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April 29–May 8, 2022
#SuncoastRemakeDays
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#SUNCOASTREMAKEDAYS
April, 2022

Welcome to Suncoast Remake Learning Days. This Event Guide will help you make the most of this exciting 10-day free regional learning festival. From Friday, April 29, 2022 through Sunday, May 8, 2022, Charlotte, DeSoto, Manatee, and Sarasota counties will celebrate the joy of adults and children learning side by side.

Suncoast Remake Learning Days (SRLD), presented by the Suncoast Campaign for Grade-Level Reading with the support of The Patterson Foundation, consists of more than 140 events put forth by more than 165 organizations, such as schools, museums, libraries, after school organizations, early child care centers, universities, media outlets and more. All the events are free and designed to be hands-on, relevant and engaging educational experiences for youth of all ages (pre-K through high school) and their families, caregivers, and educators. With such a robust slate of offerings, you and your family are sure to find several “must-do” experiences.

In 2016, Remake Learning Days launched in southwestern Pennsylvania, and since that time it has taken root in 16 other communities. We are proud the Suncoast was invited to be the 17th region to join the Remake Learning Days Across America network.

The Suncoast Campaign for Grade-Level Reading is a four-county effort in Charlotte, DeSoto, Manatee, and Sarasota counties, to help all children, especially those from asset-limited families succeed in school and life by ensuring they master the necessary skill of reading. Part of a nationwide movement, our region is focused on community solutions and aspirations. We are aware of the powerful and influential role parents and caregivers play in their children’s lives. As their children’s first teacher, brain builder, tech navigator, advocate and coach, parents set the stage for success in the early years and beyond. Suncoast Remake Learning Days celebrates the important partnerships between children, parents, caregivers, and the community.

The Patterson Foundation believes that people, organizations, and communities are the best architects for their own future. The Foundation collaborates with these groups to strengthen efforts towards achieving shared aspirations. The generous support of The Patterson Foundation is helping to make Suncoast Remake Learning Days a reality, highlighting and strengthening our learning ecosystem.

With excitement!

Beth Duda
Director, Suncoast Campaign for Grade-Level Reading
The Patterson Foundation
In celebration of Suncoast Remake Learning Days

The Suncoast Campaign for Grade-Level Reading, supported by The Patterson Foundation, is a four-county effort to help young children succeed, especially those from asset-limited families, by ensuring they read on grade level. This month, the foundation is participating in Remake Learning Days Across America, a 10-day festival featuring opportunities for youth to develop their creativity, perseverance, and curiosity. A variety of organizations nationwide will host free, hands-on educational experiences for youth of all ages and their families to learn together, and the Suncoast is one of 17 participating regions.

Engaging children, parents, and families in various learning activities outside of classroom hours and school buildings is a powerful way to create a learning ecosystem. When learning is engaging, learners have the time, resources, support, environment, and encouragement to be active problem-solvers, creators, innovators, advocates, and citizens.

Sarasota County  City of Venice  City of Arcadia
Charlotte County  Town of Longboat Key  Manatee County
DeSoto County  City of Bradenton  City of Holmes Beach
City of North Port  City of Bradenton Beach
City of Sarasota  City of Palmetto

We are grateful for awarded recognitions and proclamations to the Suncoast Campaign for Grade-Level Reading, supported by The Patterson Foundation, in celebration of Suncoast Remake Learning Days, April 29 through May 8, 2022.
26 West Center, State College of Florida
Acapulco Tropical Supermarket
Addi’s Pony Parties
All Faiths Food Bank
Alta Vista Elementary School
Arcadia Housing Authority
Art Center Sarasota
Arts and Cultural Alliance of Sarasota County
Asolo Repertory Theatre
Bayside Community Church
Betty J. Johnson North Sarasota Library
Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Sun Coast
Bishop Museum of Science and Nature
Books for Kids
Boys & Girls Club of Newtown Estates
Boys & Girls Clubs of Charlotte County
Braden River Branch Library
Camp Invention
Casa San Juan Bosco
Cat Depot
Catholic Charities
Charlotte County Public Library System
Charlotte County Public Schools
Church of the Palms
Circus Arts Conservatory
City of Arcadia – McSwain Park
Community Foundation of Sarasota County
Crafland
CreArte Latino Cultural Center
Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services
Desoto Boys & Girls Club
DeSoto County 4-H
DeSoto County Historical Society
DeSoto County Library
DL Randall Foundation, Inc.
Downtown Bradenton Public Market
Dreamers Academy
Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Park Drug Free Charlotte County
Early Learning Coalition of Florida’s Heartland
Early Learning Coalition of Manatee County
Elsie Quirk Library
Embracing Our Differences
Englewood Charlotte Public Library
Englewood YMCA
Family Heritage House Museum
First Presbyterian Preschool
Florida Maritime Museum
Florida Studio Theatre
Forty Carrots Partners in Play®
Frances T. Bourne Jacaranda Public Library
Fruitville Library
FUNducation Inc.
Girl Scouts of Gulfcoast Florida
Glasser-Schoenbaum Human Services Center
Glow Kids Yoga
Greatness Beyond Measure
Gulf Gate Library
Hershorin Schiff Day Schools of Tomorrow
Hope City Church
Howard and Velma Melton Historical Research Library
Island Branch Library
John Morgan Ingraham House Museum
Kadampa Meditation Center Florida
Laurel Civic
Let’s Jump
Manatee County Agricultural Museum
Manatee County Audubon Society
Manatee County Clerk of the Circuit Court
Manatee County Housing Authority
Manatee County Libraries
Manatee County Parks and Natural Resources
Manatee County Sheriff’s Office
Manatee Downtown Central Library
Manatee Education Foundation
Manatee Food Bank
Manatee Village Historical Park
Manatee Home Visiting Coalition
Manatee Technical College
Maribel Martinez Consulting
Marie Selby Botanical Gardens
Mid-County Regional Library
Mote Marine Laboratory & Aquarium
Mr. Stevey Meditates
North Port Public Library
Osprey Public Library at Historic Spanish Point
Palmetto Boys & Girls Club

EVENT HOSTS AND SUNCOAST REMAKE LEARNING DAYS PARTNERS

Arts Maker Outdoor Learning Science Technology Youth Voice Professional Development
Event Hosts and Suncoast Remake Learning Days Partners 2022

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Youth Voices Drop in Day and Exhibit

11:00a | 5:00p
Sarasota County Public Libraries | Elsie Quirk Library – Drop-in makerspace art program for homeschooled and traditionally-schooled teens and tweens to inspire them to create art and raise their voices. Many art forms will be available for exploration, including drawing, collage, and poetry. Produced items will be exhibited throughout the Suncoast Remake Learning Days week.

Ages: PreK–Grade 6–Grade 12
Place: Elsie Quirk Library
100 W. Dearborn St. Englewood, FL 34223

STEAM with the Circus Arts Conservatory

3:30p | 5:30p
Arcadia Housing Authority in partnership with Circus Arts Conservatory – Circus, a beautiful art form of movement and skill, also provides great lessons in physical science and engineering. Parents and children will be involved in activities designed to provide interactive, hands-on experiences to reinforce basic concepts in physical science for the elementary student. Engaging students directly and immediately, circus-artists demonstrate principles of science, engineering, art, math, technology, communication, and theater.

Ages: K–Grade 5
Place: Arcadia Housing Authority’s Office
7 Booker T Washington Rd. Arcadia, FL 34266

FAMILY ART PROJECTS

2:00p | 4:00p
Sarasota County Libraries – Parents and children can design and decorate various art projects at Fruitville Library.

Ages: Grades 1–5
Place: Fruitville Library
100 Apex Rd. Sarasota, FL 34240

Discovering the Wonders of Our Ecosystem

3:30p | 7:30p
South Florida State College – A 4-hour session for high school students and their families to learn more about our environment through hands-on experiences. Students will examine the outdoor environment for clues to natural events, apply learned concepts to the real-world outdoor environment, and compare/contrast water samples in a microscope.

Ages: Grades 9–12
Place: South Florida State College
2251 NE Turner Ave. Arcadia, FL 34266

All the Arts for All the Kids Day

3:30p | 5:30p
Southside School Foundation for the Arts
Come create BIG and small art. Join us in the Southside Courtyard as we unveil our Free Little Art Gallery and host an interactive mural painting event where attendees can participate in the creative process alongside local mural artists. We will discuss the use of scale and proportion and how it relates to creating large and miniature art. Stations will be set up so parents and kids can create art of all shapes and sizes together. This free event is for both parents and students, so please plan on attending and participating with your children.

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Play at The Bay: Let’s Grow a Park for All!

The Bay Park Conservancy, Inc. – Join Bay Park site partners, Sarasota Garden Club, Art Center Sarasota, and the Van Wezel for tree-hugging fun. From 5–7p, join us on The Bay’s Civic Green for tree-themed movement, art-making, and seed planting. Hungry? Families are invited for lite bites and cool drinks. Afterward, bring a blanket and lawn chairs and join us on the Civic Green for free popcorn and a screening of The Lorax to celebrate National Arbor Day! The screening of the film follows our SRLD event. Registration requested
https://www.thebaysarasota.org/event/family-movie-night-the-lorax/

Ages: PreK–Grade 8
Place: The Bay’s Civic Green + Bayfront Community Center
801 N. Tamiami Tr. Sarasota, FL 34236

Dive Into Learning

Sarasota Housing Authority in partnership with the Betty J. Johnson North Sarasota Public Library and other community partners
Children and their families are invited to an ocean-themed party! Enjoy interactive stations, crafts, food, music, and fun!

Ages: All Ages
Place: Sarasota Housing Authority Learning Center 1912 N. Orange Ave. Sarasota, FL 34234

Story Stroll

Palmetto Elementary School will host an outdoor reading experience for the whole family! We will provide oversized storybooks for families to enjoy reading together as they stroll outside. Our featured books are from the Adventures of Jumpin Jack series written by T.M. Pedroley and illustrated by Cyn Watson. Families will have the option of JUMPING to the jungle or to the zoo with the main character, Jack. The pages will come to life as you explore animal sounds and movements together.

Ages: PreK–Grade 3
Place: Palmetto Elementary School
1540 10th Street West. Palmetto, FL 34221

Fun Friday with Circus and Science!

The Circus Arts Conservatory in partnership with Alta Vista Elementary School – This event encompasses a “3 Ring Circus” and free concessions. Families will be provided a ticket upon entry to guide them through hands-on explorations in each ring, including an art-based activity, a force and motion science inquiry, and circus apparatuses focusing on the performing arts.

Ages: PreK–Grade 5
Place: Alta Vista Elementary School
1050 S Euclid Ave. Sarasota, FL 34237
**Youth VoiceMaker**

**WholeheARTed Sunset Family Celebration**

5:30p - 8:30p

Wholehearted Education in partnership with Newtown Nation – The WholeheARTed Sunset Family Celebration is an outdoor arts education event for the whole family. This event will showcase interactive art experiences such as creative movement, mural making, music, mindfulness, and more!

*Ages: All Ages*

*Place: Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Park*  
2523 Cocoanut Ave. Sarasota, FL 34234

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**Dream Arte: Reimagining Literacy through the Arts**

5:30p - 7:30p

Dreamers Academy in partnership with CreArte Latino Cultural Center – Dreamers Academy and CreArte Latino Cultural Center will join efforts for an evening of literacy, art, music, theater, and fun with families of Sarasota. The event will offer six stations in English and Spanish: reading, writing, hands-on activities, art, music, and theater workshops.

*Ages: PreK–Grade 2*

*Place: Dreamers Academy*  
1050 S. Tuttle Ave., Bldg #3. Sarasota, FL 34237

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**Soar in 4 Nature and Outdoor Learning Night**

5:30p - 7:30p

Soar in 4 in partnership with Manatee County Parks and Natural Resources will support families as they work together to achieve moments of discovery and investigation through fort building, mud painting, mapping, nature naming art activities, sensory scavenger hunts and much more.

*Ages: PreK–Grade 3*

*Place: G.T. Bray Recreation Center*  
5502 33rd Ave Dr W. Bradenton, FL 34209

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**Saturday Fun Day**

9:00a - 11:00a  
12:00p

Uncommon Kids Inc. in partnership with Take Stock in Children, Suncoast Campaign for Grade-Level Reading, WEDU, Hope City Church, Bayside Community Church, Let’s Jump, Addi’s Pony Parties, Sarasota County Schools Police Department, and All Faiths Food Bank – Breakfast provided, STEAM Station and Maker Space open for all ages, outdoor activity areas, including a petting zoo, dancing, games, and inflatables.

*Ages: All Ages*

*Place: Wilkinson Elementary School*  
3400 Wilkinson Rd. Sarasota, FL 34231

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**Uprising in the Village Podcast**

9:00a - 12:00p

DL Randall Foundation in partnership with the 13th Avenue Dream Center – The podcasting sphere is truly for everyone. Participating youth will create and host their own podcast. The youth will interview teachers and other community adults on topics relevant to children in our region. Attendees will also have the opportunity to participate in United Community Centers’ Stop, Drop, and READ program and visit Science Stations to learn about what went right (or wrong) with various science projects.

*Ages: K–Grade 8*

*Place: Rubonia Community Center*  
1309 72nd St. E. Palmetto, FL 34221
Youth VoiceMaker

Improv for Imagination
10:00a - 11:00a
Florida Studio Theatre in partnership with the Early Learning Coalition of Sarasota County
This event will include an interactive performance of FST’s spring children’s show, “The Grandma That Eats Everything.” Improv games will be woven into the performance, so everyone in the audience can engage their imaginations, have their voices heard, and show off their improvisational skills!

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400 Field Ave E. Venice, FL 34285

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Place: 17th Street Park
901 17th St W. Palmetto, FL 34221

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Party in the Park
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Birding Bonanza
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Ages: PreK–Grade 8
Place: Venice Area Audubon Rookery
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Realize Bradenton – As part of the Downtown Bradenton Farmers’ Market, this event is free to attend, open to all, and features book signings, storytime, and other literary-themed activities.
Ages: PreK–Grade 5
Place: Downtown Bradenton Public Market
Old Main Street. Bradenton, FL 34206

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Soar in 4 Cardboard Challenge

Soar in 4 in partnership with the Bishop Museum of Science and Nature – The Soar in 4 Cardboard Challenge is a free opportunity for children to play and learn by using cardboard and recycled materials to build the things they imagine. Families will receive free entrance to The Bishop Museum of Science and Nature. Using cardboard boxes of different sizes and shapes, they can construct a unique or new creation and then make up a narrative to go along with it.

Ages: PreK–Grade 5
Place: The Bishop Museum of Science and Nature
201 10th St W. Bradenton, FL 34205

STREAM Embraces Solar

Visible Men Academy – At Visible Men Academy (VMA), parents and children will experience interactive learning stations that epitomize the STREAM learning curriculum used at VMA: Science, Technology, Reading, Engineering, Art, and Math. At VMA, students are called “Our Suns.” The VMA slogan is “Let your light shine.” Hence, our theme for Suncoast Remake Learning Days is “STREAM EMBRACES SOLAR.”

Ages: K–Grade 5
Place: Visible Men Academy
921 63rd Avenue East. Bradenton, FL 34203

Patriot Plaza Tour and Family Activities

Arts and Cultural Alliance of Sarasota County in partnership with Patriot Plaza at Sarasota National Cemetery and The Patterson Foundation – Patriot Plaza Tour Guides will present tours to youth and their families. Afterward, guests will enjoy patriotic and fun activities, including American flag folding, hands-on learning, a Patriot Plaza Family Engagement Activity book, and more!

Ages: Grades 4–12
Place: Patriot Plaza at Sarasota National Cemetery
9810 State Road 72. Sarasota, FL 34241

Newtown Eco Fest

Sarasota County Sustainability in partnership with Marie Selby Botanical Gardens’ EcoFlora Project – Stations will be set up outdoors, and small groups will move from station to station to complete each activity. This program focuses on sustainability, climate change, food, and microplastics.

Ages: All Ages
Place: Newtown Estates Park
2800 Newtown Blvd. Sarasota, FL 34234

Escape into Reading

DeSoto County Library – The DeSoto County Library will host Escape into Reading. Families will work together to complete escape room activities, then enjoy arts and crafts and various foods.

Ages: All Ages
Place: DeSoto County Library
125 N Hillsborough Ave. Arcadia, FL 34266
Hands-On History: Transportation

Palmetto Historical Park/Manatee County Clerk of Court in partnership with Palmetto Historical Commission, Inc. – Hands-On History is a free, family-fun event where students and their families will learn about local history through hands-on crafts and activities. April's Hands-On History theme will be about trains and other forms of transportation that would have been common in our area. Families will work together to build a train to bring supplies and goods to Florida. Kids will earn their Pint-Sized Pioneer Badge by visiting all of our hands-on history spots. Each child will take home a special grab-n-go craft.

Ages: Grades 1–4
Place: Palmetto Historical Park
515 10th Ave. W. Palmetto, FL 34221

Jungle Adventures

Girl Scouts of Gulfcoast Florida in partnership with Sarasota Jungle Gardens presents an exciting adventure for families with children of all ages. We will bring the wonder of nature to life. The event includes an experience with Sarasota Jungle Gardens educators, an interactive craft to take home, and a self-guided scavenger hunt to complete. Girl Scouts will also provide goodie bags for families.

Ages: All Ages
Place: Sarasota Jungle Gardens
3701 Bay Shore Rd. Sarasota, FL 34234

Fairy Garden Workshop

Sarasota County Libraries | Gulf Gate Library
Join us to learn how to create your own fairy garden. Learn to plant and care for succulents while using your imagination to build and decorate a home for your fairy.

Ages: Grades 3–5
Place: Gulf Gate Library
7112 Curtiss Ave. Sarasota, FL 34231

Art for All Ages

Charlotte County Public Library System
Enjoy art displays, presentations, and activities from community partners and organizations. Participants may experience tie-dyeing, rock painting, an epoxy resin station, and more! There will be activities for the whole family.

Ages: All Ages
Place: Port Charlotte Library
2280 Aaron St. Port Charlotte, FL 33952

Family Event: Plant your own Herbs!

Catholic Charities Casa San Juan Bosco in partnership with 4H – Families will learn about different herbs and plant their own herb gardens.

Ages: All Ages
Place: Casa San Juan Bosco
2358 S.E. Arnold Andrews Ave. Arcadia, FL 34266
Sarasota Youth Opera – Explore how fun opera is on and off the stage. Designed for all skill levels, Sarasota Youth Opera will explore the world of opera through chorus and acting.

**Ages: Grades 2–12**
**Place:** Sarasota Opera  
61 N. Pineapple Ave. Sarasota, FL 34236

**Stop, Drop, and READ**
United Community Centers - 13th Ave. Dream Center – A carnival-style festival focused on literacy. Families can participate in frog leap, face painting, football throws, sack races, the dunk tank, and other fun activities. Fun for the whole family!

**Ages: All Ages**
**Place:** 13th Ave. Dream Center  
922 24th St. E. Bradenton, FL 34208

**La Voz de la Juventud – Youth's Voices**
Solmart Media in partnership with Asolo Repertory Theatre – Solmart Media will set up a remote studio where professional radio announcers will talk to the youth about broadcasting, radio, and podcasting. They will interview the young people about their current life experiences and lived situations and then produce a radio show with their voices, ideas, dreams, and aspirations.

**Ages: Middle School**
**Place:** Acapulco Tropical Supermarket  
3410 US Highway 301 N. Ellenton, FL 34222

**Van Wezel Foundation in partnership with the Van Wezel Performing Arts Hall** – Families will learn and create together while experiencing creative mindfulness activities. Join teaching artists Mr. Stevey (from Mr. Stevey Meditates) and his artistic friends to explore the arts.

**Ages: All Ages**
**Place:** Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Park  
2523 Cocoanut Ave. Sarasota, FL 34234

**Laurel Civic’s Discovery Day**
Laurel Civic, in partnership with the Van Wezel Performing Arts Hall, The Ringling, and Mote Marine Laboratory – Families will discover art with teaching artists from our community. Participants will take part in an art activity led by The Ringling, a movement activity led by a teaching artist from the Van Wezel Performing Arts Hall, and create shark art with Mote Marine Laboratory. Food and snacks will be provided.

**Ages: All Ages**
**Place:** Laurel Park Gym  
509 Collins Rd. Nokomis, FL 34275
**BEE Aware: Discover the Wonder of Bees**

1:00p | 3:00p

**Manatee County Clerk of Circuit Court/Manatee County Agricultural Museum in partnership with Soar in 4 and Suncoast Beekeepers Association** – This event will feature fun, hands-on educational stations that participants rotate through to learn all about bees. Some of the stations include a demonstration hive, honey-tasting, bee anatomy, storytime, crafts, the importance of bees to our ecosystem, and more.

**Ages: All Ages**

**Place:** Manatee County Agricultural Museum
1015 6th St. West, Palmetto, FL 34221

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**Beyond Gaming**

1:00p | 4:00p

**FUNduction Inc. in partnership with Greatness Beyond Measure and Ringling College of Art and Design** – FUNduction Inc. is partnering with Ringling College of Art and Design and Greatness Beyond Measure to host an Esports Edu event to expose and engage families and youth in the community to the opportunities in the gaming industry. The event will include educating parents and students about esports, a live youth gaming tournament, live AR (augmented reality), and VR (virtual reality) games.

**Ages: All Ages**

**Place:** Alfred R. Goldstein Library at Ringling College of Art and Design
[N.E. corner of Old Bradenton Rd. and Dr Martin Luther King Way]
2700 N. Tamiami Trail, Sarasota, FL 34234

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**Acrylic Pouring**

2:00p | 3:00p

**Sarasota Public Libraries | Gulf Gate Library**

Calling all future artists. The Gulf Gate Library is looking for you. Join us on April 30, 2022, from 2 to 3 pm for Suncoast Remake Learning Days. Tweens and teens (9-14) will be collaborating with their parent(s) on an acrylic pouring project. All supplies are provided. Just sign up via the Library Event Calendar. Space is limited so sign up early. For more information, contact Robert at the library (941) 861-1230.

**Ages: Grades 6–12**

**Place:** Gulf Gate Library
7112 Curtiss Ave, Sarasota, FL 34231
scgovlibrary.librarymarket.com/events/month

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**Virtual Event: Celebrate YOU!**

3:00p | 4:00p

**Embracing Our Differences in partnership with the Suncoast Campaign for Grade-Level Reading** – Author Walter Dean Myer’s LOOKING LIKE ME is a splashy, rhythmic celebration of the wonders of life that combines hypnotic text with his son’s fresh photo-collage illustrations to create a new picture book about self-esteem and growing up with an urban beat. Join us as we explore who we are as individuals through a hands-on art project for parents AND young people.

**Ages: Grades 1–3**

**Place:** Via Zoom
Virtual Experience
https://forms.gle/GdbTXtR7Z2RQR7bU7
Family Movie Night
5:30p – 8:30p

Saturday Night Lights in partnership with the City of Arcadia – Participants will receive free jungle-themed books, create art, enjoy some snacks, and watch Disney’s Jungle Cruise. Please bring a blanket or a chair.

Ages: All Ages
Place: Louis and Gloria Flanzer Boys and Girls Club 18 School Ave. Arcadia, FL 34266

Teen Poetry Slam
7:00p – 8:30p

Charlotte County Public Library System – No matter if you are a practicing poet or a novice in verse, rehearse and come to the Punta Gorda Charlotte Library for an evening poetry slam. Drop-in for a time and spit out a rhyme as we listen to others drop line after line. We hope to see you there! Register on Charlotte County Libraries and History event calendar or by calling 941.833.5460. Registration required.

