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**Libraries Rock! Summer reading with the Lee County Library**

FORT MYERS, Fla., May 15, 2018 – The Lee County Library System’s summer reading program, Libraries Rock!, will celebrate the joy of reading from May 29 through Aug. 11 with weekly programs designed to spark curiosity and engage library users of all ages.

*Libraries Rock!* Bingo provides adults with opportunities to win prizes, such as books and gift cards, while exploring library resources. All locations will continue to offer adult programming throughout the summer, which includes a variety of topics such as crafting, genealogy, business workshops, book discussion groups and gardening programs.

Students in grades K-12 are encouraged to participate in programs such as escape rooms, cooking workshops, storytelling, reptile shows and magic shows. Special events start the week of June 11. Additionally, all branches will offer a summer storytime schedule for children from newborns to preschool age. Storytime focuses on early literacy skills that prepare our youngest patrons for a lifetime of learning. All children and teens who participate in the summer reading program or summer storytimes can choose a free book to take home and keep. All programs are free to the public but may require advanced registration due to limited space. Schedules and events vary at each branch.

An estimated 10,000 children participate in the Lee County Library System’s summer reading program each year. The library is able to extend the reach of its 2018 program through donations from the Friends of the Library, Potash Foundation, Edison-Fort Myers Kiwanis and the Rotary Club of Fort Myers South. Library staff will visit campers at participating Lee County and City of Cape Coral Parks and Recreation camps and the Bookmobile has added stops to its summer schedule. All children participating at these locations will be able to participate in *Libraries Rock!*

For more information about the Summer Reading Program or to register for weekly events, please call Telephone Reference at 239-479-INFO (4636), stop by any library branch, or visit the Lee County Library System website, [www.leelibrary.net/summer](http://www.leelibrary.net/summer).

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