, I pick them out so anything we listen to is okay by me. In the end, a good story is a good story and it doesn't really matter if the book was a mystery, action adventure or SciFi/fantasy.

Additionally, we like to catch up on what is happening with each of us and talk about the upcoming tournament or dissect the tournament, after the fact. Thinking about these conversations and the progressive skill development, I think about the journey my son has taken over the years. He has matured and developed as a result of being part of a team effort. I am sure that many of you can relate. In addition to athleticism, he has developed life skills which will serve him well in his next chapter of life. Some of the many skills he has developed include: perseverance, goal setting, being a leader, self-assurance, the ability to get along with varying skills and personalities, good sportsmanship, overcoming obstacles, accepting correction, and last, but not least, being supportive and encouraging of others.

As our travel team days are numbered, it is with pride and wonderful memories that I appreciate the growth and development of one fine young man.

*Julie Sieg*





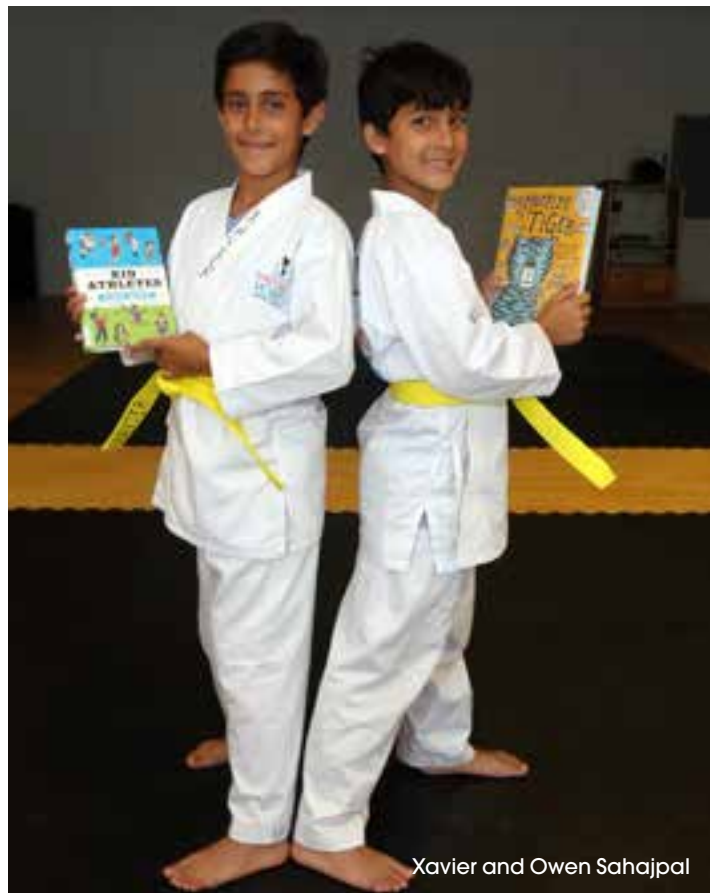
## FOR A BETTER YOU

By Kelly Friesen

Hit a home run with books! This year's summer reading program is "On Your Mark, Get Set... Read!" We'll be celebrating sports, health and fitness and, of course, reading. Whether you're running, biking, hiking or rowing this summer, make sure reading is part of your workout. Reading keeps us in shape mentally to be ready for school, to succeed in school, and to keep our brains at peak performance throughout our lives.

### FOR SCHOOL READINESS

It's the reading preseason and young children are in training! From the earliest age, reading and interacting with books are the best ways to set the pace for school readiness. Reading to your child will spark creativity, curiosity and imagination by opening the door to new worlds. Children will learn how to listen and that letters are more than just squiggles on the page. Board books introduce babies to nursery rhymes and the names of everyday objects, while teaching them how to handle a book. Concept books help toddlers and preschoolers learn letters, numbers, shapes and colors. Cover all



Xavier and Owen Sahajpal

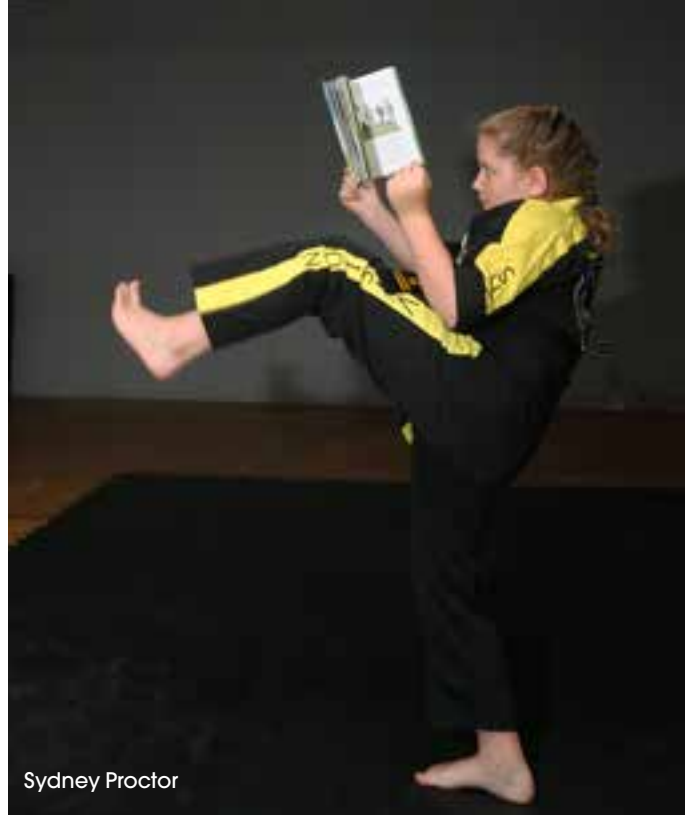
the bases: the more books you read, the more words and ideas will be exposed to your child. Doing these activities with your child is the best way to ensure that success in school is a slam dunk!

## FOR SCHOOL SUCCESS

The game's not over when the final school bell rings. The more picture and chapter books children have in their home, the greater the chances are they will go farther in school. In the blink of an eye, children will go from being read to, to reading easy reader books on their own and to fluently reading chapter books and beyond. Reading nonfiction books exposes children to advanced vocabulary and helps them to strengthen their knowledge base. Develop your children into heavyweight readers and they will have greater confidence and self-esteem. Here's the game plan. Let's equip children to succeed with books and more books.

## FOR YOUR HEALTH

By becoming a lifelong reader, you're going to bat for your own health. One key to enjoying a long life is keeping your brain healthy and strong. As physical activity strengthens your muscles, intellectual activity exercises different parts of your brain and helps prevent disease and memory decline from throwing you a



curve ball later in life. You don't need fancy apps or gadgets. Reading is one of the easiest ways to exercise your brain! Reading improves concentration, focus and problem-solving skills. It's like a full-body workout for your brain. When you read, you are using your memory, imagination and critical thinking. Warm up with some light reading. Sprint through some short stories. Tackle that heavy nonfiction. Pace yourself through a trilogy marathon. A boost from books will help keep you in the race at any age!

