

PREVENT THE SUMMER SLIDE

Have you heard of the summer slide? Unfortunately, it is not a fun slide you'll find at a park. This slide is one no parent or guardian wants their child on.

The summer slide is a decline in reading and other academic skills that can happen over the summer while students are on their break.

This may not apply to all students, but the general idea applies that in order to learn a skill, one must keep practicing to become proficient at it. For example, if your child is learning to play an instrument but stops playing for a couple months, their skills would decline more than a child who continues to practice over the summer.

How can the summer slide be prevented? Keep learning all summer long!

HOW TO BEAT THE SUMMER SLIDE

- Have your child read for at least **20 MINUTES** every day.
- Spend time **COOKING** together.
- Explore different kinds of **READING MATERIAL** like picture books, chapter books, and magazines.
- Make use of your **LOCAL MANATEE LIBRARY!**
- Listen to **AUDIO BOOKS** on summer car trips.
- **READ OUT LOUD** with your children daily.
- Participate in fun **HANDS ON ACTIVITIES.**
- Have **MEANINGFUL CONVERSATIONS** to build your child's vocabulary.
- Enjoy a **NEW HOBBY!**



COME AND READ WITH US THIS SUMMER AT THE LIBRARY!

For every two hours you read, or get read to, you get a fun prize. If you reach a total of 20 hours you get a free book and entered into our grand prize drawing!

CLAIM YOUR PRIZES

- Read or get read to for two hours!
- Fill in your log.
- Bring your log into your local library and pick up a prize for every 2 hours!



LIBRARY SERVICES

All-Access Pass

The All-Access Pass - a partnership with Manatee County Schools - provides 50,000-plus local students with access to 1 million books, thousands of periodicals and newspapers and learning resources galore, all at your Manatee Libraries!

Tutor.com

Did you know? Tutor.com can help you get your homework done, write your paper, or study for your test so that you can get back to your life. If you're getting frustrated, Tutor.com can help you get unstuck.

Assistive & Adaptive Toys

Understanding that children with special needs often lack developmental and play opportunities due to limited access to proper interactive toys, Manatee Libraries offers a small core collection of assistive and adaptive tools.

ELK (Early Learning Kits)

Early literacy kits that begin at age zero and go all the way up to age 9. Kits contain a board book collection that introduces your little one to concepts such as letter and number awareness, shapes, colors, opposites and much more!

MANATEE LIBRARY LOCATIONS AND HOURS

DOWNTOWN CENTRAL BRANCH

1301 Barcarrota Boulevard West
Bradenton, FL 34205
(941) 748-5555

HOURS:

Mon. - 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Tue. - 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Wed. - 12 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Thu. & Fri. - 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Sat. - 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Sun. - CLOSED

LITTLE DISCOVERY CENTER

For Ages 2-5

321 15th Street W.
Bradenton, FL 34205
(941) 748-5555 x3807

HOURS:

Open by Appointment
Mon. - Fri. - 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

BRADEN RIVER BRANCH

4915 53rd Avenue East
Bradenton, FL 34203
(941) 727-6079

HOURS:

Tue. & Thu. - 12 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Wed. & Fri. - 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Saturday - 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Sun. & Mon. - CLOSED

ISLAND BRANCH

5701 Marina Drive
Holmes Beach, FL 34217
(941) 778-6341

HOURS:

Tue., Thu., Fri., Sat. - 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Wed. - 12 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Sun. & Mon. - CLOSED

PALMETTO BRANCH

923 6th Street West
Palmetto, FL 34221
(941) 722-3333

HOURS:

Tue. & Thu. - 12 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Wed., Fri., Sat. - 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Sun. & Mon. - CLOSED

ROCKY BLUFF BRANCH

6750 US Highway 301 North
Ellenton, FL 34222
(941) 723-4821

HOURS:

Tue. & Fri. - 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Wed. & Thu. - 12 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Saturday - 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Sun. & Mon. - CLOSED