Ages: Grades 6–12
Place: Punta Gorda Charlotte Library 401 Shreve St. Punta Gorda, FL 33950

La Voz de la Juventud – Youth’s Voices
10:00a – 2:00p

Solmart Media in partnership with Asolo Repertory Theatre – Solmart Media will set up a remote studio where professional radio announcers will talk to the youth about broadcasting, radio, and podcasting. They will interview the young people about their current life experiences and lived situations and then produce a radio show with their voices, ideas, dreams, and aspirations.

Ages: Middle School
Place: St. Jude Catholic Church 3930 17th St. Sarasota, FL 34235

Jungle Adventures
10:00a – 4:00p

Girl Scouts of Gulfcoast Florida in partnership with Sarasota Jungle Gardens presents an exciting adventure for families with children of all ages. The event will bring the wonder of nature to life. The event includes an interactive experience led by Sarasota Jungle Gardens educators, a hands-on art project to take home, and a self-led scavenger hunt for families to complete together. Girl Scouts will also provide goodie bags for families.

Ages: All Ages
Place: Sarasota Jungle Gardens 3701 Bay Shore Rd. Sarasota, FL 34234

May 1
Professional Development

Looking, Thinking, and Talking About Art with Our Families!

3:00p | 5:00p

Wholehearted Education in partnership with Sarasota Art Museum – Throughout this engaging, experiential workshop, families will learn ways they can look, think, and talk about art TOGETHER! Jessica DiLorenzo, Arts Integration Specialist, and Michele Parchment, Director of Public Engagement for SAM, will lead participants through rich conversations about various works of art in the museum. Families will have the opportunity to write ekphrasis poems inspired by the artwork and enjoy some appetizers together at the bistro.

Ages: All Ages
Place: Sarasota Art Museum
1001 S Tamiami Trail. Sarasota, FL 34236

Climbing Through the Picture Frame

World of Chucko in partnership with The Venice Historic Society – Join us at the Venice Historic Train Depot for a live interactive family-friendly “Transition.” Sharing the history, mystery, magic, music, and memories of the circus and cartoon clowning past, present, and future. Like Alice and the Looking Glass, we learn a lot about ourselves looking in the MIRROR. CHUCKO tells the magical story about how he climbed through his PICTURE FRAME and became a circus clown in the Greatest Show On Earth! EVERYONE will have the opportunity to “Climb through the Picture Frame!”

Ages: All Ages
Place: Venice Historic Train Depot
303 E. Venice Ave. Venice, FL 34292

Patriot Plaza Tour and Family Activities

Arts and Cultural Alliance of Sarasota County in partnership with Patriot Plaza at Sarasota National Cemetery and The Patterson Foundation – Patriot Plaza Tour Guides will present tours to youth and their families. Afterward, guests will enjoy patriotic and fun activities, including American flag folding, hands-on learning, a Patriot Plaza Family Engagement Activity book, and more!

Ages: Grades 4–12
Place: Patriot Plaza at Sarasota National Cemetery
9810 State Road 72. Sarasota, FL 34241

Menchy’s Paw Mitzvah

Hershorin Schiff Day Schools of Tomorrow, Inc. – A mitzvah project is a meaningful way to engage families and the community-at-large in one of the most important values of Judaism – repairing the world (tikkun olam) and compassion for others. Our school mascot, Menchy (a mensch is a person who can be relied on to act with honor and integrity), will engage our school families and others in the community with a service project benefiting animals. Participants of all ages will create and decorate dog and cat bowls to be gifted back to The Humane Society of Sarasota. We will also donate animal toys and food. In addition to the service-learning project, animals from The Humane Society, stories and crafts, music, food trucks (Spice Boys Kitchen), ice cream, and cake, more will be shared.

Ages: All Ages
Place: Hershorin Schiff Day Schools of Tomorrow (d/b/a Community Day School)
4335 Wilkinson Rd. Sarasota, FL 34233
Forty Carrots
Partners in Play

**Sarasota County Libraries | Elsie Quirk Library**
in partnership with Forty Carrots – Drop in to enjoy special playtime with your child and meet friendly parenting educators.

**Ages:** PreK
**Place:** Elsie Quirk Library
100 W Dearborn St. Englewood, FL 34223

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Let’s Make Some Black Gold!

**Sarasota County Libraries | William H. Jervey Jr. Venice Public Library** – Learn about composting, waste reduction, and recycling. This 90-minute workshop blends indoor lessons with outdoor, hands-on activities in our compost demonstration area and includes live demonstrations on the correct way to start composting food.

**Ages:** All Ages
**Place:** William H. Jervey Venice Public Library
300 Nokomis Ave S. Venice, FL 34285

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Interactive Chinese Language Learning

**Sarasota Chinese Academy** – Through interactive activities, learn about key Chinese language components, such as four tones and common building units of Chinese characters. Instructors and volunteers from Sarasota Chinese Academy will lead students to identify the “meaning parts” of certain Chinese characters so that students will develop an understanding of the building blocks of the Chinese language.

**Ages:** PreK–Grade 5
**Place:** Gulf Gate Library Meeting Room B
7112 Curtiss Ave. Sarasota, FL 34231

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Learning to the Max

Wilkinson Elementary School PreK–5th grade students and their families from the community are invited to explore the Wilkinson Elementary School Learning Commons and Makerspace areas. Activities will include interactive engineering/design challenges, robotics, computer challenges, and the opportunity to tinker and create in our Makerspace classroom.

**Ages:** PreK–Grade 5
**Place:** Wilkinson Elementary School
3400 Wilkinson Rd. Sarasota, FL 34231

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BLOCK Fest

Early Learning Coalition of Manatee County in Partnership with Soar in 4 – Families and their children eight months to eight years old will have an opportunity to explore BLOCK Fest. BLOCK Fest was developed to provide an interactive block-building experience for young children and caregivers. It is a hands-on play exhibit designed to help the community become more knowledgeable about the importance of early math and science learning as it impacts both school readiness and later math success. Early math learning is a strong predictor of school readiness. Families will experience five-block play stations through guided play and conversation. It is sure to be a fun event for all!

**Ages:** PreK–Grade 2
**Place:** Manatee Downtown Central Library
1301 Barcarrota Ave. Bradenton, FL 34205

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Generously funded by
Sarasota Public Libraries | Gulf Gate Library
This program introduces preschoolers to the basics of growing plants and healthy eating with stories, songs, activities, and food samples.

**Ages: PreK–K**
**Place:** Gulf Gate Library
7112 Curtiss Ave. Sarasota, FL 34231

Glow Kids Yoga – PreK children and their families will participate in yoga and mindfulness activities. They will make and take helpful tools for self- and co-regulation. Participants will use colors and artful expressions to represent emotions.

**Ages: PreK**
**Place:** First Presbyterian Preschool
2050 Oak St. Sarasota, FL 34237

DeSoto County Historical Society – Families will move through a series of stations to experience how various tasks were accomplished in the past. They will write with a pen dipped in ink or type on a manual typewriter. Each station will link to local history. For example, the dip pen station will also have a copy of a book page where “marks and brands” for livestock were recorded in the courthouse.

**Ages: All Ages**
**Place:** John Morgan Ingraham House Museum and the Howard and Velma Melton Historical Research Library
120 W. Whidden St. Arcadia, FL 34266

Sarasota County Libraries | William H. Jervey Jr. Venice Public Library – For a tower to stay standing, it must have a stable base and be strong enough not to buckle under its weight. Participants will incorporate science and mathematics to create a sturdy framework for their spaghetti and marshmallow tower. The challenge is not to eat all the marshmallows before the structure is complete.

**Ages: Grades 2–8**
**Place:** William H. Jervey Jr. Venice Public Library
300 Nokomis Ave S. Venice, FL 34285

DeSoto County Library in partnership with All Faiths Food Bank – DeSoto County Library will use robots, iPads, and monsters to create and illustrate stories and develop coding with an eye toward teamwork. All Faiths Food Bank will provide tasty treats to feed your imagination.

**Ages: All Ages**
**Place:** Desoto County Library
125 N. Hillsborough Ave. Arcadia, FL 34266

Sarasota County Libraries | Fruitville Library
Children and parents will use various art materials to design their personalized Mother’s Day cards.

**Ages: Grades 1–5**
**Place:** Fruitville Public Library
100 Apex Rd. Sarasota, FL 34240

Generously funded by THE PATTERSON FOUNDATION
Tinker Tuesday
4:00p – 4:45p
Sarasota County Public Libraries | Betty J. Johnson North Sarasota Public Library
Families are invited to this special edition of Tinker Tuesday, where we’ll build a game using Makey Makeys. Registration is required as supplies are limited. Registration and more information can be found on the library’s online calendar of events.
Ages: Grades 2–5
Place: Betty J. Johnson North Sarasota Public Library 2801 Newtown Blvd. Sarasota, FL 34234

Improv for Imagination
4:00p – 5:30p
Florida Studio Theatre in partnership with Palmetto Boys & Girls Club – This event will begin with a performance of FST’s spring children’s show, “The Grandma That Eats Everything.” Following the show, the audience will be split into four smaller groups to cycle through our four stations led by our team of professional actors (who double as improvisers and teaching artists). The teaching artist will begin with an improv game at each station to channel focus and unite the ensemble. Then, they will move into structured games that allow the participants to create their own characters and play out their stories on the spot! Each station will have a specific warm-up and game so that each one feels different, fun, and fresh.
Ages: Grades 1–5
Place: Palmetto Boys & Girls Club 1600 10th St. W. Palmetto, FL 34221

Exploration Station Shark Science
4:00p – 6:00p
Arcadia Housing Authority in partnership with Mote Marine Laboratory – Mote will be leading two hands-on Exploration stations during this event.
FIN-TASTIC FRIENDS – learn the truth about the often misunderstood sharks and rays and about Mote’s current research to discover more about these amazing animals.
TURTLEY TURTLES – How many kinds of sea turtles are there? How long do sea turtles really live? Learn the answers to these questions, feel a turtle’s skull and shell, and even take a peek inside a replica sea turtle nest.
Ages: All Ages
Place: Arcadia Housing Authority’s Office 7 Booker T Washington Rd. Arcadia, FL 34266

Chime In!
4:30p – 5:30p
Ring Sarasota Inc. – Participants will sing a well-known song and play their assigned handchimes at the appropriate place in the song. Musical experience is not required. Registration recommended – https://forms.gle/V7gN2sDML1EAp5w57
Ages: Grades 3–8
Place: Church of the Palms 3224 Bee Ridge Rd. Sarasota, FL 34239

Technology & Tinkering
5:30p – 7:00p
Visible Men Academy in partnership with Soar in 4 – Engage your child with snap circuits, and tinker with computer parts and Play-doh.
Ages: PreK–Grade 5
Place: Braden River Library 4915 53rd Ave E Bradenton, FL 34203
**Remake Learning Through Song**

Sarasota Young Voices – The event will begin with a reception and Q & A time for parents and children to learn about our programming. Participants will engage in a lively introductory music event culminating with the children’s chorus doing a mini-concert to demonstrate how participation in SYV builds reading and listening skills, musicianship, friendship, and is just plain fun for kids!

**Ages: Grades 3–12**

**Place:** Church of the Palms Music Building  
3224 Bee Ridge Rd. Sarasota, FL 34239

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**Messy Science**

Sarasota Public Libraries | North Port Public Library  
A variety of messy chemical reactions will be demonstrated outside in our library’s backyard, including creating elephant toothpaste, how to explode a watermelon, and a kiddie pool sensory exploration.

**Ages: All Ages**

**Place:** North Port Public Library  
13800 S. Tamiami Trail, North Port FL, 34287

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**SEL Through the Arts**

Van Wezel Foundation in partnership with WEDU and the Van Wezel Performing Arts Hall  
Managing emotions and behavior is key to student success and a healthy classroom community. It can be challenging to teach social and emotional skills in an engaging way within the regular curriculum. One way to do that is through the arts.

Engaging students in creativity in any subject enhances learning. Explore resources to help educators and parents understand emotional development and learn to lead students in art projects that build those skills—projects that can be incorporated into almost any subject.

**Ages: All Ages**

**Place:** Via Zoom  
Virtual Experience  
https://forms.gle/4iWvWi96zX8VrR1a6

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**Outdoor Learning Professional Development**

Wilkinson Elementary School  PreK–5th-grade students and their families are invited to enjoy Wilkinson’s outdoor spaces as they learn about Florida and Sarasota’s environment, resources, and community.

**Ages: PreK–Grade 5**

**Place:** Wilkinson Elementary School  
3400 Wilkinson Rd. Sarasota, FL 34231
**Wednesday, May 4**

**Story Time with Riley**

11:15a – 11:45a

Sarasota County Libraries | North Port Public Library – Riley will share themed picture book stories with song, dance, and a hands-on craft to reach multiple learning modalities.

**Ages: PreK**

**Place:** North Port Public Library
13800 S. Tamiami Trail. Sarasota, FL 34287

**Discovery Dome Planetarium**

2:00p – 4:00p

Boys & Girls Club of Newtown Estates in partnership with the Betty J. Johnson North Sarasota Public Library – Land on the moon, travel through the stars, explore the universe, and more with the Sarasota County Library System’s Discovery Dome Planetarium. Attendees not enrolled in the Boys and Girls Club must register on the library’s online calendar of events.

**Ages: K–Grade 5**

**Place:** Boys & Girls Club of Newtown Estates
2800 Newtown Blvd. Sarasota, FL 34234

**Celebrating Black History**

2:00p – 6:00p

Family Heritage House Museum in partnership with State College of Florida
Open house and tours of the Family Heritage House Museum.

**Ages: All Ages**

**Place:** State College of Florida Library & Learning Center, Bld. 3
5840 26th St W. Bradenton, FL 34207

**Harness the Wind: Creating a Wind Turbine**

3:00p – 4:00p

Sarasota County Libraries | William H. Jervey Jr. Venice Public Library – Explore the challenges of extracting energy from the wind by engineering a wind turbine. Incorporate physics and engineering using paper cups to make the blades that will be pushed around by the energy of the wind. The bigger the blades, the more energy the turbine can capture.

**Ages: Grades 5–8**

**Place:** William H. Jervey Jr. Venice Public Library
300 Nokomis S. Venice, FL 34285

**Families STEAMing Ahead**

3:15p – 6:00p

DeSoto County Library in partnership with All Faiths Food Bank – DeSoto County Library will use robots, iPads, and monsters to create and illustrate stories and develop coding with an eye toward teamwork. All Faiths Food Bank will provide tasty treats to feed your imagination.

**Ages: All Ages**

**Place:** DeSoto County Library
125 N. Hillsborough Ave. Arcadia, FL 34266

**Artist Trading Cards**

3:30p – 4:30p

Sarasota County Libraries | Fruitville Library
Children will decorate mini art cards to trade or share with others.

**Ages: Grades 1–5**

**Place:** Fruitville Public Library
100 Apex Rd. Sarasota, FL 34240
Manatee County Housing Authority (MCHA) in partnership with Marie Selby Botanical Gardens – Creating live caterpillar-to-butterfly displays, augmented with free butterfly learning books for participants. Attendees will participate in kaleidoscope exercises, dancing, and butterfly arts and crafts.

**Ages: PreK–Grade 3**  
**Place:** Pine Village Community (of MCHA)  
5631 11th St. E. Bradenton, FL 34203

Soar in 4 in partnership with The Bishop Museum, Manatee County Schools, Forty Carrots, Manatee County Parks and Recreation, The Van Wezel Performing Arts Hall, Parenting Matters, Manatee County Sheriff’s Office, Books for Kids, Florida Maritime Museum, Florida Agriculture Museum, Manatee Historical Park, Manatee Food Bank, The State College of Florida, Manatee County Libraries, Manatee Technical College, and The Early Learning Coalition of Manatee County – Soar in 4 is a learn, play, explore, and make together night for families. Families receive free entrance to The Bishop Museum of Science and Nature. The materials and books that we distribute will help families to support their preschool–3rd-grade child’s curiosity at home doing challenges and learning together.

**Ages: PreK–Grade 3**  
**Place:** The Bishop Museum of Science and Nature  
201 10th St. W. Bradenton, FL 34205

26 West Center in partnership with State College of Florida – Coding Academy. Come explore and learn about 26 West & the SCF Coding Academy. Discover where to get help starting your business or find a coding camp for your 5th grader!

**Ages: All Ages**  
**Place:** State College of Florida  
26 West Center State College of Florida Building 8  
5840 26th St. W. Bradenton, FL 34207

Manatee County Libraries | Manatee County Central Library – Join us in our maker space and experience hands-on learning for families of all ages. Activities include 3D printing, button making, 3D pen activities, a Rainbow Windsock craft, and demonstrations of robots that move as a result of color programming.

**Ages: All Ages**  
**Place:** Manatee Downtown Central Library  
1301 Barcarrota Ave. Bradenton, FL 34205

Sarasota County Libraries | North Port Public Library – Elementary-aged children and their parents will have the opportunity to use our Lego collection to build their creations as they experiment with form and function.

**Ages: K–Grade 5**  
**Place:** North Port Public Library  
13800 S. Tamiami Trail. North Port, FL 34287
Thursday
MAY

Remake Learning Storytime

10:30a
11:30a

Sarasota County Public Libraries | Elsie Quirk Library – Outdoor storytime and crafts for children and caregivers.

Ages: PreK–Grade 2
Place: Elsie Quirk Library
100 W Dearborn St. Englewood, FL 34223

Families STEAMing Ahead

3:15p
6:00p

DeSoto County Library in partnership with All Faiths Food Bank – DeSoto County Library will use robots, iPads, and monsters to create and illustrate stories and develop coding with an eye toward teamwork. All Faiths Food Bank will provide tasty treats to feed your imagination.

Ages: All Ages
Place: DeSoto County Library
125 N. Hillsborough Ave. Arcadia, FL 34266

Night At The Museum

4:00p
8:00p

The John & Mable Ringling Museum of Art in partnership with Sarasota Housing Authority
Join us for a special Night at the Museum! The night will be filled with exciting activities that aren’t always allowed during the day! We’ll have art-making, touch and learn stations with real museum objects, special photo opportunities with costumes and props, kid-friendly food, and themed tours that will bring the art to life.

Ages: All Ages
Place: The John & Mable Ringling Museum of Art
5401 Bay Shore Rd. Sarasota, FL 34243

Improv for Imagination

4:30p
6:00p

Florida Studio Theatre in partnership with Desoto Boys & Girls Club
This event will begin with a performance of FST’s spring children’s show, “The Grandma That Eats Everything.” Following the show, the audience will be split into four smaller groups to cycle through our four stations led by our team of professional actors (who double as improvisers and teaching artists). The teaching artist will begin with an improv game at each station to channel focus and unite the ensemble. Then, they will move into structured games that allow the participants to create their own characters and play out their stories on the spot! Each station will have a specific warm-up and game so that each one feels different, fun, and fresh.

Ages: Grades 1–5
Place: Desoto Boys & Girls Club
5236 30th St. W. Bradenton, FL 34207
Cinco De Mayo Remake Learning Day

5:00p - 8:00p

Forty Carrots Family Center in partnership with Soar in 4 and The School District of Manatee County – The evening will be a Cinco De Mayo Fiesta with Partners In Play® and Soar in 4. We will be featuring Forty Carrots Partners In Play® program with various centers dedicated to all areas of a child’s development for families to explore. Families can discover how play and learning go hand-in-hand, chat with parenting educators about early childhood development and parenting strategies, and create art to bring home (one for younger children and one for older). Soar in 4 will also have a yoga teacher working with the families to incorporate movement.

Ages: PreK–Grade 1

Place: Palmetto Library
923 6th St W. Palmetto, FL 34221

Family Learning Night with Partners In Play®

5:30p - 7:00p

Family Learning Night with Mote Marine at Tatum Ridge Elementary School

5:30–6:30p

Totally Turtles (Grades K–2): How many kinds of sea turtles are there? How long do sea turtles really live? Learn the answers to these questions and more, see real turtle biofacts, and see if you can survive our Hatchling Hazards Obstacle Course!

7:00-8:00p

Ocean Superheroes (Grades 3–5): Did you know ocean creatures had superpowers? Compare some of the most famous superheroes to their ocean counterparts and discover their amazing super adaptations! Create a new species of super-adapted sea creatures with our hilarious props bin!

Ages: Grades K–5

Place: Tatum Ridge Elementary School
4100 Tatum Rd. Sarasota, FL 34240

Beyond Gaming

6:00p - 8:00p

FUNducation Inc. – Esports, short for electronic sports, is a form of competition using video games. Esports often take the form of organized, multiplayer video game competitions, individually or as teams. In this fun and interactive workshop, FUNeducation will introduce youth and their families to Esports Edu.

Ages: Grades 2–Adult

Place: Braden River Library
4915 53rd Ave. E. Bradenton, FL 34203
**Thursday 5 MAY**

**6:30p | 7:30p** Sea Me Read with Mote Marine Laboratory

Mote Marine Laboratory – Celebrate #RemakeLearningDays with a free SEA Me Read program from Mote Marine Laboratory & Aquarium. Join us as we read Swimming With Sharks: The Daring Discoveries of Eugenie Clark. In the 1930s, few people dared to explore the depths of the sea, and few were women. But Genie wasn’t afraid. Follow “the Shark Lady” as she uncovers the mysteries of the world’s most feared fish! We will read this biographical story aloud and engage in a fun learning segment featuring some sharky friends from our aquarium.

**Ages: Grades 1–6**
**Place:** Via Zoom
Virtual Experience
https://forms.gle/A3NC4TbVzxUmogzDA

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**Friday 6 MAY**

**6:00p | 8:00p** Viernes de CreAtividad en familia

CreArte Latino Cultural Center in partnership with UnidosNow – An evening of fun, artistic literacy, and cultural entertainment with Hispanic families. Children literature author, Pilar Vélez, will lead a series of hands-on artistic activities and awareness about our planet Earth from her book, Carta a mis sueños (Letter to my Dreams). The event has several stations. Some of these stations will offer activities related to the book, Carta a mis sueños: painting, writing, reading, and writing letters about environmental issues. The last activity is an acting workshop for the whole family.

**Ages: All Ages**
**Place:** CreArte Latino Cultural Center
8251 15th St. East Airport Mall Plaza, Suite I
Sarasota, FL 34243

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**Friday 6 MAY**

**5:30p | 7:00p** Soar in 4 and the Teen Aircraft Factory Aviation Adventure

Teen Aircraft Factory in partnership with Soar in 4 – Explore aviation by visiting an airplane hangar and meeting pilots, fly a drone, experience a virtual reality simulation, participate in aviation challenges, sit in a real airplane, learn about aviation careers, and much more!

**Ages: All Ages**
**Place:** Universal Flight Services
8140 15th Street East, Sarasota, FL 34243
The Newtown Nation in partnership with Rough & Ready Media and The Newtown Farmer’s Market – Youth Poetry & Spoken Word Celebration and Workshop – We Are One Voice! Youth Spoken Word and Poetry Celebration and Workshop is an outdoor arts education event for local students and their families. This event will showcase youth voices of all ages, including a spoken word showcase featuring local artists, a poetry-spoken word workshop, and a youth performance. This event is part of the nighttime kick-off for We Are One! Multicultural Celebration, a three-day festival held at the Newtown Farmer’s Market in May.

**Ages:** All Ages

**Place:** Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Park
2523 Cocoanut Ave. Sarasota, FL 34234

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Charlotte County Reads Collaborative in partnership with YMCA of Southwest Florida, Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Sun Coast, and Boys & Girls Clubs of Charlotte County

Students and families will have an opportunity to test robots, create circuit boards, and explore creativity through robotics and science. This is an addition to the Healthy Kids Day® activities hosted by the YMCA.

