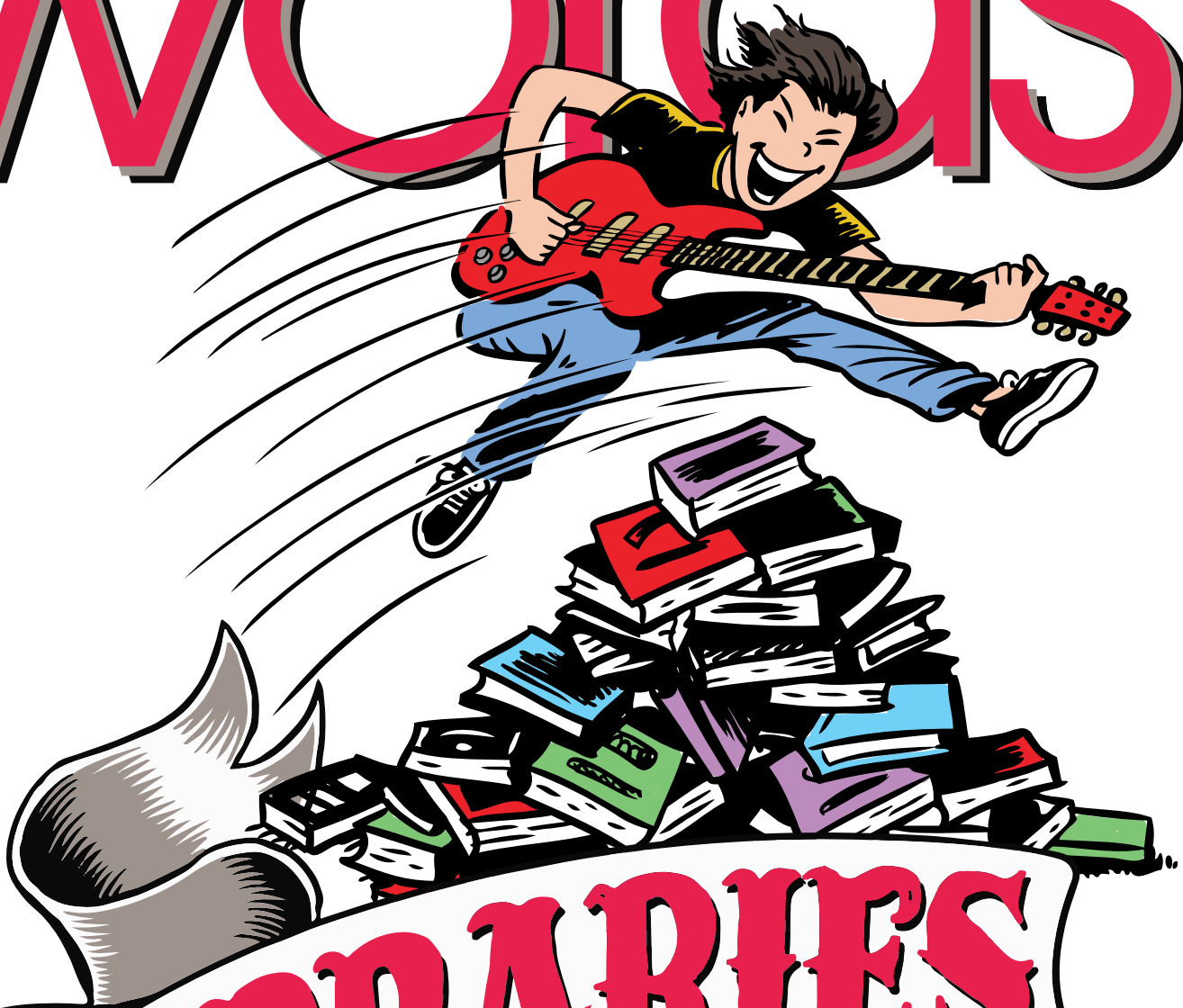


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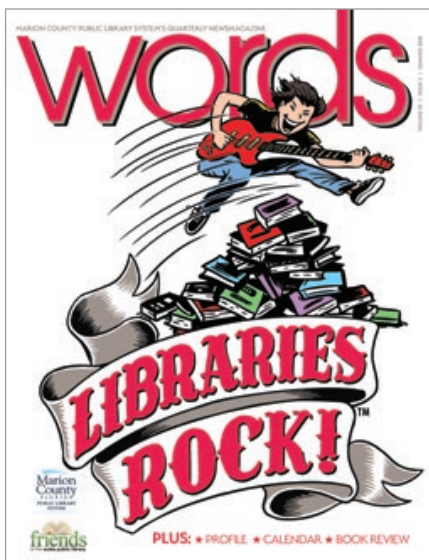
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Celebrate summer at your public library.



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a word FROM THE DIRECTOR

By Julie Sieg
*Director, Marion County
Public Library System*



Salsa, Night Moves and Kenny G

Music frames and memorializes moments in our life. Think about some of your most heart-felt memories and you're likely to associate them to a particular song or musician. Think about happy times as a child, your angst filled teenage years, your first love or broken heart, singing with your children, or hearing lyrics that really spoke to you when you needed it most.

My entire life has been filled with music, from violin in elementary school, flute in middle and high school marching and concert band, community orchestra, theatre orchestra and minoring in music in college. Yet even being surrounded by music there are still musical memories that evoke such powerful emotions – a sense of happiness and well-being, nostalgia, and peace, love and contentment.

When I was a little girl my dad would pick me up and dance with me to the rhythm of Salsa music. I remember giggling with a sense of joy, feeling like I was a "big girl" and the feeling of love and everything being right with the world. To this day I love the beat of Latin music that takes me back to a carefree, joyous, uninhibited time. Whenever I hear Bob Seger and the Silver Bullet Band I am taken back to high school and college when I would crank up the volume and rock out to the album "Nine Tonight" and especially Night Moves. His music was my coming-of-age soundtrack. And Kenny G. Twenty years have gone by yet I start swaying just hearing in my mind his gentle, soothing saxophone. When my son was a baby I snuggled him and rocked him to sleep each night to Kenny G, The Moment CD. I can still feel him in my arms as he gradually relaxed into slumber.

Take time to appreciate the music and moments that have framed your life.

Julie Sieg

Enjoy A Delicious Summer Break AT YOUR PUBLIC LIBRARY

BY KAREN M. JENSEN

Does this sound familiar? You and your children are enjoying one of the many summer reading programs at your public library. Suddenly, your little one leans over and whispers those two little words—“I’m hungry!” This summer, that crisis can be averted at many of your area Marion County Public Library System locations.

Children and teens 18 and younger can enjoy a program and a free meal at your public library! Meals, provided by the Shores Assembly of God Church through the USDA Summer Food Service Program/Summer Break Spot, will be part of the public library’s summer programming beginning in June.

In 2017, 1,227 meals were served at several Marion County Public Library System locations in conjunction with Pastor Delcamp and his crew of dedicated staff and volunteers through the USDA approved summer feeding program. When asked about this partnership effort with the Marion County Public Library System, Pastor John Delcamp had this to say, “Impacting our community is only possible when we work together. The partnership with the Marion County Library System allows access to feed the children of our communities a free, hot, nutritious meal at least once a week during the summer months. It also encourages them to engage in activities that will impact them for the rest of their lives. The Marion County Public libraries and the Summer Feeding Program/Summer BreakSpot may only impact the children in a small way, but it is the little things that produce the biggest results.”

The following table is a listing of days, times and locations at the Marion County Public Library System where the summer break spot is available. The USDA Summer Food Service program is an equal opportunity provider. **W**

For more information, call 352-671-8551, or visit the public library’s website at library.marioncountyfl.org.



Belleview Public Library

Family Flicks movie

See calendar for details

Tuesdays 10 a.m.

June 5-Aug. 7

SummerBreak Time:

Noon- lunch

Ventriloquist Mark Wade

Sat., June 2

SummerBreak Time:

Noon- lunch

Dunnellon Public Library

Family Flicks movie

See calendar for details

Fridays 10:30 a.m.