SOUTH MANATEE BRANCH

6081 26th Street West
Bradenton, FL 34207
(941) 755-3892

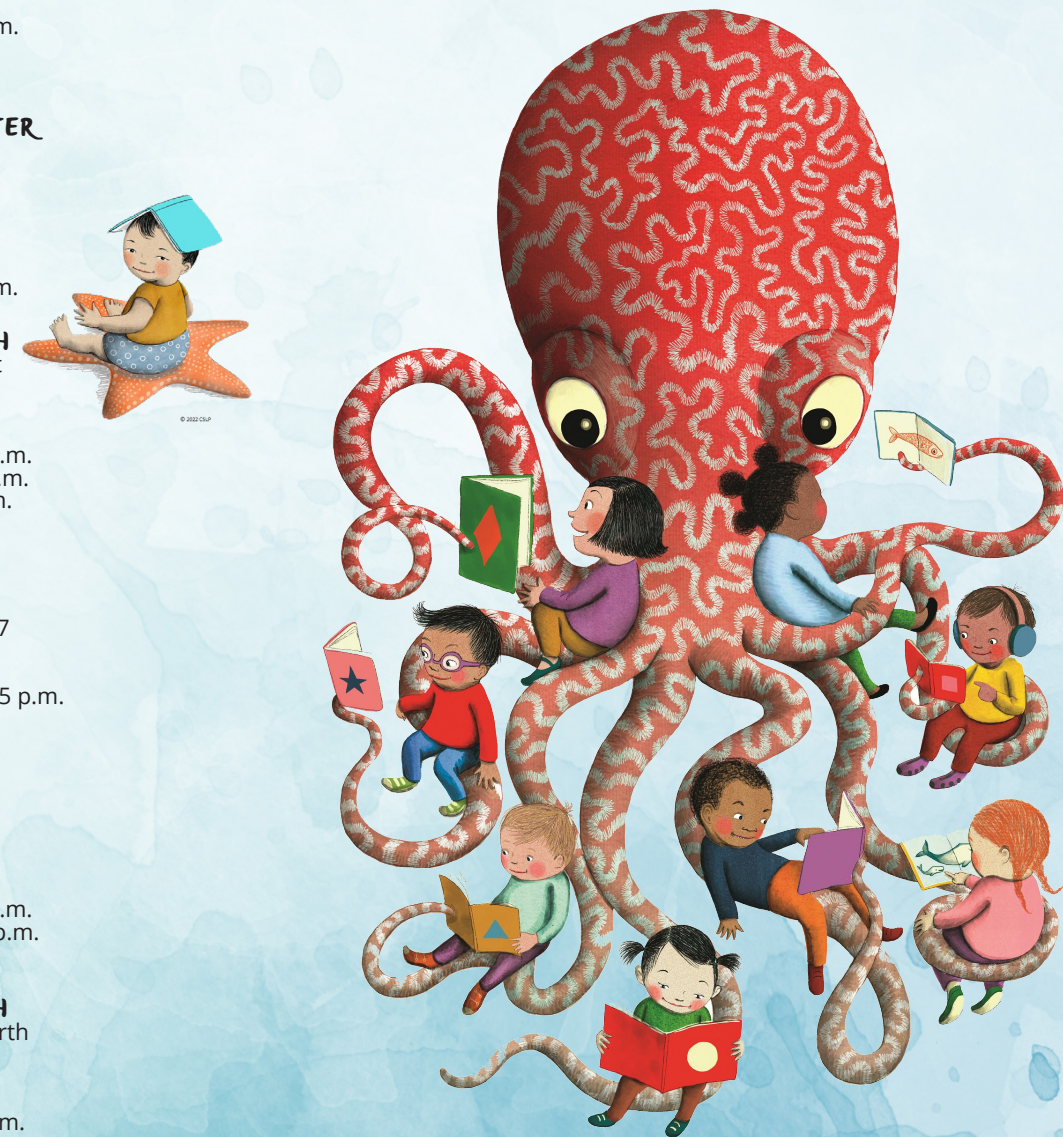
HOURS:

