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# OCEANS OF POSSIBILITIES



Dive into the 2022 Summer Reading Program at Your Public Library

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## ON THE COVER

This stunning image of underwater statues by Mark Emery serves to remind us that there are vast oceans of opportunities everywhere you look.

Cover photo provided by Mark Emery.

**READ. LEARN. CONNECT.**  
At Your Public Library.



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a word from the director



Julie Sieg

MARION COUNTY PUBLIC  
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## OCEANS OF POSSIBILITIES @ YOUR LIBRARY

*"I love you more than all the salt in the ocean!"*

**M**y parents and grandparents used to say this to my sisters and me on a regular basis. I never got tired of hearing it because, as a kid growing up in Ft. Lauderdale, FL and regularly going to the beach, this declaration had great meaning to me. When my family said this, the vastness of the ocean, the endless horizon, the relentless waves and the strong *saltiness* of the water all rolled together to convey a sense of never-ending, all-enduring love. I pondered these feelings and memories as I thought about the theme for the 2022 Summer Reading Program, **"OCEANS OF POSSIBILITIES."**

At your public library, the possibilities are endless! Whatever your reading interests, (intent to learn something new or connect with others), your library opens up "Oceans of Possibilities" for all ages. Your public library offers literally thousands of books, magazines, e-books, newspapers, databases and audiobooks. Add into the mix a variety of programs and classes, volunteer opportunities, access to professional librarians and various other services such as public computers, WiFi, voter registration and public printing. An endless opportunity for exploration awaits everyone!

Are you thinking of a career refresh? Use our career development collection in e-book and hard-copy formats. Want to learn a new language? Check out our [Pronunciator](#) database from the comfort of your own home. Pronunciator offers 163 languages that can be learned in one of 143 native or "home" languages. Are you seeking age-appropriate learning opportunities over the summer to battle "Summer Slide"? Attend children's story time and special events at all library locations.

This summer there really are "Oceans of Possibilities" at your public library. You may just love it "more than all the salt in the ocean!"

*Julie Sieg*





# MARY EMERY

## THE VOICE OF ALASKA'S SALMON FISHING INDUSTRY

BY ERIN ARNOLD

**S**almon are a big deal in Alaska. This summer, biologists estimate 66 million salmon will swim upstream from Bristol Bay. The state will issue 1,600 licenses for commercial fishing and 30 companies will set up to process the salmon that are caught.

Tune into Alaskan radio for news and weather on summer days and you will hear very important announcements

about the very important fish. These daily announcements, which are recorded by Fish and Wildlife Technician III Mary Emery, tell the salmon fishermen when they can fish. Folks in the region who tune their radios to the broadcasts know her as “the voice.”

After graduating from college in Missouri with a degree in marketing, Emery took time off to travel. “I wanted to travel for a while and then I figured I’d

be involved in business somehow,” she says. She found seasonal work here and there, until a friend who was working as a park ranger in Alaska reached out to her. That spring, the Exxon Valdez oil tanker had struck a reef in Prince William Sound. Spilling more than ten million gallons of crude oil into the sound, it is still regarded as one of the worst environmental disasters in history. Cleanup efforts lured a lot of hospitality

Photos courtesy of Mark Emery.



Mark and Mary Emery



workers to accept high-paying jobs. Many tourist destinations, like Brooks Lodge in Katmai National Park, were looking to hire new staff right away. And, Mary joined their team. "If you have seen photographs of grizzly bears catching fish over a waterfall, you have seen Brooks Lodge," says Emery. She met her husband Mark, now a world-renowned wildlife photographer, when he was guiding fishing trips for lodge guests. "One summer turned into 30 years," laughs Emery.

Though Ocala is her home base, Emery returns each summer to Alaska. While Mark guides fishing excursions and films wildlife documentaries, Mary works full time at the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, commonly called the "fishery." The salmon season runs from June through August, but June and July are the busiest months. For five full weeks, she works seven days a week.

Scientists, biologists and technicians work together to gather data from the field to share information about the



Mary and Mark Emery

salmon. From a field office in King Salmon, Emery works hard managing three of the state's five fishing districts, which include small family operators and large commercial outfits, fishermen out on drift boats and those that set nets onshore. More than 60,000 people count on the Alaska Department of Fish and Game for vital information and announcements about the salmon. As the team tracks and counts the salmon, they manage an escapement goal for the fish. This goal represents the number of fish that make it upriver past the fishing nets to survive and spawn next season. This goal is key to sustaining

the fish population and securing the livelihood of so many in Alaska.

"We have to take care of our environment," Emery says. "So far the sockeye salmon have not been affected by rising sea temperatures, but it is part of the web of life in Alaska. If you take out one element, it effects everything down the line."

As "the voice," Emery records an announcement each day, one message per district. You can call her office to hear the recording or tune in to radio stations that play the announcement, which signals when the fishery is open and also shares biological information about the fish.

"The job is dynamic," Emery says. "Every day the work changes and you have to be on top of things. There are surprises." For example, at one time an unpredicted tide let 250,000 fish upriver. When the escapement goal for the season is 1.2 million fish, you don't want that in one tide. It hurts biodiversity," she says.

When Emery isn't working at the fishery, she enjoys exploring the rich environment she helps to protect. After the peak of the fishing season, you'll find her sport fishing, hiking, visiting with friends and flying airplanes. Before heading home to Ocala, Mary and Mark sometimes like to stop by Brooks Lodge where they first met and admire Alaska's champion fishers, the bears. 🐻

# MONSTERS OF THE DEEP

BY STACEY MOYE AND KIMBERLY DREXEL

According to Dr. James Gardner, we know more about the surface of the moon than we do about the bottom of the sea. The mysteries that lurk beneath the waves have captured our imagination for centuries. The most frightening of monsters live in the gaps in our knowledge, the spaces of the unknown. It is only through exploring these uncharted realms that we can discover the monsters of the deep.

## THE KRAKEN BECOMES THE GIANT SQUID

Sailors told tales of a colossal beast, capable of dragging an entire ship beneath the waves with a passion for going after lone ships at sea. Kraken legends from Norway likely came from sightings of giant squids, which can grow over 50 feet long. While they are probably not large enough to pull a fishing vessel under, these squids are still mighty impressive. Until rather recently, giant squids were only able to be studied from specimens that washed ashore or were caught in fishermen's nets. In 2012, a living, breathing giant squid was actually caught on film by a research group from Japan's National Science Museum.

## DIVING INTO DARING KRAKEN NARRATIVES?

Try to save the world yourself by checking out **"Night of the Kraken"** by **Jonathan Green**. This Dr. Who adventure is written in a gamebook style, where you choose what happens next.

Let someone else take the helm with **"Sea Change"** by **S.M. Wheeler**. In this fantasy novel, Lilly and Octavius the Kraken form the most unlikely friendship. When traders capture the beast for the circus, Lilly must navigate a dangerous world and pay a terrible price to save him.

## MEGALODON: THE FISH, THE MYTH, THE LEGEND

What was 50 feet long, had 276 teeth and prowled prehistoric oceans? A megalodon of course! Weighing up to 50 tons, these giant sharks chomped down on large fish, whales and even other sharks. You don't have to worry about meeting one face-to-face because megalodons likely went extinct at least 3.6 million years ago. Or did they?