**Ages:** All Ages

**Place:** Franz Ross Branch of the YMCA
19333 Quesada Ave. Port Charlotte, FL 33948

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Englewood YMCA – Healthy Kids Day® is the Y’s national initiative to improve the health and well-being of kids and families. YMCAs across the country host free community events aimed to inspire kids to keep their minds and bodies active throughout the summer months. Here in Englewood, the day-long event will feature activities that range from rock climbing to cooking demonstrations to reading and STEM. All activities are designed to inspire kids to get active while simultaneously teaching families how to develop routines that support mental and physical health at home. The Y has been celebrating healthy kids for 30 years—join us!

**Ages:** PreK–Grade 5

**Place:** Englewood YMCA
701 Medical Blvd. Englewood, FL 34223
STEAM Up Your Saturday!

Wilkinson Elementary School – Explore our unique learning spaces, including STEAM Station, butterfly and sensory gardens, courtyard, and Learning Commons.

Ages: PreK–Grade 5
Place: Wilkinson Elementary School
3400 Wilkinson Rd. Sarasota, FL 34231

Discovering Seaside Treasure

Whole Child Manatee in partnership with Manatee County Public Libraries – Discover the seaside habitat of the Florida mangroves! Enjoy multiple hands-on activities and create replicas to take home!

Ages: PreK–Grade 1
Place: The Little Discovery Center
321 15th St. W. Bradenton, FL 34205

Wholehearted Family Fun at Sarasota Farmers' Market

Wholehearted Education in partnership with Mr. Stevey, Sarasota Art Museum, and Glow Kids Yoga – Wholehearted teaching artists will provide family-friendly arts and wellness experiences. We will begin the day with You and Me Yoga for the littlest learners. We will move on to kids yoga and bracelet making from 10-11a, Oil Pastels with Sam Wuerfel from 11a-12p, and Mural Making with Brandon Thrift (Spread Love) from 12-1p.

Ages: All Ages
Place: Sarasota Farmer's Market (by the fountain) N. Lemon Ave. Sarasota, FL 34236

Discovering Stillness and Kindness

Kadampa Meditation Center Florida
Discovering Stillness and Kindness – Children and their families will explore the possibilities of maintaining an inner stillness through learning about and engaging in meditation. This will enable them to act mindfully in ways that are kind and helpful. This workshop will include a guided meditation appropriate for the age level of the children attending and activities such as storytelling and experiential group interactions focused on developing kindness towards others through one’s thoughts and actions.

Ages: Grades 3–5
Place: Kadampa Meditation Center Florida
730 N. Washington Blvd. Sarasota, FL 34236

Finding Your Voice with Sulwe

Step Up Suncoast – Step Up Suncoast’s Parents as Teachers will host this fun and interactive event. Families will celebrate diversity, resilience, and self-esteem through reading, arts and crafts, and self-expression exercises.

Ages: All Ages
Place: McSwain Park
16 Volusia Ave. Arcadia, FL 34266

Oceans of Possibility

DeSoto County Library in partnership with the Van Wezel Performing Arts Hall – We will introduce our Summer Oceans of Possibilities theme through art, craft activities, reading, performance, and various activities.

Ages: All Ages
Place: DeSoto County Public Library
125 N. Hillsborough Ave. Arcadia, FL 34266
Let's Dance!
10:00a | 11:30a
The Sarasota Ballet & Tuttle Elementary School
Through an interactive experience, community participants will discover the joy of dance. The event will include a performance and audience participation. No dance experience is required.
Ages: All Ages
Place: Tuttle Elementary School
2863 8th St. Sarasota, FL 34237

The Creative Crafts of Theatre
10:00a | 1:00p
Westcoast Black Theatre Troupe – Classes will be conducted to provide information and instruction in the theatre crafts of costume design, theatrical prop construction, and dance movement.
Ages: Grades 3–8
Place: Westcoast Black Theatre
1012 N. Orange Ave. Sarasota, FL 34236

Soil!
10:00a | 1:00p
Become a soil scientist and explore the properties of the weird, wild world beneath your feet! This event, in partnership with Transition Sarasota and Sunshine Community Compost, will be a fun, family activity where you’ll learn all about soil, compost, and food production through hands-on learning! A part of Suncoast Remake Learning Days.
Ages: Grades 3–12
Place: The Florida House
4454 Beneva Rd. Sarasota, FL 34233

YMCA Healthy Community Day
10:00a | 1:00p
Venice YMCA – Healthy Kids Day® is the Y’s national initiative to improve the health and well-being of kids and families. YMCA across the country host free community events aimed to inspire kids to keep their minds and bodies active throughout the summer months. Venice YMCA activities will focus on healthy, well-rounded children, art, reading, and physical and mental wellness. All activities are designed to inspire kids to get active while simultaneously teaching families how to develop routines that support mental and physical health at home. The Y has been celebrating healthy kids for 30 years—join us!
Ages: K–Grade 5
Place: Venice YMCA
701 Center Rd. Venice, FL 34285

Hands-On Habits
10:00a | 1:00p
Rowlett Academies for Arts and Communication in partnership with Florida Maritime Museum Hands-On Habits allows guests of all ages to experience The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People® through a student-centric lens. Activities are student-designed and led!
Ages: All Ages
Place: Florida Maritime Museum
4415 119th St. W. Cortez, FL 34215
**Breaker Space!**

Suncoast Science Center/Faulhaber Fab Lab in partnership with Southface Sarasota & Florida House Institute – Join us to “break” apart electronics and learn about the various components and their functions. Then, we’ll see if we can repurpose them into something new! Breaker Space class is for children and families of all ages. No need to bring any electronics, we will provide them. Just bring a willingness to learn and have fun!

**Ages: All Ages**

**Place:** Suncoast Science Center/Faulhaber Fab Lab
4452 Beneva Rd. Sarasota, FL 34233

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**Dance with PAInT**

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**Ages: All Ages**

**Place:** USF Selby Auditorium
8350 N. Tamiami Trail. Sarasota, FL 34234

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**Family Fun With the Arts**

The Arts and Cultural Alliance of Sarasota County in partnership with Alta Vista Elementary School and Sarasota African American Cultural Coalition – Family painting workshop with final artistic creations becoming part of a larger exhibit and a flash mob!

**Ages: All Ages**

**Place:** Alta Vista Elementary School
1050 S. Euclid Ave. Sarasota, FL 34237

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**Art Across the Libraries**

Van Wezel Performing Arts Hall in partnership with Van Wezel Foundation
Explore drama, visual art, and movement. Van Wezel teaching artists will be available at all Sarasota County Library branches to help you showcase your creativity. Stop by and CREATE!

**Ages: All Ages**

**Place:**
- Betty J. Johnson North Sarasota Public Library
  2801 Newtown Blvd. Sarasota, FL 34234
- Elsie Quirk Public Library
  100 West Dearborn St. Englewood, FL 34223
- Frances T. Bourne Jacaranda Public Library
  4143 Woodmere Park Blvd. Venice, FL 34293
- Fruitville Public Library
  100 Apex Rd. Sarasota, FL 34240
- Gulf Gate Public Library
  7112 Curtiss Ave. Sarasota, FL 34231
- North Port Public Library
  13800 S. Tamiami Trail. North Port, FL 34287
- Osprey Public Library at Historic Spanish Point
  337 N. Tamiami Trail. Osprey, FL 34227
- Selby Public Library
  1331 First St. Sarasota, FL 34236
- Shannon Staub Public Library
  4675 Career Lane. North Port, FL 34289
- William H. Jervey Jr. Venice Public Library
  300 Nokomis Ave. S. Venice, FL 34285
Van Wezel Performing Arts Hall in partnership with Van Wezel Foundation – Explore drama, visual art, and movement at your local library! Van Wezel teaching artists will be available at the library to help you showcase your creativity. Stop by and CREATE!

Ages: All Ages
Place: DeSoto County Public Library
125 N. Hillsborough Ave. Arcadia, FL 34266

Manatee Technical College and Soar in 4 in partnership with Manatee Education Foundation – Support your children as they explore and develop career awareness by interacting with professionals and activities such as exploring a real firetruck, learning to code with ozobots, experiencing a virtual simulation, building with tools, and much more.

Ages: All Ages
Place: Manatee Downtown Central Library
1301 Barcarrota Ave. Bradenton, FL 34205

All Faiths Food Bank – Cooking Matters is a family-friendly cooking demonstration. The chef will create an item for tasting, and attendees will discuss why the dish is both delicious and nutritious.

Ages: All Ages
Place: Casa San Juan Bosco
2358 SE Arnold Andrews Ave. Arcadia, FL 34266

Charlotte County Public Library System | Mid-County Regional Library – Come celebrate your love for the comic book universe, anime, and all things make-believe! We’ll have free comic books, comic strip storyboarding, a caricature artist, and much more! Cosplay is encouraged!

Ages: All Ages
Place: Mid-County Regional Library
2050 Forrest Nelson Blvd. Port Charlotte, FL 33952

Sarasota Contemporary Dance will offer various mini-classes for all ages and levels. Classes include intro to creative movement and afro-modern dance. Enjoy a short mini performance at the end by Sarasota Contemporary Dance Ensemble, SCD’s Training Company.

Ages: All Ages
Place: Sarasota Contemporary Dance
1400 Blvd of the Arts Ste 300. Sarasota, FL 34236
Creative Movement (12:30–1:05p)
Afro- Modern (1:10–1:45p)
Sarasota Contemporary Dance Ensemble (1:50–2:30p)
### Multimedia Digital Storybook

**Event Details:**
- **Time:** 12:00p - 4:00p
- **Description:** The Newtown Nation in partnership with Rough & Ready Media, Mr. Stevey Meditates, and The Newtown Farmer's Market – The ‘Multicultural Digital Storybook’ is an outdoor family-friendly arts education event, incorporating technology, giving students and their families an opportunity to create together while learning about different cultures, discovering local history, and sharing. This event will feature an interactive arts experience with youth using cellphones to interview themselves and others to create a digital storybook about the event to share with the wider community. This event is part of the We Are One! “Multicultural Celebration, a three-day festival held at the Newtown Farmer’s Market in May.
- **Ages:** All Ages
- **Place:** Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Park
  - 2523 Cocoanut Ave. Sarasota, FL 34234

### Get Your Maker On!

**Event Details:**
- **Time:** 1:00p - 4:00p
- **Description:** Sarasota County Libraries | North Port Public Library – Creation Station Grand Opening. We will reopen our maker space with various art and technology stations for the public to sample future Creation Station events. From crochet to paint pours and 3-D printing demos to needlepoint, patrons are invited to get crafty at the North Port Public Library.
- **Ages:** All Ages
- **Place:** North Port Public Library
  - 13800 S. Tamiami Trail. North Port, FL 34287

### Art Across the Libraries

**Van Wezel Performing Arts Hall in partnership with Van Wezel Foundation**

- **Time:** 1:30p - 3:00p
- **Description:** Explore drama, visual art, and movement. Van Wezel teaching artists will be available at all Manatee County Library branches to help you showcase your creativity. Stop by and CREATE!
- **Ages:** All Ages
- **Place:** Downtown Bradenton Branch
  - 1301 Barcarrota Blvd. W. Bradenton, FL 34205
- **Bradent River Branch**
  - 4915 53rd Ave. East Bradenton, FL 34203
- **Island Branch**
  - 5701 Marina Drive Holmes Beach, FL 34217
- **Palmetto Branch**
  - 923 6th Street West Palmetto, FL 34221
- **Rocky Bluff Branch**
  - 6750 US Highway 301 N. Ellenton, FL 34222
- **South Manatee Branch**
  - 6081 26th Street West Bradenton, FL 34207

**Van Wezel Performing Arts Hall in partnership with Van Wezel Foundation**

- **Time:** 1:30p - 3:00p
- **Description:** Explore drama, visual art, and movement. Van Wezel teaching artists will be available at all Charlotte County Library branches to help you showcase your creativity. Stop by and CREATE!
- **Ages:** All Ages
- **Place:** Englewood Charlotte Public Library
  - 3450 N. Access Rd. Englewood, FL 34224
- **Mid-County Regional Library**
  - 2050 Forrest Nelson Blvd. Port Charlotte, FL 33952
- **Port Charlotte Public Library**
  - 2280 Aaron St. Port Charlotte, FL 33952
- **Punta Gorda Charlotte Library**
  - 401 Shreve St. Punta Gorda, FL 33950
Build, Code, Go!

Maribel Martinez Consulting in partnership with Glasser-Schoenbaum Human Services Center – In partnership with local nonprofits working on digital equity, selected families will build a computer together, learn basic coding, and take it home to continue the fun!

Ages: Grades 4–8
Place: Glasser-Schoenbaum Human Services Center
1750 17th St. Building J-1. Sarasota, FL 34234

Seeing Stars with The Bishop

The Bishop Museum of Science and Nature in partnership with Manatee County Parks and Natural Resources – Join The Bishop Museum of Science and Nature to celebrate Astronomy Day on Saturday, May 7 at Robinson Preserve. We’ll have hands-on astronomy fun followed by real views of distant space objects after the sun sets during “Seeing Stars with The Bishop.”

During “Seeing Stars,” we set up tables to explore the science of space then provide and operate the telescopes; you enjoy the wonders of our universe. After dark, the waxing crescent moon and many of our favorite constellations, like Virgo, Ursa Major, and Ursa Minor, are expected to provide spectacular sights — weather permitting, of course!

Ages: Grades 3–12
Place: Robinson Preserve
10299 9th Ave NW. Bradenton, FL 34209

Jungle Adventures

Girl Scouts of Gulfcoast Florida in partnership with Sarasota Jungle Gardens presents an exciting and interactive experience for families! Each event will bring animals and nature to life and provide an interactive project to take home. The event will include an interaction at Sarasota Jungle Gardens, an interactive project to take home, and a tour of the center’s animal facilities. Girl Scouts will also provide goodie bags for families.

Ages: All Ages
Place: Sarasota Jungle Gardens
3701 Bay Shore Rd. Sarasota, FL 34234

EcoFlora BioBlitz

Marie Selby Botanical Gardens in partnership with Manatee County Audubon Society
Nature is all around us, even in our cities! Let’s get to know the plants and animals in our area. Join Marie Selby Botanical Gardens’ EcoFlora Project for a guided walk and bioblitz at Felts Audubon Preserve. By participating in the bioblitz, you will learn more about nature in your area AND become a helpful citizen scientist. All you need is a smartphone, a free iNaturalist app, and a willingness to get out and explore! Registration required.

Ages: Grades 6–12
Place: Felts Audubon Preserve
4600 24th Ave. Palmetto, FL 34221
FAMILY ART PROJECTS

2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Sarasota County Libraries – Parents and children can design and decorate various art projects at Fruitville Library.

Ages: Grades 1–5
Place: Fruitville Library
100 Apex Rd. Sarasota, FL 34240

All the Arts for All the Kids Day

3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Southside School Foundation for the Arts
Come create BIG and small art. Join us in the Southside Courtyard as we unveil our Free Little Art Gallery and host an interactive mural painting event where attendees can participate in the creative process alongside local mural artists. We will discuss the use of scale and proportion and how it relates to creating large and miniature art. Stations will be set up so parents and kids can create art of all shapes and sizes together. This free event is for both parents and students, so please plan on attending and participating with your children.

Ages: Grades K–5
Place: Southside School
1901 Webber St. Sarasota, FL 34239

Dream Arte: Reimagining Literacy through the Arts

5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Dreamers Academy in partnership with CreArte Latino Cultural Center – Dreamers Academy and CreArte Latino Cultural Center will join efforts for an evening of literacy, art, music, theater, and fun with families of Sarasota. The event will offer six stations in English and Spanish: reading, writing, hands-on activities, art, music, and theater workshops.

Ages: PreK–Grade 2
Place: Dreamers Academy
1050 S. Tuttle Ave., Bldg #3. Sarasota, FL 34237

WholeheARTed Sunset Family Celebration

5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Wholehearted Education in partnership with Newtown Nation – The WholeheARTed Sunset Family Celebration is an outdoor arts education event for the whole family. This event will showcase interactive art experiences such as creative movement, mural making, music, mindfulness, and more!

Ages: All Ages
Place: Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Park
2523 Cocoanut Ave. Sarasota, FL 34234
Patriot Plaza Tour and Family Activities

Arts and Cultural Alliance of Sarasota County in partnership with Patriot Plaza at Sarasota National Cemetery and The Patterson Foundation – Patriot Plaza Tour Guides will present tours to youth and their families. Afterward, guests will enjoy patriotic and fun activities, including American flag folding, hands-on learning, a Patriot Plaza Family Engagement Activity book, and more!

Ages: Grades 4–12
Place: Patriot Plaza at Sarasota National Cemetery
9810 State Road 72. Sarasota, FL 34241

Escape into Reading

DeSoto County Library – The DeSoto County Library will host Escape into Reading. Families will work together to complete escape room activities, then enjoy arts and crafts and various foods.

Ages: All Ages
Place: DeSoto County Library
125 N Hillsborough Ave. Arcadia, FL 34266

Art for All Ages

Charlotte County Public Library System
Enjoy art displays, presentations, and activities from community partners and organizations. Participants may experience tie-dying, rock painting, an epoxy resin station, and more! There will be activities for the whole family.

Ages: All Ages
Place: Port Charlotte Library
2280 Aaron St. Port Charlotte, FL 33952

Discover your Opera Voice!!

Sarasota Youth Opera – Explore how fun opera is on and off the stage. Designed for all skill levels, Sarasota Youth Opera will explore the world of opera through chorus and acting.

Ages: Grades 2–12
Place: Sarasota Opera
61 N. Pineapple Ave. Sarasota, FL 34236

Mr. Stevey and Friends

Van Wezel Foundation in partnership with the Van Wezel Performing Arts Hall – Families will learn and create together while experiencing creative mindfulness activities. Join teaching artists Mr. Stevey (from Mr. Stevey Meditates) and his artistic friends to explore the arts.

Ages: All Ages
Place: Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Park
2523 Cocoanut Ave. Sarasota, FL 34234

Laurel Civic’s Discovery Day

Laurel Civic, in partnership with the Van Wezel Performing Arts Hall, The Ringling, and Mote Marine Laboratory – Families will discover art with teaching artists from our community. Participants will take part in an art activity led by The Ringling, a movement activity led by a teaching artist from the Van Wezel Performing Arts Hall, and create shark art with Mote Marine Laboratory. Food and snacks will be provided.

Ages: All Ages
Place: Laurel Park Gym
509 Collins Rd. Nokomis, FL 34275
Wonder, explore, and learn together with your child.

**Acrylic Pouring**

**Sarasota Public Libraries | Gulf Gate Library**
Calling all future artists. The Gulf Gate Library is looking for you. Join us on April 30, 2022, from 2 to 3 pm for Suncoast Remake Learning Days. Tweens and teens (9-14) will be collaborating with their parent(s) on an acrylic pouring project. All supplies are provided. Just sign up via the Library Event Calendar. Space is limited so sign up early. For more information, contact Robert at the library (941) 861-1230.

**Ages: Grades 6–12**
**Place:** Gulf Gate Library
7112 Curtiss Ave, Sarasota, FL 34231
scgovlibrary.librarymarket.com/events/month

**Family Movie Night**

**Saturday Night Lights in partnership with the City of Arcadia** – Participants will receive free jungle-themed books, create art, enjoy some snacks, and watch Disney’s Jungle Cruise. Please bring a blanket or a chair.

**Ages: All Ages**
**Place:** Louis and Gloria Flanzer Boys and Girls Club
18 School Ave, Arcadia, FL 34266

**Virtual Event: Celebrate YOU!**

**Embracing Our Differences in partnership with the Suncoast Campaign for Grade-Level Reading** – Author Walter Dean Myer’s LOOKING LIKE ME is a splashy, rhythmic celebration of the wonders of life that combines hypnotic text with his son’s fresh photo-collage illustrations to create a new picture book about self-esteem and growing up with an urban beat. Join us as we explore who we are as individuals through a hands-on art project for parents AND young people.

**Ages: Grades 1–3**
**Place:** Via Zoom
Virtual Experience
https://forms.gle/GdbTXtR7Z2RQR7bU7

**Patriot Plaza Tour and Family Activities**

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**Ages: Grades 4–12**
**Place:** Patriot Plaza at Sarasota National Cemetery
9810 State Road 72, Sarasota, FL 34241
Forty Carrots
Partners in Play

Sarasota County Libraries | Elsie Quirk Library in partnership with Forty Carrots – Drop in to enjoy special playtime with your child and meet friendly parenting educators.

**Ages: PreK**

**Place:** Elsie Quirk Library
100 W Dearborn St. Englewood, FL 34223

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**Tinker Tuesday**

Sarasota County Public Libraries | Betty J. Johnson North Sarasota Public Library
Families are invited to this special edition of Tinker Tuesday, where we’ll build a game using Makey Makeys. Registration is required as supplies are limited. Registration and more information can be found on the library’s online calendar of events.

**Ages:** Grades 2–5

**Place:** Betty J. Johnson North Sarasota Public Library
2801 Newtown Blvd. Sarasota, FL 34234

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**All the Colors of Me**

**Glow Kids Yoga** – PreK children and their families will participate in yoga and mindfulness activities. They will make and take helpful tools for self- and co-regulation. Participants will use colors and artful expressions to represent emotions.

**Ages: PreK**

**Place:** First Presbyterian Preschool
2050 Oak St. Sarasota, FL 34237

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**Chime In!**

**Ring Sarasota Inc.** – Participants will sing a well-known song and play their assigned handchimes at the appropriate place in the song. Musical experience is not required. Registration recommended — https://forms.gle/V7qN2sDML1EAp5w57

**Ages:** Grades 3–8

**Place:** Church of the Palms
3224 Bee Ridge Rd. Sarasota, FL 34239

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**Making a Mother’s Day Card**

Sarasota County Libraries | Fruitville Library
Children and parents will use various art materials to design their personalized Mother’s Day cards.

**Ages:** Grades 1–5

**Place:** Fruitville Public Library
100 Apex Rd. Sarasota, FL 34240

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**Remake Learning Through Song**

Sarasota Young Voices – The event will begin with a reception and Q & A time for parents and children to learn about our programming. Participants will engage in a lively introductory music event culminating with the children’s chorus doing a mini-concert to demonstrate how participation in SYV builds reading and listening skills, musicianship, friendship, and is just plain fun for kids!

**Ages:** Grades 3–12

**Place:** Church of the Palms Music Building
3224 Bee Ridge Rd. Sarasota, FL 34239
Wonder, explore, and learn together with your child.

**Wednesday 4 MAY**

**11:15a | 11:45a** Story Time with Riley
Sarasota County Libraries | North Port Public Library – Riley will share themed picture book stories with song, dance, and a hands-on craft to reach multiple learning modalities.
Ages: PreK
Place: North Port Public Library
13800 S. Tamiami Trail. Sarasota, FL 34287

**2:00p | 6:00p** Celebrate Black History!
Family Heritage House Museum in partnership with State College of Florida
Open house and tours of the Family Heritage House Museum.
Ages: All Ages
Place: State College of Florida Library & Learning Center, Bld. 3
5840 26th St W. Bradenton, FL 34207

**3:30p | 4:30p** Artist Trading Cards
Sarasota County Libraries | Fruitville Library
Children will decorate mini art cards to trade or share with others.
Ages: Grades 1–5
Place: Fruitville Public Library
100 Apex Rd. Sarasota, FL 34240

**Thursday 5 MAY**

**10:30a | 11:30a** Remake Learning Storytime
Sarasota County Public Libraries | Elsie Quirk Library – Outdoor storytime and crafts for children and caregivers.
Ages: PreK–Grade 2
Place: Elsie Quirk Library
100 W Dearborn St. Englewood, FL 34223

**4:00p | 8:00p** Night At The Museum
The John & Mable Ringling Museum of Art in partnership with Sarasota Housing Authority
Join us for a special Night at the Museum! The night will be filled with exciting activities that aren’t always allowed during the day! We’ll have art-making, touch and learn stations with real museum objects, special photo opportunities with costumes and props, kid-friendly food, and themed tours that will bring the art to life.
Ages: All Ages
Place: The John & Mable Ringling Museum of Art
5401 Bay Shore Rd. Sarasota, FL 34243

Generously funded by The Patterson Foundation
Wonder, explore, and learn together with your child.