Tue. & Thu. - 12 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Wed., Fri., Sat. - 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
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SUMMER READING PROGRAM GUIDE

MAY 31- JULY 30

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DOWNTOWN BRADENTON BRANCH

Mondays: Ocean of Possibilities Programs
10:30 - 11:30 a.m. | 1st Floor Auditorium

June 6 - Storytelling with Katie Adams: Stories from the Sea
June 13 - Storytelling with Showtime for Kids
June 20 - Storytelling with Windell Campbell
June 27 - Florida Aquarium: Marine MegaFauna

July 11 - Presentation from Save Our Seabirds
July 18 - Florida Maritime Museum: A Celebration of Seashells
July 25 - Save the Manatee Club: Zoom Presentation about Manatees

Tuesdays: Science Club (part of Tween Tuesdays)
3:00 - 5:30 p.m. | 2nd Floor Area 52

June 7 - Build a Cartesian Diver & Learn about Archimedes' Principle
June 14 - Saltwater Density Experiment
June 21 - Build a Water Bottle Submarine
June 28 - Oil Spill Clean Up Experiment

July 5 - Build an Ocean in a Bottle
July 12 - Underwater Volcano Experiment
July 19 - Life Cycle of a Frog with VEX-GO Robots
July 26 - Build a Jellyfish in a Bottle

Wednesdays: Tabletop Games
3:00 - 5:00 p.m. | 2nd Floor Youth Services Room

June 1 - Print & Play Games
June 15 - Card/Cooperative Building Games

July 6 - Role Playing Board Games
July 20 - Dice Rolling & Sole Player Games

Thursdays: Stories & More
10:30 - 11:30 a.m. | 2nd Floor Youth Services Room

June 2 - Stories with Mr. Chris
June 9 - The Big Blue Sea with Ms. Renee
June 16 - Stories with Mr. Chris
June 23 - The Beach with Ms. Renee
June 30 - Stories with Mr. Chris

July 7 - Ocean Animals with Ms. Renee
July 14 - Stories with Mr. Chris
July 21 - Boats, Boats, Boats with Ms. Renee
July 28 - Stories with Mr. Chris

Thursdays: Krafty Kids with Ms. Sierra
11:00 - 11:30 a.m. | 2nd Floor Youth Services Area

Saturdays: Pre-Chapter Book Club (ages 5-7)
11:30 a.m. - 12:30 pm | 2nd Floor Youth Services Room
Join us for activities, sight word recognition, and books for early readers.

June 18 - Blast-off Readers: Level 1
July 16 - National Geographic Kids: Pre-Level 1

SOUTH MANATEE BRANCH

Summer Reading Kick Off Party
Tuesday, June 12 | 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Showtime for Kids
Tuesday, June 14 | 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Ahoy Ye Maties! Pirate Pete lost his precious treasure and he needs you to help him find it. Kids will laugh & learn as we sail the 7 seas in search for the lost treasure.

Ocean Superpowers with Mote Aquarium
Tuesday, June 28 | 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Did you know ocean creatures have super powers? Join Mote Marine Laboratory as we compare some of the most famous superheroes to their ocean-counterparts and discover their amazing super adaptations!

Florida Seashells with Parks & Natural Resources
Tuesday, July 12 | 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Through hands-on activities and a storytime, we will learn about the wide variety of seashells that wash up on our local beaches and discover the amazing creatures that make them.

Interactive Movie: The Little Mermaid
Tuesday, July 19 | 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Is the seaweed always greener? Do you know what a dinglehopper is? To find the answers to the questions, join us as we host an interactive movie, Disney's *The Little Mermaid*. *Dinglehoppers will be provided.*

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Stories from the Sea Puppet Theatre by Kate Adams
Thursday, June 9 | 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Katie will bring her puppetry and interactive storytelling to Stories from the Sea!

Owl Visit by Wildlife, Inc.
Thursday, June 16 | 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Wildlife, Inc animal rescue will bring multiple owls for a visit and explain how each owl's unique adaptations make them apex predators.

