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SUMMER READING PROGRAMS AT YOUR LIBRARY

(Panama City, Fla.) All eight locations of the Northwest Regional Library System in Bay, Gulf, and Liberty Counties offer Summer Reading Programs for school-aged children. The theme this year is *Build a Better World*. Our librarians and staff have planned an exciting summer line-up. Summer breaks from school can cause a student to lose up to one month of instruction. The library aspires to help students prevent the 'summer slide' by providing a variety of engaging, educational programs that encourage discovery. Summer Reading allows children to maintain their reading skills during summer break and foster a love of reading through the public library. Bay County Public Library also has Teen and Adult Summer Reading Programs. Join us for these great programs!

Bay County Public Library, 898 West 11th Street, Panama City

Build a Better World Summer Reading Program geared for children:

Thursdays @ 10:30 a.m. (June 15th – July 20th)

Read, Rock, & Rhyme Time

Early literacy class for 3 – 5 year olds that includes stories, songs, finger plays, movement activities, and crafts.

Thursday, June 15 @ 2:00 p.m.

Ukulele Orchestra of St. Andrews

Join us for a singalong featuring the talented members of the Ukulele Orchestra of St. Andrews!

Wednesday, June 21 @ 2:00 p.m.

The Art & Craft of Papermaking

Lynn Elliott will demonstrate how to turn shredded paper into beautiful art.

Thursday, June 22 @ 2:00 p.m.

Tampa Taiko

A fun filled, interactive program that covers the history of Taiko, the music of Japan and an opportunity to play the drum!

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Wednesday, June 28 @ 10:00 a.m.

Introduction to Archaeology with the Florida Public Archaeology Network

What do archaeologists do, exactly? If dinosaurs and rocks come to mind, this is the presentation for you!

Thursday, June 29 @ 2:00 p.m.

Bridges with Books

Stories, songs and poems for Building a Better World presented by Sandra Pierce and Tania Watts, the library storytellers.

Thursday, July 6 @ 2:00 p.m.

It's Electric!

Gulf Coast Electric Coop will present a rousing presentation on electricity. Come see the sparks fly!

Thursday, July 13 @ 2:00 p.m.

Build a Better World Talent Show

Join us for an afternoon of fun with Bay County's talented musicians, singers, dancers, magicians, and more! If you'd like to showcase your talent, sign up by July 6th with the Youth Services department.

Thursday, July 20 @ 2:00 p.m.

Animal Tales!

Reptile Tales and Scales! Featuring frogs, large turtles, and snakes of course!

Saturday, July 22 @ 1 - 4 p.m.

Harry Potter Day at the Library

Finish up the summer with wizarding games, crafts, & snacks. Free and fun for the whole family! Dress as your favorite Harry Potter character. Sponsored by the Bay County Public Library Foundation.

Build a Better World Summer Reading Program geared for teens (13 – 19 years old):

Monday, June 12 @ 2:00 p.m.

Game Day

Bring your favorite game and play with other teens. Handheld game consoles are welcome and we will have stationary console video games as well!

Tuesday, June 13 @ 2:00 p.m.

Trash to Art: Wind Streamers

Create awesome wind streamers out of water bottles.

Monday, June 26 @ 2:00 p.m.

Straw Fort Battle

Build forts out of straws and tape. Whichever team's fort can hold an object wins "library cred" and a small prize!

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Tuesday, June 27 @ 2:00 p.m.

Trash to Art: Sun Catchers

Create cool sun catchers out of discarded CDs and floppy disks!

Tuesday, July 11 @ 2:00 p.m.

Star Trek vs Star Wars

Are you a fan of Star Trek or Star Wars? Join us for crafts, science, snacks, and friendly banter! Cosplay is encouraged!

Monday, July 17 @ 2:00 p.m.

Teen Talent Show

Join us for a talent show just for teens. There will be no judging and everyone wins while you show off what you can do! Please keep it family friendly. Sign up forms will be available at the Youth Services department.

Build a Better World Summer Reading Program geared for Adults held in the Meeting Room:

Tuesday, June 6 @ 6:00 p.m.

Cultivating Inner Peace

Learn simple techniques to cope with stressful situations with Reiki Teacher and Practitioner, Jacqueline Ramsey.

Wednesday, June 7 @ 2:00 p.m.

Healthy Eating

Healthy Eating program presented by Marjorie Moore of the Bay County Extension Office.

Wednesday, June 14 @ 5:30 p.m.

History Book Club

Hidden Figures by Margot Lee Shetterly is the true story of a team of African-American women mathematicians who served a vital role in NASA during the early years of the US space program.

Tuesday, June 20 @ 5:30 p.m.

Beyond the Lens Book & Film Series

Hidden Figures by Margot Lee Shetterly is the true story of a team of African-American women mathematicians who served a vital role in NASA during the early years of the US space program. The film of the same name will be screened. Refreshments provided by the Friends of the Bay County Public Libraries.

Wednesday, July 12 @ 2:00 p.m.

St. Andrews State Park presented by David Morris

Join us for an engaging presentation from David Morris of St. Andrews State Park!

For more information on programs at the Bay County Public Library, please visit www.nwrls.com or call 522-2118.

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Panama City Beach Public Library, 12500 Hutchison Blvd., Panama City Beach

Panama City Beach Public Library ***Build a Better World*** Summer Reading Programs geared for children are sponsored by the Panama City Beach Library Foundation, Inc.

