

# *Manatee Libraries' Program Guide*

**Fall 2016**

## **Experience Ireland!**

*Take a tour around  
Manatee Libraries for Irish  
music, dance, food & culture*

**Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month  
Star Wars Reads Day  
Mana-Con Comics Convention  
Blues in the Library  
Downtown's New Creative Lab!**

**FLORIDA'S**  
*Library*  
**OF THE YEAR**



Public Library System

# Welcome to the Premiere Issue of Manatee Libraries' Program Guide!

Each year, our libraries host over 2,000 programs, and while we provide a monthly listing of our events, we are limited in the amount of information we can provide. Therefore, we decided to put together a more detailed overview of our program highlights to serve as a supplement to our monthly list, broken down into the following categories:

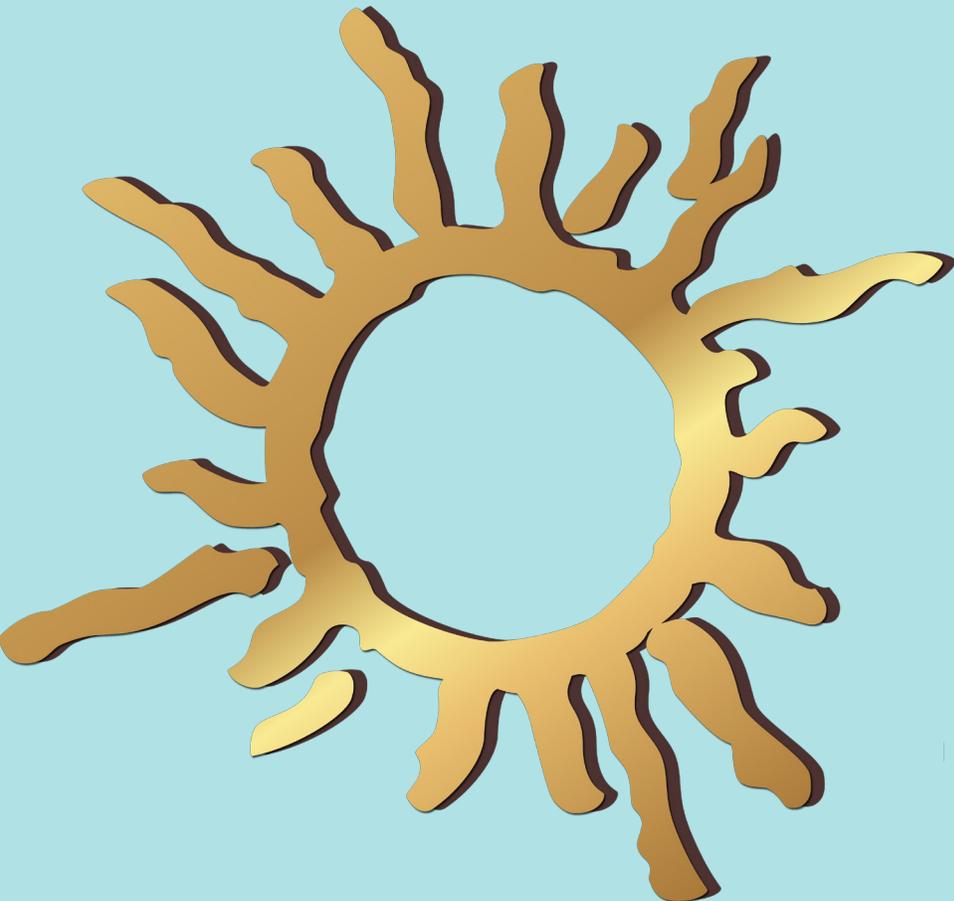
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We are excited to launch library programming built around Downtown Library Voyagers' first travel destination: Ireland. See Pages 4 and 5 for more details. Some old favorites return—Mana-Con Comics Convention (Saturday, October 22)—now in its seventh year, Lunch, Listen & Learn and Blues in the Library. Downtown Library also will be hosting its annual Hiring Fair in September and Neighborhood Services Economic Development's Small Business Expo in November.