Bubble Show and Play by Big Idea Balloons
Thursday, June 23 | 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Sea Life Origami and Stuffy Sewing
Thursday, June 30 | 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Fold and sew adorable sea animal critters.

Oceans of Pottery Painting
Thursday, July 7 | 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Paint an ocean-themed ceramic piece to tap into your inner artist. (Registration required. Each piece will be fired and available for pickup one week later.)

Rumpelstiltskin by Bits & Pieces Theater
Thursday, July 14 | 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Using wonderful Marionette puppets, music, and sets this popular fairy tale will be brought to life.

Sea Turtle Shell-abration with Mote Marine Laboratory
Thursday, July 21 | 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Mote brings its expert staff to talk about their work with our Ocean animal neighbors. They will show us the life of the Sea Turtles, how they treat injured turtles at Mote and how we can help protect them.

Mad Science Fire & Ice
Thursday, July 28 | 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
This STEM based program brings Science to life with a bang!

BRADEN RIVER BRANCH

Oceans of Possibilities Summer Kick-Off: Chalk Art on the Sidewalk
Saturday, June 4 | 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Kick off our summer with helping us create an under-the-sea themed chalk mural on our sidewalk.

Katie Adams' Storytime
Thursday, June 9 | 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. | Meeting Room #102
Katie will bring her puppetry and interactive storytelling to Stories from the Sea!

Ocean Animals with Parks & Natural Resources
Thursday, June 16 | 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. | Meeting Room #102
Parks and Natural Resources will present an interactive program with stories and activities highlighting some of our most popular Florida Ocean Animals.

A Visit with Mote Aquarium
Thursday, June 30 | 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. | Meeting Room #102
Mote is known throughout Sarasota and Bradenton as a premier Aquarium and Rehab hospital for researching and caring for our Ocean Friends. They will soon open a brand-new aquarium near University Town Center. Come meet their staff and learn how they care for some of the ocean creatures that live there.

Bishop Science Center and Aquarium
Thursday, July 7 | 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. | Meeting Room #102
Learn about The Bishop Museum, Aquarium and Planetarium right in downtown Bradenton. They will talk about the wonderful Manatees that live there. Participants will create a Manatee Craft.

Bits & Pieces Puppet Theatre: Presents Rumpelstiltskin
Thursday, July 14 | 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. | Meeting Room #102
Using wonderful Marionette puppets, music, and sets this popular fairy tale will be brought to life.

Mote Aquarium Visits the Library:
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ROCKY BLUFF BRANCH

Summer Kickoff with DoDad's Foam Lab
Tuesday, May 31 | 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
The whole family is invited to Rocky Bluff Library for Florida's newest and wildest Foam party experience! We're going to kick off Summer Reading with a blast, so come prepared to make a mess and have a lot of fun!

Oceans of Possibilities with the Bishop Museum of Science and Nature
Tuesday, June 7 | 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Meeting Room
Hands-on marine science activities for children, presented by The Bishop Museum of Science and Nature!

Let's Celebrate Sea Shells with the Florida Maritime Museum
Tuesday, June 14 | 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Meeting Room
A celebration of shells - read about and explore the wonders of sea shells, and complete a science illustration activity with your own take-home shell!

The Truth in the Tooth with Mote Marine Aquarium
Tuesday, June 28 | 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Meeting Room
Shark teeth are specialized tools specific to their prey. Learn about different kinds of teeth, Mote's shark and ray research, and see if you can match the tooth with its prey!

Build a Manatee Storytime
Tuesday, July 5 | 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Meeting Room
Join us for this very special storytime centered around manatees! Read stories, sing and dance, play games, and make a very special craft: a stuffed manatee to take home with you!

Sarasota Jungle Gardens Amazing Animal Adaptations
Tuesday, July 12 | 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Meeting Room
Meet and learn about various live animals who live at the Sarasota Jungle Gardens! Animal guests may include a hedgehog, snake, alligator and owl!