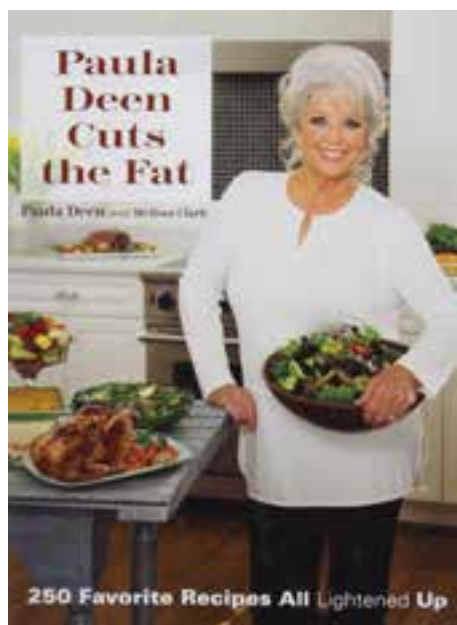
## FOR FUN

There's a good reason we say that we "play" sports, because it's fun. Reading is too! Reading is the original virtual reality experience. Whether you're in the game or watching from the stands, books put you in the middle of the action. Learn to play a new sport, cook a healthy dish or read about a favorite athlete. A great book will provide hours of pleasure when rainy weather keeps you sidelined. If life has you benched, a good book can raise your spirits. Want your children to be champion readers? Coach them along, let them see you reading. There is nothing better than being snuggled up with a good book after an active day!

The ball is in your court and the Marion County Public Library System is in your corner. "On Your Mark, Get Set...READ!" this summer and join us for exciting events for children, boredom-busting activities for teens, inspiring programs for adults and lots of FUN. Because everyone who reads is a winner! 📖

# Fit and Flavorful Fixin's

By Michelle Risko



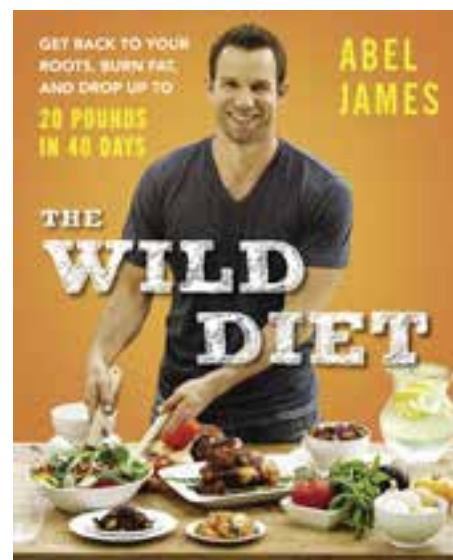
My mother was a southern cook extraordinaire. Not a gourmet; there was never a truffle oil-infused anything on her table. But supper was the highlight of our day. We gathered together to celebrate my mom's famous golden, tender and crispy fried chicken, accompanied by her interpretation of mac and cheese, which included hundreds of flawless al dente elbows drenched in a rich, buttery, homemade cheese sauce, along with greens swimming with bacon and begging for cornbread.

I grew up encouraged to overindulge in those buttery, sugary, and fried foods and many more lip-smacking dishes just like them. I also grew well rounded in all the

wrong ways. I handled the situation by gnawing and grazing during the day, then tiptoeing from my bed in the wee hours and inhaling a large amount of banana pudding with a sweet tea chaser. I don't think anyone ever caught on.

Another thing that never caught on in my house is the idea that food can be both good for you and delicious. In fact, **"Paula Deen Cuts the Fat: 250 Favorite Recipes All Lightened Up"** is a terrific example of how it can be done. Paula made a few small changes, like swapping the fat in her famous Lady's Cheesy Mac with something lighter, and managed to drop 40 pounds.

If you feel fancy, or if southern



cooking isn't your passion, try **"Jacques Pepin's Simple and Healthy Cooking"** for a lighter spin on French cuisine. Or just go completely wild for Abel James' **"The Wild Diet"** in which he extolls the virtue and variety of raw foods, raising my former habit of gnawing and grazing to a new and appetizing art form.

So, we don't have to compromise flavor to eat well, but there may be more to learn about living healthy (like exercise) than just swapping out butter and sugar. Check out books available at your local branch of the Marion County Public Library System. At the library you'll find the information needed to take you from fluffy to fit, no matter what your cravings. 🍌





# EXERCISE YOUR MIND:

## Learn a New Language with *Pronunciator*

by Susan Reynolds

Did you know that learning a second language can enhance the way your brain performs? New research also shows that learning a second language at any age can help ward off the effects of aging and dementia.

Maybe you're planning to take a trip to an exotic land and want to immerse yourself in the culture? Or perhaps you need to learn a second language to further your career opportunities? Whatever your language learning needs are, your public library's online language learning resource Pronunciator has you covered.

There are lessons designed for multiple age groups, including early learners: 3-6 years old; young learners: 7-12 years old; and adult learners. Pronunciator even has travel prep and health care courses.

There are also numerous options to learn phrases and essential core vocabulary words. Worried about your pronunciation of the language? Use the app or website with a microphone-enabled device and test your progress. You'll be speaking like a native-born individual in no time.

Pronunciator has 81 total languages you can learn and 4,000 phrasebooks you can download in PDF format and

take with you as you travel. Prefer to listen to your lessons? The streaming audio lessons can be downloaded in MP3 format and even burned to a CD if you prefer. Maybe your learning preference is to connect with a real live person?

Pronunciator now has 256 live 30-minute classes per week with real teachers with ProLive.

For those who are bilingual, you can choose the specific language you wish to learn. For example, if you are a French speaker and want to learn Indonesian, you can choose to be taught Indonesian in either English or French, or in any of 50 different language options. This is a great option for people who need English as a second language.

Pronunciator can be accessed on your computer, and the website will work on mobile devices. There are apps for Apple, Android and Kindle Fire devices, and your progress is automatically synced between any and all of the devices on which you install the app.

Exercise your mind by learning a new language. Go to [library.marioncountyfl.org](http://library.marioncountyfl.org) and click on Pronunciator to get started. 🗂️

# program spotlight

All library programs are free and open to the public. Registration/tickets may be required.



## On Your Mark, Get Set...Marion County Reads!

Visit any library location, check out library materials and get a chance to win a gift certificate from Barnes & Noble. Prize drawing will be held on Friday, July 29, at the Headquarters-Ocala Library location. One entry per library card per visit is allowed. Prize winners will be notified.

**May 31-July 22**  
All ages, all library locations

### Finders Keepers

There's a geocache hidden at each library facility. Find it and earn a chance to win a summer prize pack! View the Marion County Public Library System's geocache holdings at [www.geocaching.com](http://www.geocaching.com) or ask a librarian about how to get started. The hunt is on!

June 1-July 22  
All library locations

### SPECIAL EVENTS

#### Youth Job Fair

Interested in summer or regular employment? Hiring managers from local food service, customer service, labor and retail businesses will be on hand for interviews, along with representatives from area post-secondary schools and services. Note: Proper business attire is required. This dress code will be strictly enforced. For complete details, visit [www.careersource.com](http://www.careersource.com) or call 352-732-1700, ext. 2260.

*Presented by CareerSource Citrus Levy Marion and its youth services provider, Eckerd Youth Alternatives, in cooperation with the Marion County Public Library System.*

Thursday, June 2, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.  
Headquarters-Ocala  
Ages 16-24 only

#### Lights! Camera! Action! Teen Filmmakers' Workshop

Turn your ideas into movies with Bronson Mosley and crew from Day Break Studios. Get hands-on experience with film production equipment under the guidance of professionals! Open to ages 13-18. Registration required. Lunch provided. Call 352-671-8551.

Saturday, July 16, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.  
Headquarters-Ocala

### On Your Mark at the Park!

End the summer with games, activities and stories in the great outdoors. Show your library card and gain free admission to the park!

*Co-sponsored by Marion County Parks and Recreation.*

Tuesday, July 19, 10 a.m.-noon  
Carney Island Recreation and Conservation Area  
Ages birth-12 and their families

### Homeschool Expo

Thinking of schooling at home? Vicki Leist, Florida Parent-Educators Association's Scholarship Foundation chair, provides an introduction to homeschooling and tips for navigating the process. Vendors and local homeschool support groups will be available for further guidance and conversation.