Thursday 5 MAY

5:30p | 7:00p

Cinco De Mayo Fiesta with Partners In Play®
Forty Carrots Family Center in partnership with Soar in 4 and The School District of Manatee County – The evening will be a Cinco De Mayo Fiesta with Partners In Play® and Soar in 4. We will be featuring Forty Carrots Partners In Play® program with various centers dedicated to all areas of a child’s development for families to explore. Families can discover how play and learning go hand-in-hand, chat with parenting educators about early childhood development and parenting strategies, and create art to bring home (one for younger children and one for older). Soar in 4 will also have a yoga teacher working with the families to incorporate movement.

Ages: PreK–Grade 1
Place: Palmetto Library
923 6th St W. Palmetto, FL 34221

Friday 6 MAY

6:00p | 8:00p

Viernes de CreAtividad en familia
CreArte Latino Cultural Center in partnership with UnidosNow – An evening of fun, artistic literacy, and cultural entertainment with Hispanic families. Children literature author, Pilar Vélez, will lead a series of hands-on artistic activities and awareness about our planet Earth from her book, Carta a mis sueños (Letter to my Dreams). The event has several stations. Some of these stations will offer activities related to the book, Carta a mis sueños: painting, writing, reading, and writing letters about environmental issues. The last activity is an acting workshop for the whole family.

Ages: All Ages
Place: CreArte Latino Cultural Center
8251 15th St. East Airport Mall Plaza, Suite I Sarasota, FL 34243

6MAYFriday

7MAY Saturday

1:00p | 3:00p

Collaborative Collage at Craftland
Collaborative Collage at Craftland in partnership with Saving Our United Leaders (S.O.U.L.) – Participate in a teamwork building exercise that results in a creative masterpiece. Everyone can participate to add their own creative touch.

Ages: PreK–K
Place: Craftland
22286 Vick Street. Port Charlotte, FL 33980

Early Learning Coalition of Florida’s Heartland
– This event is designed to give families a place to go to learn about kindergarten by talking with teachers, playing games, and sharing feelings. There will be stations set up where children can create an “All About Me” book, have a vision screening, a pre-literacy screening, and parents can request an ASQ screener to do at home.

Ages: PreK–K
Place: The Early Learning Coalition of Florida’s Heartland
2886 Tamiami Trail. Port Charlotte, FL 33952
Wonder, explore, and learn together with your child.

**YMCA Healthy Community Day**

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

**Punta Gorda YMCA** – Healthy Kids Day® is the Y’s national initiative to improve the health and well-being of kids and families. YMCAs across the country host free community events aimed to inspire kids to keep their minds and bodies active throughout the summer months. Punta Gorda YMCA activities will focus on healthy, well-rounded children, art, reading, and physical and mental wellness. All activities are designed to inspire kids to get active while simultaneously teaching families how to develop routines that support mental and physical health at home. The Y has been celebrating healthy kids for 30 years—join us!

**Ages:** K – Grade 5

**Place:** Punta Gorda YMCA
2905 Tamiami Trail. Punta Gorda, FL 33950

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**Ages:** All Ages

**Place:** USF Selby Auditorium
8350 N. Tamiami Trail. Sarasota, FL 34234

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**Westcoast Black Theatre Troupe** – Classes will be conducted to provide information and instruction in the theatre crafts of costume design, theatrical prop construction, and dance movement.

**Ages:** Grades 3 – 8

**Place:** Westcoast Black Theatre
1012 N. Orange Ave. Sarasota, FL 34236

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**The Creative Crafts of Theatre**

10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

**Westcoast Black Theatre Troupe** – Classes will be conducted to provide information and instruction in the theatre crafts of costume design, theatrical prop construction, and dance movement.

**Ages:** Grades 3 – 8

**Place:** Westcoast Black Theatre
1012 N. Orange Ave. Sarasota, FL 34236

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**Dance with PAInT**

10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

**Westcoast Black Theatre Troupe** – Classes will be conducted to provide information and instruction in the theatre crafts of costume design, theatrical prop construction, and dance movement.

**Ages:** Grades 3 – 8

**Place:** Westcoast Black Theatre
1012 N. Orange Ave. Sarasota, FL 34236
Wonder, explore, and learn together with your child.

**Oceans of Possibility**
10:00a | 1:00p
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DeSoto County Library in partnership with the Van Wezel Performing Arts Hall – We will introduce our Summer Oceans of Possibilities theme through art, craft activities, reading, performance, and various activities.

**Ages:** All Ages

**Place:** DeSoto County Public Library
125 N. Hillsborough Ave. Arcadia, FL 34266

**Family Fun With the Arts**
10:00a | 2:00p
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The Arts and Cultural Alliance of Sarasota County in partnership with Alta Vista Elementary School and Sarasota African American Cultural Coalition – Family painting workshop with final artistic creations becoming part of a larger exhibit and a flash mob!

**Ages:** All Ages

**Place:** Alta Vista Elementary School
1050 S. Euclid Ave. Sarasota, FL 34237

**Art Across the Libraries**
10:30a | 12:00p
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Van Wezel Performing Arts Hall in partnership with Van Wezel Foundation – Explore drama, visual art, and movement. Van Wezel teaching artists will be available at all Sarasota County Library branches to help you showcase your creativity. Stop by and CREATE!

**Ages:** All Ages

**Place:**
- Betty J. Johnson North Sarasota Public Library
  2801 Newtown Blvd. Sarasota, FL 34234
- Elsie Quirk Public Library
  100 West Dearborn St. Englewood, FL 34223
- Frances T. Bourne Jacaranda Public Library
  4143 Woodmere Park Blvd. Venice, FL 34293
- Fruitville Public Library
  100 Apex Rd. Sarasota, FL 34240
- Gulf Gate Public Library
  7112 Curtiss Ave. Sarasota, FL 34231
- North Port Public Library
  13800 S. Tamiami Trail. North Port, FL 34287
- Osprey Public Library at Historic Spanish Point
  337 N. Tamiami Trail. Osprey, FL 34227
- Selby Public Library
  1331 First St. Sarasota, FL 34236
- Shannon Staub Public Library
  4675 Career Lane. North Port, FL 34289
- William H. Jervey Jr. Venice Public Library
  300 Nokomis Ave. S. Venice, FL 34285

**Free Comic Book Day**
12:00p | 3:00p
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Charlotte County Public Library System | Mid-County Regional Library – Come celebrate your love for the comic book universe, anime, and all things make-believe! We’ll have free comic books, comic strip storyboarding, a caricature artist, and much more! Cosplay is encouraged!

**Ages:** All Ages

**Place:** Mid-County Regional Library
2050 Forrest Nelson Blvd. Port Charlotte, FL 33952
Ages: All Ages

**Metamorphosis : exploring, growing, creating with SCD**

Sarasota Contemporary Dance will offer various mini-classes for all ages and levels. Classes include intro to creative movement and afro-modern dance. Enjoy a short mini performance at the end by Sarasota Contemporary Dance Ensemble, SCD’s Training Company.

**Place:** Sarasota Contemporary Dance  
1400 Blvd of the Arts Ste 300. Sarasota, FL 34236  
Creative Movement (12:30–1:05p)  
Afro- Modern (1:10–1:45p)  
Sarasota Contemporary Dance Ensemble (1:50–2:30p)

**Let's Dance!**

The Sarasota Ballet & Tuttle Elementary School  
Through an interactive experience, community participants will discover the joy of dance. Join us at Tuttle Elementary school to learn about the opportunities The Sarasota Ballet provides our community. The event will include a performance and audience participation. All ages are welcome to attend and participate. No dance experience is required.

**Ages: All Ages**

**Place:**  
2863 8th St. Sarasota, FL 34237

**Art Across the Libraries**

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**Ages: All Ages**

**Place:**  
Downtown Bradenton Branch  
1301 Barcarrota Blvd. W. Bradenton, FL 34205  
Braden River Branch  
4915 53rd Ave. East Bradenton, FL 34203  
Island Branch  
5701 Marina Drive Holmes Beach, FL 34217  
Palmetto Branch  
923 6th Street West Palmetto, FL 34221  
Rocky Bluff Branch  
6750 US Highway 301 N. Ellenton, FL 34222  
South Manatee Branch  
6081 26th Street West Bradenton, FL 34207

**Art Across the Libraries**

Van Wezel Performing Arts Hall in partnership with Van Wezel Foundation – Explore drama, visual art, and movement. Van Wezel teaching artists will be available at all Charlotte County Library branches to help you showcase your creativity. Stop by and CREATE!

**Ages: All Ages**

**Place:**  
Englewood Charlotte Public Library  
3450 N. Access Rd. Englewood, FL 34224  
Mid-County Regional Library  
2050 Forrest Nelson Blvd. Port Charlotte, FL 33952  
Port Charlotte Public Library  
2280 Aaron St. Port Charlotte, FL 33952  
Punta Gorda Charlotte Library  
401 Shreve St. Punta Gorda, FL 33950
Wonder, explore, and learn together with your child.

Saturday, April 30

**Saturday Fun Day**

Uncommon Kids Inc. in partnership with Take Stock in Children, Suncoast Campaign for Grade-Level Reading, WEDU, Hope City Church, Bayside Community Church, Let’s Jump, Addi’s Pony Parties, Sarasota County Schools Police Department, and All Faiths Food Bank – Breakfast provided, STEAM Station and Maker Space open for all ages, outdoor activity areas, including a petting zoo, dancing, games, and inflatables.

**Ages: All Ages**

**Place:** Wilkinson Elementary School  
3400 Wilkinson Rd. Sarasota, FL 34231

**10:00a | 12:00p Soar in 4 Cardboard Challenge**

Soar in 4 in partnership with the Bishop Museum of Science and Nature – The Soar in 4 Cardboard Challenge is a free opportunity for children to play and learn by using cardboard and recycled materials to build the things they imagine. Families will receive free entrance to The Bishop Museum of Science and Nature. Using cardboard boxes of different sizes and shapes, they can construct a unique or new creation and then make up a narrative to go along with it.

**Ages: PreK–Grade 5**

**Place:** The Bishop Museum of Science and Nature  
201 10th St W. Bradenton, FL 34205

**Monday, May 2

**Children’s Book Fair**

Realize Bradenton – As part of the Downtown Bradenton Farmers’ Market, this event is free to attend, open to all, and features book signings, storytime, and other literary-themed activities.

**Ages: PreK–Grade 5**

**Place:** Downtown Bradenton Public Market  
Old Main Street. Bradenton, FL 34206

**Maker Space Open House**

Manatee County Public Library | Braden River Library – An open house at Studio 70, the Braden River Library makerspace. Activities at the open house will include: Scratch off Art, Build a Catapult Challenge, and the opportunity to use the Button Maker.

**Ages: All Ages**

**Place:** Braden River Library  
4915 53rd Ave. East (SR 70), Bradenton, FL 34203

**Interactive Chinese Language Learning**

Sarasota Chinese Academy – Through interactive activities, learn about key Chinese language components, such as four tones and common building units of Chinese characters. Instructors and volunteers from Sarasota Chinese Academy will lead students to identify the “meaning parts” of certain Chinese characters so that students will develop an understanding of the building blocks of the Chinese language.

**Ages: PreK–Grade 5**

**Place:** Gulf Gate Library Meeting Room B  
7112 Curtiss Ave. Sarasota, FL 34231
Monday 2 MAY

**Learning to the Max**

Wilkinson Elementary School PreK–5th grade students and their families from the community are invited to explore the Wilkinson Elementary School Learning Commons and Makerspace areas. Activities will include interactive engineering/design challenges, robotics, computer challenges, and the opportunity to tinker and create in our Makerspace classroom.

**Ages: PreK–Grade 5**

**Place:** Wilkinson Elementary School
3400 Wilkinson Rd. Sarasota, FL 34231

Tuesday 3 MAY

**Spaghetti Tower Challenge**

Sarasota County Libraries | William H. Jervey Jr. Venice Public Library – For a tower to stay standing, it must have a stable base and be strong enough not to buckle under its weight. Participants will incorporate science and mathematics to create a sturdy framework for their spaghetti and marshmallow tower. The challenge is not to eat all the marshmallows before the structure is complete.

**Ages: Grades 2–8**

**Place:** William H. Jervey Jr. Venice Public Library
300 Nokomis Ave. S. Venice, FL 34285

Tuesday 3 MAY

**Hands-On History**

DeSoto County Historical Society – Families will move through a series of stations to experience how various tasks were accomplished in the past. They will write with a pen dipped in ink or type on a manual typewriter. Each station will link to local history. For example, the dip pen station will also have a copy of a book page where “marks and brands” for livestock were recorded in the courthouse.

**Ages: All Ages**

**Place:** John Morgan Ingraham House Museum and the Howard and Velma Melton Historical Research Library
120 W. Whidden St. Arcadia, FL 34266

Tuesday 3 MAY

**Maker Space Open House**

Manatee County Libraries | Palmetto Library
Join us in our maker space and experience fun and engaging STEAM activities for family members of any age. Activities will include button making, a STEAM build the tallest marshmallow tower contest, and creating shaving cream bookmarks!

**Ages: All Ages**

**Place:** Palmetto Library
923 6th St. W. Palmetto, FL 34221

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**Harness the Wind: Creating a Wind Turbine**

3:00p | 4:00p

Sarasota County Libraries | William H. Jervey Jr. Venice Public Library – Explore the challenges of extracting energy from the wind by engineering a wind turbine. Incorporate physics and engineering using paper cups to make the blades that will be pushed around by the energy of the wind. The bigger the blades, the more energy the turbine can capture.

**Ages: Grades 5–8**
**Place:** William H. Jervey Jr. Venice Public Library 300 Nokomis S. Venice, FL 34285

**Soar in 4**

5:30p | 7:00p

Soar in 4 in partnership with The Bishop Museum, Manatee County Schools, Forty Carrots, Manatee County Parks and Recreation, The Van Wezel Performing Arts Hall, Parenting Matters, Manatee County Sheriff’s Office, Books for Kids, Florida Maritime Museum, Florida Agriculture Museum, Manatee Historical Park, Manatee Food Bank, The State College of Florida, Manatee County Libraries, Manatee Technical College, and The Early Learning Coalition of Manatee County – Soar in 4 is a learn, play, explore, and make together night for families. Families receive free entrance to The Bishop Museum of Science and Nature. The materials and books that we distribute will help families to support their preschool–3rd-grade child’s curiosity at home doing challenges and learning together.

**Ages: PreK–Grade 3**
**Place:** The Bishop Museum of Science and Nature 201 10th St. W. Bradenton, FL 34205

**Maker Space Open House**

5:30p | 7:30p

Manatee County Libraries | Manatee County Central Library – Join us in our maker space and experience hands-on learning for families of all ages. Activities include 3D printing, button making, 3D pen activities, a Rainbow Windsock craft, and demonstrations of robots that move as a result of color programming.

**Ages: All Ages**
**Place:** Manatee Downtown Central Library 1301 Barcarrota Ave. Bradenton, FL 34205

**Lego Club**

6:00p | 7:00p

Sarasota County Libraries | North Port Public Library – Elementary-aged children and their parents will have the opportunity to use our Lego collection to build their creations as they experiment with form and function.

**Ages: K–Grade 5**
**Place:** North Port Public Library 13800 S. Tamiami Trail. North Port, FL 34287
Wonder, explore, and learn together with your child.

Thursday 5 MAY

**Cinco de Mayo Remake Learning Day**

Family Services Center in partnership with Valerie’s House, Boys & Girls Clubs of Charlotte County, Drug Free Charlotte County, Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services, United Way of Charlotte County, and Mote Marine Laboratory & Aquarium – Parents and children will celebrate Cinco de Mayo by learning about the culture through art, food, music, science, sign language, and ocean life.

**Ages: All Ages**

**Place:** Family Services Center  
21500 Gibralter Drive. Port Charlotte, FL 33952

Saturday 7 MAY

**Breaker Space!**

Suncoast Science Center/Faulhaber Fab Lab in partnership with Southface Sarasota & Florida House Institute – Join us to “break” apart electronics and learn about the various components and their functions. Then, we’ll see if we can repurpose them into something new! Breaker Space class is for children and families of all ages. No need to bring any electronics, we will provide them. Just bring a willingness to learn and have fun!

**Ages: All Ages**

**Place:** Suncoast Science Center/Faulhaber Fab Lab  
4452 Beneva Rd. Sarasota, FL 34233

**STEAM Up Your Saturday!**

Wilkinson Elementary School – Explore our unique learning spaces, including STEAM Station, butterfly and sensory gardens, courtyard, and Learning Commons.

**Ages: PreK–Grade 5**

**Place:** Wilkinson Elementary School  
3400 Wilkinson Rd. Sarasota, FL 34231

**Career Exploration**

Manatee Technical College and Soar in 4 in partnership with Manatee Education Foundation – Support your children as they explore and develop career awareness by interacting with professionals and activities such as exploring a real firetruck, learning to code with ozobots, experiencing a virtual simulation, building with tools, and much more.

**Ages: All Ages**

**Place:** Manatee Downtown Central Library  
1301 Barcarrota Ave. Bradenton, FL 34205

**Discovering Seaside Treasure**

Whole Child Manatee in partnership with Manatee County Public Libraries – Discover the seaside habitat of the Florida mangroves! Enjoy multiple hands-on activities and create replicas to take home!

**Ages: PreK–Grade 1**

**Place:** The Little Discovery Center  
321 15th St. W. Bradenton, FL 34205

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Cooking Matters

All Faiths Food Bank – Cooking Matters is a family-friendly cooking demonstration. The chef will create an item for tasting, and attendees will discuss why the dish is both delicious and nutritious.

Ages: All Ages
Place: Casa San Juan Bosco
2358 SE Arnold Andrews Ave. Arcadia, FL 34266

Get Your Maker On!

Sarasota County Libraries | North Port Public Library – Creation Station Grand Opening. We will reopen our maker space with various art and technology stations for the public to sample future Creation Station events. From crochet to paint pours and 3-D printing demos to needlepoint, patrons are invited to get crafty at the North Port Public Library.

Ages: All Ages
Place: North Port Public Library
13800 S. Tamiami Trail. North Port, FL 34287
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**Play at The Bay: Let’s Grow a Park for All!**

5:00p – 7:00p


[https://www.thebaysarasota.org/event/family-movie-night-the-lorax/](https://www.thebaysarasota.org/event/family-movie-night-the-lorax/)

**Ages: PreK–Grade 8**

**Place:** The Bay’s Civic Green + Bayfront Community Center

801 N. Tamiami Tr. Sarasota, FL 34236

**Soar in 4 Nature and Outdoor Learning Night**

5:30p – 7:30p

**Ages: PreK–Grade 3**

Soar in 4 in partnership with Manatee County Parks and Natural Resources will support families as they work together to achieve moments of discovery and investigation through fort building, mud painting, mapping, nature naming art activities, sensory scavenger hunts and much more.

**Place: G.T. Bray Recreation Center**

5502 33rd Ave Dr W. Bradenton, FL 34209

**Story Stroll**

5:00p – 7:00p

Palmetto Elementary School will host an outdoor reading experience for the whole family! We will provide oversized storybooks for families to enjoy reading together as they stroll outside. Our featured books are from the Adventures of Jumpin Jack series written by T.M. Pedroley and illustrated by Cyn Watson. Families will have the option of JUMPING to the jungle or to the zoo with the main character, Jack. The pages will come to life as you explore animal sounds and movements together.

**Ages: PreK–Grade 3**

**Place:** Palmetto Elementary School

1540 10th Street West. Palmetto, FL 34221

**Birding Bonanza**

9:00a – 12:30p

Sarasota County Parks, Recreation and Natural Resources – Families will receive a fun lesson on birds and birding etiquette. All kids will receive a free pair of binoculars and will take a short nature walk around the Venice Rookery. We will work with families to document different bird behaviors during this event. There will be a ‘battle of the birds’ game where kids race to the finish line while learning about birds.

**Ages: PreK–Grade 8**

**Place:** Venice Area Audubon Rookery

4002 S Tamiami Trail via, Annex Rd. Venice, FL 34293
### Newtown Eco Fest

**Sarasota County Sustainability in partnership with Marie Selby Botanical Gardens’ EcoFlora Project** – Stations will be set up outdoors, and small groups will move from station to station to complete each activity. This program focuses on sustainability, climate change, food, and microplastics.

**Ages:** All Ages

**Place:** Newtown Estates Park  
2800 Newtown Blvd. Sarasota, FL 34234

### Jungle Adventures

**Girl Scouts of Gulfcoast Florida in partnership with Sarasota Jungle Gardens** presents an exciting opportunity for families with children of all ages to experience the wonders of animals and nature to life. The event will feature an interactive experience led by Sarasota Jungle Gardens educators, a hands-on art project to take home, and a self-led scavenger hunt for families to complete. Girl Scouts will also provide goodie bags for families.

**Ages:** All Ages

**Place:** Sarasota Jungle Gardens  
3701 Bay Shore Rd. Sarasota, FL 34234

### Family Event: Plant your own Herbs!

**Catholic Charities Casa San Juan Bosco in partnership with 4H** – Families will learn about different herbs and plant their own herb gardens.

**Ages:** All Ages

**Place:** Casa San Juan Bosco  
2358 S.E. Arnold Andrews Ave. Arcadia, FL 34266

### BEE Aware: Discover the Wonder of Bees

**Manatee County Clerk of Circuit Court/Manatee County Agricultural Museum in partnership with Soar in 4 and Suncoast Beekeepers Association** – This event will feature fun, hands-on educational stations that participants rotate through to learn all about bees. Some of the stations include a demonstration hive, honey-tasting, bee anatomy, storytime, crafts, the importance of bees to our ecosystem, and more.

**Ages:** All Ages

**Place:** Manatee County Agricultural Museum  
1015 6th St. West. Palmetto, FL 34221

### Fairy Garden Workshop

**Sarasota County Libraries | Gulf Gate Library**  
Join us to learn how to create your own fairy garden. Learn to plant and care for succulents while using your imagination to build and decorate a home for your fairy.

**Ages:** Grades 3–5

**Place:** Gulf Gate Library  
7112 Curtiss Ave. Sarasota, FL 34231
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Jungle Adventures

10:00a
4:00p

Girl Scouts of Gulfcoast Florida in partnership with Sarasota Jungle Gardens presents an exciting and interactive experience for families with children of all ages. Each event will bring the wonder and science of animals and nature to life. The event will include an interactive experience led by Sarasota Jungle Gardens educators, a hands-on art project to take home, and a self-led scavenger hunt for families to complete during their visit. Girl Scouts will also provide goodie bags for families.