Author **Steve Alten** explores the idea of the behemoth predator roaming modern day oceans in his thrilling series, **"Meg."** When a submersible dive to the Mariana Trench accidentally goes wrong, a vicious megalodon shark is freed from the depths. Can the shark be captured before it wreaks havoc? 🐡

Interested in more information about these creatures of the deep? Check out these online resources:

- [theconversation.com](http://theconversation.com)
- [ocean.si.edu](http://ocean.si.edu)
- [nhm.ac.uk](http://nhm.ac.uk)



## CAREER EXPLORATION, E-AUDIOBOOKS, WIRELESS PRINTING AND SELF-CHECK OUT:

DIVE  
INTO  
NEW  
OPPORTUNITIES  
AT YOUR  
LIBRARY

BY ASA DRAKE

Now that we have your attention, what do all of these items have in common? All are included in the (Florida) American Rescue Act Plan (ARPA) grant funding that the Marion County Public Library System received this year. A wonderful line-up of library materials and added technology are available or soon to be available at your public library.

Considering a new career, additional educational opportunities or even a new business venture? Marion County Public Library System has the tools you need to confidently navigate the job market and beyond.

Check out a wide selection of digital career resources from the comfort of home with the new Overdrive Career Development Collection.\* Whether you're perfecting your interview skills, mastering Microsoft Office Suite or practicing for the licensing exam to become a registered nurse, the Career

Collection can prepare you for a broad range of possibilities.

Seeking career changes but not sure what kind of change might be right for you? For recent graduates, Kirk Snyder's **"Finding Work You Love: 3 Steps to Getting the Perfect Job After College"** offers practical steps toward identifying entry level positions that complement personal strengths. When considering the benefits of a new position and the new skills you might gain, remember to "appreciate the value you possess right now" to understand the intrinsic value you have in the workplace.


Jennifer Turliuk advises mid-career job seekers to shadow and volunteer with potential employers. In her vocational guide, **"How to Figure Out What to Do with Your Life (Next),"** Turliuk says, "all that really matters in your career decisions is you and what you want, and ideally, what positive impact you want to have on the world." With so many companies seeking new talent, make sure to seek out

opportunities to get to know local businesses. You might find that your personality makes you the perfect match with an employer at the Community Job Fair at Belleview Public Library on July 20!

For patrons considering starting their own businesses, startup guides and e-books are only the beginning. Every entrepreneur in Marion County has access to high quality data through library databases. Gale Small Business Collection makes market research easy with access to successful business plans and SWOT analysis of well-known businesses, and Demographics Now is the ideal tool for applying Simmons Product Profiles and recent Census data to local markets.

For those who love listening to e-audiobooks, your public library has licensed over 1,600 new book titles for your listening enjoyment. Special emphasis was placed on filling gaps with series and adding works by popular authors.

New technology provided by grant funding is coming very soon and will include wireless printing system-wide, as well as self-checkout kiosks at six library locations. Library patrons will soon be able to send items to be printed to a library from their laptop or digital device. And for those who wish to bypass checkout lines for library materials, new self-checkout kiosks will offer solutions and options for library patrons.

No matter what opportunities rise to the surface, the Marion County Public Library System is ready to help you chart the best course to meet your personal interests and career goals. 

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## OCEANS OF POSSIBILITIES:

# The Discoveries of JACQUES COUSTEAU

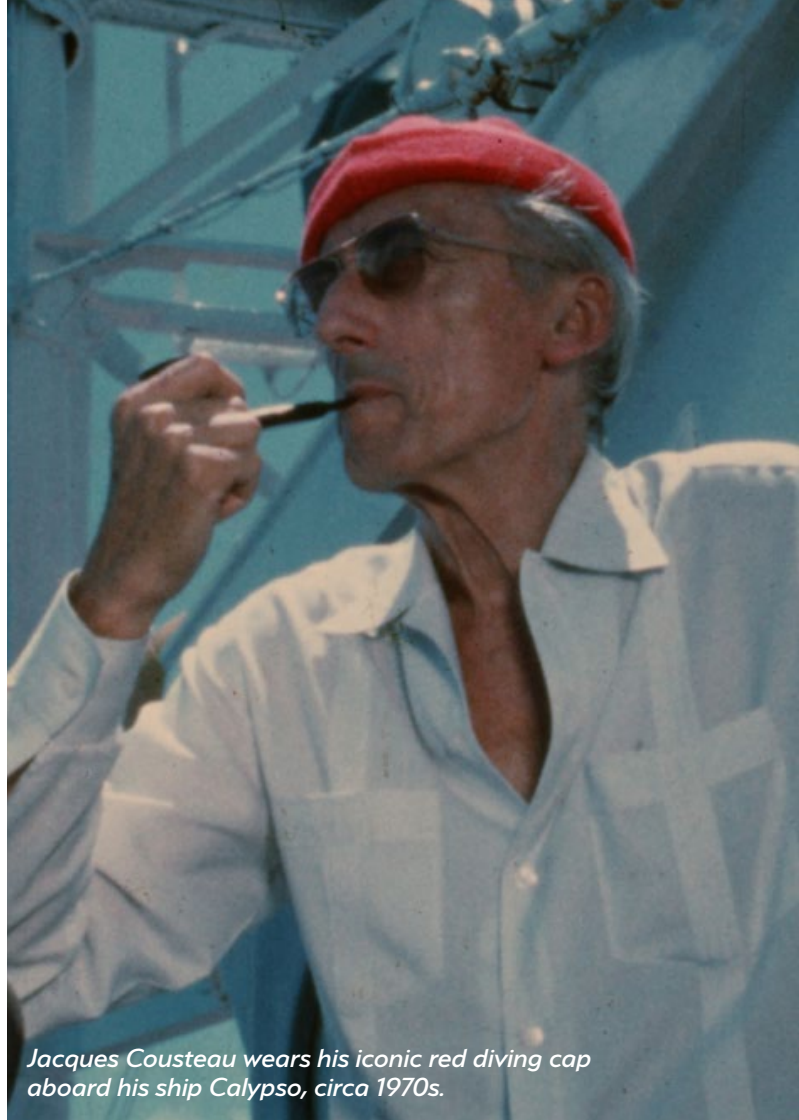
BY CATE O'BRIEN

Looking at the world around us, we often reflect upon the purely awe-inspiring natural wonders our planet contains. Globally, we've made significant strides in learning more about the delicate, and often fragile, ecosystems of both land and sea. This knowledge comes from the work of those who have committed their time, resources and heart, to enhancing our understanding of our planet.

Jacques Cousteau was one of those amazing individuals who eagerly shared his love and knowledge of the sea and its inhabitants. He helped pioneer the exploration of the oceans and sea depths, inventing many diving and scuba devices. In 1953, he began publishing a series of books describing all the wonders he'd experienced while conducting his extensive underwater research.

Cousteau's work as an undersea explorer, photographer and researcher, as well as his documentary films, made him a household name. His book **"The Ocean World,"** is a comprehensive encyclopedia of the undersea world that provides the reader with a visual record of an ecosystem, teeming with life. In addition to vivid photographs of life within the oceans, it also provides us with maps and descriptions of the fascinating world below the surface.