Saturday, Aug. 27, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.  
Headquarters-Ocala

### SPECIAL PROGRAMS



#### Juggling Mike Stillwell

How does he do it? Enjoy the extraordinary and hilarious

juggling of Mike Stillwell, part of the Jongleur Juggler duo! Keep your eyes open and learn a few new tricks!

Thursday, June 2, 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.  
Bellevue Public Library

Saturday, June 11, 2 p.m.  
Dunnellon Public Library

Thursday, June 23, 2 p.m.  
Forest Public Library

## Drum It Up!

Make a joyful noise with the drums of Ray DeVries! Everyone welcome!

Wednesday, June 8, 2 p.m.  
Fort McCoy Public Library

Thursday, June 9, 2 p.m.  
Forest Public Library

Saturday, June 11, 12:30 p.m.  
Marion Oaks Public Library

Wednesday, June 15, 2 p.m.  
Freedom Public Library

Tuesday, June 21, 2 p.m.  
Dunnellon Public Library

Thursday, June 23, 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.  
Bellevue Public Library

## Meet the Champions!

*Gold Medalist Matt Cetlinski and Super Bowl Champion Tom Crabtree*  
Here's your chance to personally meet world-class athletes! Matt Cetlinski holds a gold medal from the 1988 Summer Olympics in Seoul, Korea, where he was a member of the first-place U.S. team in the men's 4x200-meter freestyle relay. Tom Crabtree is a former American football tight end in the NFL. He spent most of his career with the Green Bay Packers, with whom he won a Super Bowl ring in Super Bowl XLV. Relive the glory days!

Thursday, June 9, 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.  
Bellevue Public Library

## Ellie Schiller Homosassa Springs Wildlife State Park Puppeteers

The Wildlife Puppeteers from the Ellie Schiller Homosassa Springs Wildlife State Park present "What Animal Am I?" Meet the animal puppets, sing songs and enjoy a craft project. All ages welcome.

Tuesday, June 7, 2 p.m.  
Forest Public Library

Wednesday, June 22, 2 p.m.  
Fort McCoy Public Library

Saturday, July 9, 2 p.m.  
Dunnellon Public Library



## The Drums of Mamadouba Mohamed Camara

*Marion Oaks Public Library*

Raised in Conakry, Guinea, West Africa from the SuSu tribal nation, Mohamed Camara, dubbed the "Master of Masters" of the Djembe drum, is a performer known worldwide for his high-energy drumming and amazing percussive talents. Bring the whole family and add to the rhythms of the summer!

Wednesday, July 13, 6:30 p.m.  
Drum Concert

Wednesday, July 20, 6:30 p.m.  
Drumming Techniques From the Master!

## MEET THE AUTHOR

### Connie Mann

*"Tangled Lies"*

Combining her captain's career with her writing, Connie Mann takes us on a behind-the-scenes look at her new suspense novel. Get in on the secret of why perseverance matters and how to get your imaginary friends to talk to you.

Thursday, June 9, 3:30 p.m.  
Bellevue Public Library

Tuesday, June 14, 2 p.m.  
Dunnellon Public Library

Wednesday, June 15, noon  
Reddick Public Library  
Brown Bag Luncheon

Friday, June 17, 2 p.m.  
Forest Public Library

Tuesday, June 21, 2:30 p.m.  
Freedom Public Library



## MEET THE ILLUSTRATOR

### Michael White

Love a good story, especially one with pictures? Acclaimed children's book illustrator Michael White uses simple shapes, storytelling and imagination while he works with the audience to create a unique and hilarious tale. Drawing tools provided for this highly energetic, interactive program! On your mark... get set... DRAW! Note: White's works include "The Library Dragon," "Return of the Library Dragon," "The Secret of Old Zeb" (Deedy) and "Harriet's Horrible Hair Day" (Stewart). Check these out and extend the fun!

Saturday, July 23, 2 p.m.  
Headquarters-Ocala  
Ages 8-16

## Stories in the Park: Reading With a Ranger

*Fridays, 11 a.m.*

Nature never sounded so good! Come to a city park and listen to stories read by your favorite park rangers. For more information call 352-368-5535. For addresses of the parks, visit [www.ocalafl.org/recpark](http://www.ocalafl.org/recpark). Presented by City of Ocala, Dept. of Recreation and Parks, in cooperation with the Marion County Public Library System.

Jun 3	Tusawilla playground
Jun 10	Martin Luther King playground
Jun 17	Scott Springs playground
Jun 24	Heritage Nature Conservancy
Jul 1	Jervey Gantt playground
Jul 8	Fort King National Historic Landmark
Jul 15	Lillian Bryant playground
Jul 22	Nature Park playground
Jul 29	Tom's Park
Aug 5	Citizens' Circle
Aug 12	Downtown Square
Aug 19	Chazal Park
Aug 26	Poinciana Tot Lot



## HEADQUARTERS-OCALA

2720 E. Silver Springs Blvd., Ocala FL 34470  
352-671-8551

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### SPECIAL EVENTS & PROGRAMS

#### Youth Job Fair

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Ages 16-24 only

Business dress required.

See Program Spotlight.

#### Lights! Camera! Action! Teen Filmmakers' Workshop

Saturday, July 16, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Ages 13-18

Registration required. Lunch provided. Call 352-671-8551.

See Program Spotlight.

#### Meet the Illustrator: Michael White

Saturday, July 23, 2 p.m.

Ages 8-16

See Program Spotlight.

#### Homeschool Expo

Saturday, Aug. 27, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

See Program Spotlight.

### ADULTS

#### Wired Wednesdays

Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.

Learn about computers and databases. Space is limited.

Computers for Beginners

Jun 1 I Turned on My Computer, Now What?

Jun 8 Basic Keyboarding

Jun 15 Basic Internet

Jun 22 Basic Word

Online Potpourri

Jun 29 Gateway to Summer Adventure

Jul 6 Find Your Way

Jul 13 Happy 100th Birthday, National Park Service!

Jul 20 Holiday Projects to Start Now

#### Genealogy Help Center

Wednesdays, 12:30-3:30 p.m.

June 1, 15

Genealogy gurus from the Marion County Genealogical Society assist with your search.

#### Technology Help Center

Wednesdays, 2-3:30 p.m.

June 1-Aug. 31

Bring your device and drop in!

#### The Monday Matinée

Mondays, 2 p.m.

Movies for adults. Anyone younger than age 13 must be accompanied by an adult. Light refreshments.

Jun 6

Jun 13

Jun 20

Jun 27

Jul 11

Jul 18

#### Novels at Night Book Club

Tuesdays, 6 p.m.

Enjoy a lively book discussion, treats and coffee.

Jun 14 "The Lost City of Z" by David Grann

Jul 19 "And the Mountains Echoed" by Khaled Hosseini

Aug 9 "Room" by Emma Donoghue

#### Wednesday Widgets

Wednesdays, 3 p.m.

Stir your curiosity!

Jun 15 Understanding Your Credit Score

Jul 13 Fraud, Scams and Identity Theft

#### Times Gone By

Thursday, July 21, noon

Amaze your friends! Learn local history from Sharon Dion, our remarkable local librarian and Marion County native! Fun facts, photographs, library resources and more about Ocala and Marion County.

#### Florida Gardening 101

Saturday, Aug. 20, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Get the dirt on gardening as the Marion County Master Gardeners present consecutive workshops designed to get your patch of land growing!

Presented by UF/IFAS Marion County Master Gardeners; UF/IFAS Marion County Extension Service.

11 a.m. Pests in the Florida Garden

Noon Fall and Winter Gardening

### TEENS

#### How to Ninja!

Wednesday, June 1, 4 p.m.

Learn martial arts basics from the experts at the Martial Arts Center of Ocala.

#### Manga-licious! Teen Book Club

Tuesdays, 4 p.m.

June 7, July 5, Aug. 2

High-energy talks about all things manga and anime.