We also have been stocking our Creative Labs with STEM-related gadgets and developing regular programming after receiving consistently double-digit attendance with arduino workshops at Downtown Library over the summer.

We hope you'll realize more of the comprehensive offerings we make available for free at Manatee Libraries and connect, collaborate and create with us.

Tell us what you think, receive updates and find out how we continue to evolve to help meet our wonderful community's needs . . .



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## Special Events

### Downtown Voyagers: Destination Ireland

New program which enables customers to travel with librarians to an exciting destination. This learning and networking opportunity comes with months of programming that provides insight about the destination and its people, history and culture. See PP. 4 & 5 for details.

**Hiring Fair** Annual “Ready. Set. Job.” Hiring Fair in which 30 employers and agencies will be on hand to discuss potential opportunities with job seekers. MON, SEPT 12, 1 to 4 PM @ Downtown

**Latin Heritage Month is September 15 to October 15!** Celebrate with two Spanish music concerts. See “Music” for details.

### Mana-Con Comics Convention



**Art & Color!** is the theme of this year's largest library event—now in its seventh season. See many art forms, including masking-tape modern art, balloon-pop painting, Can Jam graffiti on a massive

plastic canvas, face and body painting, henna, green screen photography studio, origami and artists and crafters. New this year: Gaming lab, courtesy of Microsoft, and maker and zine areas. Fan favorites—Cosplay Runway and Go! Go! Robot Lounge—return. Attendees also can enjoy the Kids' Cantina, culture and food of Japan, TARDIS, Star Wars, Ghostbusters, superheroes, anime food trucks and DJ. First 250 kids & teens will receive comics & goodie bags. Prizes! SAT, OCT 22, 11 AM to 4 PM @ Downtown

**805 Lit + Art Journal Reception** Join the editorial staff of Manatee Libraries' online literature & art journal for light refreshments and short readings from their published authors. SAT, NOV 5, 11:30 AM to 1 PM @ Downtown

### Early Literacy

Preschool storytimes available at each library location. Check monthly events brochure for current dates/times.

**Forty Carrots** Enjoy special play time with your child with friendly and experienced Parenting Educators and Early Literacy Specialist. For mobile babies to age 5. Space limited to first 12 families. Please check monthly events brochure for locations, dates and times.

**Musical Motion (in Spanish)** For Parents and Preschoolers. Explore music, sign language, ABCs, 123s and more. Sessions focus on creative activities to build preschoolers' social skills and enhance brain development. WED, 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM @ Palmetto



Hiring Fair 2015

## Technology Workshops

The library has computer, device and eBook classes taught by librarians and volunteers. We also teach classes at community locations. Topics include Computer Basics, Windows 10, Facebook, email, iPads, Androids and eBooks. This fall, we added Spanish computer classes at Palmetto. Look for up-to-date information in our monthly brochure. See Youth Programs for coding events.

## Workshops (Non Computer)

**Poetry** First TUE, 3 to 5 PM @ Braden River

**Sign Language** Every TUE, 5 to 6 PM @ South Manatee

**Memoir Writing** Fourth TUE, 1 to 2:30 PM @ Braden River

**Intermediate/Advanced Conversational English** Seven-week course for non-native English language learners hosted by Carlos Goebels, Every TUE until OCT 4 (no class SEPT 13), 6 to 7 PM @ Palmetto

### Creative Writing: Flash Fiction

Four-week workshops taught by Julieanna Blackwell. Seating is limited. Call 941-748-5555, x6308, to register. WED, NOV 2 to 30, 6 to 8 PM @ Downtown