June 8-July 27

SummerBreak Time:

12:30 p.m.- lunch

Forest Public Library

Summer Cinema movie

See calendar for details

Fridays 10 a.m.

June 8-July 20

SummerBreak Time:

Noon- lunch

Fort McCoy Public Library

Libraries Rock programs

See calendar for details

Saturdays 1 p.m.

June 16-July 21

SummerBreak Time:

Noon- lunch

Freedom Public Library

Libraries Rock programs

See calendar for details

Wednesdays 2 p.m.

June 6-July 11

SummerBreak Time:

1 p.m.- lunch

Headquarters-Ocala Public Library

Family Film Fest movies

See calendar for details

Fridays 1 p.m.

June 8-July 20

SummerBreak Time:

12:30 p.m.-lunch

Reddick Public Library

Libraries Rock programs

See calendar for details

Mondays 10:30 a.m.

June 4-July 23

SummerBreak Time:

11:30 a.m.- lunch



Finding Your Groove With Creative Commons Music

BY JEROME AZBELL

What music do you turn on when you need to clean the house, work on an idea, exercise or just relax? Odds are, it's either from a service you've already paid for or another source where you're distracted with commercials every few minutes. The constant stream of ads or monthly payments may be only a minor annoyance, but it's the price we pay for on-demand music, right?

Creators of royalty-free music disagree. These artists work under Creative Commons, a form of copyright, where musicians or "content creators" share their work freely for playback and remixing. This means that sites that only stream Creative Commons music can do so legally and commercial-free.

Several sites that offer free music are linked on the Creative Commons website (www.creativecommons.org); however, the best sources for streaming are definitely the Free Music Archive (www.freemusicarchive.org) and Jamendo (www.jamendo.com). Both of these sites host albums, offer downloads and play music in-browser, all for free and without commercials.

Free Music Archive provides music for video creators and remixers, and the site is designed to make that

process easy. There are charts of the site's most popular music, along with lots of information on how it can be used. If you're looking for background music for your latest YouTube video, this is the place to find it. Genres include everything from sound effects to heavy metal albums, but creating playlists can be a bit clunky.

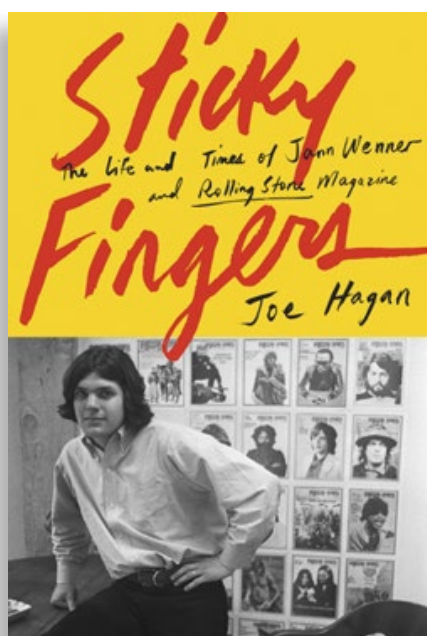
For Jamendo, the focus is squarely on individual streaming. The company offers some licensing options for the music it carries, but any downloads for personal use are still free. Jamendo really shines when it comes to streaming, carrying various "stations" for play both in-browser and through their easy-to-use smartphone app—which doesn't require a sign-up.

While Creative Commons music is an excellent choice for most music lovers, easily-accessible, high-quality recording equipment has led to a wave of new independent talent, many who just want to make and share their music. The open platform of Creative Commons has also meant fewer restrictions on the artists themselves. So flip through one of these sites and see what royalty-free music can mean. You might just discover a new favorite! **W**

Books That Rock @ The Library!

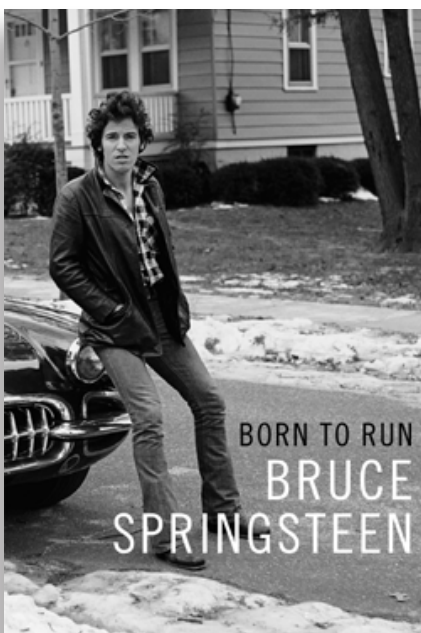
BY KAREN KOCIEMBA

From hearing our first lullaby, attending a symphony, or hearing the magic of the Beatles for the first time, music has been, and is, an important part of our lives. With such a wide variety of musical genres from which to choose, there is something for everyone to enjoy. Today I would like to highlight a selection of books featuring rock and



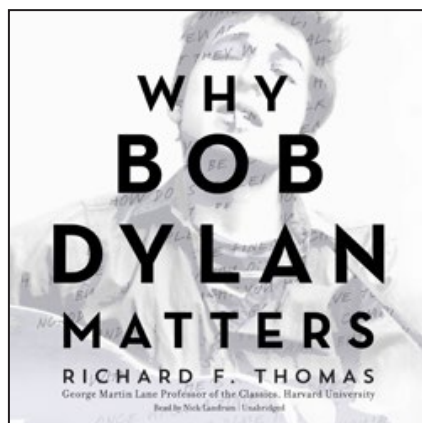
roll, beginning with the history of the iconic Rolling Stone magazine. The story of Jann Wenner, Rolling Stone's founder and publisher, is shared alongside a 50 year history of pop culture in the book "**Sticky Fingers: the Life and Times of Jann Wenner and Rolling Stone Magazine,**" by Joe Hagan.

My favorite autobiography of the last year has to be "**Born to Run**" by Bruce Springsteen. Bruce spent seven years writing the story of

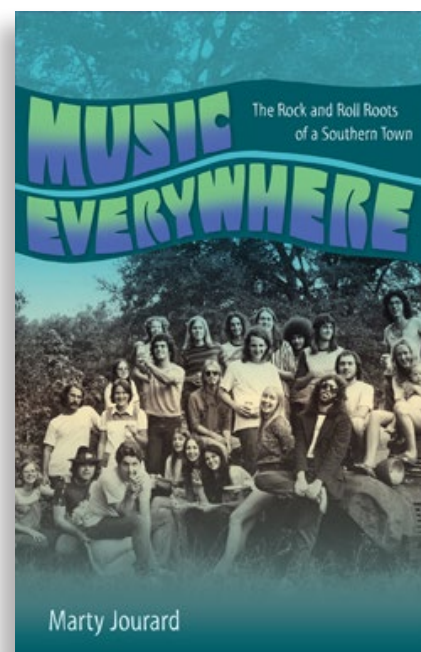


his life, and this autobiography is brutally honest about the personal struggles that have shaped his music and that famous song. I recommend listening to this book on audiobook. Bruce narrates his own book, and with that trademark raspy voice, I felt like Bruce was sitting next to me sharing his life's history.

Quiz time! Do you know which musical star won the Nobel Prize for Literature in 2016? None other



than Bob Dylan who then didn't even attend the medal ceremony. We may not all agree on whether a singer-songwriter should have been awarded that prize, but we may glean additional thoughts by reading "**Why Bob Dylan Matters**" by Richard F. Thomas. Thomas, a Harvard professor, who teaches a popular "Dylan 101" seminar, shares his vast knowledge of all things Dylan.



And if you want to stay a little closer to home check out "**Music Everywhere: The Rock and Roll Roots of a Southern Town,**" by Marty Jourard. Many American college towns have launched rock and roll bands, but Gainesville can boast of dozens of prominent resident musicians, eight of whom have been inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. We will never forget you, Tom Petty! **W**

PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT

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



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 27 at the Headquarters-Ocala Library location. One entry per library card per visit is allowed. Prize winners will be notified.