As an avid reader of his works, I still recall the wonder I experienced from his book **"Octopus and Squid: The Soft Intelligence."** Seeing these soft-bodied creatures through his eyes, my perception was altered forever. Descriptive words like squishy and slimy that I might have used were forever changed to graceful, mysterious and intelligent.



*Jacques Cousteau wears his iconic red diving cap aboard his ship Calypso, circa 1970s.*

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“ All life is part of a complex relationship in which each is dependent upon the others, taking from, giving to and living with all the rest.”

— JACQUES COUSTEAU

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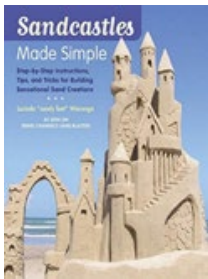
Throughout his life of study and research, Jacques Cousteau knew that humans must learn to conserve and protect the fragile ecosystems of the Earth because its destruction causes a negative ripple effect to all lifeforms. In **"The Human, the Orchid, and the Octopus: Exploring and Conserving Our Natural World,"** he gives us an impassioned insight into the natural world in which we live, calling upon us all to preserve its wonders for future generations.

Jacques Cousteau's legacy is the shared knowledge and wisdom he gathered that remains available for us all to discover and explore. ♻️

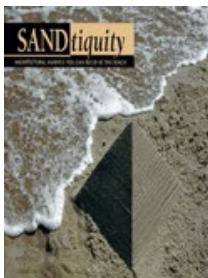
# Sand Sculptures

BY FREEDOM PUBLIC LIBRARY STAFF

When you live in a state surrounded by water, the beach is the perfect vacation spot. Now that summer is upon us, think about a trip to relax with your family and friends. Once you arrive at the beach, why not try to make a sand sculpture? While a sand castle is the quintessential sculpting experience, there are many more options out there. Sand sculptures can vary from amateur dribble creations to larger-than-life works of art! Whether you want to create a sand sculpture of your own, be transported to a beach by a picture book, or marvel at other people's large-scale creations in person, we have resources for you!



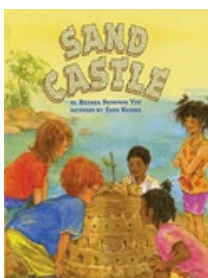
**"Sandcastles Made Simple"** by Lucinda Wierenga is available in print and as an ebook through Freading. With the [Freading](#) app there is never a wait, so you can start planning your next sandcastle now! The book really provides insight into how much thought and effort is involved with these creations. The book includes color photos to illustrate the directions and tips the author provides.




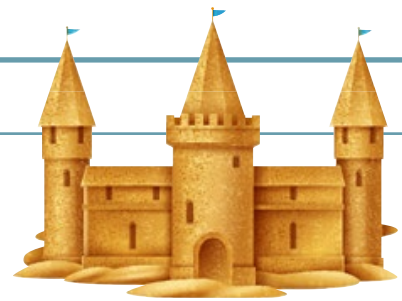
If you are looking for more inspiration than instruction, **"SANDtiquity: Architectural Marvels You can Build at the Beach"** by Malcolm Wells, Kappy Wells and Connie Simo may be the read for you. Taking ideas from monuments and landscapes around the world, the many photographs will have you thinking beyond the traditional castle.



If you'd rather be moved by picture books about sand castles, our Children's collections have you covered! **"Super Sand Castle Saturday"** by Stuart J. Murphy, features classic sand castles with moats and walls. The setting is used to teach about units of measurement.



**"Sand Castle"** by Brenda Shannon Yee begins with one child building a sand castle, attracting more and more children to help on additional elements of the sand castle as time passes. The story ends with their happy, exuberant destruction of their creation. 



If reading about sand castles makes you want to see the real thing, there are several sand sculpting contests around the state to visit:

## **APRIL**

***Pier 60 Sugar Sand Festival,***  
Clearwater Beach

## **MAY**

***Siesta Key Amateur Sand Sculpture Contest,*** Siesta Key

## **OCTOBER**

***The Annual Schooners Sand Sculpting Contest*** at Schooners Lobster Festival & Tournament, Panama City Beach

## **NOVEMBER**

***Siesta Key Crystal Classic,***  
Siesta Key

***Ovations Sand Sculpting Competition and Music Festival,***  
Treasure Island

***American Sandsculpting Championship,*** Fort Myers Beach



# program spotlight



## FOOD & FAMILY FUN



### Summer BreakSpot

June 1-July 29

Make memories every weekday and all summer long. Bring your family to one or all library locations, do something fun and let your kids, ages 1-18, enjoy delicious BreakSpot meals. Check out this menu of offerings!

BreakSpot meals are USDA sponsored in partnership with the Shores Assembly of God. This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

#### REDDICK PUBLIC LIBRARY

*Mondays*

*3:30 p.m. Oceans of Possibilities*

*4:30 p.m. meal*

#### BELLEVIEW PUBLIC LIBRARY

*Tuesdays*

*10 a.m. Family Flicks*

*noon meal*

#### FORT MCCOY PUBLIC LIBRARY

*Wednesdays*

*10:30 a.m. Oceans of Possibilities*

*noon meal*

#### HEADQUARTERS-OCALA PUBLIC LIBRARY

*Wednesdays*

*11 a.m.-4 p.m. Oceans of Possibilities\**

*noon meal*

\*Special program June 1, 12:30 p.m.

#### DUNNELLON PUBLIC LIBRARY

*Thursdays*

*3 p.m. Oceans of Possibilities*

*4 p.m. meal*

#### FREEDOM PUBLIC LIBRARY

*Thursdays*

*3:30 p.m. Young Reader's Dinner Theatre*

*4:30 p.m. meal*

#### FOREST PUBLIC LIBRARY

*Fridays*

*10:30 a.m. Family Flicks and More*

*12:30 p.m. meal*

### Marion County Reads

Visit any library location, check out library materials and get a chance to win great prizes! Prize drawings will be held on Friday, July 29 at the Headquarters-Ocala Public Library. Winners will be notified by phone. One entry slip per library card per visit is allowed.

*All ages, all library locations*

*June 6-July 22*

### Finders Keepers

There's treasure hidden at each library location. Find one of our geocaches and take some treasures with you! View the Marion County Public Library System's geocache holdings at [www.geocaching.com](http://www.geocaching.com) or ask a librarian about getting started. The hunt is on!

*Ongoing at all library locations*

### Virtual Summer Reading Event

*Thursdays, 4 p.m.*

*Bellevue, Forest and*

*Headquarters-Ocala public libraries*

Spend time with your favorite authors at this live, virtual event!

Made possible by Baker & Taylor, Children's and Teen Services, Scholastic and Random House Children's Books.

*June 16 R. L. Stine*  
<https://bit.ly/SRPStine22>

*July 14 Mary Pope Osborne*  
<https://bit.ly/SRPOsborne22>

## FAMILIES

### Corrugation Station

We all live in a cardboard submarine! Let's build it! Come early for lunch!

*Headquarters-Ocala Public Library*

*Wednesday, June 1, 12:30-2 p.m.*

You may attend many of our programs virtually. Contact the listed Marion County Public Library for more information.

### Young Reader's Dinner Theatre

A star is born...and it's you! Bring scripts to life with other budding actors. After the program, dinner is served!