Ages: All Ages
Place: Sarasota Jungle Gardens
3701 Bay Shore Rd. Sarasota, FL 34234

Climbing Through the Picture Frame

1:00p
2:00p

World of Chucko in partnership with The Venice Historic Society – Join us at the Venice Historic Train Depot for a live interactive family-friendly "Transition." Sharing the history, mystery, magic, music, and memories of the circus and cartoon clowning past, present, and future. Like Alice and the Looking Glass, we learn a lot about ourselves looking in the MIRROR. CHUCKO tells the magical story about how he climbed through his PICTURE FRAME and became a circus clown in the Greatest Show On Earth! EVERYONE will have the opportunity to "Climb through the Picture Frame!"

Ages: All Ages
Place: Venice Historic Train Depot
303 E. Venice Ave. Venice, FL 34292

Menchy’s Paw Mitzvah

3:00p
5:00p

Hershorn Schiff Day Schools of Tomorrow, Inc. – A mitzvah project is a meaningful way to engage families and the community-at-large in one of the most important values of Judaism – repairing the world (tikkun olam) and compassion for others. Our school mascot, Menchy (a mensch is a person who can be relied on to act with honor and integrity), will engage our school families and others in the community with a service project benefiting animals. Participants of all ages will create and decorate dog and cat bowls to be gifted back to The Humane Society of Sarasota. We will also donate animal toys and food. In addition to the service-learning project, animals from The Humane Society, stories and crafts, music, food trucks (Spice Boys Kitchen), ice cream, and cake, more will be shared.

Ages: All Ages
Place: Hershorin Schiff Day Schools of Tomorrow (d/b/a Community Day School)
4335 Wilkinson Rd. Sarasota, FL 34233
Let’s Make Some Black Gold!

Sarasota County Libraries | William H. Jervey Jr. Venice Public Library – Learn about composting, waste reduction, and recycling. This 90-minute workshop blends indoor lessons with outdoor, hands-on activities in our compost demonstration area and includes live demonstrations on the correct way to start composting food.

**Ages: All Ages**
**Place: William H. Jervey Venice Public Library**
300 Nokomis Ave S. Venice, FL 34285

Preschool Nutrition Program

Sarasota Public Libraries | Gulf Gate Library
This program introduces preschoolers to the basics of growing plants and healthy eating with stories, songs, activities, and food samples.

**Ages: PreK–K**
**Place: Gulf Gate Library**
7112 Curtiss Ave. Sarasota, FL 34231

Fabulous Florida: STEAM Family Engagement Night

Wilkinson Elementary School PreK–5th-grade students and their families are invited to enjoy Wilkinson’s outdoor spaces as they learn about Florida and Sarasota’s environment, resources, and community.

**Ages: PreK–Grade 5**
**Place: Wilkinson Elementary School**
3400 Wilkinson Rd. Sarasota, FL 34231

Jungle Adventures

Girl Scouts of Gulfcoast Florida in partnership with Sarasota Jungle Gardens presents an exciting and interactive experience for families with children of all ages. Participants will learn about Florida’s environment, resources, and community through an engaging and educational experience led by Sarasota Jungle Gardens educators. A hands-on activity and a self-guided scavenger hunt will also be included. Goodie bags will be provided.

**Ages: All Ages**
**Place: Sarasota Jungle Gardens**
3701 Bay Shore Rd. Sarasota, FL 34234

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**Saturday, 7 May**

**YMCA Healthy Community Day**

**Venice YMCA** – Healthy Kids Day® is the Y’s national initiative to improve the health and well-being of kids and families. YMCAs across the country host free community events aimed to inspire kids to keep their minds and bodies active throughout the summer months. Venice YMCA activities will focus on healthy, well-rounded children, art, reading, and physical and mental wellness. All activities are designed to inspire kids to get active while simultaneously teaching families how to develop routines that support mental and physical health at home. The Y has been celebrating healthy kids for 30 years—join us!

**Ages:** K–Grade 5

**Place:** Venice YMCA

701 Center Rd. Venice, FL 34285

**Soil!**

Become a soil scientist and explore the properties of the weird, wild world beneath your feet! This event, **in partnership with Transition Sarasota and Sunshine Community Compost**, will be a fun, family activity where you’ll learn all about soil, compost, and food production through hands-on learning! A part of Suncoast Remake Learning Days.

**Ages:** Grades 3–12

**Place:** The Florida House

4454 Beneva Rd. Sarasota, FL 34233

**Sunday, 8 May**

**EcoFlora BioBlitz**

**Marie Selby Botanical Gardens in partnership with Manatee County Audubon Society**

Nature is all around us, even in our cities! Let’s get to know the plants and animals in our area. Join Marie Selby Botanical Gardens’ EcoFlora Project for a guided walk and bioblitz at Felts Audubon Preserve. By participating in the bioblitz, you will learn more about nature in your area AND become a helpful citizen scientist. All you need is a smartphone, a free iNaturalist app, and a willingness to get out and explore! Registration required.

**Ages:** Grades 6–12

**Place:** Felts Audubon Preserve

4600 24th Ave. Palmetto, FL 34221
STEAM with the Circus Arts Conservatory

Arcadia Housing Authority in partnership with Circus Arts Conservatory – Circus, a beautiful art form of movement and skill, also provides great lessons in physical science and engineering. Parents and children will be involved in activities designed to provide interactive, hands-on experiences to reinforce basic concepts in physical science for the elementary student. Engaging students directly and immediately, circus-artists demonstrate principles of science, engineering, art, math, technology, communication, and theater.

Ages: K–Grade 5

Place: Arcadia Housing Authority’s Office
7 Booker T Washington Rd. Arcadia, FL 34266

Discovering the Wonders of Our Ecosystem

South Florida State College – A 4-hour session for high school students and their families to learn more about our environment through hands-on experiences. Students will examine the outdoor environment for clues to natural events, apply learned concepts to the real-world outdoor environment, and compare/contrast water samples in a microscope.

Ages: Grades 9–12

Place: South Florida State College
2251 NE Turner Ave. Arcadia, FL 34266

Dive Into Learning

Sarasota Housing Authority in partnership with the Betty J. Johnson North Sarasota Public Library and other community partners
Children and their families are invited to an ocean-themed party! Enjoy interactive stations, crafts, food, music, and fun!

Ages: All Ages

Place: Sarasota Housing Authority Learning Center
1912 N. Orange Ave. Sarasota, FL 34234
Visible Men Academy – At Visible Men Academy (VMA), parents and children will experience interactive learning stations that epitomize the STREAM learning curriculum used at VMA: Science, Technology, Reading, Engineering, Art, and Math. At VMA, students are called “Our Suns.” The VMA slogan is “Let your light shine.” Hence, our theme for Suncoast Remake Learning Days is “STREAM EMBRACES SOLAR.”

**Ages: K–Grade 5**
**Place:** Visible Men Academy
921 63rd Avenue East. Bradenton, FL 34203

Monday 2 MAY

**5:30p | 7:00p**

**BLOCK Fest**

Early Learning Coalition of Manatee County in Partnership with Soar in 4 – Families and their children eight months to eight years old will have an opportunity to explore BLOCK Fest. BLOCK Fest was developed to provide an interactive block-building experience for young children and caregivers. It is a hands-on play exhibit designed to help the community become more knowledgeable about the importance of early math and science learning as it impacts both school readiness and later math success. Early math learning is a strong predictor of school readiness. Families will experience five-block play stations through guided play and conversation. It is sure to be a fun event for all!

**Ages: PreK–Grade 2**
**Place:** Manatee Downtown Central Library
1301 Barcarrota Ave. Bradenton, FL 34205

Tuesday 3 MAY

**5:30p | 7:00p**

**Technology & Tinkering**

Visible Men Academy in partnership with Soar in 4 – Engage your child with snap circuits, and tinker with computer parts and Play-doh.

**Ages: PreK–Grade 5**
**Place:** Braden River Library
4915 53rd Ave E Bradenton, FL 34203

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Tuesday, May 3rd

**Exploration Station**

**Shark Science**

Arcadia Housing Authority in partnership with Mote Marine Laboratory – Mote will be leading two hands-on Exploration stations during this event.

FIN-TASTIC FRIENDS – learn the truth about the often misunderstood sharks and rays and about Mote’s current research to discover more about these amazing animals.

TURTLEY TURTLES – How many kinds of sea turtles are there? How long do sea turtles really live? Learn the answers to these questions, feel a turtle’s skull and shell, and even take a peek inside a replica sea turtle nest.

**Ages: All Ages**

**Place:** Arcadia Housing Authority’s Office
7 Booker T Washington Rd. Arcadia, FL 34266

Wednesday, May 4th

**Discovery Dome Planetarium**

Boys & Girls Club of Newtown Estates in partnership with the Betty J. Johnson North Sarasota Public Library – Land on the moon, travel through the stars, explore the universe, and more with the Sarasota County Library System’s Discovery Dome Planetarium. Attendees not enrolled in the Boys and Girls Club must register on the library’s online calendar of events.

**Ages: K–Grade 5**

**Place:** Boys & Girls Club of Newtown Estates
2800 Newtown Blvd. Sarasota, FL 34234

**Messy Science**

Sarasota Public Libraries | North Port Public Library – A variety of messy chemical reactions will be demonstrated outside in our library’s backyard, including creating elephant toothpaste, how to explode a watermelon, and a kiddie pool sensory exploration.

**Ages: All Ages**

**Place:** North Port Public Library
13800 S. Tamiami Trail. North Port FL, 34287

**Pine Village Caterpillar-to-Butterfly Camp**

Manatee County Housing Authority (MCHA) in partnership with Marie Selby Botanical Gardens – Creating live caterpillar-to-butterfly displays, augmented with free butterfly learning books for participants. Attendees will participate in kaleidoscope exercises, dancing, and butterfly arts and crafts.

**Ages: PreK–Grade 3**

**Place:** Pine Village Community (of MCHA)
5631 11th St. E. Bradenton, FL 34203

Wonder, explore, and learn together with your child.
Family Learning Night with Mote Marine at Tatum Ridge Elementary School
5:30–6:30p
Totally Turtles (Grades K–2): How many kinds of sea turtles are there? How long do sea turtles really live? Learn the answers to these questions and more, see real turtle biofacts, and see if you can survive our Hatchling Hazards Obstacle Course!

7:00–8:00p
Ocean Superheroes (Grades 3–5): Did you know ocean creatures had superpowers? Compare some of the most famous superheroes to their ocean counterparts and discover their amazing super adaptations! Create a new species of super-adapted sea creatures with our hilarious props bin!

Ages: Grades K–5
Place: Tatum Ridge Elementary School
4100 Tatum Rd. Sarasota, FL 34240

Sea Me Read with Mote Marine Laboratory
6:30p – 7:30p
Mote Marine Laboratory – Celebrate #RemakeLearningDays with a free SEA Me Read program from Mote Marine Laboratory & Aquarium. Join us as we read Swimming With Sharks: The Daring Discoveries of Eugenie Clark. In the 1930s, few people dared to explore the depths of the sea, and few were women. But Genie wasn’t afraid. Follow “the Shark Lady” as she uncovers the mysteries of the world’s most feared fish! We will read this biographical story aloud and engage in a fun learning segment featuring some sharky friends from our aquarium.

Ages: Grades 1–6
Place: Via Zoom
Virtual Experience
https://forms.gle/A3NC4TbVzxUmoqzDA

Camp Invention
6:00p – 7:30p
St. Joseph Catholic School in partnership with Camp Invention – Multi-stations inspired by Camp Invention to try hands-on Science, Math, and Technology activities integrated with art. Join us for a fun-filled evening of creative exploring, enjoy treats and snacks, and receive a takeaway activity to keep the fun going with your family at home! An evening that will prove that learning is always exciting for the whole family.

Ages: Grades K–5
Place: St. Joseph Catholic Church - Parish Center Gym
3100 26th St W. Bradenton, FL 34205

Soar in 4 and the Teen Aircraft Factory Aviation Adventure
5:30p – 6:00p
Teen Aircraft Factory in partnership with Soar in 4 – Explore aviation by visiting an airplane hangar and meeting pilots, fly a drone, experience a virtual reality simulation, participate in aviation challenges, sit in a real airplane, learn about aviation careers, and much more!

Ages: All Ages
Place: Universal Flight Services
8140 15th Street East. Sarasota, FL 34243
Saturday 7 MAY

**Wonder, explore, and learn together with your child.**

**Seeing Stars with The Bishop**

6:30p | 9:30p

The Bishop Museum of Science and Nature in partnership with Manatee County Parks and Natural Resources – Join The Bishop Museum of Science and Nature to celebrate Astronomy Day on Saturday, May 7 at Robinson Preserve. We’ll have hands-on astronomy fun followed by real views of distant space objects after the sun sets during “Seeing Stars with The Bishop.”

During “Seeing Stars,” we set up tables to explore the science of space then provide and operate the telescopes; you enjoy the wonders of our universe. After dark, the waxing crescent moon and many of our favorite constellations, like Virgo, Ursa Major, and Ursa Minor, are expected to provide spectacular sights — weather permitting, of course!

**Ages: Grades 3–12**

**Place: Robinson Preserve**

10299 9th Ave NW. Bradenton, FL 34209

**Healthy Kids Exploring Minds**

9:00a | 12:00p

Charlotte County Reads Collaborative in partnership with YMCA of Southwest Florida, Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Sun Coast, and Boys & Girls Clubs of Charlotte County

Students and families will have an opportunity to test robots, create circuit boards, and explore creativity through robotics and science. This is an addition to the Healthy Kids Day® activities hosted by the YMCA.

**Ages: All Ages**

**Place: Franz Ross Branch of the YMCA**

19333 Quesada Ave. Port Charlotte, FL 33948

**Caturday at Cat Depot**

9:30a | 10:30a

**Cat Depot** – Kids and parents will "adopt" a stuffed animal cat and learn about the adoption process.

**Ages: PreK–Grade 3**

**Place: Cat Depot**

2525 17th St. Sarasota, FL 34234

9:00a | 12:00p

**Caturday at Cat Depot**

**Cat Depot** – Kids and parents will learn about animal shelters, proper cat care, and fun facts about cats through an interactive lesson.

**Ages: Grades 3–6**

**Place: Cat Depot**

2525 17th St. Sarasota, FL 34234

11:00a | 12:00p

**Caturday at Cat Depot**

**Cat Depot** – Kids and parents will make service projects for the cats of Cat Depot and for the foster families, such as no-sew pet beds, braided t-shirt mats, and upcycled cat scratchers.

**Ages: Grades 6–12**

**Place: Cat Depot**

2525 17th St. Sarasota, FL 34234

6:30p | 9:30p

**Seeing Stars with The Bishop**

**Place: Cat Depot**

2525 17th St. Sarasota, FL 34234
Hands-On History: Transportation

Hands-On History is a free, family-fun event where students and their families will learn about local history through hands-on crafts and activities. April’s Hands-On History theme will be about trains and other forms of transportation that would have been common in our area. Families will work together to build a train to bring supplies and goods to Florida. Kids will earn their Pint-Sized Pioneer Badge by visiting all of our hands-on history spots. Each child will take home a special grab-n-go craft.

Ages: Grades 1–4
Place: Palmetto Historical Park
515 10th Ave. W. Palmetto, FL 34221

Beyond Gaming

FUNducation Inc. in partnership with Greatness Beyond Measure and Ringling College of Art and Design – FUNducation Inc. is partnering with Ringling College of Art and Design and Greatness Beyond Measure to host an Esports Edu event to expose and engage families and youth in the community to the opportunities in the gaming industry. The event will include educating parents and students about esports, a live youth gaming tournament, live AR (augmented reality), and VR (virtual reality) games.

Ages: All Ages
Place: Alfred R. Goldstein Library at Ringling College of Art and Design [N.E. corner of Old Bradenton Rd. and Dr Martin Luther King Way]
2700 N. Tamiami Trail. Sarasota, FL 34234
Wednesday, May 4

3:15p - 6:00p
Families STEAMing Ahead

DeSoto County Library in partnership with All Faiths Food Bank – DeSoto County Library will use robots, iPads, and monsters to create and illustrate stories and develop coding with an eye toward teamwork. All Faiths Food Bank will provide tasty treats to feed your imagination.

Ages: All Ages
Place: DeSoto County Library
125 N. Hillsborough Ave. Arcadia, FL 34266

Saturday, May 7

11:00a - 1:00p
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Ages: Grades 2 – Adult
Place: Punta Gorda Charlotte Library
401 Shreve St. Punta Gorda, FL 33950

Thursday, May 5

3:15p - 6:00p
Families STEAMing Ahead

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Ages: All Ages
Place: DeSoto County Library
125 N. Hillsborough Ave. Arcadia, FL 34266

1:30p - 3:30p
Build, Code, Go!

Maribel Martinez Consulting in partnership with Glasser-Schoenbaum Human Services Center – In partnership with local nonprofits working on digital equity, selected families will build a computer together, learn basic coding, and take it home to continue the fun.

Ages: Grades 4–8
Place: Glasser-Schoenbaum Human Services Center
1750 17th St. Building J-1. Sarasota, FL 34234

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Ages: Grades 2–Adult
Place: Punta Gorda Charlotte Library
401 Shreve St. Punta Gorda, FL 33950

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Ages: Grades 4–8
Place: Glasser-Schoenbaum Human Services Center
1750 17th St. Building J-1. Sarasota, FL 34234
Youth Voices Drop in Day and Exhibit
11:00a - 5:00p
Sarasota County Public Libraries | Elsie Quirk Library – Drop-in makerspace art program for homeschooled and traditionally-schooled teens and tweens to inspire them to create art and raise their voices. Many art forms will be available for exploration, including drawing, collage, and poetry. Produced items will be exhibited throughout the Suncoast Remake Learning Days week.

Ages: PreK–Grade 6–Grade 12
Place: Elsie Quirk Library
100 W. Dearborn St. Englewood, FL 34223

Improv for Imagination
10:00a - 11:00a
Florida Studio Theatre in partnership with the Early Learning Coalition of Sarasota County
This event will include an interactive performance of FST’s spring children’s show, “The Grandma That Eats Everything.” Improv games will be woven into the performance, so everyone in the audience can engage their imaginations, have their voices heard, and show off their improvisational skills!

Ages: PreK–Grade 3
Place: Grace PreSchool
400 Field Ave E. Venice, FL 34285

Stop, Drop, and READ
11:00a - 2:00p
United Community Centers - 13th Ave. Dream Center – A carnival-style festival focused on literacy. Families can participate in frog leap, face painting, football throws, sack races, the dunk tank, and other fun activities. Fun for the whole family!

Ages: All Ages
Place: 13th Ave. Dream Center
922 24th St. E. Bradenton, FL 34208

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Teen Poetry Slam
7:00p – 8:30p
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Ages: Grades 6–12
Place: Punta Gorda Charlotte Library
401 Shreve St. Punta Gorda, Fl 33950

Solmart Media in partnership with Asolo Repertory Theatre – Solmart Media will set up a remote studio where professional radio announcers will talk to the youth about broadcasting, radio, and podcasting. They will interview the young people about their current life experiences and lived situations and then produce a radio show with their voices, ideas, dreams, and aspirations.
Ages: Middle School
Place: Acapulco Tropical Supermarket
3410 US Highway 301 N. Ellenton, FL 34222

La Voz de la Juventud – Youth’s Voices
12:00p – 2:00p
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Ages: Grades 6–12
Place: Punta Gorda Charlotte Library
401 Shreve St. Punta Gorda, Fl 33950

Florida Studio Theatre in partnership with Palmetto Boys & Girls Club – This event will begin with a performance of FST’s spring children’s show, “The Grandma That Eats Everything.” Following the show, the audience will be split into four smaller groups to cycle through our four stations led by our team of professional actors (who double as improvisers and teaching artists). The teaching artist will begin with an improv game at each station to channel focus and unite the ensemble. Then, they will move into structured games that allow the participants to create their own characters and play out their stories on the spot! Each station will have a specific warm-up and game so that each one feels different, fun, and fresh.
Ages: Grades 1–5
Place: Palmetto Boys & Girls Club
1600 10th St. W. Palmetto, FL 34221
Wonder, explore, and learn together with your child.

**Thursday, 5 MAY**

**Loud at the Library**

4:00p | 6:30p

Betty J. Johnson North Sarasota Library in partnership with African American Cultural Resource Center, Asolo Repertory Theatre, CreArte Latino Cultural Center, and Embracing Our Differences – Leave your mark by exploring multiple interactive stations related to youth voice and self-expression. The first 100 participants will receive a ticket for a free dinner, which starts at 5 p.m. in the library parking lot.

Ages: All Ages

Place: Betty J. Johnson North Sarasota Library
2801 Newtown Blvd. Sarasota, FL 34234

**Improv for Imagination**

4:30p | 6:00p

Florida Studio Theatre in partnership with Desoto Boys & Girls Club – This event will begin with a performance of FST’s spring children’s show, “The Grandma That Eats Everything.” Following the show, the audience will be split into four smaller groups to cycle through our four stations led by our team of professional actors (who double as improvisers and teaching artists). The teaching artist will begin with an improv game at each station to channel focus and unite the ensemble. Then, they will move into structured games that allow the participants to create their own characters and play out their stories on the spot! Each station will have a specific warm-up and game so that each one feels different, fun, and fresh.

Ages: Grades 1–5

Place: Desoto Boys & Girls Club
5236 30th St. W. Bradenton, FL 34207

**Friday, 6 MAY**

**We Are One Voice**

6:00p | 9:00p

The Newtown Nation in partnership with Rough & Ready Media and The Newtown Farmer’s Market – Youth Poetry & Spoken Word Celebration and Workshop – The We Are One Voice! Youth Spoken Word and Poetry Celebration and Workshop is an outdoor arts education event for local students and their families. This event will showcase youth voices of all ages, including a spoken word showcase featuring local artists, a poetry-spoken word workshop, and a youth performance. This event is part of the nighttime kick-off for We Are One! Multicultural Celebration, a three-day festival held at the Newtown Farmer’s Market in May.

Ages: All Ages

Place: Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Park
2523 Cocoanut Ave. Sarasota, FL 34234

**Saturday, 7 MAY**

**Hands-On Habits**

10:00a | 1:00p

Rowlett Academies for Arts and Communication in partnership with Florida Maritime Museum

Hands-On Habits allows guests of all ages to experience The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People® through a student-centric lens. Activities are student-designed and led!

Ages: All Ages

Place: Florida Maritime Museum
4415 119th St. W. Cortez, FL 34215
Wonder, explore, and learn together with your child.

9:00a – 12:00p
YMCA Healthy Community Day
Englewood YMCA – Healthy Kids Day® is the Y’s national initiative to improve the health and well-being of kids and families. YMCAs across the country host free community events aimed to inspire kids to keep their minds and bodies active throughout the summer months. Here in Englewood, the day-long event will feature activities that range from rock climbing to cooking demonstrations to reading and STEM. All activities are designed to inspire kids to get active while simultaneously teaching families how to develop routines that support mental and physical health at home. The Y has been celebrating healthy kids for 30 years—join us!

Ages: PreK—Grade 4
Place: Englewood YMCA
701 Medical Blvd. Englewood, FL 34223

10:00a – 12:00p
Finding Your Voice with Sulwe
Step Up Suncoast – Step Up Suncoast’s Parents as Teachers will host this fun and interactive event. Families will celebrate diversity, resilience, and self-esteem through reading, arts and crafts, and self-expression exercises.

Ages: All Ages
Place: McSwain Park
16 Volusia Ave. Arcadia, FL 34266

12:00p – 4:00p
Multicultural Digital Storybook
The Newtown Nation in partnership with Rough & Ready Media, Mr. Stevey Meditates, and The Newtown Farmer’s Market – The ‘Multicultural Digital Storybook’ is an outdoor family-friendly arts education event, incorporating technology, giving students and their families an opportunity to create together while learning about different cultures, discovering local history, and sharing. This event will feature an interactive arts experience with youth using cellphones to interview themselves and others to create a digital storybook about the event to share with the wider community. This event is part of the We Are One! Multicultural Celebration, a three-day festival held at the Newtown Farmer’s Market in May.