June 2-July 20

All ages, all library locations

Finders Keepers

There's treasure hidden at each library location! Find one of our treasure-packed geocaches and earn a chance to win a prize pack! View the Marion County Public Library System's geocache holdings at www.geocaching.com or ask a librarian about how to get started. The hunt is on!

June 2-July 31

All library locations

Summer BreakSpots

Give yourself a break! Free nutritious meals to children 18 years and younger. *Meals will not be served on Wednesday, July 4.

*Headquarters-Ocala
Fridays, June 8-July 20, 12:30 p.m.*

*Bellevue Public Library
Tuesdays, June 5-Aug. 7, noon*

*Dunnellon Public Library
Fridays, June 8-July 27, 12:30 p.m.*

*Forest Public Library
Fridays, June 8-July 20, noon*

*Fort McCoy Public Library
Saturdays, June 16-July 21, noon*

*Freedom Public Library
Wednesdays, June 6-July 18, 1 p.m.**

*Reddick Public Library
Mondays, June 4-July 23, 11:30 a.m.*

SPECIAL EVENTS

Happy Birthday, Bellevue Public Library!

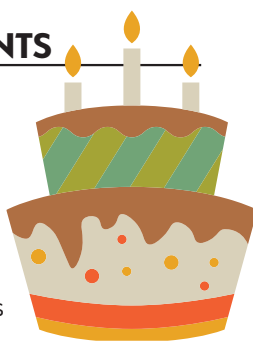
Celebrate 10 years in our new location! Festivities include music by My Uncle's Friends, fun-filled activities and ventriloquist Mark Wade. Enjoy a Summer BreakSpot meal provided free to all younger than age 18.

*Bellevue Public Library
Saturday, June 2, 11 a.m.*

Homeschool Expo

Speak with local homeschool support groups and listen to Vicki Leist, former District 3 director and chairman of the Florida Parent-Educators Association Scholarship Foundation as she provides an introduction to homeschooling.

*Headquarters-Ocala Public Library
Saturday, August 18, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.*



SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Rocking Out With Ventriloquist Mark Wade

Spend a hilarious time with renowned ventriloquist Mark Wade and Watson the Wonder Bunny. Hailed as America's foremost children's ventriloquist, Wade is sure to delight all ages with his tongue-in-cheek (or somewhere) antics.

*Bellevue Public Library
Saturday, June 2, 11 a.m.*

*Freedom Public Library
Wednesday, June 6, 2 p.m.*

*Fort McCoy Public Library
Saturday, June 16, 11 a.m.*

*Dunnellon Public Library
Tuesday, June 26, 11 a.m.*

*Forest Public Library
Tuesday, June 26, 2 p.m.*

Giving Tree Drum Circle

Drum, dance, sing and laugh together!

*Headquarters-Ocala Public Library
Tuesday, June 5, 3 p.m. (For ages 5-12 with caregivers.)*

Building a Better Brain Puppet Show

There's lots to do with the Wildlife Puppeteers! Fun for kids of all ages. Presented by The Wildlife Puppeteers from the Ellie Schiller Homosassa Springs Wildlife State Park.

*Forest Public Library
Tuesday, June 12, 2 p.m.*

*Freedom Public Library
Wednesday, June 20, 2 p.m.*

*Fort McCoy Public Library
Saturday, July 7, 2 p.m.*

*Dunnellon Public Library
Tuesday, July 17, 2 p.m.*

Sing-A-Long and Rock It Out With Cami

Local singer and song writer Cami Maree sings your favorite children's songs! Musical instruments provided for everyone to play along.

*Dunnellon Public Library
Tuesday, June 12, 2 p.m.*

*Bellevue Public Library
Thursday, July 12, 10:30 a.m. & 1 p.m.*

*Forest Public Library
Thursday, July 19, 2 p.m.*

Arthropod Petting Zoo

Explore the fascinating world of insects and other arthropods with Laurel Lietzenmayer from the University of Florida's Department of Entomology and Nematology.

*Forest Public Library
Thursday, June 14, 2 p.m.*

DoDad's Lab

Be wowed by Professor DoDad as he demonstrates the science of sound.

*Headquarters-Ocala Public Library
Saturday, June 16, 2 p.m.
(For ages 5-12 with caregivers.)*

Didgeridoos From Down Under

Becky Kester and Richard Marquette demonstrate the deeply resonant sounds of this Australian wind instrument.

*Dunnellon Public Library
Tuesday, June 19, 2 p.m.*

*Forest Public Library
Thursday, June 21, 2 p.m.*

Summer Scoop!

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!

*Reddick Public Library
Wednesday, June 20, 2:30 p.m.*

*Headquarters-Ocala Public Library
Tuesday, July 17, 2 p.m.
(For ages 5-12 with caregivers.)*

Farm Animals Rock!

Get up-close and personal with eight tiny farm animals. Presented by the Farm to You Revue Traveling Petting Zoo.

*Forest Public Library
Tuesday, July 10, 2 p.m.*

Animis Foundation Rocks!

Discover how the Animis Foundation protects wildlife through rescue, rehabilitation and education.

*Forest Public Library
Thursday, July 12, 2 p.m.*

Bat Chat With Bat Belfrys Inc.

Bats in the library! Shari Blissett-Clark and The Florida Bat Conservancy present information regarding the protection and preservation of our native bat populations.

*Marion Oaks Public Library
Tuesday, July 24, 3:30 p.m.*

ESPECIALLY FOR TEENS

YALLA!

Young Adult Leading Library Awareness (YALLA) are teen groups (ages 13-18) that plan for future programs and services throughout the library system. Be part of the library and make the library experience a better one for all while earning volunteer service hours. Contact your local library for meeting dates and times.

MANGAlicious Teen Clubs!

Watch favorite anime and manga films while enjoying Japanese snacks.

*Headquarters-Ocala Public Library
Thursdays, June 7, July 5, Aug. 2, 4:30 p.m.*

*Bellevue Public Library
Tuesdays, June 26, July 24,
Aug. 28, 1:30 p.m.*

Ventriloquism Workshop With Mark Wade

Check out how ventriloquism works and discover vocal tricks with puppets!

*Headquarters-Ocala Public Library
Saturday, June 16, 3 p.m.
(For teens ages 13 and older and adults.)*

Health Rocks!

A 4-week course for middle and high school teens to learn about healthy relationships, nutrition, and physical activity. Registration recommended.

*Presented by Erin Webber, UF/IFAS
Extension Marion County 4H*

*Reddick Public Library
Saturdays, July 7, 14, 21, 28, 11 a.m.*

Escape Rooms: Can You Get Out?

Use your wits and deductive skills to save the world from all sorts of catastrophes!

*Headquarters-Ocala Public Library
Mondays, June 11, July 9, 6 p.m. (For adults and teens ages 13 and older)*

*Forest Public Library
Saturday, July 14, 4 p.m.*

*Bellevue Public Library
Tuesday, July 17, 1:30 p.m.*

ESPECIALLY FOR ADULTS

Libraries Rock!

Summer Concert Series

Beat the heat of summer with cool sounds from local musicians.

*Headquarters-Ocala
Public Library
Sundays, June 10, 17,
July 8, 22, 2 p.m.*



Brown Bag Luncheon With Keifer Calkins

Fort King: The Building of History

Bring your bag lunch and find out about the history of Fort King and the reconstruction project of the Seminole War Fort with the City of Ocala's Outdoor/Historic Resource Program Coordinator and local rock star! Beverage and dessert provided. Contact the library to reserve a piece of pie!

*Reddick Public Library
Friday, August 17, noon*

MEET THE AUTHOR

Cynthia Wilson-Graham

"Remembering Paradise Park"

Paradise Park, a place of delight and leisure for the African-American community, was the "colored only" counterpart to Silver Springs during the painful era of Jim Crow. Wilson-Graham details the history of the park with vivid photographs, vintage advertisements and interviews with employees and patrons.