**November is National Novel Writing Month (NaNoWriMo)** “Shut Up & Write-Ins” for NaNoWriMo, the annual event that challenges participants to write 50,000 words (the minimum number of words for a novel) from November 1 until November 30. Stay motivated by writing in quiet, creative spaces with others! MON, NOV 7 & 14, 5 to 8 PM and SAT, NOV 12 & 19, 11 to 5 PM @ Downtown

## Small Business Owners

### SCORE Workshop: Mergent Intellect

This is the last in a series of workshops designed to help increase Web Traffic. Find out more about how this free authoritative business and market research database, powered by Hoover's and Dun & Bradstreet, can help you access company research, including financials, key business ratios, demographics and lifestyle research. TUE, SEPT 27, 11:30 AM to 1 PM @ Downtown

# Beyond the Typical Excursion

## Downtown Library Voyagers

With libraries serving as a source for educational opportunities to gain new perspectives about a country's history, culture and language, it only makes sense that they would be involved in a travel program. And that's exactly what Manatee County Public Libraries has done through Downtown Library Voyagers.

Sponsored by the Friends of Downtown Library, Downtown Library Voyagers is booking for its first trip: Ireland, scheduled for May 4 to 10, 2017. Voyagers will tour by luxury coach through Dublin, Killarney, Dingle Bay, The Cliffs of Moher and Newmarket-on-Fergus. Sightseeing, walking tours, farmhouse tea, storytelling session, lodging and 10 meals are provided in the \$1,384 land cost. To download an itinerary and register, call Jyna Johnson, Program Coordinator, at 941-748-5555 (x6308) or go to [mymanatee.org/library](http://mymanatee.org/library).

What makes Voyagers unique from other travel programs is that it offers months of pre-travel activities to learn more about this destination at each of our libraries throughout the year. And all the events are open to voyagers and nonvoyagers alike.

### Irish Step Dancing

Presented by the Irish Dance Academy of Sarasota  
SAT, NOV 12, 11:30 AM to 1 PM @ Downtown  
*Light refreshments will be provided.*

### Celtic Christmas

Join us for a celebration with music and traditions.  
SAT, DEC 10, 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM @ Downtown  
*Light refreshments will be provided.*

### Celtic Piper

Hear Justin Gonzale on Celtic pipes.  
THURS, JAN 19, 1 to 2 PM @ Rocky Bluff

### Celtic Chats

Join Librarians Ava Ehde, Jyna Johnson, Kate Lippincott and Rachel Suntop for four 15-minute chats about the Druids, Vikings, James Joyce and Irish beer. *Light refreshments will be provided.*  
MON, OCT 31, 6 to 8 PM @ Downtown

Join Jyna Johnson, David Breakfield and Simone Peterson for chats about Bram Stoker, Oscar Wilde and Irish folklore. *Light refreshments will be provided.*  
WED, JAN 11, 6 to 8 PM @ Downtown

### Irish Author Book Discussions

Third MON OCT 17 to APR 17  
2 to 3 PM @ Downtown

*How the Irish Saved Civilization* by Thomas Cahill  
With Jyna Johnson  
MON, OCT 17, 2 to 3 PM @ Downtown

*The Little Red Chairs* by Edna O'Brien With Fran Barba  
MON, NOV 21, 2 to 3 PM @ Downtown



King John's Castle



Cliffs of Moher

*The Picture of Dorian Gray* by Oscar Wilde  
With Jyna Johnson  
MON, DEC 19, 2 to 3 PM @ Downtown

*Dracula* by Bram Stoker With Jyna Johnson  
MON, JAN 23, 2 to 3 PM @ Downtown

*Brooklyn* by Colm Toibin With Fran Barba  
MON, FEB 27, 2 to 3 PM @ Downtown

*The Woman Who Walked Into Doors* by Roddy Doyle With Jyna Johnson  
MON, MAR 20, 2 to 3 PM @ Downtown

