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### **Summer Reading Programs @ Your Library**

(PANAMA CITY, FL) – The Northwest Regional Library System, which consists of eight libraries in Bay, Gulf, and Liberty Counties, has once again planned a wide variety of educational, entertaining, and fun programs to help fill your summer days. Everyone is invited to join our summer reading programs for children and teens. This year’s theme incorporates wellness, fitness, and sports.

### **Bay County Public Library, 898 West 11<sup>th</sup> Street, Panama City**

At the Bay County Public Library, programs for children in grades K-5<sup>th</sup> are scheduled for Thursdays at 2 p.m. from June 9 through July 21:

#### **On Your Mark, Get Set, Read!**

Suggested ages: K-5th grade

June 9 @ 2 p.m.

#### ***The Tortoise and the Hare: The Musical with Atlantic Coast Theatre***

Aesop's fable gets a fun, updated twist in this musical with audience participation.

June 16 @ 2 p.m.

#### ***On Your Mark, Get Set, Read!*** with the Bay County Public Library Storytellers

June 23 @ 2 p.m.

#### ***Fueling Your Energy*** with the Bay County Extension Services

June 30 @ 2 p.m.

#### ***Motion Commotion with Natasha Coleman*** from the Florida Department of Health

July 7 @ 2 p.m.

#### ***Ready, Set, Read @ Your Library!***

July 14 @ 2 p.m.

#### ***Bay County Library Talent Show***

Join us for the best show in town. Students in K-6th grades can sign up to showcase their talent. There is a limited number of spaces, so sign up early by calling 850-522-2118. Sign up ends July 7th.

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July 21 @ 2 p.m.

***Dr. Magical Balloons***

For nearly ten years, Dwayne Reynolds has provided shows that truly captivate and astound young readers of all ages! Join us for this creative story program that incorporates amazing balloon sculptures and lots of fun.

Programs for tweens and teens are scheduled on Tuesdays at 2 p.m. from June 14 through July 19:

**Get in the Game: Read!**

Suggested ages: Tweens and Teens

June 14 @ 2 p.m.

***Board Games***

June 21 @ 2 p.m.

***Nutrition***

June 28 @ 2 p.m.

***Graphic Shoe Design***

July 5 @ 2 p.m.

***Scavenger Hunt***

July 12 @ 2 p.m.

***To be determined***

July 19 @ 2 p.m.

***Olympic Fun***

For more information on programs at the Bay County Public Library, please visit [www.nwrls.com](http://www.nwrls.com) or call 522-2118.

**Charles Whitehead Public Library, 314 North Second Street, Wewahitchka**

At the Charles Whitehead Public Library in Wewahitchka, programs for preschoolers are scheduled on Mondays at 11:30 a.m. from June 6 through June 27:

**Tiny Mites FLYP**

Suggested ages: Preschoolers

June 6 @ 11:30 a.m.

***Dance, Dance, Dance!***

June 13 @ 11:30 a.m.

***Move It!***

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June 20 @ 11:30 a.m.

***Let's Play!***

June 27 @ 11:30 a.m.

***Round and Round We Go!***

Programs for children in grades K-5<sup>th</sup> are scheduled on Tuesdays at 3 p.m. from June 7 through June 28:

**FLYP Summer Reading**

Suggested ages: K-5th grade

June 7 @ 3 p.m.

***Flight Club***

June 14 @ 3 p.m.

***Sportstacular***

June 21 @ 3 p.m.

***Motion Commotion***

June 28 @ 3 p.m.

***Ninja Party***

For more information on programs at the Charles Whitehead Public Library, please visit [www.nwrls.com](http://www.nwrls.com) or call 639-2419.

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

At the Corinne Costin Gibson Memorial Public Library in Port St. Joe, programs for children ages 3 to 5 years are scheduled for Mondays at 10:30 a.m. (Eastern) from June 6 through June 27:

**Lil' FLYP Summer Reading**

Suggested ages: 3-5 years

June 6 @ 10:30 a.m.

***1, 2, 3 Numbers***

June 13 @ 10:30 a.m.

***Dance, Dance, Dance!***

June 20 @ 10:30 a.m.

***Move It!***

June 27 @ 10:30 a.m.

***Let's Play!***

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Programs for children rising in grades 1<sup>st</sup> through 4<sup>th</sup> grades are scheduled for Tuesdays at 1 p.m. (Eastern) from June 7 through June 28:

**FLYP Summer Reading**

Suggested ages: Rising 1st-4th graders

June 7 @ 1 p.m.

***Ready, Set, Reptiles!***

The folks from Animal Tales visit the library and bring some scaly, slimy friends.

June 14 @ 1 p.m.

***Let the Games Begin***

Stories and games from our favorite children's librarian, Bay County's Sandra Pierce.

June 21 @ 1 p.m.

***Get Up and Go!***

Special guest and storyteller Pat Nease will be here to entertain us!

June 28 @ 1 p.m.