*Bellevue Public Library
Thursday, June 21, 3:30 p.m.*

HEADQUARTERS-OCALA

2720 E. Silver Springs Blvd.
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Summer BreakSpot

Fridays, June 8-July 20, 12:30 p.m.
See Program Spotlight for other locations.

SPECIAL EVENT

Homeschool Expo

Saturday, August 18, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
See Program Spotlight.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Summer Sneak Peek

Tuesday, June 5, 2:30 p.m.
For children ages 12 and younger and caregivers.

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

Giving Tree Drum Circle

Tuesday, June 5, 3 p.m.
For ages 5-12 with caregivers.
See Program Spotlight.



Shema Shine

Libraries Rock!

Summer Concert Series

Sundays, 2 p.m.
For adults

Beat the heat of summer with cool sounds from local musicians.

- June 10 Shema Shine, soul, pop and rock
- June 17 Matt Stevens, acoustic rock
- July 8 Theresa Griffith Harper, classical flute
- July 22 Miranda Madison, jazz and blues

Escape Rooms: Can You Get Out?

Mondays, 6 p.m.
For adults and teens ages 13 and older.
See Program Spotlight for other locations.

- June 11 Gabba Gabba Hey!
- July 9 Space Rocks!

DoDad's Lab

Saturday, June 16, 2 p.m.
For ages 5-12 with caregivers.
See Program Spotlight.

Poems Talk

Mondays, 6 p.m.
June 18, July 16, Aug. 20
For readers and writers ages 13 and older.
Bring a poem you've penned or loved and join the conversation.

Solid Rocks

Saturday, June 23, 2 p.m.
For ages 5-12 with caregivers.
Archaeology rocks! Dig into history with Dr. Michelle Sivilich from Gulf Archaeology Research Institute.

Ventriloquism Workshop With Mark Wade

Saturday, June 16, 3 p.m.
For teens ages 13 and older and adults.
See Program Spotlight.

Summer Scoop!

Tuesday, July 17, 2 p.m.
For ages 5-12 with caregivers.
Ice cream it is!
See Program Spotlight for other locations.



ADULTS

The Monday Matinée

Mondays, 2 p.m.
Movies for adults. Anyone younger than age 13 must be accompanied by an adult.

- June 4
- June 11
- June 18
- June 25
- July 2
- July 9
- July 16
- July 23



Wired Wednesdays

Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.
Learn about computers and databases. Space is limited.

Computers for Beginners

- June 6 I Turned on My Computer, Now What?
- June 13 Basic Keyboarding
- June 20 Basic Internet
- June 27 Basic Internet Safety

Online Potpourri

- July 11 Plan Your Trip Online
- July 18 Keyboard Shortcuts
- July 25 Discovering Music Online

Genealogy Help Center

Wednesday, June 6, 12:30-3:30 p.m.
Genealogy gurus from the Marion County Genealogical Society assist with your search.

Technology Help Center

Wednesdays, 2-3:30 p.m.
June 6-July 25
Bring your device and drop in!

Crafternoons

Wednesdays, 5:30 p.m.
Adults only. Registration required.
Get in touch with the right side of your brain! Call 352-671-8551 to register.

- June 6 Duct Tape Beach Bags
- July 11 Crafter's Choice

Novels at Night Book Club

Tuesdays, 6 p.m.
Enjoy a lively book discussion, treats and coffee.

- June 12 "Still Alice" by Lisa Genova
- July 10 "The No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency" by Alexander McCall Smith
- Aug. 14 "The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao" by Junot Diaz

Jam Session

Monday, July 9, 4 p.m.
Enjoy fruits of summer all year with these safe food preservation tips.

"Hairspray" Sing-Along Movie

Saturday, July 28, 3 p.m.
Sing your heart out!

TEENS

MANGAlicious Teen Club!

Thursdays, 4:30 p.m.
June 7, July 5, Aug. 2
See Program Spotlight for other locations.

FABLAB: Rock That Art

Friday, June 22, 3 p.m.
Make and take a painted rock.



YALLA!

Tuesdays, 5 p.m.
June 26, July 31, Aug. 28
Be a part of the library experience!
Earn volunteer hours for service.

Geekfest! Fandoms and Comic Club

Wednesdays, 5-6 p.m.
June 27, July 25, Aug. 22
Explore the world of pop culture and comics with fellow fans.



Rock, Paper, Scissors Tournament

Friday, July 27, 3 p.m.
Have what it takes to be a champion?

FAMILIES

Family Film Fest

Fridays, 1 p.m.
Movies for the whole family.
Anyone younger than age 13 must be accompanied by an adult.

- June 8
- June 15
- June 22
- June 29
- July 6
- July 13
- July 20

CHILDREN

Libraries Rock!

Tuesdays, 2 p.m.
June 12-July 10
For ages 5-10.
Imagine, discover and rock on!

- June 12 *Rock Around the Clock*
- June 19 *Magma: Before Rock Was Cool*
- June 26 *Rhythm Rocks!*
- July 3 *Wii Rock*
- July 10 *iRock*

I'm With the Band

Tuesdays, 2 p.m.
June 12-July 10
For ages 9-12.
Join the band and rock on!

STORY TIMES

A variety of stories, songs and activities for ages 5 and younger with caregivers.

Family Story Time

Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.
June 6-June 27, July 11-July 18

Saturday Stories

Saturdays, 10:30 a.m.
June 9, July 14

BELLEVIEW PUBLIC LIBRARY

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Belleview, FL 34420
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Summer BreakSpot

Tuesdays, June 5-Aug. 7, noon
See Program Spotlight for other locations.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Happy Birthday, Belleview Public Library!

Saturday, June 2, 11 a.m.
See Program Spotlight.

Community Job Fair

Wednesday, July 25, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.
Looking for a career opportunity?
Co-sponsored by the Belleview/South Marion Chamber of Commerce and the Belleview Economic Development Council.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Rocking Out With Ventriloquist Mark Wade

Saturday, June 2, 11 a.m.
See Program Spotlight for other locations.

Riverdale Mystery Theatre

Tuesday, June 12, 1:30 p.m.
Ages 13-17. Registration recommended.
Murder and mischief abound!

Sing-A-Long and Rock It Out With Cami!

Thursday, July 12, 10:30 a.m. & 1 p.m.
See Program Spotlight for other locations.

Escape Room: Jurassic World

Tuesday, July 17, 1:30 p.m.
Ages 13-17.
See Program Spotlight for other locations.

MEET THE AUTHOR

Cynthia Wilson-Graham
"Remembering Paradise Park"
Thursday, June 21, 3:30 p.m.
See Program Spotlight.

ADULTS

Master Gardener Plant Clinic

Fridays, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
June 1, 15, July 6, 20, Aug. 3, 17
The Master Gardener plant doctors are in!
Presented by UF/IFAS Extension Marion County.

Tuesday Movie Matinée

Tuesdays, 1 p.m.
Movies for adults. Anyone younger than age 13 must be accompanied by an adult.

- June 5
- June 12
- June 19
- June 26
- July 3
- July 10
- July 17
- July 24
- July 31

Technology Help Center

Tuesdays, 2-4 p.m.
June 5-July 24
Bring your device and drop in.

Common Cents Financial Seminars

Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.
Edward Jones Financial Advisor Luke Emerson shares important financial information.

- June 6 *Bring Balance to Your Budget*
- June 13 *Outsmart the Scammers*
- June 20 *Social Security and Retirement: Your Questions Answered*
- June 27 *Foundations of Investing*

Genealogy Help Center

Wednesdays, 3-5 p.m.
June 6, Aug. 1
Genealogy gurus from the Marion County Genealogical Society assist with your search.



Wednesday Morning Book Club

Wednesdays, 10 a.m.
Make new friends and talk about books.