*Tara Road* by Maeve Binchy With Fran Barba  
MON, APR 17, 2 to 3 PM @ Downtown

### Irish Travel Film/Trip Discussion

Enjoy this "armchair" travel experience. Briefly explore the land of Ireland and hear more in-depth information about Downtown Voyagers to help you decide if you'd like to join the travel group for the Emerald Isle in May.  
WED, OCT 18, 2 to 4 PM @ South Manatee

**Look for more related events in Manatee Libraries' monthly brochures!**



Killarney horse-drawn carriage



Book of Kells



2015 Small Business Expo

**Small Business Expo** To help show appreciation for the tremendous value small businesses bring to our community, the Economic Development Division of Manatee County Government's Neighborhood Services is hosting its second annual FREE Small Business Expo. Exhibitors in all areas of small business development will be on hand, including financial, marketing, workforce recruiting and training. It's a great opportunity for small business owners to network and learn about new products and services that could benefit them. MON, NOV 14, 9 to 11 AM @ Downtown

## Health & Wellness

**Yoga** All levels welcome. THURS, 11 AM to Noon @ Downtown (GT Bray Fitness Instructor); Last SAT 3 to 4:30 PM @ Braden River



Creative Aging Sketch Class (2015)

## Creative Aging

For ages 55 and over, these courses in art, fine art, or performing arts last for six weeks and culminate in a reception that showcases what you learned. Learn a new skill, enhance skills you already have and make new friends.

**Art Exploration** Facilitated by Susan Fader, this six-week course features a new mixed-media project each week. OCT 28 to DEC 2, 10 AM to Noon. Reception is DEC 9, 10 AM to Noon @ Downtown. An additional Art Exploration course and Making Collages With Oil Pastels course will be held in the Spring.

## Arts & Crafts

### Sewing With Ms. Marcia (Ages 7 to 17)

Do you have a working sewing machine? Learn to operate your machine. Partner with another—share, learn and sew. Children must be accompanied by adult. Preregistration

required. Friends of Palmetto Library Sponsored. Third SAT: October 15, Fall T-Shirt Dresses; November 19, Quilted Table Runners; December 17, Mug Rugs; and Special Mending Session, THURS, DEC 29; 1 to 4:45 PM @ Palmetto

**Arts and Crafts With Ms. Marcia** OCT 15, Felt Fall Bags; NOV 19, Braided Fabric Holiday Hot Pads; DEC 17, Fleece Hat and Scarves (ages 7-17), Third SAT, 10 AM to 12 PM @ Palmetto

**Pine Needle Basket Weaving** Two-part program, OCT 27 & NOV 3, 1 to 4:30 PM @ Braden River

**Coloring** THURS, 1 to 2 PM @ South Manatee; THURS, 2 to 3 PM @ Rocky Bluff; Second & Fourth WED, 12 to 1 PM @ Island; Second SAT, 3 to 4:30 PM @ Braden River

**Knitting & Crochet** First SAT 10 to 12 PM @ South Manatee; second SAT, 10 to 11 AM @ Rocky Bluff & 1 to 2:30 PM @ Braden River

**Tween Art Club** Third TUE, 6 to 7:30 PM @ Braden River; Fourth THURS, 6 to 7 PM @ Rocky Bluff

**Friends Holiday Decorating Party** Open to all ages, TUE, DEC 1, 6 to 7:30 PM @ Braden River

## Music

**Latin Guitar Concert With Dr. Jimmy & Michelle Moore** Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month with an afternoon of Spanish music. Dr. Jimmy & Michelle Moore will perform great works, including selections from the Andres Segovia repertoire. Program will take place outside (weather permitting). Light refreshments. Sponsored by the Friends of the Braden River. SAT, SEPT 17, 2 to 4 PM @ Braden River

**Spanish Classical Guitar With Edwin Culver** Discussion of the theory and background of popular Spanish guitar pieces. Refreshments provided. Sponsored by the Friends of the Palmetto Library. SAT, OCT 8, 2:30 to 3:30 PM @ Palmetto