*Freedom Public Library*

*Thursdays, June 2-July 28, 3:30 p.m.*

### Heroes Wanted!

Interested in exploring worlds and defeating evil monsters in turn-based, tabletop gameplay? Discover the basics of gameplay with the highly skilled Ocalian Knights. All levels of experience welcome. Co-sponsored by the Ocalian Knights and Zeneration Media. Registration recommended.

*Bellevue Public Library*

*Saturday, July 23, 1-3 p.m.*

### Under-the-Sea Scavenger Hunt

Walk through an underwater wonderland of fun and discovery. Find the hidden treasures and make them your own!

*Dunnellon Public Library*

*Saturday, July 30, noon*



### Swashbuckling Pirate Party!

Avast, me hearties! A pirate adventure awaits, ye lads and lasses. Shiver me timbers!

*Reddick Public Library*

*Saturday, July 30, 1 p.m.*

## TEENS

### Under-the-Sea Party!

Get in the "end-of-vacation" mood and groove like a hot crustacean band. We got no troubles! Life is the bubbles!

*Bellevue Public Library*

*Tuesday, July 26, 1:30 p.m.*

## ADULTS

### Talking Local History with the Leitner Sisters

Discover the fascinating backstory of northwest Marion County through the reflections and findings of our local expert historians. See library listing for topics.

*Reddick Public Library*

*Mondays, June 6 & July 18, 10:30 a.m.*



### Mer-mazing Memories

Travel back in time and have conversations with models who appeared in Bruce Mozart's iconic photographs of Silver Springs and Paradise Park.

Moderated by Dave Schlenker, local newspaper and magazine columnist.

*Headquarters-Ocala Public Library*

*Thursday, July 28, 3 p.m.*

## MEET THE AUTHOR

### Brown Bag Luncheon with Lee Gramling

Bring your bag lunch and visit with the author of the "Cracker Western" series set in frontier Florida. Beverage and dessert provided. Contact the library at 352-438-2566 to reserve a piece of the pie!

*Reddick Public Library*

*Thursday, July 14, noon*

## BOOK CLUBS

Make new friends and talk about books! Join most groups in-person or, if you like, request access via Zoom. For virtual programs, call the listed library to receive access. Attend one or all!

### Books and Coffee

*Mondays, 10:30 a.m.*

*Fort McCoy Public Library*

*June 6 "Angela's Ashes" by Frank McCourt*

*July 11 "All the Light We Cannot See" by Anthony Doerr*

*Aug. 1 "Before She Disappeared" by Lisa Gardner*

### As the Page Turns

*Tuesdays, 2:30 p.m.*

*Freedom Public Library*

*June 7 "The Light Between Oceans" by M.L. Stedman*

*July 5 "Camino Island" by John Grisham*

*Aug. 2 "The All-Girl Filling Station's Last Reunion" by Fannie Flagg*

### Forest Readers

*Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.*

*Forest Public Library*

*June 8 "Ocean Prey" by John Sandford*

*June 22 "20,000 Leagues Under the Sea" by Jules Verne*

*July 13 "Pachinko" by Min Jin Lee*

*July 27 "The Ocean Between Us" by Susan Wiggs*

*Aug. 10 "The Guest List" by Lucy Folely*

*Aug. 24 "Truly, Madly, Deeply" by Karen Kingsbury*

### Let's Talk Books

*Mondays, 10:30 a.m.*

*Reddick Public Library*

*June 13 Reader's Choice.*

*July 11 "20,000 Leagues Under the Sea" by Jules Verne*

*Aug. 8 "Sahara" by Clive Cussler*

### Novels at Night

*Tuesdays, 4 p.m.*

*Dunnellon Public Library*

*June 14 "The Golden Ocean" by Patrick O'Brian*

*July 12 "The Devil and the Dark Water" by Stuart Turton*

*Aug. 9 "To Sleep in a Sea of Stars" by Christopher Paolini*



### Novels at Night (VIRTUAL ONLY)

*Tuesdays, 4:30 p.m.*

*Headquarters-Ocala Public Library*

*June 14 "The Perfect Storm" by Sebastian Junger*

*July 12 "The Island of Sea Women" by Lisa See*

*Aug. 9 "Golden Girl" by Elin Hilderbrand*

### Novels at Noon

*Wednesdays, noon*

*Marion Oaks Public Library*

*June 15 "The Island of Sea Women" by Lisa See*

*July 20 "Summer of '69" by Elin Hilderbrand*

*Aug. 17 "The Light Between Oceans" by M.L. Stedman*

### Power Hour

*Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m.*

*Bellevue Public Library*

*June 28 "The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks" by Rebecca Skloot*

*July 26 "The Sun is Also a Star" by Nicola Yoon*

*Aug. 23 "Something in the Water" by Catherine Steadman*

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### Summer BreakSpot

*Wednesdays, noon, June 1-July 27*

Free meals and fun times for children ages 1-18. Lunch and program fun! Wednesdays are wonderful!

See Program Spotlight for other locations and times. Sponsored by the USDA and provided by Shores Assembly of God.

## SPECIAL PROGRAMS

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### Racing Potential: Equine Sport Medical Care

*Tuesday, June 21, 2 p.m.*

University of Florida College of Veterinary Medicine's Dr. Sally DeNotta discusses common sports injuries for horses and state-of-the-art equine medical care, including cold water spa treatment, now available through the UF Veterinary Hospital at World Equestrian Center.

This live, virtual event is held in-person at the library or call to receive an invitation.



## Mer-mazing Memories

Thursday, July 28, 3 p.m.

Conversations with the mermaids of Silver Springs and Paradise Park.

Moderated by Dave Schlenker, local newspaper and magazine columnist. See Program Spotlight for more information.

## ADULTS

### Tech Help

Wednesdays, 2-3:30 p.m.

June 1-Aug. 31

Have a technology question? We'll try to find the answer!

### Crafternoons

Wednesdays, 4:30 p.m.

Get in touch with the right side of your brain!

June 1	Seashell Wire Jewelry
July 6	Iris Paper Folding
Aug. 3	Paper Roll Art



### The Monday Matinée

Mondays, 2 p.m.

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

June 6  
June 13  
June 20  
June 27  
July 11  
July 18  
July 25

### Florida Water 101

Thursday, June 30, 3 p.m.

Interested in saving money and water? A Florida-friendly landscape is the key. Presented by UF/IFAS Extension Marion County.

### Walrus from Space

Thursday, July 14, 2 p.m.

The World Wildlife Fund and British Antarctic Survey have put out a call for walrus detectives. Join this crowdsourcing effort to locate walruses using satellite technology.

## Green Up Your Clean Up

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

Clean house with these environmentally friendly and sustainable products, as demonstrated by the experts!

### Taylor Time: Almost Marion

Friday, July 29, 3 p.m.

Disney, University of Florida, the state capital and more! Explore the alternate history of Marion County with librarian Taylor Benson.

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## TEENS

### MANGAlicious Teen Club!

Thursdays, 4:30 p.m., June 2, July 7, Aug. 4

Anime and manga fans, unite!

### Fab Lab

Fridays, 4 p.m.

Chart a new course with a new medium. All skill levels welcome.

June 24	Cartography at the End of the World
July 22	Fandom Passport

### YALLA!

Tuesdays, 4:30 p.m.