- June 13 "Last of the Mohicans" by James Fenimore Cooper
- July 11 "Middlesex" by Jeffery Eugenides
- Aug. 8 "Bonesetter's Daughter" by Amy Tan



Tuesday Evening Book Club

Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m.
Make new friends and talk about books.

- June 19 "Moloka'i" by Allan Brennet
- July 17 "Norse Mythology" by Neil Gaiman
- Aug. 21 "The Sun Is Also A Star" by Nicola Yoon

Through a Naturalist's Lens

Thursday, July 19, 3:30 p.m.
Discover key techniques for capturing exquisite wildlife photos with photographer Leroy Simon.

TEENS & TWEENS

YALLA South!

Tuesdays, 1:30 p.m.
June 5, July 3, Aug. 7
Be a part of the library experience. Teens, earn volunteer hours for service.

MANGAlicious Teen Club!

Tuesdays, 1:30 p.m.
June 26, July 24, Aug. 28
See Program Spotlight for other locations.

It's a Party!

Tuesday, July 31, 1:30 p.m.
For ages 13-17.
Enjoy the last days of summer with games, snacks and prizes!

FAMILIES

Art Before Your Eyes

Fridays, 10 a.m.-noon, June 1, July 6
Meet artists from the Belleview/South Marion Community.

Family Flicks

Tuesdays, 10 a.m.
June 5-Aug. 7
Movies for the whole family. Anyone younger than age of 13 must be accompanied by an adult.

- June 5
- June 12
- June 19
- June 26
- July 3
- July 10
- July 17
- July 24
- July 31
- Aug. 7

Knotty Knitters

Wednesdays, 4:30 p.m.
June 6-July 25
Learn to knit or crochet.



Libraries Rock!

Thursdays, 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.
June 7-July 26
Imagine, discover and rock on!

- June 7 Wrestling Rocks with Dory Funk, Jr. (10:30 a.m.)
Wildlife Rocks with park rangers from Silver Springs State Park (1 p.m.)
- June 14 Space Rocks with Derek Demeter, Director of the Buehler Planetarium at Seminole State College
- June 21 Rock On with Blues in Schools Music Society
- June 28 Fort King Ranger Rally with Ocala Recreation and Parks
- July 5 Peter Rabbit with Bits 'N Pieces Puppet Theatre
- July 12 Sing-A-Long and Rock It Out with Cami
- July 19 Florida Rocks with Dr. Jonathan D. Arthur, state geologist and director of the Florida Geological Survey
- July 26 Wildcats Rock with Florida Panther Project

DUNNELLON PUBLIC LIBRARY

20351 Robinson Road
Dunnellon, FL 34431
352-438-2520
Programs are sponsored by the Friends of the Dunnellon Public Library.

Summer BreakSpot

Fridays, June 8-July 27, 12:30 p.m.
See Program Spotlight for other locations.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

See Program Spotlight for other locations.

Sing-A-Long and Rock It Out With Cami!

Tuesday, June 12, 2 p.m.

Didgeridoos From Down Under

Tuesday, June 19, 2 p.m.

Rocking Out With Ventriloquist Mark Wade

Tuesday, June 26, 11 a.m.

Building a Better Brain Puppet Show

Tuesday, July 17, 2 p.m.

ADULTS



Master Gardener's Plant Clinic

Tuesdays, 10 a.m.
June 5, July 3, Aug. 7
The plant doctors are in.
Presented by UF/IFAS Extension Marion County.

Technology Help Center

Thursdays, 10 a.m.-noon
June 7-July 26
Bring your device and drop in!

Ask Your Master Gardener

Tuesdays, 2 p.m.
Get your garden growing!
Presented by UF/IFAS Extension Marion County.

- June 19 Organic Gardening
- July 17 Annuals and Perennials

Drop-In Book Club

Thursdays, 11 a.m.

Make new friends and talk about books.

- June 21 "The Alchemist" by Paulo Coelho
- July 19 "Catherine the Great, Part 1" by Robert Massie
- Aug. 16 "Catherine the Great, Part 2" by Robert Massie

Hurricane Prep and Recovery

Wednesday, July 18, 10:30 a.m.

It's only a matter of time before a major storm hits. Learn what to do to protect your home with David Holmes, Director, UF/IFAS Extension Marion County.

TEENS

YALLA West!

Wednesdays, 5 p.m.

June 6, Aug. 1

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

Saturdays Rock!

Saturdays, 2 p.m.

Take a moment to enjoy the summer.

- June 16 Rock Painting Rocks
- July 14 Fairy Houses

FAMILIES

Game On!

Wednesdays, 2 p.m.

June 6-27

Are you up for a video game challenge?



Libraries Rock!

Thursdays, 2 p.m.

June 7-July 19

Imagine, discover and rock on!

- June 7 Musical Bingo
- June 14 Rock Painting Rocks
- June 21 Guitar Heroes
- June 28 Rock'n'Roll Bandanas
- July 5 Sundaes Rock
- July 12 Fairy Houses
- July 19 Rock Out in Style



Family Flicks

Fridays, 10:30 a.m.

June 8-July 27

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

- June 8
- June 15
- June 22
- June 29
- July 6
- July 13
- July 20
- July 27

The Magic of the Native American Flute

Tuesday, July 10, 2 p.m.

Experience the enchanting Native American flute with Frank Sunshadow Curtis.

Painting With Thread

Wednesdays, 2 p.m.

July 11, 18, 25

Give embroidery a try! All supplies provided.

Ziggy's Bird Haven

Tuesday, July 24, 2 p.m.

Meet the highly intelligent, funny and charming birds living in an avian sanctuary in Citrus County. Sure to be a raucous afternoon.

FOREST PUBLIC LIBRARY

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

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

Summer BreakSpot

Fridays, June 8-July 20, noon

See Program Spotlight for other locations.

SPECIAL EVENT

Summer Program Kickoff!

Tuesday, June 5, 2 p.m.

Get a head start on summer fun with stories, games and more.

Co-sponsored by Publix Super Markets, Inc.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

See Program Spotlight for other locations.

Building a Better Brain Puppet Show

Tuesday, June 12, 2 p.m.

Arthropod Petting Zoo

Thursday, June 14, 2 p.m.

Didgeridoos From Down Under

Thursday, June 21, 2 p.m.

Rocking Out With Ventriloquist Mark Wade

Tuesday, June 26, 2 p.m.

Farm Animals Rock!

Tuesday, July 10, 2 p.m.

Animis Foundation Rocks!

Thursday, July 12, 2 p.m.

Escape Room: The Mummy's Tomb!

Saturday, July 14, 4 p.m.

For adults and teens ages 13 and older.

Sing-A-Long and Rock It Out With Cami

Thursday, July 19, 2 p.m.

ADULTS

Crafts for a Cause

Mondays, 10 a.m.

June 4, 18, July 2, 16, Aug. 6

Help our community! Create items for those in need.

Technology Help Center

Wednesdays, 10 a.m., June 6-July 25

Bring your device and drop in!

Forest Coloring Club

Thursdays, 11 a.m.

June 7, 21, July 5, 19, Aug. 2, 16

Seek serenity through coloring!

Forest Readers Book Club

Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.

Make new friends and talk about books!

June 13 "Beartown" by Fredrik Backman

June 27 Reader's Choice – everyone bring in a book to recommend to the group

July 11 "The War That Saved My Life" by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley

July 25 "Into the Water" by Paula Hawkins

Aug. 8 "The Obsession" by Nora Roberts

Aug. 22 "The Girl Before" by JP Delaney





For the Birds

Saturdays, 10:30 a.m.

Learn about our winged friends from the experts at the Marion Audubon Society. Includes a nature walk.

June 16 Chimney Swifts

July 14 Herons, Egrets and Their Kin

Rock Art!

Saturday, June 16, 4 p.m.

Paint miniature masterpieces.