#### YALLA!

Wednesdays, 5 p.m.

June 8, July 13, Aug. 10

Be part of the library experience! Earn volunteer hours for service.

#### Teen Movie Feast

Fridays, 2 p.m.

Movies for teens. Anyone younger than age 13 must be accompanied by an adult. Light refreshments.

Jun 10

Jun 24

Jul 8

Jul 22

#### Snacks in the Stacks

Wednesday, June 29, 4 p.m.

Beat your hunger! Discover how to make delicious snacks with certified health coach Claudia Pache.

### FAMILIES

#### Score BIG! Scavenger Hunt

May 31-July 22

Have fun searching the children's area for sports-related items!

#### Family Film Fest

Fridays, 2 p.m.

Movies for the whole family! Children under the age of 13 must be accompanied by an adult.

Jun 3

Jun 10

Jun 17

Jun 24

Jul 1

Jul 8

Jul 15

Jul 22

### CHILDREN

#### Summer Sneak Peek

Tuesday, May 31, 2 p.m.

Summer fun begins now! Preview upcoming children's programs and pick up your summer reading bag and log.



## On Your Mark, Get Set...Read!

Tuesdays, 2 p.m.

Win big! Join this high-energy race through the summer! Ages 5-12.

Jun 7	Take It Outside
Jun 14	Exercise Your Mind!
Jun 21	Skeletons: Animals Unveiled
Jun 28	Calling All Ninjas
Jul 5	What's the Score?
Jul 12	Florida Teaching Zoo

## STORY TIMES

### Family Story Time

Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.

June 1-July 13

Infants-age 5 with caregivers

### Saturday Stories

Saturdays, 10:30 a.m.

June 4, 18 and July 2, 16

Infants-age 5

June 11, 25 and July 9

Ages 6-12

## BELLEVUE PUBLIC LIBRARY

13145 SE Highway 484, Belleview FL 34420  
352-438-2500

Programs are sponsored by the Friends of the Belleview Public Library.

## SPECIAL PROGRAMS

### Juggling Mike Stillwell

Thursday, June 2, 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.

See Program Spotlight.

### Meet the Champions!

Gold Medalist Matt Cetlinski and

Super Bowl Champion Tom Crabtree

Thursday, June 9, 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.

See Program Spotlight.

### Meet the Author:

**Connie Mann**

"Tangled Lies"

Thursday, June 9, 3:30 p.m.

See Program Spotlight.

### Belleview Talespinners Storytelling Club

Tuesdays, 4:30 p.m.

June 14, July 12, Aug. 9

Discover the power and magic of storytelling and share the experience with others. Learn and practice with tellers of all levels. Everyone is welcome!



### Drum It Up With Ray DeVries!

Thursday, June 23, 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.

See Program Spotlight

### The Dance Tells the Story

Thursday, July 21, 3:30 p.m.

Discover Hawaiian culture and folklore through the complex and beautiful art of hula. Presented by Aloha 'O Ka Hula Dance Troupe.

## ADULTS

### Genealogy Help Center

Wednesdays, 3-5 p.m.

June 1, July 6, Aug. 3

Genealogy gurus from the Marion County Genealogical Society assist with your search.

### Tuesday Movie Matinée

Tuesdays, 1 p.m.

Movies for adults. Anyone younger than age 13 must be accompanied by an adult. Light refreshments.

Jun 7  
Jun 14  
Jun 21  
Jun 28  
Jul 5  
Jul 12  
Jul 19  
Jul 26

### Technology Help Center

Tuesdays, 2-4 p.m.

June 7-Aug. 30

Bring your device and drop in!

### Wednesday Morning Book Club

Wednesdays, 10 a.m.

A gathering of exceptional people who share a love of literature.

Jun 8 "The Gods of Guilt" by Michael Connelly  
Jul 13 "Save Me: A Novel" by Lisa Scottoline  
Aug 10 "The Finisher" by David Baldacci

## Tuesday Evening Book Club

Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m.

Another gathering of exceptional people who share a love of literature.

Jun 21 "Bettyville: a Memoir" by George Hodgman  
Jul 19 "The Book of Speculation: A Novel" by Erika Swyler  
Aug 16 "Five Days at Memorial: Life and Death in a Storm-Ravaged Hospital" by Sheri Fink

## Florida Native Plant Society

Mondays, 6 p.m.

Join Taryn Evans, president of the local chapter, and guest presenters in special topics about native plant life in Florida!

Jun 27 At the Seed of the Crime: Did the Plant Do Him In? presented by Dr. David W. Hall  
Jul 25 Designing Landscapes Using Native Plants presented by Amanda Martin  
Aug 29 Native Plants and Beneficial Insects presented by Taryn Evans

## TEENS



### YALLA South!

Tuesdays, 5 p.m.,

June 7, July 5, Aug. 2

Be part of the library experience! Earn volunteer hours for service.

### Get in the Game!

Wednesdays, 4 p.m.

Challenges await. You in?

Jun 8 Improv!  
Jun 15 Get in the Video Game With Gamer's Edge  
Jun 22 Life-Sized Games  
Jun 29 Amazing Library Race  
Jul 6 Indoor Lawn Games  
Jul 13 Rock On! With Gamer's Edge  
Jul 20 Food, Fun and Fitness presented by Jessie Driggers, Florida Department of Health

## FAMILIES

### Family Games Unplugged

Wednesdays, 4 p.m.

June 1, July 6, Aug. 3

Learn a new game every month!

**Knotty Knitters**

Wednesdays, 4:30 p.m.

June 1–Aug. 31

Learn to knit or crochet with our local expert Petra Trapp.

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Thursdays, 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Win big! Join this high-energy race through the summer!

- Jun 2 Juggling Mike Stillwell
- Jun 9 Meet the Champions: Gold Medalist Matt Cetlinski and Super Bowl Champion Tom Crabtree
- Jun 16 Martial Arts World Taekwondo Exhibition
- Jun 23 Drum It Up With Ray DeVries
- Jun 30 Extreme Biking presented by Chris Fernandez, Santos Trailhead Bicycle Shop
- Jul 7 Set a Record!
- Jul 14 Filmmaking presented by That'sHowIt'sDone Productions
- Jul 21 Safe Journeys Through Florida's Woods and Waterways presented by Asa Dias, Florida wildlife officer

**Art Before Your Eyes**

Fridays, 10 a.m.–noon

June 3, July 1, Aug. 5

See the creative side of life with the artists from Gallery East!

**Family Flicks**

Tuesdays, 10 a.m.

Movies for the whole family! Anyone younger than age 13 must be accompanied by an adult. Light refreshments.

- Jun 7
- Jun 14
- Jun 21
- Jun 28
- Jul 5
- Jul 12
- Jul 19
- Jul 26

**B.E.A.R. Time!**

Tuesdays, 3:30 p.m.

June 7–Aug. 30

Be excited about reading and hear great stories!

## DUNNELLON PUBLIC LIBRARY

20351 Robinson Road, Dunnellon FL 34431

352-438-2520

Programs are sponsored by the Friends of the Dunnellon Public Library.

**SPECIAL PROGRAMS****Tony the Balloon Guy**

Friday, June 3, 2 p.m.

Silly antics, corny lines, and expert balloon sculptures! Lots of laughs abound as balloons take on spectacular shapes! Fun for the whole family.

**Juggling Mike Stillwell**

Saturday, June 11, 2 p.m.

See Program Spotlight.

**Meet the Author:**

**Connie Mann**

"Tangled Lies"

Tuesday, June 14, 2 p.m.

See Program Spotlight.

**I Scream for Ice Cream Social**

Thursday, June 16, 2 p.m.

We all scream for ice cream! Enjoy a scoop as you get the scoop on the history of ice

cream with ice cream aficionado Jim Phillips. History was never so sweet!