Ages: All Ages
Place: Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Park
2523 Cocoanut Ave. Sarasota, FL 34234

10:00a – 11:30a
Discovering Stillness and Kindness
Kadampa Meditation Center Florida
Discovering Stillness and Kindness – Children and their families will explore the possibilities of maintaining an inner stillness through learning about and engaging in meditation. This will enable them to act mindfully in ways that are kind and helpful. This workshop will include a guided meditation appropriate for the age level of the children attending and activities such as storytelling and experiential group interactions focused on developing kindness towards others through one’s thoughts and actions.

Ages: Grades 3–5
Place: Kadampa Meditation Center Florida
730 N. Washington Blvd. Sarasota, FL 34236
Sunday 1 MAY

Looking, Thinking, and Talking About Art with Our Families!

**Wholehearted Education in partnership with Sarasota Art Museum** – Throughout this engaging, experiential workshop, families will learn ways they can look, think, and talk about art TOGETHER! Jessica DiLorenzo, Arts Integration Specialist, and Michele Parchment, Director of Public Engagement for SAM, will lead participants through rich conversations about various works of art in the museum. Families will have the opportunity to write ekphrasis poems inspired by the artwork and enjoy some appetizers together at the bistro.

**Ages: All Ages**

**Place: Sarasota Art Museum**

1001 S Tamiami Trail, Sarasota, FL 34236

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Tuesday 3 MAY

SEL Through the Arts

**Van Wezel Foundation in partnership with WEDU and the Van Wezel Performing Arts Hall**

Managing emotions and behavior is key to student success and a healthy classroom community. It can be challenging to teach social and emotional skills in an engaging way within the regular curriculum. One way to do that is through the arts.

Engaging students in creativity in any subject enhances learning. Explore resources to help educators and parents understand emotional development and learn to lead students in art projects that build those skills—projects that can be incorporated into almost any subject.

**Ages: All Ages**

**Place: Via Zoom**

Virtual Experience

https://forms.gle/4iWvWi96zX8VrR1a6
Charlotte County Public Library System — Enjoy art displays, presentations, and activities from community partners and organizations. Participants may experience tie-dying, rock painting, an epoxy resin station, and more! There will be activities for the whole family.

**Ages:** All Ages

**Place:** Port Charlotte Library
22280 Aaron St. Port Charlotte, FL 33952

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**Family Cardboard Challenge**

Sallie Jones Elementary School — Your family is invited to a morning of play where families will design and build something out of cardboard and recycled materials. Let your imaginations run wild, explore your passions and discover new ideas with support from your family using 21st century skills and attitudes like critical thinking, resourcefulness, perseverance, and teamwork. Limited to 80 families.

**Ages:** All Ages

**Place:** Sallie Jones Elementary School
1230 Narranja Street. Punta Gorda, FL 33950

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**Art for All Ages**

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**Ages:** All Ages

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**Virtual Event: Celebrate YOU!**

Embracing Our Differences in partnership with the Suncoast Campaign for Grade-Level Reading — Author Walter Dean Myer’s LOOKING LIKE ME is a splashy, rhythmic celebration of the wonders of life that combines hypnotic text with his son’s fresh photo-collage illustrations to create a new picture book about self-esteem and growing up with an urban beat. Join us as we explore who we are as individuals through a hands-on art project for parents AND young people.

**Ages:** Grades 1–3

**Place:** Via Zoom
Virtual Experience
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**Ages:** Grades 6–12

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**Ages:** All Ages

**Place:** Via Zoom
Virtual Experience
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Charlotte
5 MAY

Cinco de Mayo Remake Learning Day

Family Services Center in partnership with Valerie’s House, Boys & Girls Clubs of Charlotte County, Drug Free Charlotte County, Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services, United Way of Charlotte County, and Mote Marine Laboratory & Aquarium – Parents and children will celebrate Cinco de Mayo by learning about the culture through art, food, music, science, sign language, and ocean life.

Ages: All Ages
Place: Family Services Center
21500 Gibraltar Drive. Port Charlotte, FL 33952

6:30p
7:30p

Sea Me Read with Mote Marine Laboratory

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Ages: Grades 1–6
Place: Via Zoom
Virtual Experience
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6 MAY Friday

Transition to Kindergarten

Early Learning Coalition of Florida’s Heartland – This event is designed to give families a place to go to learn about kindergarten by talking with teachers, playing games, and sharing feelings. There will be stations set up where children can create an “All About Me” book, have a vision screening, a pre-literacy screening, and parents can request an ASQ screener to do at home.

Ages: PreK–K
Place: The Early Learning Coalition of Florida’s Heartland
2886 Tamiami Trail. Port Charlotte, FL 33952

7 MAY Saturday

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Ages: All Ages
Place: Franz Ross Branch of the YMCA
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Ages: K–Grade 5
Place: Punta Gorda YMCA
2905 Tamiami Trail, Punta Gorda, FL 33950

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Ages: Grades 2–Adult
Place: Punta Gorda Charlotte Library
401 Shreve St. Punta Gorda, FL 33950

Free Comic Book Day

Charlotte County Public Library System | Mid-County Regional Library – Come celebrate your love for the comic book universe, anime, and all things make-believe! We’ll have free comic books, comic strip storyboarding, a caricature artist, and much more! Cosplay is encouraged!

Ages: All Ages
Place: Mid-County Regional Library
2050 Forrest Nelson Blvd. Port Charlotte, FL 33952

Art Across the Libraries

Van Wezel Performing Arts Hall in partnership with Van Wezel Foundation
Explore drama, visual art, and movement. Van Wezel teaching artists will be available at all Charlotte County Library branches to help you showcase your creativity. Stop by and CREATE!

Ages: All Ages
Place: Englewood Charlotte Public Library
3450 N. Access Rd. Englewood, FL 34224
Mid-County Regional Library
2050 Forrest Nelson Blvd. Port Charlotte, FL 33952
Port Charlotte Public Library
2280 Aaron St. Port Charlotte, FL 33952
Punta Gorda Charlotte Library
401 Shreve St. Punta Gorda, FL 33950
Arcadia Housing Authority in partnership with Circus Arts Conservatory – Circus, a beautiful art form of movement and skill, also provides great lessons in physical science and engineering. Parents and children will be involved in activities designed to provide interactive, hands-on experiences to reinforce basic concepts in physical science for the elementary student. Engaging students directly and immediately, circus-artists demonstrate principles of science, engineering, art, math, technology, communication, and theater.

**Ages: K–Grade 5**
**Place:** Arcadia Housing Authority's Office
7 Booker T Washington Rd. Arcadia, FL 34266

South Florida State College – A 4-hour session for high school students and their families to learn more about our environment through hands-on experiences. Students will examine the outdoor environment for clues to natural events, apply learned concepts to the real-world outdoor environment, and compare/contrast water samples in a microscope.

**Ages: Grades 9–12**
**Place:** South Florida State College
2251 NE Turner Ave. Arcadia, FL 34266

DeSoto County Library – The DeSoto County Library will host Escape into Reading. Families will work together to complete escape room activities, then enjoy arts and crafts and various foods.

**Ages: All Ages**
**Place:** DeSoto County Library
125 N Hillsborough Ave. Arcadia, FL 34266

Catholic Charities Casa San Juan Bosco in partnership with 4H – Families will learn about different herbs and plant their own herb gardens.

**Ages: All Ages**
**Place:** Casa San Juan Bosco
2358 S.E. Arnold Andrews Ave. Arcadia, FL 34266

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**Ages: Grades 1–3**
**Place:** Via Zoom
Virtual Experience
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Saturday Night Lights in partnership with the City of Arcadia – Participants will receive free jungle-themed books, create art, enjoy some snacks, and watch Disney’s Jungle Cruise. Please bring a blanket or a chair.

**Ages:** All Ages  
**Place:** Louis and Gloria Flanzer Boys and Girls Club  
18 School Ave. Arcadia, FL 34266

**Hands-On History**  
2:30p  
5:00p

DeSoto County Historical Society – Families will move through a series of stations to experience how various tasks were accomplished in the past. They will write with a pen dipped in ink or type on a manual typewriter. Each station will link to local history. For example, the dip pen station will also have a copy of a book page where “marks and brands” for livestock were recorded in the courthouse.

**Ages:** All Ages  
**Place:** John Morgan Ingraham House Museum and the Howard and Velma Melton Historical Research Library  
120 W. Whidden St. Arcadia, FL 34266

**Family Movie Night**  
5:30p  
8:30p

**Tuesday 3 MAY**

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3:15p  
6:00p

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**Ages:** All Ages  
**Place:** Desoto County Library  
125 N. Hillsborough Ave. Arcadia, FL 34266

**Exploration Station Shark Science**  
4:00p  
6:00p

Arcadia Housing Authority in partnership with Mote Marine Laboratory – Mote will be leading two hands-on Exploration stations during this event.

FIN-TASTIC FRIENDS – learn the truth about the often misunderstood sharks and rays and about Mote’s current research to discover more about these amazing animals.

TURTLEY TURTLES – How many kinds of sea turtles are there? How long do sea turtles really live? Learn the answers to these questions, feel a turtle’s skull and shell, and even take a peek inside a replica sea turtle nest.

**Ages:** All Ages  
**Place:** Arcadia Housing Authority’s Office  
7 Booker T Washington Rd. Arcadia, FL 34266

**Saturday 30 APRIL**
Van Wezel Foundation in partnership with WEDU and the Van Wezel Performing Arts Hall
Managing emotions and behavior is key to student success and a healthy classroom community. It can be challenging to teach social and emotional skills in an engaging way within the regular curriculum. One way to do that is through the arts.

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**Ages: All Ages**

**Place:** Via Zoom

Virtual Experience

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**Families STEAMing Ahead**

**DeSoto County Library in partnership with All Faiths Food Bank** – DeSoto County Library will use robots, iPads, and monsters to create and illustrate stories and develop coding with an eye toward teamwork. All Faiths Food Bank will provide tasty treats to feed your imagination.

**Ages: All Ages**

**Place:** Desoto County Library

125 N. Hillsborough Ave. Arcadia, FL 34266

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**Sea Me Read with Mote Marine Laboratory**

**Mote Marine Laboratory** – Celebrate #RemakeLearningDays with a free SEA Me Read program from Mote Marine Laboratory & Aquarium. Join us as we read Swimming With Sharks: The Daring Discoveries of Eugenie Clark. In the 1930s, few people dared to explore the depths of the sea, and few were women. But Genie wasn’t afraid. Follow “the Shark Lady” as she uncovers the mysteries of the world’s most feared fish! We will read this biographical story aloud and engage in a fun learning segment featuring some sharky friends from our aquarium.

**Ages: Grades 1–6**

**Place:** Via Zoom

Virtual Experience

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**Ages: All Ages**

**Place:** Desoto County Library

125 N. Hillsborough Ave. Arcadia, FL 34266
Finding Your Voice with Sulwe

Step Up Suncoast – Step Up Suncoast’s Parents as Teachers will host this fun and interactive event. Families will celebrate diversity, resilience, and self-esteem through reading, arts and crafts, and self-expression exercises.

Ages: All Ages
Place: McSwain Park
16 Volusia Ave. Arcadia, FL 34266

Oceans of Possibility

DeSoto County Library in partnership with the Van Wezel Performing Arts Hall – We will introduce our Summer Oceans of Possibilities theme through art, craft activities, reading, performance, and various activities.

Ages: All Ages
Place: DeSoto County Public Library
125 N. Hillsborough Ave. Arcadia, FL 34266

Cooking Matters

All Faiths Food Bank – Cooking Matters is a family-friendly cooking demonstration. The chef will create an item for tasting, and attendees will discuss why the dish is both delicious and nutritious.

Ages: All Ages
Place: Casa San Juan Bosco
2358 SE Arnold Andrews Ave. Arcadia, FL 34266

Art Across the Libraries

Van Wezel Performing Arts Hall in partnership with Van Wezel Foundation – Explore drama, visual art, and movement at your local library! Van Wezel teaching artists will be available at the library to help you showcase your creativity. Stop by and CREATE!

Ages: All Ages
Place: DeSoto County Public Library
125 N. Hillsborough Ave. Arcadia, FL 34266
**Story Stroll**

Palmetto Elementary School will host an outdoor reading experience for the whole family! We will provide oversized storybooks for families to enjoy reading together as they stroll outside. Our featured books are from the Adventures of Jumpin Jack series written by T.M. Pedroley and illustrated by Cyn Watson. Families will have the option of JUMPING to the jungle or to the zoo with the main character, Jack. The pages will come to life as you explore animal sounds and movements together.

**Ages: PreK–Grade 3**

**Place:** Palmetto Elementary School  
1540 10th Street West. Palmetto, FL 34221

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**Soar in 4 Nature and Outdoor Learning Night**

Soar in 4 in partnership with Manatee County Parks and Natural Resources will support families as they work together to achieve moments of discovery and investigation through fort building, mud painting, mapping, nature naming art activities, sensory scavenger hunts and much more.

**Ages: PreK–Grade 3**

**Place:** G.T. Bray Recreation Center  
5502 33rd Ave Dr W. Bradenton, FL 34209

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**Uprising in the Village Podcast**

DL Randall Foundation in partnership with the 13th Avenue Dream Center – The podcasting sphere is truly for everyone. Participating youth will create and host their own podcast. The youth will interview teachers and other community adults on topics relevant to children in our region. Attendees will also have the opportunity to participate in United Community Centers’ Stop, Drop, and READ program and visit Science Stations to learn about what went right (or wrong) with various science projects.

**Ages: K–Grade 8**

**Place:** Rubonia Community Center  
1309 72nd St. E. Palmetto, FL 34221

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**Party in the Park**

Manatee Home Visiting Coalition – Hands-on activities for parents and children to complete at this event and additional activities to take home to promote parent/child interaction and learning.

**Ages: PreK**

**Place:** 17th Street Park  
901 17th St W. Palmetto, FL 34221
Realize Bradenton – As part of the Downtown Bradenton Farmers’ Market, this event is free to attend, open to all, and features book signings, storytime, and other literary-themed activities.

**Ages: PreK–Grade 5**

**Place:** Downtown Bradenton Public Market  
Old Main Street. Bradenton, FL 34206

**STREAM Embraces Solar**

**Visible Men Academy** – At Visible Men Academy (VMA), parents and children will experience interactive learning stations that epitomize the STREAM learning curriculum used at VMA: Science, Technology, Reading, Engineering, Art, and Math. At VMA, students are called “Our Suns.” The VMA slogan is “Let your light shine.” Hence, our theme for Suncoast Remake Learning Days is “STREAM EMBRACES SOLAR.”

**Ages: K–Grade 5**

**Place:** Visible Men Academy  
921 63rd Avenue East. Bradenton, FL 34203

**Hands-On History: Transportation**

**Palmetto Historical Park/Manatee County Clerk of Court in partnership with Palmetto Historical Commission, Inc.** – Hands-On History is a free, family-fun event where students and their families will learn about local history through hands-on crafts and activities. April’s Hands-On History theme will be about trains and other forms of transportation that would have been common in our area. Families will work together to build a train to bring supplies and goods to Florida. Kids will earn their Pint-Sized Pioneer Badge by visiting all of our hands-on history spots. Each child will take home a special grab-n-go craft.

**Ages: Grades 1–4**

**Place:** Palmetto Historical Park  
515 10th Ave. W. Palmetto, FL 34221

Soar in 4 in partnership with the Bishop Museum of Science and Nature – The Soar in 4 Cardboard Challenge is a free opportunity for children to play and learn by using cardboard and recycled materials to build the things they imagine. Families will receive free entrance to The Bishop Museum of Science and Nature. Using cardboard boxes of different sizes and shapes, they can construct a unique or new creation and then make up a narrative to go along with it.

**Ages: PreK–Grade 5**

**Place:** The Bishop Museum of Science and Nature  
201 10th St W. Bradenton, FL 34205
**Stop, Drop, and READ**

**11:00a – 2:00p**

**United Community Centers - 13th Ave. Dream Center** – A carnival-style festival focused on literacy. Families can participate in frog leap, face painting, football throws, sack races, the dunk tank, and other fun activities. Fun for the whole family!

**Ages: All Ages**

**Place:** 13th Ave. Dream Center
922 24th St. E. Bradenton, FL 34208

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**La Voz de la Juventud – Youth’s Voices**

**12:00p – 2:00p**

**Solmart Media in partnership with Asolo Repertory Theatre** – Solmart Media will set up a remote studio where professional radio announcers will talk to the youth about broadcasting, radio, and podcasting. They will interview the young people about their current life experiences and lived situations and then produce a radio show with their voices, ideas, dreams, and aspirations.

**Ages: Middle School**

**Place:** Acapulco Tropical Supermarket
3410 US Highway 301 N. Ellenton, FL 34222

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**BEE Aware: Discover the Wonder of Bees**

**1:00p – 3:00p**

**Manatee County Clerk of Circuit Court/Manatee County Agricultural Museum in partnership with Soar in 4 and Suncoast Beekeepers Association** – This event will feature fun, hands-on educational stations that participants rotate through to learn all about bees. Some of the stations include a demonstration hive, honey-tasting, bee anatomy, storytime, crafts, the importance of bees to our ecosystem, and more.

**Ages: All Ages**

**Place:** Manatee County Agricultural Museum
1015 6th St. West. Palmetto, FL 34221

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**Virtual Event: Celebrate YOU!**

**3:00p – 4:00p**

**Embracing Our Differences in partnership with the Suncoast Campaign for Grade-Level Reading** – Author Walter Dean Myer’s LOOKING LIKE ME is a splashy, rhythmic celebration of the wonders of life that combines hypnotic text with his son’s fresh photo-collage illustrations to create a new picture book about self-esteem and growing up with an urban beat. Join us as we explore who we are as individuals through a hands-on art project for parents AND young people.

**Ages: Grades 1–3**

**Place:** Via Zoom

Virtual Experience
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Early Learning Coalition of Manatee County in Partnership with Soar in 4 – Families and their children eight months to eight years old will have an opportunity to explore BLOCK Fest. BLOCK Fest was developed to provide an interactive block-building experience for young children and caregivers. It is a hands-on play exhibit designed to help the community become more knowledgeable about the importance of early math and science learning as it impacts both school readiness and later math success. Early math learning is a strong predictor of school readiness. Families will experience five-block play stations through guided play and conversation. It is sure to be a fun event for all!

**Ages:** PreK–Grade 2  
**Place:** Manatee Downtown Central Library  
1301 Barcarrota Ave. Bradenton, FL 34205

**Florida Studio Theatre in partnership with Palmetto Boys & Girls Club** – This event will begin with a performance of FST’s spring children’s show, “The Grandma That Eats Everything.” Following the show, the audience will be split into four smaller groups to cycle through our four stations led by our team of professional actors (who double as improvisers and teaching artists). The teaching artist will begin with an improv game at each station to channel focus and unite the ensemble. Then, they will move into structured games that allow the participants to create their own characters and play out their stories on the spot! Each station will have a specific warm-up and game so that each one feels different, fun, and fresh.

**Ages:** Grades 1–5  
**Place:** Palmetto Boys & Girls Club  
1600 10th St. W. Palmetto, FL 34221

**Manatee County Libraries | Palmetto Library**  
Join us in our maker space and experience fun and engaging STEAM activities for family members of any age. Activities will include button making, a STEAM build the tallest marshmallow tower contest, and creating shaving cream bookmarks!

**Ages:** All Ages  
**Place:** Palmetto Library  
923 6th Street West. Palmetto, FL 34221

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**Ages:** All Ages  
**Place:** Via Zoom  
Virtual Experience  
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Wednesday, May 4

**Celebrate Black History!**

Family Heritage House Museum in partnership with State College of Florida
Open house and tours of the Family Heritage House Museum.

**Ages: All Ages**

**Place:** State College of Florida Library & Learning Center, Bld. 3
5840 26th St W. Bradenton, FL 34207

**2:00p**

**6:00p**

**Open House**

26 West Center in partnership with State College of Florida – Coding Academy. Come explore and learn about 26 West & the SCF Coding Academy. Discover where to get help starting your business or find a coding camp for your 5th grader!

**Ages: All Ages**

**Place:** State College of Florida
26 West Center State College of Florida Building 8
5840 26th St. W Bradenton, FL 34207

**4:00p**

**5:30p**

**Pine Village Caterpillar-to-Butterfly Camp**

Manatee County Housing Authority (MCHA) in partnership with Marie Selby Botanical Gardens – Creating live caterpillar-to-butterfly displays, augmented with free butterfly learning books for participants. Attendees will participate in kaleidoscope exercises, dancing, and butterfly arts and crafts.

**Ages: PreK–Grade 3**

**Place:** Pine Village Community (of MCHA)
5631 11th St. E. Bradenton, FL 34203

**5:30p**

**7:00p**

**Soar in 4**

Soar in 4 in partnership with The Bishop Museum, Manatee County Schools, Forty Carrots, Manatee County Parks and Recreation, The Van Wezel Performing Arts Hall, Parenting Matters, Manatee County Sheriff’s Office, Books for Kids, Florida Maritime Museum, Florida Agriculture Museum, Manatee Historical Park, Manatee Food Bank, The State College of Florida, Manatee County Libraries, Manatee Technical College, and The Early Learning Coalition of Manatee County – Soar in 4 is a learn, play, explore, and make together night for families. Families receive free entrance to The Bishop Museum of Science and Nature. The materials and books that we distribute will help families to support their preschool–3rd-grade child’s curiosity at home doing challenges and learning together.

**Ages: PreK–Grade 3**

**Place:** The Bishop Museum of Science and Nature
201 10th St. W. Bradenton, FL 34205

**5:30p**

**7:30p**

**Maker Space Open House**

Manatee County Libraries | Manatee County Central Library – Join us in our maker space and experience hands-on learning for families of all ages. Activities include 3D printing, button making, 3D pen activities, a Rainbow Windsock craft, and demonstrations of robots that move as a result of color programming.

**Ages: All Ages**

**Place:** Manatee Downtown Central Library
1301 Barcarrota Ave. Bradenton, FL 34205
Thursday
5 MAY

**Florida Studio Theatre in partnership with Desoto Boys & Girls Club** – This event will begin with a performance of FST’s spring children’s show, “The Grandma That Eats Everything.” Following the show, the audience will be split into four smaller groups to cycle through our four stations led by our team of professional actors (who double as improvisers and teaching artists). The teaching artist will begin with an improv game at each station to channel focus and unite the ensemble. Then, they will move into structured games that allow the participants to create their own characters and play out their stories on the spot! Each station will have a specific warm-up and game so that each one feels different, fun, and fresh.

**Ages:** Grades 1–5  
**Place:** Desoto Boys & Girls Club  
5236 30th St. W. Bradenton, FL 34207

**Cinco De Mayo Fiesta with Partners In Play®**  
**Place:** Palmetto Library  
923 6th St W. Palmetto, FL 34221

**Sea Me Read with Mote Marine Laboratory**  
**Ages:** Grades 1–6  
**Place:** Via Zoom  
Virtual Experience  
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**FUNducation Inc.** – Esports, short for electronic sports, is a form of competition using video games. Esports often take the form of organized, multiplayer video game competitions, individually or as teams. In this fun and interactive workshop, FUNducation will introduce youth and their families to Esports Edu.