Trivia Challenge

Wednesdays, noon

June 20, July 18

Bring a sandwich and enjoy lunch with fellow trivia enthusiasts! Dessert and beverage provided.

Ask Your Master Gardener

Saturdays, 10:30 a.m.

Get your garden growing! Learn gardening techniques from the masters!

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

June 23 Herbs

July 21 Deciduous Fruit

TEENS & TWEENS

Guitars Rock

Thursdays, 4 p.m.

June 7 Wii Guitar Hero

July 5 Guitar Pick Jewelry



YALLA East!

Thursdays, 5 p.m.

June 7, July 5, Aug. 2

Be part of the library experience.

Teens, earn volunteer hours for service.

FAMILIES

Rocking Tuesdays!

Tuesdays, 2 p.m.

Imagine, discover and rock on!

June 5 Summer Kick-Off!

June 12 Building a Better Brain Puppet Show

June 19 4-H Clipmobiles

June 26 Rocking Out With

Ventriloquist Mark Wade

July 3 Science of Music

July 10 Farm to You Revue

July 17 Robots Rock with Forest High School's Robotics Club!

July 24 Summer Wrap-Up



Thursdays Rock!

Thursdays, 2 p.m., June 7-July 19

Imagine, discover and rock on some more!

June 7 Just Dance!

June 14 Arthropod Petting Zoo

June 21 Didgeridoos From Down Under

June 28 Pet Rock Stars

July 5 Rock It Like a Rock Star!

July 12 Animis Foundation Rocks!

July 19 Sing-A-Long and Rock

It Out with Cami

Summer Cinema

Fridays, 10 a.m., June 8-July 20

Movies for the whole family!

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

June 8

June 15

June 22

June 29

July 6

July 13

July 20

FORT MCCOY PUBLIC LIBRARY

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

Summer BreakSpot

Saturdays, June 16-July 21, noon

See Program Spotlight for other locations.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

See Program Spotlight for other locations.

Rocking Out With Ventriloquist Mark Wade

Saturday, June 16, 11 a.m.

Building a Better Brain Puppet Show

Saturday, July 7, 2 p.m.

ADULTS

Technology Help Center

Mondays, 2-4 p.m.

June 4-July 30

Bring your device and drop in!

Genealogy 101

Tuesdays, 11 a.m., June 12, 19, 26

Stitch together your family history with genealogy enthusiasts! Pamela Joseph.

FAMILIES

At Home With Farm Animals

Wednesday, June 13, 2 p.m.

Raise and keep small farm animals at home.

Presented by UF/IFAS Marion County Extension Service

Saturday Matinée

Saturdays, 1 p.m., June 16-July 21

Movies for the whole family.

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

June 16

June 23

June 30

July 7

July 14

July 21



No Mistakes With Snakes!

Wednesday, June 20, 2 p.m.

Get to know more about local reptiles from a Silver Springs State Park pro.

Meet the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission

Wednesday, June 27, 2 p.m.

An introduction to hunting, fishing and conservation in Florida!

The Dirt on Dirt

Wednesday, July 11, 2 p.m.

What's that under your fingernails? Find out more about rocks and soil and the microbes that live in them.

Presented by UF/IFAS Marion County Extension Service

FREEDOM PUBLIC LIBRARY

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

Programs are sponsored by the Friends of Freedom Public Library.

Summer BreakSpot

Wednesdays, June 6-July 18, 1 p.m.*

See Program Spotlight for other locations.

SPECIAL PROGRAM

Rocking Out With Ventriloquist Mark Wade

Wednesday, June 6, 2 p.m.

See Program Spotlight for other locations.

Building a Better Brain Puppet Show

Wednesday, June 20, 2 p.m.

See Program Spotlight for other locations.

ADULTS



Technology Help Center

Wednesdays, 10 a.m.-noon

June 6-July 25

Bring your device and drop in!

Ask Arnold! Comprehensive Computer Assistance

Thursdays, noon-2 p.m.

June 7-July 26

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

As the Page Turns Book Club

Tuesdays, 2:30 p.m.

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

June 5 "The Crucible" by Arthur Miller

July 3 "My Name Is Lucy Barton" by Elizabeth Strout

Aug. 7 "Sea Glass" Anita Shreve

The Tuesday Matinée

Tuesdays, 3 p.m.

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

June 12

July 10

TEENS

Film Fest!

Thursdays, 2 p.m.

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

June 7

June 14

June 21

June 28

July 5

July 12

YALLA Free!

Thursdays, 5 p.m., June 14, July 12, Aug. 9

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

TEENS & TWEENS

Knots of Love™

Thursdays, 1 p.m.

June 7-July 12

Warm the hearts and heads of those going through chemotherapy. All items produced will be donated to Knots of Love™.

Game On!

Saturdays, 3 p.m., June 9, 23, July 14, 28

Are you up for a video game challenge?

FAMILIES

Read to Hannah the Therapy Dog

Mondays, 3 p.m.

June 4, 11, 18, July 2, 9, 23, 30

Hannah is all ears and geared up for some great stories read by you. It's PAWSitive fun!

Pajama Party!

Tuesdays, 6 p.m., June 5-July 10

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



Libraries Rock!

Wednesdays, 2 p.m., June 6-July 11

Imagine, discover and rock on!

June 6 Rocking Out with Ventriloquist Mark Wade

June 13 Marshmallow Rockets with Marion County 4H

June 20 Building a Better Brain Puppet Show

June 27 Pet Rocks with Cindy Lynn Skinner James, Ocala Rocks

July 11 Silver Springs Rocks With Craig Littauer

July 18 Dance Party

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

Bat Chat With Bat Belfrys Inc.

Tuesday, July 24, 3:30 p.m.

See Program Spotlight.

Library Rock Star!

Tuesday, July 31 at 3:30 p.m.

Build a guitar, join a cool band, make an album cover and rock out!



ADULTS

Novels at Noon

Wednesdays, noon
Make new friends and talk about books!

- June 20 "Born a Crime" by Trevor Noah
- July 18 "We the Animals" by Justin Torres
- Aug. 15 "The Farm" by Tom Rob Smith

TEENS & TWEENS

YALLA Oaks!

Wednesdays, 5 p.m., June 13, July 11, Aug. 8
Be a part of the library experience. Teens, earn volunteer service hours.

FAMILIES

Libraries Rock!

Tuesdays, 3:30 p.m., June 5-July 17
Imagine, discover and rock on!

REDDICK PUBLIC LIBRARY

15150 NW Gainesville Road
Reddick, FL 32686
352-438-2566
Programs are sponsored by the Friends of the Ocala Public Library.

Summer BreakSpot

Mondays, June 4-July 23, 11:30 a.m.
See Program Spotlight for other locations.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Summer Scoop!

Wednesday, June 20, 2:30 p.m.
Ice cream for everyone!
See Program Spotlight for other locations.

Florida-Friendly Landscaping Workshop

Tuesdays, 2-4 p.m., Aug. 7-28
Over a four-week period, extension agent Amanda Marek presents the nine principles of creating and maintaining an environment-friendly, low-maintenance yard.
Presented by UF/IFAS Extension Marion County.

Brown Bag Luncheon With Keifer Calkins

Fort King: The Building of History
Friday, August 17, noon
Contact the library to reserve a piece of pie!
See Program Spotlight.

ADULTS



Ask Your Master Gardener

Saturday, June 9, 11 a.m.
Learn about propagation in your garden with master gardeners Barbara Georgius and Connie Bonbrest.
Presented by UF/IFAS Extension Marion County.

TEENS

YALLA North!

Saturday, June 23, 1 p.m.
Be a part of the library experience! Earn volunteer hours for service.



Health Rocks!

Saturdays, 11 a.m., July 7, 14, 21, 28
For teens ages 13-18
See Program Spotlight

FAMILIES



Libraries Rock

Mondays, 10:30 a.m., June 4-July 23
Imagine, discover and rock on!
Presented by the UF/IFAS Marion County Extension Services.