Thursdays @ 10:00 a.m.
PCB Storytime (Ages 3+)

Wednesday, June 14 @ 2:00 p.m.
BioFACTS with Gulf World
Gulf World Marine Park is visiting the library with several animals and an educational craft!

Wednesday, June 21 @ 2:00 p.m.
Building a Better World
STEM activities at the library including Legos and a 3D Printing demo.

Wednesday, June 28 @ 2:00 p.m.
Introduction to Archaeology with the Florida Public Archaeology Network
What do archaeologists do, exactly? If dinosaurs and rocks come to mind, this is the presentation for you!

Wednesday, July 5 @ 2:00 p.m.
The Noiseguy
Charlie Williams, the Noiseguy, presents amazing vocal impressions!

Wednesday, July 12 @ 2:00 p.m.
Ukulele Orchestra of St. Andrews
Join us for a singalong featuring the talented members of the Ukulele Orchestra of St. Andrews!

Wednesday, July 19 @ 2:00 p.m.
Storytelling with Pat Nease
National award-winning storyteller, Pat Nease, knows how to tell a story!

Wednesday, July 26 @ 2:00 p.m.
Game On!
Join us for a fun afternoon of playing board games!

Wednesday, August 2 @ 2:00 p.m.
Animal Tales!
Animal Architects will feature a variety of exotic animals from across the globe that utilize unique abilities to build and construct.

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Parker Public Library, 4710 Second Street, Parker

Build a Better World Summer Reading Program geared for children:

Tuesday, July 11 @ 2:00 p.m.

Bridges with Books

Stories, songs and poems for *Building a Better World* presented by Sandra Pierce and Tania Watts, the library storytellers.

Tuesday, July 18 @ 2:00 p.m.

Storytelling with Pat Nease

National award-winning storyteller, Pat Nease, knows how to tell a story!

Tuesday, July 25 @ 2:00 p.m.

Build a Better World

Storytime with Debbie, crafts, and a pizza party! Visit the library or call 850-871-3092 to register for this program.

For more information on programs at the Parker Public Library, please visit www.nwrls.com or call 871-3092.

Springfield Public Library, 408 School Avenue, Springfield

Build a Better World Summer Reading Program geared for children:

***Build a Better World* Storytimes**

Wednesdays June 14, 21, 28 @ 2:00 p.m.

Wednesdays July 12, 19, 26 @ 2:00 p.m.

Programs include stories and crafts! For more information about programs at the Springfield Public Library, please visit www.nwrls.com or call 872-7510.

Charles Whitehead Public Library, 314 North Second Street, Wewahitchka

Build a Better World Summer Reading Program geared for children:

***Build a Better World* Storytimes for Tiny Mites FLYP (3 - 6 years)**

Mondays June 5, 12, 19, and 26 @ 10:00 a.m.

***Build a Better World* Storytimes for FLYP (K - 5th Grade)**

Tuesdays June 6, 13, 20, and 27 @ 3:00 p.m.

For more information on programs at the Charles Whitehead Public Library, please visit www.nwrls.com or call 639-2419.

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Corinne Costin Gibson Memorial Public Library, 110 Library Drive, Port St. Joe

Build a Better World Summer Reading Program geared for children ages 3 – 5 years old:

Monday, June 5 @ 10:30 a.m. EST
L'il FLYP - All About You

Monday, June 12 @ 10:30 a.m. EST
L'il FLYP - Home Sweet Home

Monday, June 19 @ 10:30 a.m. EST
L'il FLYP - All Around the Town

Monday, June 26 @ 10:30 a.m. EST
L'il FLYP - Build a Better World

Build a Better World Summer Reading Program geared for children ages 6 – 9 years old:

Tuesday, June 6 @ 1:00 p.m. EST
FLYP - Build

Tuesday, June 13 @ 1:00 p.m. EST
FLYP - Discover

Tuesday, June 20 @ 1:00 p.m. EST
FLYP – Live

Tuesday, June 27 @ 1:00 p.m. EST
FLYP – Transform

Thursday, June 22 @ 10:00 a.m. EST
Tampa Taiko

A fun filled interactive program that covers the history of Taiko, the music of Japan and an opportunity to play the drum! Open to children of all ages.

For more information on programs at the Corinne Costin Gibson Memorial Public Library, please visit www.nwrls.com or call 229-8879.

Harrell Memorial Public Library, 12818 NW County Road 12, Bristol

Build a Better World Summer Reading Programs are geared for children ages 4 – 12 years old, but all are welcome! All programs include a story along with craft.

Tuesday, June 6 @ 2:00 p.m. EST
Getting Crafty with Recycling
Learning fun ways to conserve, recycle & reuse!

Tuesday, June 13 @ 2:00 p.m. EST
Kindness Counts
Constructing Fairy and Gnome houses!

Tuesday, June 20 @ 2:00 p.m. EST
Building a Better You
Healthy fun with relay races and a healthy snack!

Tuesday, June 27 @ 2:00 p.m. EST
Community Heroes
Guest Speaker from the Liberty County Sheriff's Office.

Tuesday, July 11 @ 2:00 p.m. EST
End of the Program Party
Ice Cream Social and Extreme Art!

For more information on programs at the Harrell Memorial Public Library, please visit www.nwrls.com or call 643-2247.

Jimmy Weaver Memorial Library, 22149 NE Hwy 20, Hosford

Build a Better World Summer Reading Program geared for children of all ages:

Saturdays @ 10:30 a.m. EST (June 3 – July 29th)
Build a Better World Storytimes

For more information on programs at the Jimmy Weaver Memorial Library, please visit www.nwrls.com or call 379-3300.

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