June 28, July 26, Aug. 23

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

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We all live in a cardboard submarine! Let's build it! Come early for lunch!

### Oceans of Possibilities

Wednesdays, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., June 8-July 27

Ahoy, mateys! Sail into summer with a variety of stories, crafts and games. Plus, children can enjoy lunch! Wednesdays are wonderful!

## Oceans Recycled

Saturdays, 10 a.m.-noon, June 25 & July 23

Old crafts revisited. New crafts explored. Who knows what will wash ashore?

## SEASIDE STORY TIMES

June 7-July 28

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

### Guppy Tales

Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m.

Ages Birth-2 years

### Sea Star Stories

Thursdays, 10:30 a.m.

Ages 3-5.



## BELLEVIEW PUBLIC LIBRARY

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

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## SUMMER BREAK SPOT

FRIENDS FOOD FREE ALL SUMMER LONG

### Summer BreakSpot

Tuesdays, noon, June 7-July 26

Free meals and fun times for children ages 1-18. Come early for the movie and stay for lunch!

See Program Spotlight for other locations and times. Sponsored by the USDA and provided by Shores Assembly of God.

## SPECIAL EVENT

### Community Job Fair

Wednesday, July 20, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

Looking for a career opportunity? Start here! Co-sponsored by the City of Belleview.

## SPECIAL PROGRAMS

### Virtual Summer Reading Event

Thursdays, 4 p.m.

Spend time with your favorite authors at this live, virtual event!

See Program Spotlight for more locations. Made possible by Baker & Taylor, Children's and Teen Services, Scholastic and Random House Children's Books.

June 16 R. L. Stine  
<https://bit.ly/SRPStine22>

July 14 Mary Pope Osborne  
<https://bit.ly/SRPOsborne22>

# OCEANS OF POSSIBILITIES

**Heroes Wanted!***Saturday, July 23, 1-3 p.m.**All ages. Registration recommended.*

All levels of table-gaming experience welcome.

See Program Spotlight for more information. Co-sponsored by the Ocalian Knights and Generation Media.

**ADULTS****Tech Help***Thursdays, 2-4 p.m., June 2-July 28*

Have a technology question? We'll try to find the answer!

**Master Gardener Plant Clinic***Fridays, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.**June 3 & 17, July 1 & 15, Aug. 5 & 19*

The plant doctors are in!

Presented by UF/IFAS Extension Marion County.

**Just Another Mah-Jongg Monday!***Mondays, 1 p.m., June 6-July 25*

Learn and play with other enthusiasts.

**Tuesday Movie Matinée***Tuesdays, 1 p.m.*

Movies for adults. Anyone younger than age 13 must be accompanied by an adult. And the winner in the Best Picture category is...

*June 7**June 14**June 21**June 28**July 5**July 12**July 19**July 26***Writer's Studio***Wednesdays, 2:30 p.m.**June 8, July 13, Aug. 10*

Writers of all levels share information and encouragement. If participating virtually, call for access.

**Mindful Eating***Wednesday, June 29, 10:30 a.m.**Registration recommended.*

Discover ways to beat cravings and

manage weight by savoring the experience.

Co-sponsored by the Florida Department of Health in Marion County.

**The ABC's of Dementia***Wednesday, July 6, 11 a.m.**Call 352-422-3663 to register.*

Debbie Selsavage, president of Coping with Dementia LLC, presents the basics of Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia and techniques for becoming a better care partner.

**BOOK CLUB**

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**Power Hour Book Club***Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m.*

*June 28 "The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks" by Rebecca Skloot*

*July 26 "The Sun is Also a Star" by Nicola Yoon*

*Aug. 23 "Something in the Water" by Catherine Steadman*

**TEENS****YALLA South!***Tuesdays, June 7 & July 5, 1:30 p.m.**Thursday, Aug. 4, 4:30 p.m.*

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

**MANGAlicious Teen Club***Tuesdays, June 21 & July 19, 1:30 p.m.**Thursday, Aug. 18, 4:30 p.m.*

Anime and manga fans, unite!

**Under-the-Sea Party!***Tuesday, July 26, 1:30 p.m.*

We got no troubles! Life is the bubbles! See Program Spotlight for more great adventures!

**FAMILIES****Family Flicks***Tuesdays, 10 a.m.*

Movies for the whole family. Anyone younger than age 13 must be accompanied by an adult. Come for the movie, stay for lunch!

*June 7**June 14**June 21**June 28**July 5**July 12**July 19**July 26***Oceans of Possibilities***Thursdays, 10:30 a.m.*

Ahoy, mateys! Sail into summer with a variety of stories, crafts and games.

<i>June 2</i>	<i>Patriot Service Dogs</i>
<i>June 9</i>	<i>Dive into Fire Safety</i>
<i>June 16</i>	<i>Splish-Splash! Water Safety</i>
<i>June 23</i>	<i>Silver River Museum</i>
<i>June 30</i>	<i>Brilliant Bats</i>
<i>July 7</i>	<i>Buoyancy Booyah!</i>
<i>July 14</i>	<i>Ocala Cannibals Roller Derby</i>
<i>July 21</i>	<i>Arthropod Petting Zoo</i>

**Games on a Table***Tuesdays, 4 p.m., June 7-July 26*

Play classic and contemporary tabletop games!

**Knights of the Chess Club***Tuesdays, 4 p.m., June 7-July 26*

Learn and play chess!

**STORY TIME****Stories by the Lake***Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m., June 29 & July 13*

*Bellevue Community Center  
5615 SE 110 Place, Bellevue*

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

**DUNNELLON PUBLIC LIBRARY**

20351 Robinson Road,  
Dunnellon, FL 34431  
352-438-2520

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**Summer BreakSpot***Thursdays, 4 p.m., June 2-July 28*

Free meals and fun times for children ages 1-18. Come early for the program, stay for dinner!

See Program Spotlight for other locations and times. Sponsored by the USDA and provided by Shores Assembly of God.

**SPECIAL PROGRAM**

**Under-the-Sea Scavenger Hunt**

*Saturday, July 30, noon*

Walk through an underwater wonderland of fun and discovery. Find the hidden treasures and make them your own! See Program Spotlight for more great adventures!

**ADULTS**

**Yarn Lovers**

*Wednesdays, 10 a.m.*

*June 1-Aug. 3*

Make new friends while learning some new stitches!

**Friday Flicks**

*Fridays, 3 p.m.*

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

*June 3*

*June 10*

*June 17*

*June 24*

**Fly-Tyers Club**

*Mondays, 1 p.m.*

*June 6-July 25*

Learn the art of luring fish!

**Tech Help**

*Tuesdays, 11 a.m.-noon*

*June 7-Aug. 30*

Have a technology question?

We'll try to find the answer!

**BOOK CLUB**

*Make new friends and talk about books! Our system-wide book club offerings are listed under Program Spotlight. Attend one or all! If participating online, call for access.*



**Novels at Night**

*Tuesdays, 4 p.m.*

*June 14 "The Golden Ocean" by Patrick O'Brian*

*July 12 "The Devil and the Dark Water" by Stuart Turton*

*Aug. 9 "To Sleep in a Sea of Stars" by Christopher Paolini*

**TEENS**

**YALLA West!**

*Tuesdays, 4:30 p.m.*

*June 7, July 5, Aug. 2*

Be a part of the library experience.