- June 4 Rockets to the Rescue
- June 11 My Baby Sunflower
- June 18 Catapults
- June 25 Egg Drop Challenge
- July 2 Electronic Game Boards
- July 9 Pine Cone Birdfeeders
- July 16 Bee Buzzers
- July 23 Marshmallow Rockets



Movies Rock

Tuesdays, 12:30 p.m.
June 5-July 24
Movies for the whole family!
Anyone younger than age 13 must be accompanied by an adult.

- June 5
- June 12
- June 19
- June 26
- July 3
- July 10
- July 17
- July 24

Exhibits & Displays

Headquarters-Ocala Public Library

June	Boy Scouts of America
July	Crawling Panther Tattoo
August	New Life for Old Dolls by Francisca Guyot

Bellevue Public Library

June	Historic photos of Paradise Park by Cynthia Wilson-Graham Paintings by Newy Fagan
July	Paintings by Robin Collison Acrylic paintings by Jim Cochell
August	Paintings by Judith Kaiser Scouting items by Marion County Boy Scouts of America

Dunnellon Public Library

June	1950's Broadway Photos by Maralyn Bosen
July	Wildflower Paintings by Alyssa Johnson
August	Valkris Pottery and Tile by Valerie Schaem

Forest Public Library

June	Photographs by Damion Martinez
July	Paintings by Connie Hawkins
August	The Arts by Nancy MacFarland

Reddick Public Library

June	Native American Art by Gary Walker
July	Dolls by Kim Holmes
August	Florida-Friendly Landscaping by Amanda Marek

AT YOUR SERVICE

Early Voting

Aug. 18-25, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
Bellevue, Dunnellon, Forest
and Freedom public libraries
are early voting sites.

Access Florida Assistance

Tuesdays, 12:30-3 p.m.
Forest Public Library
June 5-Aug. 28
Help with filing for various
government assistance programs.

CareerSource

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

Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS)

Visit www.uscis.gov or call 1-800-375-
5283 to schedule an appointment
at your local library with an official
from USCIS Orlando Field Office.

Florida Diagnostic & Learning Resources System

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
ChildFind at 352-671-6051 to schedule.

Florida Telecommunications Relay, Inc. (FTRI)

FTRI provides amplified telephones
free of charge to qualifying
individuals through the center
for Independent Living of North
Central Florida. Contact your local
library or call the Center at 352-
368-3788 for an appointment.

Serving Health Insurance Needs of Elders (SHINE)

Obtain free Medicare counseling
through the Florida Department
of Elder Affairs. Contact
Bellevue, Dunnellon and Forest
public libraries for times.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Friends of the Bellevue Public Library

Tuesdays, 10 a.m.
No meetings June, July or August

Friends of the Dunnellon Public Library

Tuesdays, 10 a.m.
No meetings June, July or August

Friends of the Forest Public Library

Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.
No meetings June, July or August

Friends of the Fort McCoy Public Library

Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.
June 13, no meetings July or August

Friends of Freedom Public Library

Mondays, 10 a.m.
June 4, July 2, Aug. 6

Friends of the Marion Oaks Public Library

Fridays, 10 a.m.
June 15, no meetings in July or August

Friends of the Ocala Public Library

Thursdays, 4 p.m.
June 21, July 19, Aug. 16
Book Sale:
Saturday, Aug. 4

LIBRARY CLOSED DAYS AND HOLIDAYS

Independence Day

Wed. July 4
All Marion County Public Library
System locations will be closed.

Maintenance Day

Friday, Aug. 3
Headquarters-Ocala and Forest Public
Libraries will be closed to the public.



Libraries Rock! FEEL THE BEAT AT YOUR LIBRARY

BY BEN HUNTER

The Marion County Public Library System promises to deliver a rockin' summer reading program, complete with events that feature area musicians. Check the calendar for dates, times and locations at a public library near you!



SHEMA SHINE

Shema Shine found her musical calling at the age of 12 when she first picked up her uncle's old bass guitar. It had one string and was too big for her at the time, but soon she bought herself a new guitar and began creating beautiful music all her own.

Shema's career began in the local country clubs, bars and restaurants, where she crooned away for guests

as they enjoyed a night on the town. Her musical inspiration varies from Billie Holiday and Etta James to Prince and Elton John. Last summer, Shema opened for Marcus Anderson at the 2017 Levitt AMP Music Series in Ocala and these days you can hear her unique sound at area bars throughout Central Florida. Every show is filled with sincerity and truth. Shema plays simple, wholesome music, for any and all who wish to stop for a spell and listen.

MATT STEVENS

A native of Ocala, Matt Stevens grew up exploring the forest paths and swampy waterways of Central Florida, having lots of fun along the way. At the ripe old age of 17 he joined the Marines where he dedicated 4 years of service to his country. In that time he encountered many new, amazing and sometimes disturbing things. After returning home from his time in the Marine Corps, he began a new phase of his life, what he likes to refer to as "The Halfway."

Between time with his family, his acoustic guitar and the upcycled artwork he creates, Matt tries to live a balanced life. He calls it the "Halfway Hippie" lifestyle, blending his former hippie past with his new, more focused, present. The mindset combines his pursuit towards happiness and his quest for inner peace, and he welcomes us to join him in the journey.



THERESA GRIFFITH HARPER

Theresa Griffith Harper began her musical endeavors as a member of her church choir in Atlanta, Georgia.

Always a lover of music, she began playing the recorder in elementary

school and at the age of 11 she picked up the flute and joined her middle school band in sixth grade. At Valdosta State University, Theresa studied Flute Performance and went on to play with other renowned musicians around the world as she toured Europe with the DeKalb Youth Symphony. Theresa is often called the 'sensitive flutist' and has performed with the Valdosta Symphony Orchestra since 2010.

Theresa now teaches flute privately, substitutes with the Valdosta Symphony Orchestra when time allows and works at the Reilly Arts Center here in Ocala, FL where she currently heads up Box Office operations and assists with Marketing efforts. She happily resides in Marion County with her husband and their adorable dachshund, Frances. **W**

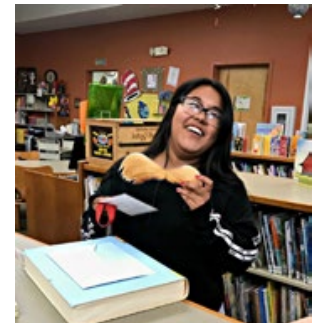
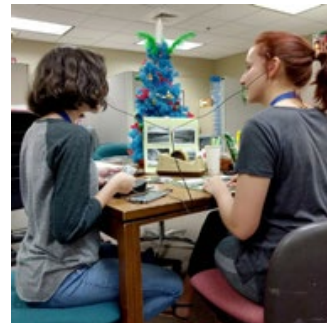
The Teen Volunteer Experience

BY MARIAN SANTIAGO

I'm a local high school student who started volunteering at the Belleview Public Library last summer. I needed 100 volunteer hours in order to graduate and for scholarships as well. I chose the public library because I like to read and I've always enjoyed my library visits. At first I wasn't quite sure what to expect as a library volunteer. I now know that I really enjoy being able to work with community partners and groups at the various library programs and events. The library

hosts events all summer long and is a very busy place.