***I've Got Rhythm!***

Local drummer David Wentzell shows us how to get moving to the beat.

For more information on programs at the Corinne Costin Gibson Memorial Public Library, please visit [www.nwrls.com](http://www.nwrls.com) or call 229-8879.

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

At the Harrell Memorial Public Library, programs for children of all ages are scheduled for Tuesdays at 1 p.m. (Eastern) from June 7 through June 28:

June 7 @ 1 p.m.

***Great Races***

June 14 @ 1 p.m.

***Exploring the Great Outdoors***

June 21 @ 1 p.m.

***Boating Safety***

June 28 @ 1 p.m.

***Ninja Party***

For more information on programs at the Harrell Memorial Public Library, please visit [www.nwrls.com](http://www.nwrls.com) or call 643-2247.

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## **Jimmy Weaver Memorial Library, 22149 NE Hwy 20, Hosford**

At the Jimmy Weaver Memorial Library, programs for children of all ages are scheduled for Saturdays at 10:30 a.m. (Eastern) from June 11 through July 23.

For more information on programs at the Jimmy Weaver Memorial Library, please visit [www.nwrls.com](http://www.nwrls.com) or call 379-3300.

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

At the Panama City Beach Public Library, programs for children of all ages are scheduled for Wednesdays at 2 p.m. from June 8 through July 20:

June 8 @ 2 p.m.

### ***The Tortoise and the Hare: The Musical with Atlantic Coast Theatre***

Aesop's fable gets a fun, updated twist in this musical with audience participation.

June 15 @ 2 p.m.

### ***Birding Basics presented by Susan Llorca of the Bay County Audubon Society***

Learn about birds, birdsong, how to use binoculars, how to use a field guide for identification, and then (weather permitting), we'll go outside and try to identify some birds.

June 22 @ 2 p.m.

### ***Children's Music Concert with the Ukulele Orchestra of St. Andrews***

It's nearly impossible not to smile when you're around the ukulele! Join us for an hour of fun and music featuring the ukulele and some other instruments. Audience participation is encouraged, and everyone will receive their very own music maker to join in the fun!

June 29 @ 2 p.m.

### ***Beach Mosquito Control***

Beach Mosquito Control will return this year to teach us all about mosquitoes. And they'll have their helicopter and education trailer in the parking lot!

July 6 @ 2 p.m.

### ***Tampa Taiko Japanese Drumming Program***

Using a collection of taiko drums they made themselves from discarded barrels, Tampa Taiko entertains and educates audiences with an exciting traditional presentation of an ancient Japanese art form.

July 13 @ 2 p.m.

### ***Nature's Olympians: Animal Athletes***

Do animals compete? You bet! Nature's Olympians will feature exotic animals from all around the world that utilize very unique abilities to compete and survive in the wild. Be prepared to get up-close and personal learning about these very competitive creatures!

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July 20 @ 2 p.m.

***Dr. Magical Balloons***

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For more information on programs at the Panama City Beach Public Library, please visit [www.nwrls.com](http://www.nwrls.com) or call 233-5055.

**Parker Public Library, 4710 Second Street, Parker**

At the Parker Public Library, programs for children in grades K-5th are scheduled for Tuesdays at 2 p.m. from July 5 through July 26:

July 5 @ 2 p.m.

***To be determined***

July 12 @ 2 p.m.

***To be determined***

July 19 @ 2 p.m.

***Storyteller Pat Nease***

July 26 @ 2 p.m.

***Pizza Party***

For more information on programs at the Parker Public Library, please visit [www.nwrls.com](http://www.nwrls.com) or call 871-3092.

**Springfield Public Library, 408 School Avenue, Springfield**

At the Springfield Public Library, programs for children in grades K-5th are scheduled for Wednesdays at 2 p.m. from June 15 through July 20:

June 15 @ 2 p.m.

***Exercise Your Body by Skating!***

June 22 @ 2 p.m.

***Storyteller Pat Nease***

June 29 @ 2 p.m.

***Motion Commotion with Natasha Coleman***

July 6 @ 2 p.m.

***Local Wildlife***

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July 13 @ 2 p.m.

***Miss Frances and Miss Barbara Have Fun with Fairytales!***

July 20 @ 2 p.m.

***Dr. Magical Balloons and a Party!***

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For more information about programs at the Springfield Public Library, please visit [www.nwrls.com](http://www.nwrls.com) or call 872-7510.

With our Summer Reading Programs, we aspire:

- to advance the literacy and academic performances of children by engaging them in reading and reading-related activities during the summer months
- foster a love of reading through public library programs and services
- and improve children's access to library materials and activities, which will encourage them to become lifelong library users

Not only are Summer Reading Programs fun, they are an important part of a child's educational experience and help prevent the "summer slide." Summer breaks from school can cause a student to lose up to one month of instruction, and disadvantaged students are disproportionately affected. There is also a strong connection between reading and overall academic success.

Join us for these great programs!

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