Teens, earn volunteer service hours.

**FAMILIES**

**Oceans of Possibilities**

*Thursdays, 3 p.m.*

Ahoj, mateys! Sail into summer with a variety of stories, crafts and games. After the program, dinner is served!

*June 2 Sand Art*

*June 9 Beachcomber Bingo*

*June 16 3-D Underwater Art*

*June 23 Whose Fin Is It Anyway?*

*June 30 Sea Shell Painting*

*July 7 Where's Whaley?*

*July 14 Ocean in a Bottle*

*July 21 Squid Racing*

*July 28 Underwater Sun-Catchers*

**FOREST PUBLIC LIBRARY**  
 905 S. Highway 314A,  
 Ocklawaha, FL 32179  
 352-438-2540  
*Programs are made possible by contributions from the Friends of the Forest Public Library.*

**SUMMER BREAK SPOT**  
 FRIENDS FOOD FREE ALL SUMMER LONG

**Summer BreakSpot**

*Fridays, 12:30 p.m., June 3-July 29*

Free meals and fun times for children ages 1-18. Come early for the program, stay for lunch!

See Program Spotlight for other locations and times. Sponsored by the USDA and provided by Shores Assembly of God.

**SPECIAL PROGRAM**

**Virtual Summer Reading Event**

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<https://bit.ly/SRPStine22>

*July 14 Mary Pope Osborne*  
<https://bit.ly/SRPOsborne22>

**ADULTS**

**DIY Art**

*Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.*

Express yourself through art!

*June 1 Bottle Cap Art*

*July 6 Sand Art in a Bottle*

**Tech Help**

*Thursdays, 2-3 p.m., June 2-Aug. 25*

Have a technology question?

We'll try to find the answer!

**Yearning for Yarn**

*Tuesdays, 2 p.m., June 7-Aug. 2*

Make new friends while learning some new stitches!

**Writers Studio**

*Thursdays, 4 p.m., June 9, July 14, Aug. 11*

Writers of all levels share work and encouragement.

**BOOK CLUB**

*Make new friends and talk about books! Our system-wide book club offerings are listed under Program Spotlight. Attend one or all! If participating virtually, call for access.*

**Forest Readers**

*Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.*

*June 8 "Ocean Prey" by John Sandford*

*June 22 "20,000 Leagues Under the Sea" by Jules Verne*

*July 13 "Pachinko" by Min Jin Lee*

*July 27 "The Ocean Between Us" by Susan Wiggs*

*Aug. 10 "The Guest List" by Lucy Foley*

*Aug. 24 "Truly, Madly, Deeply" by Karen Kingsbury*

**TEENS**

**YALLA East!**

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

Be part of the library experience.

Earn volunteer service hours.

**FAMILIES**

**Family Flicks**

*Fridays, 10:30 a.m.*

Movies for the whole family! Anyone younger than age 13 must be accompanied by an adult. Come for the movie, stay for lunch!

*June 3*

*June 17*

*July 1*

*July 15*

*July 29*

**Oceans of Possibilities***Wednesdays, 2:30 p.m.*

Ahoy, mates! Sail into summer with a variety of stories, crafts and games.

- June 8 *Kick-Off Cook Out!*  
 June 15 *Pirates, Ahoy!*  
 June 22 *Dolphins, Whales and Sharks!*  
 July 29 *Float Your Boat!*  
 July 6 *Amazing Mermaids*  
 July 13 *Jumping Jellyfish!*  
 July 20 *Sea Monsters Mayhem*  
 July 27 *Seaside Celebration!*

**Summer Family Fun***Fridays, 10:30 a.m.*

Create and play! Come for the action, stay for lunch!

- June 10 *Board Games*  
 June 24 *Art on the Porch*  
 July 8 *Video Games*  
 July 22 *Art on the Porch*

**Rock Art!***Saturday, 2 p.m.**June 18 & July 16*

Make waves with ocean-themed rock art!

**FORT M<sup>C</sup>COY  
PUBLIC LIBRARY**

14660 NE Hwy 315, Fort M<sup>C</sup>Coy, FL 32134  
 352-438-2560

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**SUMMER  
BREAK SPOT**  
FRIENDS FOOD FREE ALL SUMMER LONG**Summer BreakSpot***Wednesdays, noon, June 1-July 27*

Free meals and fun times for children ages 1-18. Come early for the program, stay for lunch!

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**ADULTS****Monday Matinée***Mondays, 3 p.m.*

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

June 6  
 July 11

**Tech Help***Tuesdays, 3 p.m.**June 7-Aug. 30*

Have a technology question? We'll try to find the answer!

**BOOK CLUB**

Make new friends and talk about books! Our system-wide book club offerings are listed under Program Spotlight. Attend one or all! If participating virtually, call for access.

**Monday Books and Coffee***Mondays, 10:30 a.m.*

- June 6 "Angela's Ashes"  
 by Frank McCourt  
 July 11 "All the Light We Cannot See"  
 by Anthony Doerr  
 Aug. 1 "Before She Disappeared"  
 by Lisa Gardner

**TEENS****YALLA Northeast!***Saturdays, 1 p.m.**June 11, July 9, Aug. 13*

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

**FAMILIES****Oceans of Possibilities***Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.**June 1-July 27*

What's in that treasure chest? Octavia the octopus will find out! After the program, lunch is served!

**STREAM Dreams***Saturdays, 11 a.m.*

Science + art=fun for the whole family!

- June 4 *Secrets of the Sea!*  
 July 2 *Buoyancy Booyah!*

**FREEDOM  
PUBLIC LIBRARY**

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

*Programs are made possible by contributions from the Friends of Freedom Public Library.*

**SUMMER  
BREAK SPOT**  
FRIENDS FOOD FREE ALL SUMMER LONG**Summer BreakSpot***Thursdays, 4:30 p.m.**June 2-July 28*

Free meals and fun times for children ages 1-18. Come early for the program, stay for dinner!

See Program Spotlight for other locations and times. Sponsored by the USDA and provided by Shores Assembly of God.

**SPECIAL PROGRAM****Young Reader's Dinner Theatre***Thursdays, 3:30 p.m.**June 2-July 28*

A star is born... and it's you! Bring scripts to life with other budding actors. After the program, dinner is served!

See Program Spotlight for more BreakSpot times and programs.

**ADULTS****Tech Help***Fridays, 3-4 p.m.**June 3-July 29*

Have a technology question? We'll try to find the answer!

**The ABC's of Dementia***Thursday, June 16, 11 a.m.*

Call 352-422-3663 to register.

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**Friday Matinée**

Fridays, 2:30 p.m.

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

June 10

July 8

**BOOK CLUB**

Make new friends and talk about books! Our system-wide book club offerings are listed under Program Spotlight. Attend one or all! If participating virtually, call for access.

**As the Page Turns**

Tuesdays, 2:30 p.m.

June 7 "The Light Between Oceans"

by M.L. Stedman

July 5 "Camino Island"

by John Grisham

Aug. 2 "The All-Girl Filling Station's

Last Reunion" by Fannie Flagg

**TEENS****YALLA Free!**

Thursdays, 5 p.m.

