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Color Our World at the Lee County Library System this summer

Lee County, FL, May 1, 2025 – Patrons of the Lee County Library System will "Color Our World" this summer during the 2025 Summer Reading Program. This free program runs from June 2 through Aug. 2 and features all-ages library programming and events plus a reading challenge with art-themed activities.

The goal of the annual program is to nurture and grow a lifelong love of reading and learning in our community while striving to prevent a loss in reading skills for school-aged children during their summer break.

"This year's Summer Reading Program encourages everyone to explore their creativity, engage in activities and offers a fun reading experience to support readers of all ages," Library System Director Mindi Simon said.

Participants can take part in either online or offline fun, with artistic challenges designed to tap into their creativity. The online reading program, completed through the free READsquared app, allows patrons to log time spent reading and complete fun missions to earn extra points toward their goal. Online missions are tailored to four age groups: birth to 5 years, children 6-11 years, teens 12-18 years and adults.

A paper coloring sheet challenge, offered in both English and Spanish, will be available at library branches and provide an all-ages alternative to the online experience. Participants will color in the drawing as they read and complete the listed activities.

At the end of the program, all participants will be eligible for a drawing to win prize baskets filled with ageappropriate books and art supplies. Plus, every child and teen visiting the library this summer will be offered a free, new book while supplies last.

Special events, including summer kickoff parties, art workshops, music, interactive science and magic presentations, will be happening at library branches all summer long. Find the complete schedule at <u>leelibrary.net/events</u>. Library programs are always free.

To find out more about Lee County Library System's Color Our World Summer Reading Program, visit www.leelibrary.net/summer.

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