Summer isn't the only action-packed time at the library. This past December, I had the opportunity to volunteer at the Belleview Public Library's "Polar Paradise Party," the library's end-of-year celebration, complete with a performer, snacks, games and prizes. I helped kids make wind socks that they could take home, and I loved seeing the joy and excitement on their faces. For me, the best part of volunteering is bringing happiness



Marian Santiago

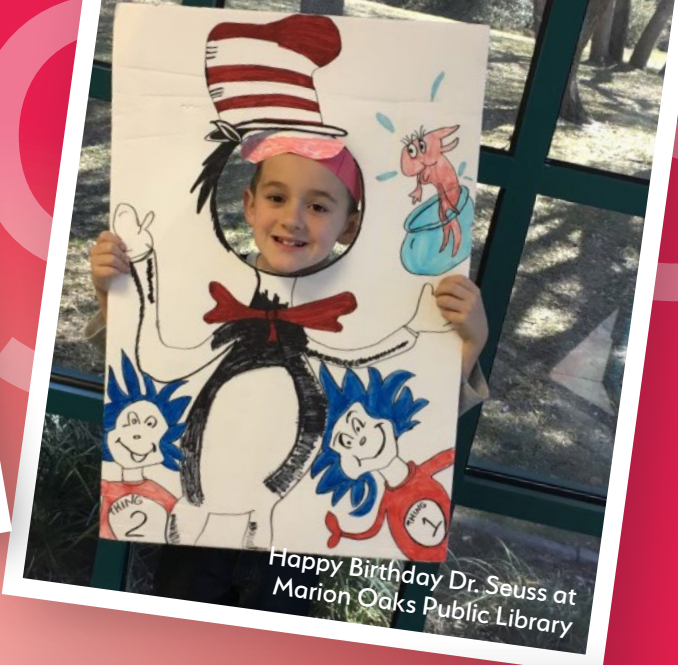
to people and making their days brighter!

I'm excited about this summer, too, because I'll get to help serve lunch for the Summer Break Spot. As a volunteer last summer, I helped the kids get their tray of food and get situated at a table. This summer, the library is planning to host a program for teens before the Summer Break Spot lunch, and I'm looking forward to helping with that as well.

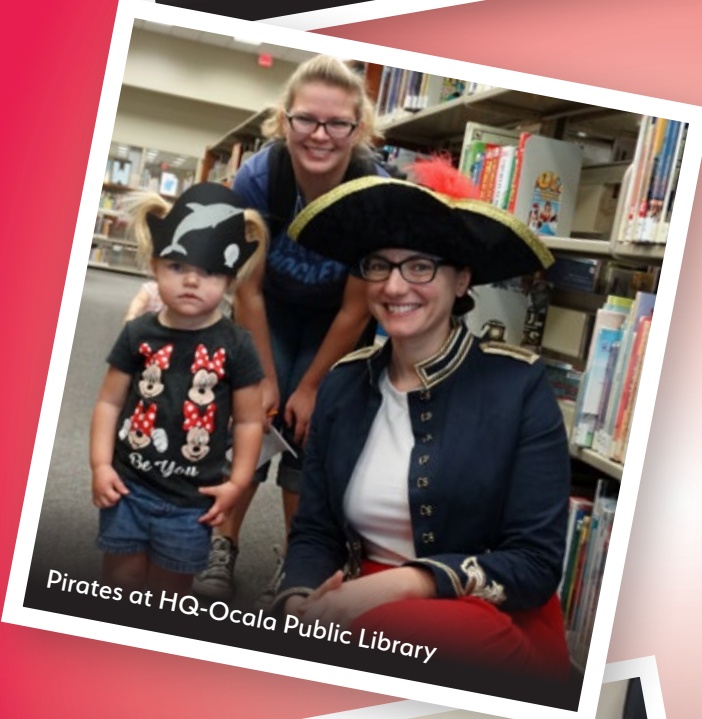
I think that the library is the best place for students to earn volunteer hours for several reasons. First, because it's a lot of fun. I've also gained experiences that will help me when I apply for jobs in the future. The opportunities I have had to work with others and as a team will come in handy in my future. Plus, I've met new people and made some new friends. It's great to get to work with my friends over the summer. If you are a teen looking for a place to volunteer, check out your public library! **W**



Cat in the Hat at HQ-Ocala Public Library



Happy Birthday Dr. Seuss at Marion Oaks Public Library



Pirates at HQ-Ocala Public Library



Parents as Teachers Program at Reddick Public Library



Forest Public Library Teens and Tweens Art



South Marion Community Celebration at Belleview Public Library

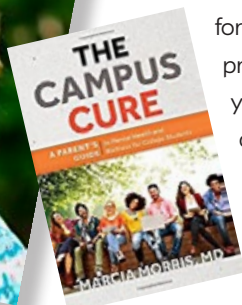
Bookmarks

MEET THE AUTHOR:

Marcia Morris, M.D.

Do you have a child who will be going to college soon or is already enrolled? Are you and your child emotionally ready for this experience? On Sunday, June 24, at 2 p.m., the Friends will host a program with Dr. Marcia Morris, a UF psychiatrist, associate professor, and author of "The Campus Cure: A Parent's Guide to Mental Health and Wellness for College Students." Dr. Morris is a mother of two university students, and she promotes preventive care and better treatment for mental health in the college years. With her book, she aims to give parents the tools to lead their child from distress to success. She has also written articles for *The New York Times*, the *Tampa Bay Times*, and *Psychiatric Times*.

Our Meet the Author programs are free, and light refreshments are provided. Books will be available for purchase at the program.



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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

MEET THE AUTHOR:

Marcia Morris, M.D.

Author of "The Campus Cure: A Parent's Guide to Mental Health and Wellness for College Students"

Sun., June 24, 2 p.m.

Meeting Room C
Headquarters-Ocala
Public Library

Quarterly Book Sale

Sat., Aug. 4,
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Meeting Rooms A, B, and C
Headquarters-Ocala
Public Library
(FRIENDS members only:
Friday, August 3, 2 to 4 p.m.)



AUGUST BOOK SALE

Saturday, Aug. 4

10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
(Friends members only:
Friday, Aug. 3, 2-4 p.m.)



Collecting Books!

Local Scout Ben Sheppard is aiming to help our library in a big way. For his Eagle Scout project, he plans to collect 1,000 books over the summer and then donate them to the Friends Quarterly Book Sale on Aug. 4. He will also recruit five other Scouts to help during the day of the sale and to assist in the breakdown afterwards. If you would like to donate to Ben's project, you may drop off books in Ben's drop-off box in the the Headquarters lobby. If you plan to donate, please do so by Friday, July 27. Thanks for your help!



profiles

BY ERIN ARNOLD

“*S*ummertime and the livin’ is easy.” Ella Fitzgerald’s unforgettable voice hooked Miranda Madison on jazz. “My mom would play Ella and Billie Holiday,” Miranda remembers “The music was everything to me.”

Born in Orlando and raised in Ocala, Miranda first studied music at Osceola Middle School. “I experimented in marching band. It was terrible,” she says. “Then in high school, I joined Forest’s choral program.” She credits amazing teachers who taught her classical techniques and experience she gained from choir competitions in becoming the performer she is today.

After high school, Madison studied at the College of Central Florida and performed with the Variations Show Choir. Then, she mostly took a break from singing.

Miranda started her family and for 10 years managed the Lime Cabinet shop downtown. “It worked for us because we homeschool our kids, so they were in the shop all the time. My son, Neasen, took his first steps there.”

Slowly, she got back into performing around town. Then she helped present “Girls’ Night Out,” a monthly event to draw customers to downtown businesses. “I’d stand on the sidewalk in front of my store, plug into



my amp and make music.”

“It snowballed from there,” she says. Miranda became a full-time musician with performances booked five nights a week.

“I am thankful to have this career, but to also have hands-on time with my family,” she says, “The library is essential to being able to do that.”

Miranda, her husband Alan and sons Elan, 9, and Neasen, 6, visit the Headquarters-Ocala Public Library every week. “The library is a safe haven,” she says. “We reconnect with each other. We let the kids explore their independent

side. The staff is like family.”

The library has also been a place for Miranda Madison to connect the community to her project “The House That Jazz Built.” Last fall, she performed a tribute to Ella Fitzgerald at the Headquarters library to launch the project. “It’s our effort to bring the jazz community in Ocala together and help musicians collaborate with each other,” she says. “We are wrapping up our first concert series, but we have a lot of plans cooking.”

Find Miranda Madison on Facebook to see where she is singing next or see her live at our Libraries Rock! Summer Concert Series at the Headquarters-Ocala Public Library on Sunday, July 22, at 2 p.m. **W**