June 9, July 14, Aug. 11

Share pizza and ideas and earn volunteer hours for service. Good times!

**MANGAlicious Teen Club!**

Tuesdays, 4:30 p.m.

June 14, July 12, Aug. 9

Anime and manga fans, unite!

**SharkFest**

Tuesday, July 19, 4 p.m.

Watch the water because it's going to be JAW-some!

**ALL AGES****Games on a Table**

Wednesdays, 3:30 p.m.

June 1-July 27

Play classic and contemporary tabletop games!

**FAMILIES****Oceans of Possibilities**

Wednesdays, 11 a.m.

Ahoy, matesys! Sail into summer with a variety of stories, crafts and games.

June 1 Seashells by the Seashore

June 8 Super Sea Senses

June 15 Sink or Float?

June 22 Shiver me Timbers!  
June 29 Light Up the Deep Sea  
July 6 Totally Turtle Fun!  
July 13 Sea Slime  
July 20 Treasure Hunt

**MARION OAKS PUBLIC LIBRARY**

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

Programs are made possible by contributions from the Friends of the Marion Oaks Public Library.

**SPECIAL PROGRAM****Water and Your Garden**

Saturday, June 18, 2 p.m.

From rain barrels to hydroponics, Master Gardener Sheldon discusses optimal water use for gardeners.

**ADULTS****Tech Help**

Fridays, 10:30 a.m.-noon, June 3-Aug. 26

Have a technology question? We'll try to find the answer!

**BOOK CLUB**

Make new friends and talk about books! Our system-wide book club offerings are listed under Program Spotlight. Attend one or all! If participating virtually, call for access.

**Novels at Noon**

Wednesdays, noon

June 15 "The Island of Sea Women"

by Lisa See

July 20 "Summer of '69"

by Elin Hilderbrand

Aug. 17 "The Light Between Oceans"

by M.L. Stedman

**TEENS****YALLA OAKS!**

Saturdays, noon

June 11, July 9, Aug. 13

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

**MANGAlicious Teen Club!**

Tuesdays, 4:30 p.m.

June 21, July 19, Aug. 16

Anime and manga fans, unite!

**FAMILIES****Oceans of Possibilities**

Wednesdays, 4 p.m.

Ahoy, matesys! Sail into summer with a variety of stories, crafts and games.

June 1 Seashells by the Seashore

June 8 Happy Ocean Day!

June 15 Under the Sea

June 22 Shiver me Timbers!

June 29 Islands in the Sea

July 6 Sink or Float?

July 13 Mermaids, Myths and Monsters

July 20 Welcome to Camp Half-blood

**REDDICK PUBLIC LIBRARY**

15150 NW Gainesville Road,  
Reddick, FL 32686

352-438-2566

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**SUMMER BREAK SPOT**

FRIENDS FOOD FREE ALL SUMMER LONG

**Summer BreakSpot**

Mondays, 4:30 p.m.

June 6-July 25 \*No BreakSpot July 4

Free meals and fun times for children ages 1-18. Come early for the program, stay for dinner!

See Program Spotlight for other locations and times. Sponsored by the USDA and provided by Shores Assembly of God.

**SPECIAL PROGRAM****Swashbuckling Pirate Party!**

Saturday, July 30, 1 p.m.

Avast, me hearties! A pirate adventure awaits, ye lads and lasses. Shiver me timbers!

See Program Spotlight for more great adventures!

## MEET THE AUTHOR

### Brown Bag Luncheon with Lee Gramling

Thursday, July 14, noon

Bring your sandwich and visit with the author of the "Cracker Western" series set in frontier Florida. Beverage and dessert provided. Reservation required.

## ADULTS

### Talking Local History with the Leitner Sisters

Mondays, 10:30 a.m.

Discover the fascinating history of the area.

June 6 Florida Frontier Forts

July 18 Lochbie, Orange Lake, Proctor

### Tech Help

Tuesdays, 1-2 p.m.

June 7-Aug. 30

Have a technology question? We'll try to find the answer!

### Marion County Veterans Services

Saturday, June 11, 10 a.m.-noon

Reservations recommended.

Free benefits briefing for veterans. Reserve a spot and get your questions answered.

## BOOK CLUB

Make new friends and talk about books! Our system-wide book club offerings are listed under Program Spotlight. Attend one or all! If participating virtually, call for access.

### Let's Talk Books

Mondays, 10:30 a.m.

Talk about books with the aficionado of phrase, Jim Stroup! Donuts and coffee provided.

June 13 Reader's Choice

July 11 "20,000 Leagues Under the Sea" by Jules Verne

Aug. 8 "Sahara" by Clive Cussler

## TEENS

### YALLA North!

Saturdays, 1 p.m.

June 4, July 2, Aug. 6

Share pizza and ideas and earn volunteer hours for service. Good times!

## FAMILIES

### Oceans of Possibilities

Mondays, 3:30 p.m.

June 6-July 25 \*No program July 4

Ahoy, mates! Sail into summer with a variety of stories, crafts and games. After the program, dinner is served!

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## EXHIBITS & DISPLAYS

### Headquarters-Ocala Public Library

June Photography by David MacKenzie

July Ice Cream Memorabilia by Jim Phillips

August Country Road Quilters

### Belleview Public Library

June PEZ Dispensers from Kendall Hirst

July Antique and Vintage Toy Collection

Paintings by Judith Kaiser

August Wood Carvings by the Spruce Creek  
Wood Carving Club

### Forest Public Library

June Photography by JaiJai

July American Independence by

Jacqueline Provancher

August Charcoal Drawings by  
Rebecca Koontz

### Freedom Public Library

June Tons of Turtles by Stephanie Fraysier

July History of Ice Cream by Jim Phillips

August Handmade Crafts by Luke Mullen





**Sorry WE'RE  
CLOSED**

## LIBRARY CLOSED DAYS & HOLIDAYS

### **Independence Day**

*Monday, July 4*

All library locations closed.

### **Training/Maintenance Day**

*Friday, Aug. 12*

Headquarters-Ocala, Forest  
and Marion Oaks Library  
System locations closed.



## FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

### **Friends of the Belleview Public Library**

*No meetings June, July, or Aug.*

### **Friends of the Dunnellon Public Library**

*No meetings June, July or Aug.*

### **Friends of the Forest Public Library**

*No meetings June, July, or Aug.*

### **Friends of Freedom Public Library**

*Mondays, 10:15 a.m.*

*June 6, July 5, Aug. 1*

**BOOK SALE** *July 9 & 11, Aug. 27 & 29*

### **Friends of the Marion Oaks Public Library**

*Friday, June 17, 10 a.m.*

*No meetings July & Aug.*

### **Friends of the Ocala Public Library**

*Thursdays, 4 p.m., June 16, Aug. 18*

## AT YOUR SERVICE

### **Access Florida Assistance**

Help provided with filing for various government assistance programs.

*Forest Public Library*

*Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m.-noon*

### **CareerSource Citrus Levy Marion**

Job seeker services available! Call your nearest library for schedule and locations.

### **Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS)**

Visit [www.uscis.gov](http://www.uscis.gov) or call 1-800-375-5283 to schedule an appointment at your local library with an official for the 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.