**Drum It Up With Ray DeVries!**

Tuesday, June 21, 2 p.m.

See Program Spotlight.

**Ellie Schiller Homosassa Springs Wildlife State Park Puppeteers**

Saturday, July 9, 2 p.m.

See Program Spotlight.

**ADULTS****Master Gardener's Plant Clinic**

Tuesdays, 10 a.m.

June 7, July 5, Aug. 2

Bring your plants and questions for diagnosis by the experts.

Presented by the UF/IFAS Marion County Master Gardeners; UF/IFAS Marion County Extension Service.

**Drop-In Book Club**

Thursdays, 11 a.m.

Gather with exceptional people who share a love of literature.

- Jun 16 "The Martian" by Andy Weir
- Jul 21 "Rosa Lee: A Mother and Her Family in Urban America" by Leon Dash
- Aug 18 "The Girl on the Train" by Paula Hawkins

**Ask Your Master Gardener**

Tuesdays, 1 p.m.

Learn gardening techniques from the masters!

Presented by the UF/IFAS Marion County Master Gardeners; UF/IFAS Marion County Extension Service.

- Jun 21 Organic Gardening
- Jul 19 Florida Friendly Landscaping

**Help Center for E-Books and Digital Audio**

Thursdays, 10 a.m.–noon

June 2–Aug. 25

Bring your device and drop in!

**TEENS****YALLA West**

Wednesdays, 5 p.m.

June 1, July 6, Aug. 3

Be part of the library experience! Earn volunteer hours for service.

**Wii Games**

Thursdays, 2 p.m.

June 2–July 21

Virtual fun with a different game every week. Are you up for the challenge?

**Story Boxes**

Saturday, June 18, 2 p.m.

Use found objects to decorate sports memorabilia boxes. Supplies provided. Light refreshments.

**Karma Coloring**

Saturday July 16, 2 p.m.

Color mandalas and kaleidoscopic-designed pictures. Materials provided. Light refreshments.



## FAMILIES

### Crafts and More!

Wednesdays, 2 p.m.  
June 1-July 20

Stories and craft activities for the entire family! Create all sorts of sporty stuff including a foam finger!

### Family Film Fest

Fridays, June 10-July 29, 2 p.m.  
Movie fun for the whole family! Light refreshments.

Jun 10  
Jun 17  
Jun 24  
Jul 1  
Jul 8  
Jul 15  
Jul 22

### Start Your Engines!

Tuesdays, 2 p.m.  
June 7, 28

Compete in our remote control car obstacle course and races. Open to all ages.

### Construction Junction

Tuesdays, 2 p.m.  
June 14, July 5

LEGO® architects unite! Put your imagination in gear.

### It's a Fire Truck!

Tuesday, July 12, 2 p.m.

Get a close-up view of a fire truck while the Dunnellon firefighters talk about fire safety.

### Martial Arts Demonstration

Tuesday, July 19, 2 p.m.  
Martial arts instructor and author Jerry Heines demonstrates the basics.



June 1-July 22

A variety of stories, songs and activities for children and caregivers.

### Toddling Twos

Wednesdays, 11 a.m.  
Infants-age 2

## Preschool Adventures

Fridays, 11 a.m.  
Ages 3-5

### PAWSitive Fun With Terra, the Therapy Dog

Fridays, 11:30 a.m.  
Listen to great stories or read to Terra, our canine listener.

## FOREST PUBLIC LIBRARY

905 S. Highway 314A, Ocklawaha FL 32179  
352-438-2540

Programs are sponsored by the Friends of the Forest Public Library.



## SPECIAL PROGRAMS

### Summer Program Kickoff!

Tuesday, May 31, 2 p.m.

Get a head start on summer reading with stories, games and lots of fun!

Co-sponsored by Publix Super Markets, Inc., and Walmart Stores, Inc.

### Drum It Up With Ray DeVries

Thursday, June 9, 2 p.m.  
See Program Spotlight.

### Meet the Author: Connie Mann

"Tangled Lies"  
Friday, June 17, 2 p.m.  
See Program Spotlight.

### Ellie Schiller Homosassa Springs Wildlife State Park Puppeteers

Tuesday, June 7, 2 p.m.  
See Program Spotlight.

### Juggling Mike Stillwell

Thursday, June 23, 2 p.m.  
See Program Spotlight.

### Irish Dancing

Thursday, June 30, 2 p.m.  
Kick up your heels with the Hogan School of Irish Dance, North Central Florida's premier certified Irish Dancing School.

## ADULTS



### Technology Help Center

Wednesdays, 10 a.m.  
June 1-July 27

Bring your device and drop in!

### Color Your Way to Calm

Thursdays, 11 a.m.  
June 2, 16, July 7, 21

Be creative while letting your inner artist color inside and outside the lines.

### Crafts for a Cause

Mondays, 10 a.m.  
June 6, July 18

Help our community!

### Forest Readers Book Club

Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.

Gather with exceptional people who share a love of literature.

Jun 8	"Dead Wake: the Last Crossing of the Lusitania" by Erik Larson
Jun 22	"In the Unlikely Event" by Judy Blume
Jul 13	"A Tale of Two Cities" by Charles Dickens
Jul 27	"We Never Asked for Wings" by Vanessa Diffenbaugh
Aug 10	"Twenty Wishes" by Debbie Macomber
Aug 24	"The Cuckoo's Calling" by Robert Galbraith

### The Friday Matinée

Fridays, 2 p.m.

Movies for adults. Anyone younger than age 13 must be accompanied by an adult. Free popcorn!

Jun 10  
Jul 1

### Gardening With Nature

Saturday, June 11, 2 p.m.

Ranger Jeffrey Kneisley, Silver Springs State Park specialist, discusses landscaping.

### Facebook Tips

Tuesdays, 6 p.m.  
June 14, July 12

Keep your social networking sites under control and up-to-date.

**Self-Defense for Women***Monday, June 20, 11 a.m.*

Take care of yourself with these personal safety strategies demonstrated by martial arts master Silvester Edwards of Pasa-Taekwon.

**Living in Bear Country***Tuesday, June 21, 6 p.m.*

Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission representative Nata-lae Almeter provides tips on living with our neighborhood wildlife.

**Ride Out the Storm!***Wednesday, June 22, 2 p.m.*

Don't get caught unprepared! Clay Electric representative Dustin Echols and Marion County Emergency Management's Lt. Chip Wildy provide the necessary steps to stay safe during hurricane season.

**Recognizing the Signs of Alzheimer's Disease***Friday, June 24, 2 p.m.*

Mike Sever, pharmacy manager of Hospice of Marion County, discusses the important need-to-know warning signs of this dreaded disease.

**Ask Your Master Gardener***Saturdays, 2 p.m.*

Get your garden growing! Learn gardening techniques from the masters! Registration recommended. Presented by the UF/IFAS Marion County Master Gardeners; UF/IFAS Marion County Extension Service.

Jun 25      Molds & Mushrooms  
Jul 23      Bees in Florida

**Line Dancing***Thursday, July 14, 6 p.m.*

Dance your way to good health with instructor Art Ticknor.

**Herbal Medications***Friday, July 15, 2:30 p.m.*

Mike Sever, pharmacy manager of Hospice of Marion County, discusses the pros and cons of using herbal medications.

**Be Fire Wise!***Saturday, July 16, 2 p.m.*

Have a safe home! Rangers from the Florida Forest Service present information on fire safety.

**TEENS & TWEENS****Get in the Game!***Thursdays, 4 p.m.*

Challenges await. You in?

Jun 16      *Wii Sports*  
Jul 21      *Video Game Pixel Art*

**YALLA East***Thursdays, 5 p.m.**June 16, July 21, Aug. 18*

Be part of the library experience! Earn volunteer hours for service.