**Lunch-Listen-Learn** Lunch-time concerts which offer exposure to unusual musical instruments and styles. And the best part is that you can listen and learn while enjoying lunch! Eat at our Storybook Café or bring your own. Select Thursdays, 1 to 2 PM @ Rocky Bluff:



Edwin Culver

Edwin Culver,  
Classical Guitar,  
THURS,  
OCT 20

Undine Shorey,  
Contemporary  
Violin, THURS,  
NOV 17

Celtic Christmas  
(music and tradition),  
THURS, DEC 15

**Blues in the Library** This highly popular program, brought to you by Manatee Libraries and the Suncoast Blues Society, returns for one week of Holiday Blues, leading up to the award-winning Bradenton Blues Fest. Join us for these educational concerts where the best local Blues musicians play and discuss The Blues.



Steve Arvey

Sarasota Slim, MON,  
NOV 28, 6 to 7:30 PM  
@ Downtown

Bodie Valdez, TUE, NOV  
29, 2 to 3:30 PM @ Island

George Worthmore, WED,  
NOV 30, 2 to 3:30 PM  
@ Palmetto

Steve Arvey, WED,  
NOV 30, 6 to 7:30 PM  
@ Rocky Bluff

RJ Howson, THURS, DEC  
1, 4 to 5:30 PM @ SOM

Steve Arvey, Friday, DEC 2, 2 to 3:30 PM @ Braden River

## Just for Fun

**Are You Smarter Than a Librarian?** This pub-style trivia contest invites teams to match wits with a team of librarians. The winning team receives a gift card. Light refreshments will be served. Teams of four or less will be permitted. Games take place on Third WED, 6 to 8 PM @ Downtown

## Youth Programs

**Banned Books Week:** September 25 to October 1

**Arduino Workshop** THURS, NOV 10, 6 to 7 PM  
@ Palmetto

### Star Wars Reads Day

Enjoy a day of Star Wars-themed activities which includes arts and crafts, scavenger hunts, and character meet & greets on SAT, OCT 8 @ Island & Rocky Bluff & SAT, OCT 22 @ Downtown. Please check events calendar for specific times and activities at each branch.



### STEM Workshop With FUNdication

Hands-on fun with a science twist. Special event for Teen Read Week 2016 (ages 7-17), TUE, OCT 13, 6 to 7:30 PM @ Palmetto

**STEM Program:** Second SAT, 2 to 3 PM  
@ Island

**Hour of Code Events** As part of Computer Science Education Week (DEC 6 to 10), our Libraries will be hosting the following Hour of Code Events: WED, DEC 7, 1:30 to 2:30 PM @ Island; THURS, DEC 8, 6 to 7 PM @ Palmetto & Rocky Bluff; SAT, DEC 10, 11 AM to Noon @ Braden River; 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM @ Downtown (Minecraft); 1 to 2 PM @ Downtown (Star Wars)

## Social Clubs

**Mahjong** TUE, 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM @ Rocky Bluff; Fridays, 10:30 AM to 1:30 PM @ Palmetto

**Chess** Every TUE 3 to 5 PM @ Rocky Bluff; every FRI, 2 to 4 PM @ Palmetto; First & Third SAT, 2 to 4 PM @ Braden River; Second & Fourth WED, 2 to 5 PM @ Island; Second & Fourth FRI, 2 to 4:30 PM @ South Manatee