### **Mobile Health Unit**

Get healthy close to home with the Florida Department of Health in Marion County! Immunizations, health screenings and more provided for all ages. Contact the Belleview, Dunnellon, Forest, Fort McCoy and Freedom public libraries for information about scheduled library stops.



# IMAGES



Community members attend Belleview African American Read-In.



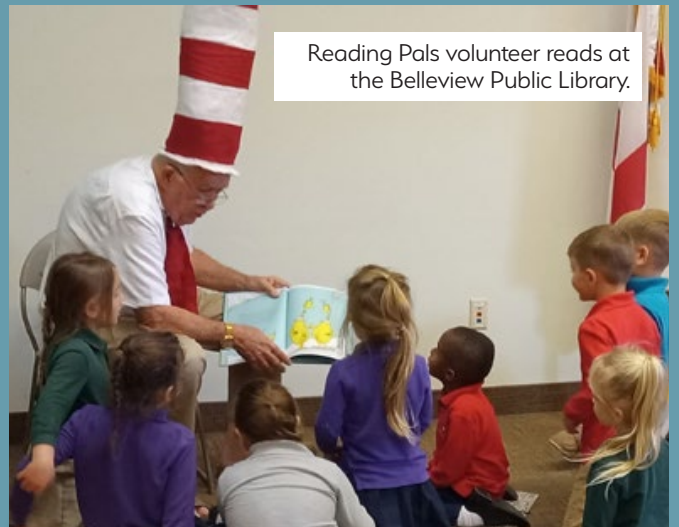
Freedom Public Library wagon winner for Seuss-a-Palooza program.



Making hand puppets at HQ-Ocala Public Library.



Library storyteller Erich Hrcacs performs at Tuscowilla Park.



Reading Pals volunteer reads at the Belleview Public Library.



Library storyteller Jessica Kelly performs at Levitt Amp concert. Photo/Star Banner photographer Doug Engle



Commission chair Carl Zalac helps with the Marion County Day community string art project.

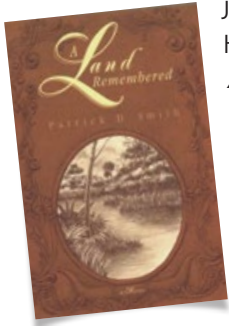
Each loop represents one good deed. Tied together, the string reveals how our smallest actions bring the whole county together.



# BOOKMARKS

NEWS & NOTES FROM THE FRIENDS OF THE OCALA PUBLIC LIBRARY

## The READ-A-THON is Here!



Join us for our third annual Read-A-Thon, scheduled for August 6 in the lobby of the Ocala Headquarters branch. Volunteers will be reading selections from the classic Florida saga *A Land Remembered* by Patrick Smith, the best-selling novel ranked #1 as Best Florida Book eight times! Amazon describes the book as "...a rich, rugged Florida history featuring a memorable cast of crusty, indomitable Crackers battling wild animals, rustlers, Confederate deserters, mosquitoes, starvation, hurricanes and freezes to carve a kingdom out of the swamp. But their most formidable adversary turns out to be greed, including finally their own. Love and tenderness are here too; the hopes and passions of each new generation, friendships with the persecuted blacks and Indians and respect for the land and its wildlife."

We need individuals to read and we need organizations to act as sponsors for our Read-a-Thon. To volunteer to read a selection or to sponsor readers, contact Joe Kays at [kays.joe@gmail.com](mailto:kays.joe@gmail.com) This entertaining event provides fun for the readers and listeners, while helping to provide funds for library programming and other services to serve the public. Be one of the readers or just join the fun by watching and listening to others read. It promises to be a wonderful event!



## BOOK MARKET TREASURES

Have you visited the Book Market lately? Did you know that there are children's books, technical books, novels, books about religion, historical books and so many more in our Book Market? And did you know that when you make purchases at the Book Market, every cent goes back to the Library for programming and other Library needs? The Book Market volunteers will be more than happy to help you make your selections.

Here are our new hours of operation:

**Monday: 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. • Tuesday: 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.**

**Wednesday: 1 – 5 p.m. • Thursday: 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.**

**Friday: 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. • Saturday: 11:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.**

## August Book Sale

Welcome back to our quarterly Book Sale! Due to the pandemic, we have been unable to go full swing with our book sales. Now it's time to share with you all of the magnificent books that we have amassed!

Our Quarterly Book Sale will have paperbacks for 25¢ and hard covers for 50¢. Lots of bargains will be available! All funds earned will be used for library programs at the Headquarters-Ocala, Reddick and Fort McCoy library locations.

### FRIDAY, AUG. 5

**11 a.m. – 2 p.m. • Friends members only  
2 – 4 p.m. • General public**

### SATURDAY, AUG. 6

**10 a.m. – 2 p.m. • General public**

*(Note that Friends are allowed to visit early. To become a Friend of the Library, complete a membership application online at [friendsoftheocalalibrary.org](http://friendsoftheocalalibrary.org) or visit the Book Market.)*



profile

# Mark Emery

BY ERIN ARNOLD

**M**ark Emery has spent most of his life on or *under* the water. An award-winning wildlife filmmaker and fishing guide, his profession takes him all around the world.

Emery inherited a love of nature from his father. As a young man, he got a job at Silver Springs, milking rattlesnakes and wrestling alligators with Ross Allen and captaining glass bottom boats. He learned about photography and filmmaking from local legends Jordan Klein, Sr. and Bruce Mozert, who pioneered underwater photography. With Klein, Emery cut his teeth filming alligators and manatees which led to making shark shows for the Discovery Channel in the 1980s.

Fast-forward through Emery's career, and he has achieved legendary status. He has filmed wildlife in more than 35 countries, composed 320 soundtracks for films and television shows, published photographs in *National Geographic*, the *London Times* and *Newsweek*, and received two Emmy awards. In 2021, Emery was honored with a star on the Ocala Film Foundation's Walk of Fame in front of Ocala's historic Marion Theatre.

Emery's stunning camerawork can be seen in the upcoming National Geographic's series "America the Beautiful" streaming on Disney+ on August 22. Keen observers will notice a lot of "Ocala stuff" in the trailer. In one scene, Emery patiently camped in a filming blind for 56 days for the perfect footage of an alligator lunging at a deer on the bank of the Silver River. To accomplish the shot, Emery worked with engineers at speaker manufacturer Bose to create a device that "talks" to alligators, mimicking how they bellow and create waves underwater.

Emery is proud to have such a beautiful location basically in his backyard. He says with a smile that at Silver River, "You can spot wild turkeys, manatees, white-tailed deer, alligators and in reality you're only fifteen minutes from Walmart."



In Alaska, where Emery and his wife Mary spend their summers, life is much more remote. While Mary manages the world's largest salmon fishery, "telling 60,000 fisherman what to do," Emery follows the salmon. When he is not filming or scouting locations for other filmmakers, Emery guides avid fishermen like Olivia Newton-John and the governor of Alaska 300 miles from the nearest town and "near the grizzly bears where the fishing is good."

Though his finished films give audiences a "romantic impression of what went well," Emery confides that his work is hard. "I'm holding 1,800 pounds of gear, including a half-million-dollar camera with a lens that takes four hours to change, standing on the foot of a helicopter, attached to a monkey strap. Drones don't work with critters," he says with a grin. 