**FAMILIES****Get in the Game: Wii Sports***Thursday, June 2, 2 p.m.*

Test your sports skills!

**Family Game Time***Thursdays, 4 p.m.**June 2, July 7*

Don't be bored, play board games.

**On Your Mark, Get Set...Read!***Tuesdays, 2 p.m.*

Win big! Join this high-energy race through the summer!

Jun 7	Homosassa Springs Puppet Show (See Program Spotlight)
Jun 14	World Records
Jun 21	Martial Arts With Master Silvester Edwards
Jun 28	Great Races
Jul 5	Ninja Training Camp
Jul 12	Feed Your Brain With Chef Nancy!
Jul 19	Finish Line Celebration!

**Cats! Cats! Cats!***Wednesday, June 8, 2 p.m.*

Have a feline friend? Marion County Animal Services provides helpful information about great ways to care and keep our cats happy. Adoptions available after the program.

**Family Flicks***Thursdays, 2 p.m.*

Movies for the whole family! Anyone younger than age 13 must be accompanied by an adult. Free popcorn!

Jun 30  
Jul 7  
Jul 14

**FORT MCCOY PUBLIC LIBRARY**

14660 NE Highway 315,  
Fort McCoy FL 32134  
352-438-2560

Programs are sponsored by the Friends of the Fort McCoy Public Library.

**SPECIAL PROGRAMS****Ellie Schiller Homosassa Springs Wildlife State Park Puppeteers***Wednesday, June 22, 2 p.m.*

See Program Spotlight.

**Drum It Up With Ray DeVries***Wednesday, June 8, 2 p.m.*

See Program Spotlight.

**ADULTS****Ask Your Master Gardener***Saturdays, 10 a.m.*

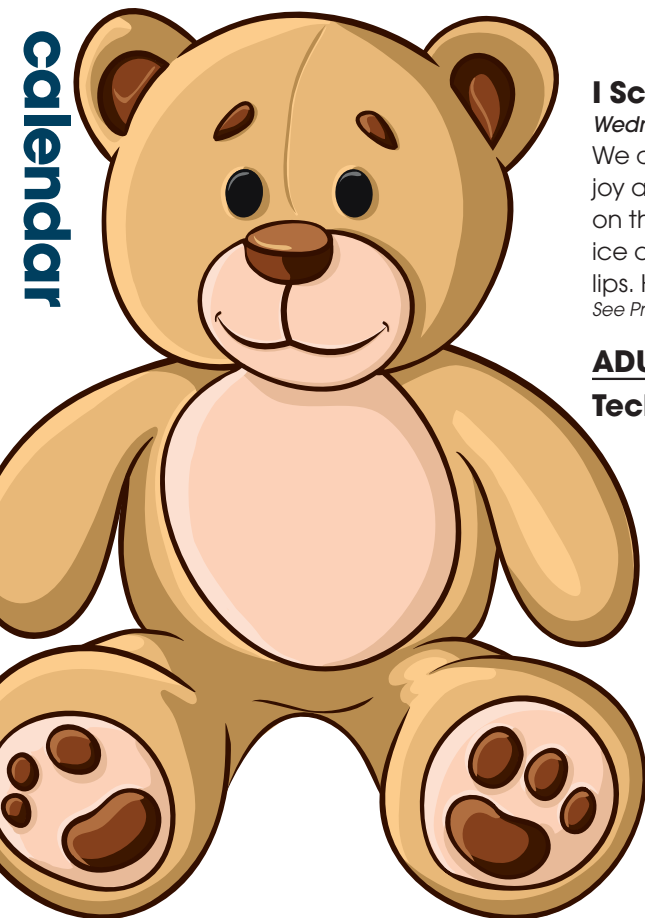
Get your garden growing! Learn gardening techniques from the masters! Registration recommended. Presented by the UF/IFAS Marion County Master Gardeners; UF/IFAS Marion County Extension Service.

Jun 25      Molds & Mushrooms  
Jul 23      Bees in Florida

**FAMILIES****On Your Mark, Get Set...Read!***Wednesdays, 2 p.m.*

Win big! Join this high-energy race through the summer!

Jun 8	Drum it Up With Ray DeVries(See Program Spotlight)
Jun 15	World Records
Jun 22	Homosassa Springs Puppet Show (See Program Spotlight)
Jun 29	Great Races
Jul 6	Ninja Training Camp
Jul 13	Feed Your Brain With Chef Nancy
Jul 20	Global Playground



## FREEDOM PUBLIC LIBRARY

5870 SW 95 St., Ocala FL 34476  
352-438-2580

*Programs are sponsored by the Friends of Freedom Public Library.*

### SPECIAL PROGRAMS

#### Name That Bear!

A giant teddy has come to live at the library but, alas, without a name! Make your suggestions in June and vote for your favorite in July.

#### Healthy Herb!

*Wednesday, June 1, 2 p.m.*

Who IS that fellow covered in food? Join in the food and fitness frolics. Nutrition facts were never more energetically experienced!

#### Drum It Up With Ray DeVries!

*Wednesday, June 15, 2 p.m.*  
*See Program Spotlight.*

#### Meet the Author: Connie Mann

*"Tangled Lies"*  
*Tuesday, June 21, 2:30 p.m.*  
*See Program Spotlight.*

### I Scream for Ice Cream Social

*Wednesday, July 13, 2 p.m.*

We all scream for ice cream! Enjoy a scoop as you get the scoop on the history of ice cream with ice cream aficionado Jim Phillips. History was never so sweet!  
*See Program Spotlight.*

### ADULTS

#### Technology Help Center

*Wednesdays, 10 a.m.-noon*  
*June 1-July 20*

Bring your device and drop in!

#### Ask Arnold! Comprehensive Computer Assistance

*Thursdays, 12-2 p.m.*  
*June 2-July 21*

Staff and volunteers are available to help with all computer needs.

#### Ask Your Master Gardener

*Fridays, noon*

Get that garden growing!

Learn gardening techniques from Norma Samuel.

*Presented by the UF/IFAS Marion County Master Gardeners; UF/IFAS Marion County Extension Service*

Jun 3  
Jul 1

**Pretty But Invasive  
Edible Plants for the Home  
Landscape**

### As the Page Turns Book Club

*Tuesdays, 2:30 p.m.*

Join the club and turn the page! Everyone is welcome!

Jun 7

**"Orphan Train" by Christina  
Baker Kline**

Jul 5

**"The Racketeer" by John  
Grisham**

Aug 2

**"The Girl on the Train" by  
Paula Hawkins**

### The Tuesday Matinée

*Tuesdays, 3 p.m.*

Movies for adults. Anyone younger than age 13 must be accompanied by an adult. Light refreshments.

Jun 14  
Jun 28  
Jul 12  
Jul 19

### Color Your Way to Calm

*Monday, July 11, 3 p.m.*

Be creative while letting your inner artist color inside and outside the lines. Light refreshments.



### TEENS

#### Film Feast!

*Thursdays, 2 p.m.*

Movies for teens. Anyone younger than age 13 must be accompanied by an adult.

Jun 2  
Jun 9  
Jun 16  
Jun 23  
Jun 30  
Jul 7  
Jul 14  
Jul 21

#### YALLA Free!

*Thursdays, 5 p.m.*

*June 23, July 28, Aug. 25*

Be part of the library experience! Earn volunteer hours for service.

### FAMILIES

#### On Your Mark, Get Set...Read!

*Wednesdays, 2 p.m.*

Win big! Join this high-energy race through the summer!