**Ages:** Grades 2–Adult  
**Place:** Braden River Library  
4915 53rd Ave. E. Bradenton, FL 34203

**Mote Marine Laboratory** – Celebrate #RemakeLearningDays with a free SEA Me Read program from Mote Marine Laboratory & Aquarium. Join us as we read *Swimming With Sharks: The Daring Discoveries of Eugenie Clark*. In the 1930s, few people dared to explore the depths of the sea, and few were women. But Genie wasn’t afraid. Follow “the Shark Lady” as she uncovers the mysteries of the world’s most feared fish! We will read this biographical story aloud and engage in a fun learning segment featuring some sharky friends from our aquarium.

**Ages:** Grades 1–6  
**Place:** Via Zoom  
Virtual Experience  
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Friday 6 MAY

5:30p | 7:00p
Soar in 4 and the Teen Aircraft Factory Aviation Adventure

Teen Aircraft Factory in partnership with Soar in 4 – Explore aviation by visiting an airplane hangar and meeting pilots, fly a drone, experience a virtual reality simulation, participate in aviation challenges, sit in a real airplane, learn about aviation careers, and much more!

Ages: Grades 1–6
Place: Universal Flight Services
8140 15th Street East. Sarasota, FL 34243

Saturday 7 MAY

11:00a | 1:00p
Career Exploration

Manatee Technical College and Soar in 4 in partnership with Manatee Education Foundation – Support your children as they explore and develop career awareness by interacting with professionals and activities such as exploring a real firetruck, learning to code with ozobots, experiencing a virtual simulation, building with tools, and much more.

Ages: All Ages
Place: Manatee Downtown Central Library
1301 Barcarrota Ave. Bradenton, FL 34205

9:00a | 1:00p
Discovering Seaside Treasure

Whole Child Manatee in partnership with Manatee County Public Libraries – Discover the seaside habitat of the Florida mangroves! Enjoy multiple hands-on activities and create replicas to take home!

Ages: PreK–Grade 1
Place: The Little Discovery Center
321 15th St. W. Bradenton, FL 34205

1:30p | 3:00p
Art Across the Libraries

Van Wezel Performing Arts Hall in partnership with Van Wezel Foundation – Explore drama, visual art, and movement. Van Wezel teaching artists will be available at all Manatee County Library branches to help you showcase your creativity. Stop by and CREATE!

Ages: All Ages
Place: Downtown Bradenton Branch
1301 Barcarrota Blvd. W. Bradenton, FL 34205

Braden River Branch
4915 53rd Ave. East Bradenton, FL 34203

Island Branch
5701 Marina Drive Holmes Beach, FL 34217

Palmetto Branch
923 6th Street West Palmetto, FL 34221

Rocky Bluff Branch
6750 US Highway 301 N. Ellenton, FL 34222

South Manatee Branch
6081 26th Street West Bradenton, FL 34207

10:00a | 1:00p
Hands-On Habits

Rowlett Academies for Arts and Communication in partnership with Florida Maritime Museum
Hands-On Habits allows guests of all ages to experience The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People® through a student-centric lens. Activities are student-designed and led!

Ages: All Ages
Place: Florida Maritime Museum
4415 119th St. W. Cortez, FL 34215

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**Manatee**

**Saturday 7 MAY**

**Seeing Stars with The Bishop**

The Bishop Museum of Science and Nature in partnership with Manatee County Parks and Natural Resources — Join The Bishop Museum of Science and Nature to celebrate Astronomy Day on Saturday, May 7 at Robinson Preserve. We’ll have hands-on astronomy fun followed by real views of distant space objects after the sun sets during “Seeing Stars with The Bishop.”

During “Seeing Stars,” we set up tables to explore the science of space then provide and operate the telescopes; you enjoy the wonders of our universe. After dark, the waxing crescent moon and many of our favorite constellations, like Virgo, Ursa Major, and Ursa Minor, are expected to provide spectacular sights — weather permitting, of course!

**Ages: Grades 3–12**

**Place:** Robinson Preserve 10299 9th Ave NW. Bradenton, FL 34209

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**Sunday 8 MAY**

**EcoFlora BioBlitz**

Marie Selby Botanical Gardens in partnership with Manatee County Audubon Society

Nature is all around us, even in our cities! Let’s get to know the plants and animals in our area. Join Marie Selby Botanical Gardens’ EcoFlora Project for a guided walk and bioblitz at Felts Audubon Preserve. By participating in the bioblitz, you will learn more about nature in your area AND become a helpful citizen scientist. All you need is a smartphone, a free iNaturalist app, and a willingness to get out and explore! Registration required.

**Ages: Grades 6–12**

**Place:** Felts Audubon Preserve 4600 24th Ave. Palmetto, FL 34221
Youth Voices Drop in Day and Exhibit
11:00a | 5:00p

Sarasota County Public Libraries | Elsie Quirk Library – Drop-in makerspace art program for homeschooled and traditionally-schooled teens and tweens to inspire them to create art and raise their voices. Many art forms will be available for exploration, including drawing, collage, and poetry. Produced items will be exhibited throughout the Suncoast Remake Learning Days week.

Ages: PreK–Grade 6–Grade 12
Place: Elsie Quirk Library
100 W. Dearborn St. Englewood, FL 34223

FAMILY ART PROJECTS
2:00p | 4:00p

Sarasota County Libraries – Parents and children can design and decorate various art projects at Fruitville Library.

Ages: Grades 1–5
Place: Fruitville Library
100 Apex Rd. Sarasota, FL 34240

All the Arts for All the Kids Day
3:30p | 5:30p

Southside School Foundation for the Arts
Come create BIG and small art. Join us in the Southside Courtyard as we unveil our Free Little Art Gallery and host an interactive mural painting event where attendees can participate in the creative process alongside local mural artists. We will discuss the use of scale and proportion and how it relates to creating large and miniature art. Stations will be set up so parents and kids can create art of all shapes and sizes together. This free event is for both parents and students, so please plan on attending and participating with your children.

Ages: Grades K–5
Place: Southside School
1901 Webber St. Sarasota, FL 34239

Dive Into Learning
4:00p | 6:00p

Sarasota Housing Authority in partnership with the Betty J. Johnson North Sarasota Public Library and other community partners
Children and their families are invited to an ocean-themed party! Enjoy interactive stations, crafts, food, music, and fun!

Ages: All Ages
Place: Sarasota Housing Authority Learning Center 1912 N. Orange Ave. Sarasota, FL 34234

Play at The Bay: Let’s Grow a Park for All!
5:00p | 7:00p


Ages: PreK–Grade 8
Place: The Bay’s Civic Green + Bayfront Community Center
801 N. Tamiami Tr. Sarasota, FL 34236
Dreamers Academy in partnership with CreArte Latino Cultural Center – Dreamers Academy and CreArte Latino Cultural Center will join efforts for an evening of literacy, art, music, theater, and fun with families of Sarasota. The event will offer six stations in English and Spanish: reading, writing, hands-on activities, art, music, and theater workshops.

**Ages:** PreK–Grade 2  
**Place:** Dreamers Academy  
1050 S. Tuttle Ave., Bldg #3. Sarasota, FL 34237

Wholehearted Education in partnership with Newtown Nation – The WholeheARTed Sunset Family Celebration is an outdoor arts education event for the whole family. This event will showcase interactive art experiences such as creative movement, mural making, music, mindfulness, and more!

**Ages:** All Ages  
**Place:** Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Park  
2523 Cocoanut Ave. Sarasota, FL 34234

The Circus Arts Conservatory in partnership with Alta Vista Elementary School – This event encompasses a “3 Ring Circus” and free concessions. Families will be provided a ticket upon entry to guide them through hands-on explorations in each ring, including an art-based activity, a force and motion science inquiry, and circus apparatuses focusing on the performing arts.

**Ages:** PreK–Grade 5  
**Place:** Alta Vista Elementary School  
1050 S Euclid Ave. Sarasota, FL 34237

Uncommon Kids Inc. in partnership with Take Stock in Children, Suncoast Campaign for Grade-Level Reading, WEDU, Hope City Church, Bayside Community Church, Let’s Jump, Addi’s Pony Parties, Sarasota County Schools Police Department, and All Faiths Food Bank – Breakfast provided, STEAM Station and Maker Space open for all ages, outdoor activity areas, including a petting zoo, dancing, games, and inflatables.

**Ages:** All Ages  
**Place:** Wilkinson Elementary School  
3400 Wilkinson Rd. Sarasota, FL 34231

Sarasota County Parks, Recreation and Natural Resources – Families will receive a fun lesson on birds and birding etiquette. All kids will receive a free pair of binoculars and will take a short nature walk around the Venice Rookery. We will work with families to document different bird behaviors during this event. There will be a ‘battle of the birds’ game where kids race to the finish line while learning about birds.

**Ages:** PreK– Grade 8  
**Place:** Venice Area Audubon Rookery  
4002 S Tamiami Trail via, Annex Rd. Venice, FL 34293
Florida Studio Theatre in partnership with the Early Learning Coalition of Sarasota County
This event will include an interactive performance of FST's spring children's show, "The Grandma That Eats Everything." Improv games will be woven into the performance, so everyone in the audience can engage their imaginations, have their voices heard, and show off their improvisational skills!

**Ages: PreK–Grade 3**
**Place:** Grace PreSchool
400 Field Ave E. Venice, FL 34285

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Arts and Cultural Alliance of Sarasota County in partnership with Patriot Plaza at Sarasota National Cemetery and The Patterson Foundation – Patriot Plaza Tour Guides will present tours to youth and their families. Afterward, guests will enjoy patriotic and fun activities, including American flag folding, hands-on learning, a Patriot Plaza Family Engagement Activity book, and more!

**Ages: Grades 4–12**
**Place:** Patriot Plaza at Sarasota National Cemetery
9810 State Road 72. Sarasota, FL 34241

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Sarasota County Sustainability in partnership with Marie Selby Botanical Gardens’ EcoFlora Project – Stations will be set up outdoors, and small groups will move from station to station to complete each activity. This program focuses on sustainability, climate change, food, and microplastics.

**Ages: All Ages**
**Place:** Newtown Estates Park
2800 Newtown Blvd. Sarasota, FL 34234

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Girl Scouts of Gulf Coast Florida in partnership with Sarasota Jungle Gardens presents an exciting and interactive experience for families with children of all ages. Each event will bring the wonder and science of animals and nature to life. The event will include an interactive experience led by Sarasota Jungle Gardens educators, a hands-on art project to take home, and a self-led scavenger hunt for families to complete as they explore. Girl Scouts will also provide goodie bags for families.

**Ages: All Ages**
**Place:** Sarasota Jungle Gardens
3701 Bay Shore Rd. Sarasota, FL 34234
Fairy Garden Workshop
11:00a - 12:00p
Join us to learn how to create your own fairy garden. Learn to plant and care for succulents while using your imagination to build and decorate a home for your fairy.

Sarasota County Libraries | Gulf Gate Library
Place: Gulf Gate Library
7112 Curtiss Ave. Sarasota, FL 34231

Ages: Grades 3–5

Discover your Opera Voice!!
11:00a - 1:30p
Sarasota Youth Opera – Explore how fun opera is on and off the stage. Designed for all skill levels, Sarasota Youth Opera will explore the world of opera through chorus and acting.

Sarasota Opera
Place: Sarasota Opera
61 N. Pineapple Ave. Sarasota, FL 34236

Ages: Grades 2–12

Mr. Stevey and Friends
12:00p - 3:00p
Van Wezel Foundation in partnership with the Van Wezel Performing Arts Hall – Families will learn and create together while experiencing creative mindfulness activities. Join teaching artists Mr. Stevey (from Mr. Stevey Meditates) and his artistic friends to explore the arts.

Van Wezel Performing Arts Hall
2523 Cocoanut Ave. Sarasota, FL 34236

Ages: All Ages

Laurel Civic’s Discovery Day
1:00p - 3:00p
Laurel Civic, in partnership with the Van Wezel Performing Arts Hall, The Ringling, and Mote Marine Laboratory – Families will discover art with teaching artists from our community. Participants will take part in an art activity led by The Ringling, a movement activity led by a teaching artist from the Van Wezel Performing Arts Hall, and create shark art with Mote Marine Laboratory. Food and snacks will be provided.

Laurel Park Gym
509 Collins Rd. Nokomis, FL 34275

Ages: All Ages
FUNducation Inc. in partnership with
Greatness Beyond Measure and Ringling
College of Art and Design – FUNducation Inc.
is partnering with Ringling College of Art and
Design and Greatness Beyond Measure to host
an Esports Edu event to expose and engage
families and youth in the community to the
opportunities in the gaming industry. The event
will include educating parents and students about
esports, a live youth gaming tournament, live AR
(augmented reality), and VR (virtual reality)
games.

Ages: All Ages
Place: Alfred R. Goldstein Library at Ringling
College of Art and Design [N.E. corner of Old
Bradenton Rd. and Dr Martin Luther King Way]
2700 N. Tamiami Trail. Sarasota, FL 34234

Sarasota Public Libraries | Gulf Gate Library
Calling all future artists. The Gulf Gate Library is
looking for you. Join us on April 30, 2022, from 2
to 3 pm for Suncoast Remake Learning Days.
Tweens and teens (9-14) will be collaborating
with their parent(s) on an acrylic pouring project.
All supplies are provided. Just sign up via the
Library Event Calendar. Space is limited so sign
up early. For more information, contact Robert at
the library (941) 861-1230.

Ages: Grades 6–12
Place: Gulf Gate Library
7112 Curtiss Ave. Sarasota, FL 34231
scgovlibrary.librarymarket.com/events/month

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Place: Via Zoom
Virtual Experience
https://forms.gle/GdbTXtR7Z2RQR7bU7

Solmart Media in partnership with Asolo
Repertory Theatre – Solmart Media will set up a
remote studio where professional radio
announcers will talk to the youth about
broadcasting, radio, and podcasting. They will
interview the young people about their current
life experiences and lived situations and then
produce a radio show with their voices, ideas,
dreams, and aspirations.

Ages: Middle School
Place: St. Jude Catholic Church
3930 17th St. Sarasota, FL 34235
Sunday, May 1

10:00a-12:00p | Jungle Adventures
12:00p-4:00p

Girl Scouts of Gulf Coast Florida in partnership with Sarasota Jungle Gardens presents an exciting and educational experience for families with children of all ages. The program will bring the wonder of animals and the value of nature to life. The event will feature a treehouse, providing a unique perspective, educational activities in the home, and a self-led scavenger hunt. Girl Scouts will also provide goodie bags for families.

Ages: All Ages
Place: Sarasota Jungle Gardens
3701 Bay Shore Rd. Sarasota, FL 34234

1:00p-2:00p | Climbing Through the Picture Frame

World of Chucko in partnership with The Venice Historic Society – Join us at the Venice Historic Train Depot for a live interactive family-friendly "Transition." Sharing the history, mystery, magic, music, and memories of the circus and cartoon clowning past, present, and future. Like Alice and the Looking Glass, we learn a lot about ourselves looking in the MIRROR. CHUCKO tells the magical story about how he climbed through his PICTURE FRAME and became a circus clown in the Greatest Show On Earth! EVERYONE will have the opportunity to "Climb through the Picture Frame!"

Ages: All Ages
Place: Venice Historic Train Depot
303 E. Venice Ave. Venice, FL 34292

2:00p-4:00p | Patriot Plaza Tour and Family Activities

Arts and Cultural Alliance of Sarasota County in partnership with Patriot Plaza at Sarasota National Cemetery and The Patterson Foundation – Patriot Plaza Tour Guides will present tours to youth and their families. Afterward, guests will enjoy patriotic and fun activities, including American flag folding, hands-on learning, a Patriot Plaza Family Engagement Activity book, and more!

Ages: Grades 4–12
Place: Patriot Plaza at Sarasota National Cemetery
9810 State Road 72. Sarasota, FL 34241

3:00p-5:00p | Menchy’s Paw Mitzvah

Hershorin Schiff Day Schools of Tomorrow, Inc. – A mitzvah project is a meaningful way to engage families and the community-at-large in one of the most important values of Judaism – repairing the world (tikkun olam) and compassion for others. Our school mascot, Menchy (a mensch is a person who can be relied on to act with honor and integrity), will engage our school families and others in the community with a service project benefiting animals. Participants of all ages will create and decorate dog and cat bowls to be gifted back to The Humane Society of Sarasota. We will also donate animal toys and food. In addition to the service-learning project, animals from The Humane Society, stories and crafts, music, food trucks (Spice Boys Kitchen), ice cream, and cake, more will be shared.

Ages: All Ages
Place: Hershorin Schiff Day Schools of Tomorrow (d/b/a Community Day School)
4335 Wilkinson Rd. Sarasota, FL 34233
Wholehearted Education in partnership with Sarasota Art Museum – Throughout this engaging, experiential workshop, families will learn ways they can look, think, and talk about art TOGETHER! Jessica DiLorenzo, Arts Integration Specialist, and Michele Parchment, Director of Public Engagement for SAM, will lead participants through rich conversations about various works of art in the museum. Families will have the opportunity to write ekphrasis poems inspired by the artwork and enjoy some appetizers together at the bistro.

**Ages: All Ages**

**Place:** Sarasota Art Museum
1001 S Tamiami Trail, Sarasota, FL 34236

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**Forty Carrots Partners in Play®**

Sarasota County Libraries | Elsie Quirk Library in partnership with Forty Carrots – Drop in to enjoy special playtime with your child and meet friendly parenting educators.

**Ages: PreK**

**Place:** Elsie Quirk Library
100 W Dearborn St. Englewood, FL 34223

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**Interactive Chinese Language Learning**

Sarasota Chinese Academy – Through interactive activities, learn about key Chinese language components, such as four tones and common building units of Chinese characters. Instructors and volunteers from Sarasota Chinese Academy will lead students to identify the “meaning parts” of certain Chinese characters so that students will develop an understanding of the building blocks of the Chinese language.

**Ages: PreK–Grade 5**

**Place:** Gulf Gate Library Meeting Room B
7112 Curtiss Ave. Sarasota, FL 34231

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**Let's Make Some Black Gold!**

Sarasota County Libraries | William H. Jervey Jr. Venice Public Library – Learn about composting, waste reduction, and recycling. This 90-minute workshop blends indoor lessons with outdoor, hands-on activities in our compost demonstration area and includes live demonstrations on the correct way to start composting food.

**Ages: All Ages**

**Place:** William H. Jervey Venice Public Library
300 Nokomis Ave S. Venice, FL 34285
**Learning to the Max**

Wilkinson Elementary School PreK–5th grade students and their families from the community are invited to explore the Wilkinson Elementary School Learning Commons and Makerspace areas. Activities will include interactive engineering/design challenges, robotics, computer challenges, and the opportunity to tinker and create in our Makerspace classroom.

**Ages: PreK–Grade 5**

**Place:** Wilkinson Elementary School  
3400 Wilkinson Rd. Sarasota, FL 34231

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**Spaghetti Tower Challenge**

Sarasota County Libraries | William H. Jervey Jr. Venice Public Library  
For a tower to stay standing, it must have a stable base and be strong enough not to buckle under its weight. Participants will incorporate science and mathematics to create a sturdy framework for their spaghetti and marshmallow tower. The challenge is not to eat all the marshmallows before the structure is complete.

**Ages: Grades 2–8**

**Place:** William H. Jervey Jr. Venice Public Library  
300 Nokomis Ave S. Venice, FL 34285

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**Preschool Nutrition Program**

Sarasota Public Libraries | Gulf Gate Library  
This program introduces preschoolers to the basics of growing plants and healthy eating with stories, songs, activities, and food samples.

**Ages: PreK–K**

**Place:** Gulf Gate Library  
7112 Curtiss Ave. Sarasota, FL 34231

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**Making a Mother’s Day Card**

Sarasota County Libraries | Fruitville Library  
Children and parents will use various art materials to design their personalized Mother’s Day cards.

**Ages: Grades 1–5**

**Place:** Fruitville Public Library  
100 Apex Rd. Sarasota, FL 34240

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**All the Colors of Me**

Glow Kids Yoga – PreK children and their families will participate in yoga and mindfulness activities. They will make and take helpful tools for self- and co-regulation. Participants will use colors and artful expressions to represent emotions.

**Ages: PreK**

**Place:** First Presbyterian Preschool  
2050 Oak St. Sarasota, FL 34237
Sarasota County Public Libraries | Betty J. Johnson North Sarasota Public Library
Families are invited to this special edition of Tinker Tuesday, where we’ll build a game using Makey Makeys. Registration is required as supplies are limited. Registration and more information can be found on the library’s online calendar of events.

**Ages: Grades 2–5**

**Place: Betty J. Johnson North Sarasota Public Library**
2801 Newtown Blvd. Sarasota, FL 34234

**Tinker Tuesday**
4:00p | 4:45p

**Chime In!**
4:30p | 5:30p

**Ring Sarasota Inc.** – Participants will sing a well-known song and play their assigned handchimes at the appropriate place in the song. Musical experience is not required. Registration recommended – https://forms.gle/V7gN2sDML1EAp5w57

**Ages: Grades 3–8**

**Place: Church of the Palms**
3224 Bee Ridge Rd. Sarasota, FL 34239

**Messy Science**
6:00p | 7:00p

**Sarasota Public Libraries | North Port Public Library** – A variety of messy chemical reactions will be demonstrated outside in our library’s backyard, including creating elephant toothpaste, how to explode a watermelon, and a kiddie pool sensory exploration.

**Ages: All Ages**

**Place: North Port Public Library**
13800 S. Tamiami Trail. North Port FL, 34287

**SEL Through the Arts**
6:00p | 8:00p

**Van Wezel Foundation in partnership with WEDU and the Van Wezel Performing Arts Hall**
Managing emotions and behavior is key to student success and a healthy classroom community. It can be challenging to teach social and emotional skills in an engaging way within the regular curriculum. One way to do that is through the arts.

Engaging students in creativity in any subject enhances learning. Explore resources to help educators and parents understand emotional development and learn to lead students in art projects that build those skills—projects that can be incorporated into almost any subject.

**Ages: All Ages**

**Place: Via Zoom**
Virtual Experience
https://forms.gle/4iWvWi96zX8VrR1a6

Wilkinson Elementary School PreK–5th-grade students and their families are invited to enjoy Wilkinson’s outdoor spaces as they learn about Florida and Sarasota’s environment, resources, and community.

**Ages: PreK–Grade 5**

**Place: Wilkinson Elementary School**
3400 Wilkinson Rd. Sarasota, FL 34231

**Remake Learning Through Song**
4:30p | 6:30p

**Sarasota Young Voices** – The event will begin with a reception and Q & A time for parents and children to learn about our programming. Participants will engage in a lively introductory music event culminating with the children’s chorus doing a mini-concert to demonstrate how participation in SYV builds reading and listening skills, musicianship, friendship, and is just plain fun for kids!