**Scrabble** FRI, 2 to 4:30 PM @ South Manatee

**Pokémon** Second SAT, 1 to 4 PM @ Rocky Bluff

**Lego** First SAT, 11 AM to 12:30 PM @ Braden River; Third SAT 1 to 3 PM @ Rocky Bluff

**Art** See “Arts & Crafts” section.

**Teen Game Day** Fourth SAT, 2 to 4:30 PM  
@ Palmetto



Pokémon Club

## Book Clubs

**Emerging Readers** Fourth MON, 5 to 6 PM  
@ Downtown

**Tween** First TUE, 6 to 7:30 PM @ Braden River; First THURS, 6 to 7 PM @ Palmetto; Second WED, 4 to 5 PM @ Rocky Bluff

**Teen** Classics focus, First SAT, 2 to 3 PM @ Palmetto

**Murder by the Book** (Mystery book club) Second THURS, 1:15 to 2:15 PM @ Braden River

**Discussion Group** Second TUE, 6:30 to 7:30 PM @ Braden River; Second WED, 6 to 7 PM @ Rocky Bluff; Third FRI, 10 to 11:30 @ South Manatee; Third THURS, 10 to 11 AM @ Island

**Classics Up Close** Classic fiction and classic author bios, Fourth TUE, 3 to 4 PM @ Braden River

**Spanish** Third WED 10 to 11 AM @ Palmetto; Last THURS, 6 to 7:30 PM @ South Manatee

**Irish Authors** See PP. 4 & 5.

## Exhibits

**“And Then There Was Quiet: New York After 9/11”** Part documentary photography and part art installation, the exhibit, created by Sarasota artist Dave Gordon, provides a unique look at the 9/11 tragedy by focusing on intimate moments. Shown nationally at libraries, galleries and government buildings, it features more than 20 large mounted photographs, as well as many smaller photographs and artifacts not chronicled elsewhere. It runs through SEPT 30 @ Downtown

**Opening Reception & Artist Talk** WED, SEPT 7, 6 to 7:30 PM @ Downtown

**9/11 Remembrance** Share memories of 9/11 and participate in the creation of a new artwork that may become part of the international exhibits in 2017. SAT, SEPT 10, 1 to 3 PM @ Downtown

### **Eaton Room Historical Exhibit: The 50th Anniversary of the Bishop Planetarium**

This showcase, which runs through November, will begin with an opening reception and talk by Jeff Rodgers, Director of the Bishop Planetarium. Enjoy live guitar music and light refreshments. WED, SEPT 7, 5:30 to 7 PM @ Downtown

## Spotlight on Downtown’s Creative Lab

Downtown Library has been busy ordering gadgets and equipment to fill our new creative lab space and developing programming for tweens and teens. Our first STEM program took place this summer with twice weekly Arduino Workshops and two Bridging the Gap Challenges facilitated by FUNducation. This Fall, we are excited to bring you the following:

**Minecraft Survival Games\***: Kids team up to compete in various challenges in the Minecraft world. SAT, SEPT 17 & NOV 12, 1 to 5 PM



**STEM Stops**: Get ready for the Zombie Survival iBook Program by making a newspaper zombie safe house, MON, SEPT 19, 6 to 7:30 PM; design a zombie hydraulic butterfly for the Stop Animation Program, MON, OCT 17, 6 to 7:30 PM

**Artistic Saturdays**: Crumpled Paper Art, SEPT 17, 2 to 3:30 PM; Confetti Bowls, OCT 1, 2 to 3:30 PM



Instructors Danny Bradley & Bryan Sawyer go over code

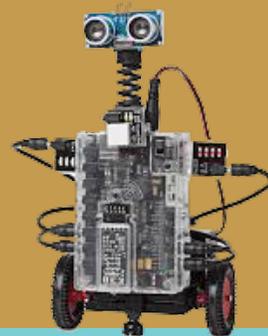
**iBooks Author Basics - Zombie Survival**: MON, OCT 3, 6 to 8 PM

**The Bob’s Burgers Burger Book**: Online Discussion & Cooking Demo, SAT, OCT 8, 12 to 2 PM

**Stop-Motion Animation**: MON, NOV 7 & DEC 5, 6 to 8 PM

**Build Your First Website\***: Learn how to hand code a Website using HTML and CSS programming languages. WED, SEPT 14 to NOV 16, 5 to 7 PM

\*Please preregister by calling 941-748-5555, x6318.



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