Katie Adams' Pirate Tales
Tuesday, July 19 | 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Meeting Room
Avast ye mates! The coasts of Florida were once crawling with pirates. In colorful pirate garb Katie brings these stories to life with a treasure chest full of props and costumes, vivid scenery, parrot puppets, and audience participation.

Summer Reading Finale with Delicious Science
Saturday, July 30 | 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Meeting Room
Join us for a very special finale to our summer reading program with Sub Zero Nitrogen Ice Cream of Sarasota! This unique program is concluded with our favorite experiment - creating ice cream for each and every participant made fresh and delicious by the miracle of science. Please register each person individually so we can ensure everyone has the opportunity to enjoy a frozen dessert!

BRADEN RIVER - TEENS

Teens Create! | Studio70
Thursdays, June 9, June 23, July 14, July 28 from 5-7 pm
Get creative in Studio70! Try out 3D printing, jewelry making, stop-motion animation, sewing, arts & crafts, vinyl sticker making and more. All supplies are provided, just bring your creativity!

Teen Game Night | Studio70
Thursdays, June 16, June 30, July 7, July 21 from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Meet up in Studio70 for game nights this summer, featuring Oculus Quest VR, Jackbox Games, retro computer games, and classic board games too!

Adulting 101 | Studio70
Wednesdays, June 8 - July 27 | 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Teens will be introduced to practical skills for adult life in this fun and interactive series of classes.



PALMETTO BRANCH

Show and Shell: Presented by the Maritime Museum (Auditorium)
Saturday, June 4 | 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Come learn about the ocean through the science of seashells and then put your knowledge to the test by creating a unique and fun science illustration.

Amazing Adaptors: Presented by Sarasota Jungle Gardens (Auditorium)
Friday, June 10 | 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Discover a new world through the eyes of animals! Learn and watch how animals adapt to their surroundings and endure over time. This is a LIVE ANIMAL SHOW. Come meet our hedgehog, snake, alligator, and owl! *Sponsored by the Palmetto Friends of the Library*

'Fin'tastic Starks and Rays: Presented by Manatee County Parks and Rec (Auditorium)
Tuesday, June 14 | 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Can a shark really smell a drop of blood a mile away? Join us to discover the superpowers of cartilaginous fish, a program honoring sharks and rays. Dive into sharks swimming skills, explore stealthy hunting styles, and so much more. Using movement, experiments, and games you young learners will discover how fantastic carnivorous fish are!

Fire and Ice: Presented by Mad Science Tampa Bay (Auditorium)
Saturday, June 25 | 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Fire & Ice will scientifically teach you about water and the ocean. Learn about the properties and states of water, the difference between fresh and saltwater, liquid densities, and how to protect our oceans. *Sponsored by the Palmetto Friends of the Library*

Science Experience: Presented by the Bishop Museum (Auditorium)
Tuesday, June 28 | 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Participants will observe, explore, and experience science through hands-on activities and interactions with real museum artifacts.

Wonders of Nature: Birds! Presented by Wonders of Nature (Auditorium)
Friday, July 8 | 1:00pm-2:00pm
Discover all of the amazing creature around you that fly in the sky. This is a LIVE ANIMAL SHOW featuring trained birds. Watch and learn about these beautiful creatures this summer at the library! *Sponsored by the Palmetto Friends of the Library*

Turtle Time: Presented by MOTE Marine Laboratory (Auditorium)
Thursday, July 14 | 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Help us to "shell"abrate sea turtle nesting season in Florida by joining Mote Marine Laboratory for an interactive storytime! Learn about what features make these marine reptiles great survivors and have a chance to touch a real sea turtle shell! We hope to 'sea' you there! *Sponsored by the Palmetto Friends of the Library*

Zentangle: Under the Sea Presented by Patsy Monk (Auditorium)
Friday, July 23 | 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Zentangle is a form of creative, mindful meditation through drawing. Come to the library and learn how to create a beautiful piece of underwater art. *Sponsored by the Palmetto Friends of the Library*

FOR MORE PROGRAMS, & REGISTRATION VISIT:

<https://manateelibrary.libcal.com/calendar/events>