**Ages: Grades 3–12**

**Place: Church of the Palms Music Building**
3224 Bee Ridge Rd. Sarasota, FL 34239
Wednesday, May 4

11:15a | 11:45a
Story Time with Riley
Sarasota County Libraries | North Port Public Library
Riley will share themed picture books with song, dance, and a hands-on craft to reach multiple learning modalities.
Ages: PreK
Place: North Port Public Library
13800 S. Tamiami Trail, Sarasota, FL 34287

2:00p | 4:00p
Discovery Dome Planetarium
Boys & Girls Club of Newtown Estates in partnership with the Betty J. Johnson North Sarasota Public Library
Land on the moon, travel through the stars, explore the universe, and more with the Sarasota County Library System’s Discovery Dome Planetarium. Attendees not enrolled in the Boys and Girls Club must register on the library’s online calendar of events.
Ages: K–Grade 5
Place: Boys & Girls Club of Newtown Estates
2800 Newtown Blvd, Sarasota, FL 34234

3:00p | 4:00p
Harness the Wind: Creating a Wind Turbine
Sarasota County Libraries | William H. Jervey Jr. Venice Public Library
Explore the challenges of extracting energy from the wind by engineering a wind turbine. Incorporate physics and engineering using paper cups to make the blades that will be pushed around by the energy of the wind. The bigger the blades, the more energy the turbine can capture.
Ages: Grades 5–8
Place: William H. Jervey Jr. Venice Public Library
300 Nokomis S, Venice, FL 34285

3:30p | 4:30p
Artist Trading Cards
Sarasota County Libraries | Fruitville Library
Children will decorate mini art cards to trade or share with others.
Ages: Grades 1–5
Place: Fruitville Public Library
100 Apex Rd, Sarasota, FL 34240

6:00p | 7:00p
Lego Club
Sarasota County Libraries | North Port Public Library
Elementary-aged children and their parents will have the opportunity to use our Lego collection to build their creations as they experiment with form and function.
Ages: K–Grade 5
Place: North Port Public Library
13800 S. Tamiami Trail, North Port, FL 34287
Thursday May 5

**Remake Learning Storytime**

Sarasota County Public Libraries | Elsie Quirk Library – Outdoor storytime and crafts for children and caregivers.

**Ages:** PreK–Grade 2
**Place:** Elsie Quirk Library
100 W Dearborn St. Englewood, FL 34223

**Loud at the Library**

Betty J. Johnson North Sarasota Library in partnership with African American Cultural Resource Center, Asolo Repertory Theatre, CreArte Latino Cultural Center, and Embracing Our Differences – Leave your mark by exploring multiple interactive stations related to youth voice and self-expression. The first 100 participants will receive a ticket for a free dinner, which starts at 5 p.m. in the library parking lot.

**Ages:** All Ages
**Place:** Betty J. Johnson North Sarasota Library
2801 Newtown Blvd. Sarasota, FL 34234

**Family Learning Night with Mote Marine**

The John & Mable Ringling Museum of Art in partnership with Sarasota Housing Authority
Join us for a special Night at the Museum! The night will be filled with exciting activities that aren’t always allowed during the day! We’ll have art-making, touch and learn stations with real museum objects, special photo opportunities with costumes and props, kid-friendly food, and themed tours that will bring the art to life.

**Ages:** All Ages
**Place:** The John & Mable Ringling Museum of Art
5401 Bay Shore Rd. Sarasota, FL 34243

**Sea Me Read with Mote Marine Laboratory**

Mote Marine Laboratory – Celebrate #RemakeLearningDays with a free SEA Me Read program from Mote Marine Laboratory & Aquarium. Join us as we read Swimming With Sharks: The Daring Discoveries of Eugenie Clark. In the 1930s, few people dared to explore the depths of the sea, and few were women. But Genie wasn’t afraid. Follow “the Shark Lady” as she uncovers the mysteries of the world’s most feared fish! We will read this biographical story aloud and engage in a fun learning segment featuring some sharky friends from our aquarium.

**Ages:** Grades 1–6
**Place:** Via Zoom
Virtual Experience
https://forms.gle/A3NC4TbVzxUmgzDA
**Friday, May 6**

**Soar in 4 and the Teen Aircraft Factory Aviation Adventure**

Teen Aircraft Factory in partnership with Soar in 4 – Explore aviation by visiting an airplane hangar and meeting pilots, fly a drone, experience a virtual reality simulation, participate in aviation challenges, sit in a real airplane, learn about aviation careers, and much more!

**Ages: All Ages**

**Place: Universal Flight Services**

8140 15th Street East, Sarasota, FL 34243

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**We Are One Voice**

The Newtown Nation in partnership with Rough & Ready Media and The Newtown Farmer’s Market – Youth Poetry & Spoken Word Celebration and Workshop – The We Are One Voice! Youth Spoken Word and Poetry Celebration and Workshop is an outdoor arts education event for local students and their families. This event will showcase youth voices of all ages, including a spoken word showcase featuring local artists, a poetry-spoken word workshop, and a youth performance. This event is part of the nighttime kick-off for We Are One! Multicultural Celebration, a three-day festival held at the Newtown Farmer’s Market in May.

**Ages: All Ages**

**Place: Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Park**

2523 Cocoanut Ave. Sarasota, FL 34234

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**Saturday, May 7**

**Caturday at Cat Depot**

Cat Depot – Kids and parents will “adopt” a stuffed animal cat and learn about the adoption process.

**Ages: PreK–Grade 3**

**Place: Cat Depot**

2525 17th St. Sarasota, FL 34234

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**Caturday at Cat Depot**

Cat Depot – Kids and parents will learn about animal shelters, proper cat care, and fun facts about cats through an interactive lesson.

**Ages: Grades 3–6**

**Place: Cat Depot**

2525 17th St. Sarasota, FL 34234
STEAM Up Your Saturday!

Wilkinson Elementary School – Explore our unique learning spaces, including STEAM Station, butterfly and sensory gardens, courtyard, and Learning Commons.

Ages: PreK–Grade 5
Place: Wilkinson Elementary School
3400 Wilkinson Rd. Sarasota, FL 34231

YMCA Healthy Community Day

Englewood YMCA – Healthy Kids Day® is the Y’s national initiative to improve the health and well-being of kids and families. YMCAs across the country host free community events aimed to inspire kids to keep their minds and bodies active throughout the summer months. Here in Englewood, the day-long event will feature activities that range from rock climbing to cooking demonstrations to reading and STEM. All activities are designed to inspire kids to get active while simultaneously teaching families how to develop routines that support mental and physical health at home. The Y has been celebrating healthy kids for 30 years—join us!

Ages: PreK–Grade 4
Place: Englewood YMCA
701 Medical Blvd. Englewood, FL 34223

Wholehearted Family Fun at Sarasota Farmers’ Market

Wholehearted Education in partnership with Mr. Stevey, Sarasota Art Museum, and Glow

Kids Yoga – Wholehearted teaching artists will provide family-friendly arts and wellness experiences. We will begin the day with You and Me Yoga for the littlest learners. We will move on to kids yoga and bracelet making from 10-11a, Oil Pastels with Sam Wuerfel from 11a-12p, and Mural Making with Brandon Thrift (Spread Love) from 12-1p.

Ages: All Ages
Place: Sarasota Farmer’s Market (by the fountain) N. Lemon Ave. Sarasota, FL 34236

Discovering Stillness and Kindness

Kadampa Meditation Center Florida

Discovering Stillness and Kindness – Children and their families will explore the possibilities of maintaining an inner stillness through learning about and engaging in meditation. This will enable them to act mindfully in ways that are kind and helpful. This workshop will include a guided meditation appropriate for the age level of the children attending and activities such as storytelling and experiential group interactions focused on developing kindness towards others through one’s thoughts and actions.

Ages: Grades 3–5
Place: Kadampa Meditation Center Florida
730 N. Washington Blvd. Sarasota, FL 34236

Caturday at Cat Depot

Cat Depot – Kids and parents will make service projects for the cats of Cat Depot and for the foster families, such as no-sew pet beds, braided t-shirt mats, and upcycled cat scratchers.

Ages: Grades 6–12
Place: Cat Depot
2525 17th St. Sarasota, FL 34234
Westcoast Black Theatre Troupe – Classes will be conducted to provide information and instruction in the theatre crafts of costume design, theatrical prop construction, and dance movement.

**Ages: Grades 3–8**

**Place: Westcoast Black Theatre**

1012 N. Orange Ave. Sarasota, FL 34236

Soil! – Become a soil scientist and explore the properties of the weird, wild world beneath your feet! This event, in partnership with Transition Sarasota and Sunshine Community Compost, will be a fun, family activity where you’ll learn all about soil, compost, and food production through hands-on learning! A part of Suncoast Remake Learning Days.

**Ages: Grades 3–12**

**Place: The Florida House**

4454 Beneva Rd. Sarasota, FL 34233

YMCA Healthy Community Day

Venice YMCA – Healthy Kids Day® is the Y’s national initiative to improve the health and well-being of kids and families. YMCAs across the country host free community events aimed to inspire kids to keep their minds and bodies active throughout the summer months. Venice YMCA activities will focus on healthy, well-rounded children, art, reading, and physical and mental wellness. All activities are designed to inspire kids to get active while simultaneously teaching families how to develop routines that support mental and physical health at home. The Y has been celebrating healthy kids for 30 years—join us!

**Ages: K–Grade 5**

**Place: Venice YMCA**

701 Center Rd. Venice, FL 34285

Suncoast Science Center/Faulhaber Fab Lab in partnership with Southface Sarasota & Florida House Institute – Join us to "break" apart electronics and learn about the various components and their functions. Then, we’ll see if we can repurpose them into something new! Breaker Space class is for children and families of all ages. No need to bring any electronics, we will provide them. Just bring a willingness to learn and have fun!

**Ages: All Ages**

**Place: Suncoast Science Center/Faulhaber Fab Lab**

4452 Beneva Rd. Sarasota, FL 34233

USF Center for PAInT – Dance with PAInT is a family-friendly environment promoting cultural awareness in various dance genres. Our featured artist is Breai Mason-Campbell from Baltimore, MD. She is a mom of three and the founder of Moving History, a dance curriculum that explores movement traditions that began as American folk art. Join us in celebrating families as we build creative self-expression and community. The curriculum’s core repertoire — Breakin’, Locking, Lindy Hop, West African Dance, Vernacular Jazz, Tap, and East Coast Swing, are rigorous disciplines with international impact. The event combines technical dance skills with historical events such as the Harlem Renaissance, the Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade, the Civil Rights Movement, and the Great Migration. The event will also feature Tap Dance from Tapology, Inc., based in Flint, MI. If you have tap shoes, bring them! Everyone is welcome – from beginners to older adults and everyone in between.

**Ages: All Ages**

**Place: USF Selby Auditorium**

8350 N. Tamiami Trail. Sarasota, FL 34234
Saturday
MAY 7

10:00a | 2:00p
Family Fun With the Arts

The Arts and Cultural Alliance of Sarasota County in partnership with Alta Vista Elementary School and Sarasota African American Cultural Coalition – Family painting workshop with final artistic creations becoming part of a larger exhibit and a flash mob!

Ages: All Ages

Place: Alta Vista Elementary School
1050 S. Euclid Ave. Sarasota, FL 34237

10:30a | 12:00p
Art Across the Libraries

Van Wezel Performing Arts Hall in partnership with Van Wezel Foundation – Explore drama, visual art, and movement. Van Wezel teaching artists will be available at all Sarasota County Library branches to help you showcase your creativity. Stop by and CREATE!

Ages: All Ages

Place:
Betty J. Johnson North Sarasota Public Library
2801 Newtown Blvd. Sarasota, FL 34234
Elsie Quirk Public Library
100 West Dearborn St. Englewood, FL 34223
Frances T. Bourne Jacaranda Public Library
4143 Woodmere Park Blvd. Venice, FL 34293
Fruitville Public Library
100 Apex Rd. Sarasota, FL 34240
Gulf Gate Public Library
7112 Curtiss Ave. Sarasota, FL 34231
North Port Public Library
13800 S. Tamiami Trail. North Port, FL 34287
Osprey Public Library at Historic Spanish Point
337 N. Tamiami Trail. Osprey, FL 34227
Selby Public Library
1331 First St. Sarasota, FL 34236
Shannon Staub Public Library
4675 Career Lane. North Port, FL 34289
William H. Jervey Jr. Venice Public Library
300 Nokomis Ave. S. Venice, FL 34285

12:30p | 2:30p
Metamorphosis: exploring, growing, creating with SCD

Sarasota Contemporary Dance will offer various mini-classes for all ages and levels. Classes include intro to creative movement and afro-modern dance. Enjoy a short mini performance at the end by Sarasota Contemporary Dance Ensemble, SCD’s Training Company.

Ages: All Ages

Place: Sarasota Contemporary Dance
1400 Blvd of the Arts Ste 300. Sarasota, FL 34236
Creative Movement (12:30–1:05p)
Afro-Modern (1:10–1:45p)
Sarasota Contemporary Dance Ensemble (1:50–2:30p)

12:00p | 4:00p
Multicultural Digital Storybook

The Newtown Nation in partnership with Rough & Ready Media, Mr. Stevey Meditates, and The Newtown Farmer’s Market – The ‘Multicultural Digital Storybook’ is an outdoor family-friendly arts education event, incorporating technology, giving students and their families an opportunity to create together while learning about different cultures, discovering local history, and sharing. This event will feature an interactive arts experience with youth using cellphones to interview themselves and others to create a digital storybook about the event to share with the wider community. This event is part of the We Are One!” Multicultural Celebration, a three-day festival held at the Newtown Farmer’s Market in May.

Ages: All Ages

Place: Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Park
2523 Cocoanut Ave. Sarasota, FL 34234

Generously funded by THE PATTERSON FOUNDATION
Sarasota County Libraries | North Port Public Library – Creation Station Grand Opening. We will reopen our maker space with various art and technology stations for the public to sample future Creation Station events. From crochet to paint pours and 3-D printing demos to needlepoint, patrons are invited to get crafty at the North Port Public Library.

**Ages:** All Ages  
**Place:** North Port Public Library  
13800 S. Tamiami Trail. North Port, FL 34287

Maribel Martinez Consulting in partnership with Glasser-Schoenbaum Human Services Center – In partnership with local nonprofits working on digital equity, selected families will build a computer together, learn basic coding, and take it home to continue the fun!

**Ages:** Grades 4–8  
**Place:** Glasser-Schoenbaum Human Services Center  
1750 17th St. Building J-1. Sarasota, FL 34234

Girl Scouts of Gulf Coast Florida in partnership with Sarasota Jungle Gardens presents an exciting and engaging experience to bring the wonder and science of animals and nature to life. The event will include an interactive experience led by Sarasota Jungle Gardens educators, a hands-on art project to take home, and a self-led scavenger hunt for families to complete. Girl Scouts will also provide goodie bags for families.

**Ages:** All Ages  
**Place:** Sarasota Jungle Gardens  
3701 Bay Shore Rd. Sarasota, FL 34234

The Sarasota Ballet & Tuttle Elementary School  
Through an interactive experience, community participants will discover the joy of dance. Join us at Tuttle Elementary school to learn about the opportunities The Sarasota Ballet provides our community. The event will include a performance and audience participation. All ages are welcome to attend and participate. No dance experience is required.

**Ages:** All Ages  
**Place:** Tuttle Elementary School  
2863 8th St. Sarasota, FL 34237
Attending school regularly is essential for students to gain the academic and social skills they need to succeed. Chronic absenteeism leaves third graders unable to read proficiently, sixth graders struggling with coursework, and high school students off track for graduation.

As schools and communities develop and implement their plans to address the academic and social impact of disrupted learning, SCGLR is bringing back the Attendance Awareness Poster Contest.

This year, the Attendance Awareness Poster Contest will be held in Charlotte, DeSoto, Manatee, and Sarasota county public schools on an opt-in basis. Since the inaugural Attendance Awareness Poster Contest in 2015, nearly 200,000 posters have been created by students about the importance of outstanding attendance.

We know that there’s no such thing as perfect, especially when it comes to attendance. After all, children do get sick or may need to miss school for a number of reasons, including the need to quarantine. We know missing more than 10% of the work covered in class puts children in academic danger. To hit the mark of excellence this year, make every day a learning day!
The Patterson Foundation wants to invest in people to provide increased knowledge and personal development, which, in turn, will make our community stronger. Stronger Me, Stronger We provides opportunities for personal growth and connection at no cost as a gift from The Patterson Foundation.

Stronger Me, Stronger We gives community members the opportunity to virtually come together in small groups, connect, and build their knowledge and skills. Each offering is comprised of several one-hour Zoom sessions:

- **Mind in the Making**
  Based on the book *Mind in the Making: The Seven Essential Life Skills Every Child Needs*, successful children can focus on their work and control their behavior, figure out what others think and feel, explain what they are thinking, use what they learn creatively, search for reliable information, take on challenges, and engage in learning.

  During facilitated workshops, you will learn how to strengthen these essential skills and teach them to the children you love.

- **The Power of Presence**

  Through five 1-hour guided conversations, you will take a journey that will give you opportunities to improve your ability to be present. By sharing your thoughts and experiences, you will help each other discover new ways to strengthen connections.

- **Vrooming to Literacy**
  During guided conversations centered on child development for parents and caregivers of children birth to 5 years old, SCGLR will introduce new games and activities you can use to engage your child and help build their brain.

  Using proven research, we will practice fun and entertaining methods of encouraging literacy, reading, and connections. You can use what you learn at home to help your child establish a love of learning and reading.

- **THIS BOOK IS COOL! (TBIC!)**
  TBIC is a series of webisodes to encourage a love of reading. Since it premiered, thousands of children across the Suncoast region have qualified to receive free books thanks to the generosity of The Patterson Foundation. In 2021, 9,192 children participated, they read 182,648 books!

  TBIC! received the prestigious Bright Spot Award from the Campaign for Grade-Level Reading and is a great opportunity for parents and caregivers to help boost their children’s confidence in reading!

- **Improve your ability to be present with your family and community.**

The Suncoast Campaign is looking forward to partnering with groups, nonprofits, agencies, and faith-based organizations to offer this workshop throughout the Suncoast region. Please email connect@gradelevelreadingsuncoast.net if you would like to schedule a workshop for your group.

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SUNCOAST CAMPAIGN FOR GRADE-LEVEL READING
2022 Suncoast Summer Reading Challenge

For students who will be in PreK - 3rd GRADE in August

REGISTER NOW!

THIS BOOK IS COOL! is a series of 100 books and webisodes to encourage a love of reading. Children signed up for THIS BOOK IS COOL! will receive 20 free books, activity guides and word puzzles thanks to the generosity of The Patterson Foundation.

*To qualify for THIS BOOK IS COOL!, you must be:

- A resident of Charlotte, DeSoto, Hardee, Manatee, or Sarasota counties
- Entering PreK-3rd grade in the fall of 2022
- Enrolled at a Title I school or eligible for free/reduced lunches or for a family that demonstrates need

To maintain an active status in THIS BOOK IS COOL!, parents must have ongoing contact with the Suncoast Campaign for Grade-Level Reading, indicating the number of books their child has read that week. This program is designed for families with limited means. If you don’t believe your child would qualify but you’d still like to be a part of the program, we suggest making a donation of $80 to Season of Sharing. Donate here:
https://www.cfsarasota.org/donors/support-season-of-sharing

TBIC! Registration Form in English
TBIC! Registration Form in Spanish

For Children Entering PreK-3

What you provide:

- Complete registration for each child.
- Ongoing updates of how many books each child has read.

What we provide:

- THIS BOOK IS COOL! The Suncoast Campaign for Grade-Level Reading will provide 20 books for each registered child, links for THIS BOOK IS COOL! webisodes about the selected books and activities, word games corresponding to the selected books and five virtual family engagement events.
- Bracelets and brag tag reading incentives.

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STRENGTHENING PEOPLE, ORGANIZATIONS, AND COMMUNITIES

Guided by individual values, experiences, and expertise, people engage in the world beyond themselves to create positives.

Organizations are collectives — each with a mission focus to build a vibrant society.

Through the collaborative efforts of people, businesses, nonprofits, government, and the media, we can achieve greater impact toward community thrivability.

THE PATTERSON FOUNDATION

Strengthening the Impact

An engaging 48-minute deep dive into The Patterson Foundation, with President and CEO Debra Jacobs and Host Lisa Moody

The Patterson Foundation is an anchor funder for the Campaign for Grade-Level Reading. Since 2013, The Patterson Foundation has supported both the national Campaign for Grade-Level Reading and the Suncoast Campaign for Grade-Level Reading with more than $13 million.

The Patterson Foundation is focused on investing in a regional approach that supports the community-wide vision of success in Charlotte, DeSoto, Manatee, and Sarasota counties.

The Patterson Foundation’s resources support the Suncoast Campaign for Grade-Level Reading through:

- Bringing promising and proven practices to the region
- Fostering community connectivity with people, business, nonprofits, government and media
- Amplifying opportunities and success through integrated communications
- Learning and sharing to strengthen families and children
- Embracing new ideas that address a constantly changing world
5MAY Thursday

**Technology & Tinkering**
6:30p
Visible Men Academy in partnership with Soar in 4 – Engage your child with snap circuits, and tinker with computer parts and Play-doh.

**Ages: PreK–Grade 5**
**Place: Braden River Library**
4915 53rd Ave E Bradenton, FL 34203

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2MAY Monday

**Family Cardboard Challenge**
10:00a | 12:00p
Sallie Jones Elementary School – Your family is invited to a morning of play where families will design and build something out of cardboard and recycled materials. Let your imaginations run wild, explore your passions and discover new ideas with support from your family using 21st century skills and attitudes like critical thinking, resourcefulness, perseverance, and teamwork. Limited to 80 families.

**Ages: All Ages**
**Place: Sallie Jones Elementary School**
1230 Narranja Street, Punta Gorda, FL 33950

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3MAY Tuesday

**Student Talent Showcase**
5:00p | 6:30p
Sallie Jones Elementary School – Students will share a wide variety of talents with their families. From magic to poetry, dance, music, puppetry and more. Come and experience a variety of talents, skills and abilities.

**Ages: All Ages**
**Place: Sallie Jones Elementary School | Cafeteria**
1230 Narranja Street, Punta Gorda, FL 33950

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5MAY Friday

**Camp Invention**
6:00p | 7:30p
St. Joseph Catholic School in partnership with Camp Invention – Multi-stations inspired by Camp Invention to try hands-on Science, Math, and Technology activities integrated with art. Join us for a fun-filled evening of creative exploring, enjoy treats and snacks, and receive a takeaway activity to keep the fun going with your family at home! An evening that will prove that learning is always exciting for the whole family.

**Ages: Grades K–5**
**Place: St. Joseph Catholic Church - Parish Center Gym**
3100 26th St W. Bradenton, FL 34205

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6MAY Friday

**Transition to Kindergarten**
4:00p | 7:00p
Early Learning Coalition of Florida's Heartland – This event is designed to give families a place to go to learn about kindergarten by talking with teachers, playing games, and sharing feelings. There will be stations set up where children can create an “All About Me” book, have a vision screening, a pre-literacy screening, and parents can request an ASQ screener to do at home.

**Ages: PreK–K**
**Place: The Early Learning Coalition of Florida's Heartland**
2886 Tamiami Trail. Port Charlotte, FL 33952

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Collaborative Collage at Craftland in partnership with Saving Our United Leaders (S.O.U.L.) – Participate in a teamwork building exercise that results in a creative masterpiece. Everyone can participate to add their own creative touch.

**Ages: PreK–K**
**Place: Craftland**
22286 Vick Street, Port Charlotte, FL 33980

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**Caturday at Cat Depot**

**9:30a | 10:30a**

**Cat Depot** – Kids and parents will “adopt” a stuffed animal cat and learn about the adoption process.

**Ages: PreK–Grade 3**
**Place: Cat Depot**
2525 17th St. Sarasota, FL 34234

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**11:00a | 12:00p**

**Cat Depot** – Kids and parents will learn about animal shelters, proper cat care, and fun facts about cats through an interactive lesson.

**Ages: Grades 3–6**
**Place: Cat Depot**
2525 17th St. Sarasota, FL 34234

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**12:30p | 1:30p**

**Cat Depot** – Kids and parents will make service projects for the cats of Cat Depot and for the foster families, such as no-sew pet beds, braided t-shirt mats, and upcycled cat scratchers.

**Ages: Grades 6–12**
**Place: Cat Depot**
2525 17th St. Sarasota, FL 34234