Jun 1  
Jun 8

**Healthy Herb  
Martial Arts Center  
Demonstration**

Jun 15

**Drum It Up With Ray DeVries  
(See Program Spotlight)**

Jun 22

**Sew Awesome: Quilts With  
Carol**

Jun 29  
Jul 6  
Jul 13

**The Great Outdoors  
Freedom Fun Olympics  
I Scream for Ice Cream Social**

#### B.E.A.R. Time!

*Mondays, 4 p.m.*

*June 6-July 18*

Be excited about reading and hear great stories!



**Pajama Party!**

Tuesdays, 6 p.m.

June 7-July 19

Make those summer nights special with stories, songs and activities. Light refreshments. Fuzzy slippers and jammies welcome!

**MARION OAKS PUBLIC LIBRARY**

294 Marion Oaks Lane, Ocala FL 34473  
352-438-2570

*Programs are sponsored by the Friends of the Marion Oaks Public Library.*

**SPECIAL PROGRAMS****Reptiles of Florida**

Saturday, June 4, 11 a.m.

Encounter Florida wildlife with the Park Rangers from Silver Springs State Park.

**Drum It Up With Ray DeVries**

Saturday, June 11, 12:30 p.m.

*See Program Spotlight.*

**The Drums of Mamadouba Mohamed Camara**

Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m.

July 13, 20

Experience the rhythms of West Africa!  
*See Program Spotlight.*

**ADULTS****Reading Group for Writers**

Mondays, 6 p.m.

June 27, July 25, Aug. 29

For all writers who need encouragement! Bring your stories, poetry and works-in-progress for critique and inspiration. Register your interest at the library and let's get writing!

**Ask Your Master Gardener**

Friday, Aug. 19, 4 p.m.

Get that garden growing! Learn gardening techniques from Bill McCue.

*Presented by the UF/IFAS Master Gardeners; UF/IFAS Marion County Extension Service.*

**TEENS****YALLA Oaks!**

Wednesdays, 5 p.m.

June 8, July 13

Be part of the library experience! Earn volunteer hours for service.

**FAMILIES****Summer Pajama Parties!**

Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m., June 8-July 20

Make those summer nights special with stories, songs, activities and popcorn! Fuzzy slippers and jammies welcome!

**Chess With Coach Bobby Whipple**

Saturday, June 18, 11 a.m.

Explore the game of chess with certified U.S. Chess Federation coach Bobby Whipple.

**REDDICK PUBLIC LIBRARY**

15150 NW Gainesville Road, Reddick FL 32686  
352-438-2566

*Programs are sponsored by the Friends of the Ocala Public Library.*

**SPECIAL PROGRAMS****Brown Bag Luncheon With Author Connie Mann***"Tangled Lies"*

Wednesday, June 15, noon

Bring your bag lunch. Beverage and dessert provided. Contact the library to reserve a piece of pie! Co-sponsored by Heart of Florida Health Center.

*See Program Spotlight.*

**Happy Birthday, Mayor Jim!**

Tuesday, July 12, 1 p.m.

Shhhhhh! It's a surprise! Join us in celebrating Mayor Jim

Stroup's birthday. Cake and ice cream will be served in honor of Jim's special day. Hip hip hurrah!

**Robotics With Vincent Vaughns**

Saturday, July 23, 2 p.m.

Be inspired! Yale-bound Vincent Vaughns, a former North Marion High School and Phillips Exeter Academy (NH) student, demonstrates his award-winning robotic care system.

**ADULTS****Grow Gorgeous Roses!**

Saturday, June 11, 11 a.m.

Treat your garden to beautiful blooms with tips from Barbara Georgius and Connie Bonbrest.  
*Presented by the UF/IFAS Master Gardeners; UF/IFAS Marion County Extension Service.*

**Keep the Pressure Down**

Tuesday, June 7, 10:30 a.m.

Registration by June 2

Eat well and live life! Whatever your pressure, understanding the benefits of the DASH eating plan (Dietary Approaches to Stop Hypertension) is essential to creating a heart-healthy lifestyle. Walk-ins welcome. Pre-registrants will receive take-home materials.

*Presented by Nancy Gal, UF/IFAS Marion County Extension Service.*

**FAMILIES****On Your Mark, Get Set...Read!**

Thursday, 4 p.m.

Win big with the North Marion High School athletic teams! Read and play games with our local athletes and coaches.

Jun 2	Kick off With North Marion HS Athletic Director Donald Tucker
Jun 9	Football Fun With Coach Willie Offord
Jun 16	Basketball Basics With Coach Stephanie Brown
Jun 23	Softball Skills With Coach Bob Panitzke
Jun 30	Track Action With Coach David Waters
Jul 7	Basketball Basics II With Coach Tim Yarn
Jul 14	Volleyball FUNDamentals With Coach Douwyna Montalvo
Jul 21	Wrap-up



### Headquarters-Ocala Public Library

- June** **Original Artwork** by Cheryl Wright
- July** **Paper Craft Art** by Esmeralda Arribas
- August** **Lake Wales Ridge Exhibit** by Heartland Cultural Alliance

### Bellevue Public Library

- June** **Acrylic Paintings** by Jim Cochell  
**Pottery** by Jud Spence
- July** **Weaving and Painting** by Poff Studio  
**Painting** by Robert Johnson
- August** **Paintings** by Judith Kaiser

### Dunnellon Public Library

- June** **Gourd Art** by Glenda Damm
- July** **Metal Jewelry** by David Kellner
- August** **Wood Carving** by Gene Maier

### Forest Public Library

- June** **Games From Around the World**
- July** **Hawaiian Plates** by Robert Lyn Nelson from Robin Wayne
- August** **Calm Colors!**
- Jun-Aug** **Hand-Blown Borosilicate Glass** by John Freeze

## AT YOUR SERVICE

### Early Voting

Saturday, Aug. 20-Saturday, Aug. 27, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Available at Headquarters-Ocala, Belleview, Dunnellon, Forest and Freedom public libraries. Contact the Supervisor of Elections for more information.

### Access Florida Volunteers

Forest Public Library  
Tuesdays, 12:30-3 p.m.  
June 7-Aug. 30

Get help with filing for food stamp assistance, temporary cash assistance, refugee assistance and Medicaid programs.



### CareerSource

Job seeker services available! Call the library nearest you for times and locations.

### Free Screenings With FDLRS

The Florida Diagnostic & Learning Resources System/Child Find offers free screenings for children birth through age 5 who may have difficulty with learning, speaking, playing, seeing, walking and hearing. Screening appointments may be held at your local library. Contact Child Find at 352-671-6051 to schedule.

### Serving Health Insurance Needs of Elders (SHINE)

Obtain free Medicare counseling through the Florida Department of Elder Affairs. Contact Headquarters-Ocala, Belleview, Dunnellon or Forest public libraries for site schedule.

### FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Many of the Friends of the Library groups do not meet during the summer months. Contact your library for more definite information.

### Friends of the Ocala Public Library

Thursdays, 2 p.m.  
June 16, no meeting in July, August 18



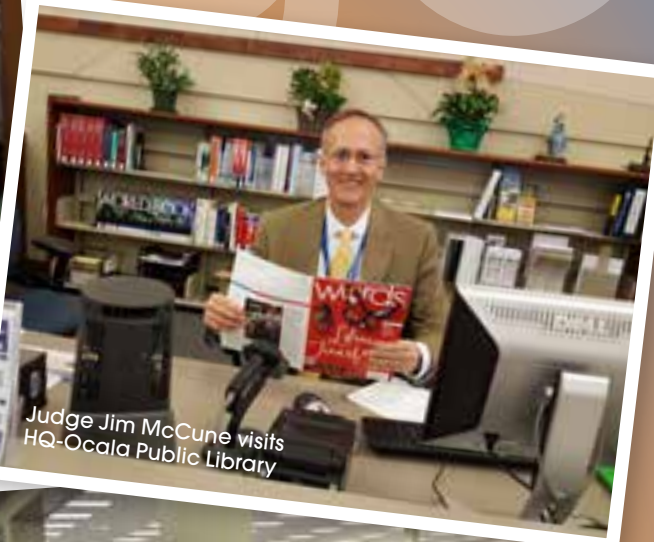
## COMING SOON!

