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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

ANIMAL TALES SUMMER READING PROGRAM

(Panama City, Fla.) Three locations of the Northwest Regional Library System will have a visit from Animals Tales. The mission of Animal Tales is to educate, entertain and inspire. They provide educational programs for nearly 1,200 schools, libraries and other organizations annually. The Core Curriculum used in each program focuses on science, geography, world culture & conservation.

John Ham, Southeast Director of Animals Tales, began working with animals at the Birmingham Zoo at the age of 16 being assigned to both the Children's Zoo and Bird departments. After attending the University of Alabama for Biology, John worked for Clyde Peeling's Reptiland (Pennsylvania) to become the Head Reptile Keeper. He is both engaging and extremely knowledgeable about the animals.

The **Reptile Scales & Tails** Program has a goal to reverse common misunderstandings about reptiles by bringing live reptile ambassadors! Everyone will be able to learn through questions & answer, audience participation and "hands-on" volunteering. The animal cast includes a Boa Constrictor, European Legless Lizard, Giant African Bullfrog, Yellow-footed Tortoise, Argentine Black & White Tegu, and a Milksnake.

The **Animal Architects** Program will feature a variety of exotic animals from across the globe that utilize very unique abilities to build and construct as part of survival in the wild. Be prepared to get up-close and personal learning about these very constructive critters. The animal cast includes a Kinkajou, Carpet Python, African Spurred Tortoise, Prairie Dog, Red-knee Tarantula, and Von der Decken's Hornbill.

Animal Tales Program Schedule:

Reptile Scales & Tails

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

Bay County Public Library

898 West 11th Street. Panama City, FL 32401

Call (850) 522-2118 for more information.

Reptile Scales & Tails

Thursday, July 20th at 4:00 p.m.

Springfield Public Library

408 School Avenue. Springfield, FL 32401

Call (850) 872-7510 for more information.

Animal Architects

Wednesday, August 2nd at 2:00 p.m.

Panama City Beach Public Library

12500 Hutchison Boulevard. Panama City Beach, FL 32407

Call (850) 233-5055 for more information.

Programs are free to attend, no registration necessary. Animal Tales is geared for school-aged children and is part of the "Build a Better World" Summer Reading Program.

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