The Marion County Public Library System  
**Pets Caught Reading Photo Contest!**  
Check out our fall issue of WORDS magazine for information and details about how to enter your furry, feathery or scaly friend.





Forest Public Library cooks



Judge Jim McCune visits  
HQ-Ocala Public Library



Dolores Lichatz and E.L.V.I.S. at Dunnellon Public Library

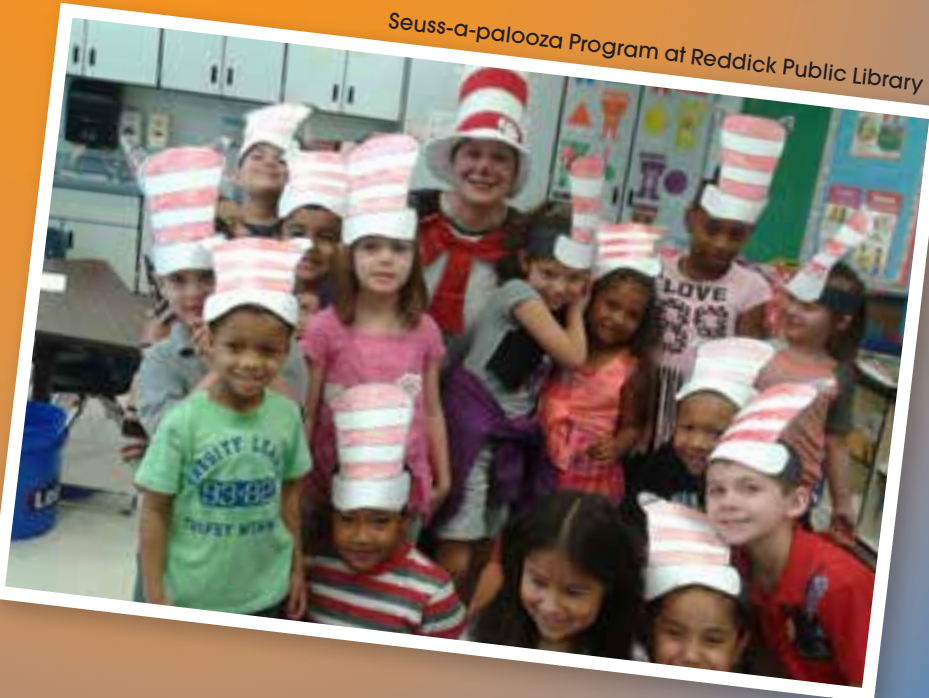


NH Jones students visit HQ-Ocala Public Library

Marion Oaks Public Library PJ Party



Seuss-a-palooza Program at Reddick Public Library





# THERE'S NO "I" IN

# TEAM

by Kristen Calvert Nelson



**Y**our team is down by three when the quarterback throws you the ball. With defenders on either side, you somehow manage to catch the ball and run it in for a touchdown. The stadium buzzes with excitement because your team just won the game!

You may have scored the touchdown, but the play would not have happened without teamwork. What makes teamwork work? In order to succeed, teams require our finest qualities and values. The best teammates display unity, sharing, commitment, capability, selflessness and purpose. And when a team achieves its goal, success is all the more fulfilling because it's shared.

In Marion County, there are many fine examples of teamwork. A prime example, and public library system partner, is the Marion County Children's Alliance (MCCA). MCCA works to ensure a safe, nurturing environment for the children of Marion County. According to

board member Scott Hackmyer, the library's and MCCA's "missions intertwine, helping children develop to their fullest potential." Hackmyer stated that "the library system has been a longtime supporter of the Children's Alliance and the Alliance helps share the message of the vital importance of a strong library system for our community."

Our public library experience tells us that people who read regularly also tend to be more informed about and involved in their communities. Just the sort of people you want on your team, whatever its purpose.

You can learn a lot about teamwork at the Marion County Public Library System. We have books and materials about teamwork, team building, team management, team leadership and team communication techniques. If you want to be part of a successful team, your public library is a great place to start. You can make the team. Then you can make the team great! 🤖

# Bookmarks

Friends of the Ocala Public Library's News and Notes



## Congratulations to the Friends!

Friends of the Library groups in Marion County recently won the new "Library Advocacy Award" from the Florida Library Association (FLA). This award was in recognition of the groups' efforts in advocating for the Marion County Public Library System. The FLA Executive Director Martina Brawer said, "This new award recognized the efforts of the seven Marion County Friends Groups for their tireless work locally on behalf of the Marion County Library System."

Seven independent Friends of the Library organizations in Marion County are based at the library branches throughout the county, including Ocala, Freedom, Forest, Marion Oaks, Fort McCoy, Dunnellon, and Belleview. The Friends groups raise money and advocate to support unmet library needs in such areas as materials and programming. They do this through the sale of donated used books and Friends membership fees.

## BOOKS NEEDED!

During your spring cleaning, did you find books that you know you'll never read again? The Friends of the Ocala Public Library want your books! We can sell your gently used books in our Book Market. With the money that we receive from selling these books, we help subsidize many library projects and activities. Help us to help our Library. You may drop off your donations to the Book Market anytime during their regular hours: Monday - Friday 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Saturday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sunday closed.



## SUMMER SLIDE

Is your child going to have a "Summer Slide?" We're not talking about the playground-type slide. "Summer Slide" is the term given to the information that children forget during the summer *if* they do not read. Often during long summer months, students lose skills they developed during the previous school year. Make this summer different. Make the effort to read aloud to your children, whatever their age. This will help them retain and increase vocabulary and language skills. As an additional incentive, bring your children to the library to join in the fun during our theme-related activities, "On Your Mark, Get Set...READ!"



## QUARTERLY BOOK SALE

**Aug. 6**  
10 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
Meeting Rooms  
Headquarters-Ocala Public Library

# profiles

By Karen M. Jensen

Student athlete. Two seemingly stand-alone nouns unless you're talking to Coaches Donald Tucker and Willie Offord of the North Marion High School Athletic Department. They believe that academics and athletics go hand in hand and use the term "student athlete" consistently as they talk about their students and the high school's various athletic programs.

I asked Athletic Department Director Coach Tucker to tell me his definition of a student athlete. He pretty well sums it up by stating that "if you don't get it in the classroom, you really aren't going to get it on the field either, whatever your athletic prowess may be." The goal at North Marion High School is to help prepare their student athletes for life; preparing today's students to be tomorrow's leaders.

Football Coach Willie Offord may still be somewhat new to the North Marion High School Athletic Department, but his presence on both college and NFL football fields spans more than a decade. His take on a student athlete? He believes



L to R: Athletic Director Coach Donald Tucker and Coach Willie Offord

that you have to put the same energy into both athletics and academics. "Know your assignment on the field and in the classroom," says Offord.

Offord, who played for the Minnesota Vikings for four seasons until an injury ended his career in 2006, doesn't believe in talking about what he's done in the past. He'd rather focus on the future and the teens he's coaching. "I knew that playing football was going to end at some point. The lessons I've learned in life helped to prepare me for what's ahead," he said.

Although North Marion High School football has achieved the distinct status of being district champion or in the playoffs since 2000, there are many other athletic pursuits, including basketball, cross country, baseball, softball, swimming,

volleyball, golf, bowling, soccer, wrestling and cheerleading to engage their student athletes.

Coaches Tucker and Offord agree on many areas, especially what it takes to make a great athlete. Both concur that it takes a strong will and desire to get better in both the classroom and on the athletic field. It's a metaphor for life. ■■■