

School may be over, but without practice, reading skills can decline. Avoid the “Summer Slide” with local reading and learning initiatives in Palm Beach County.



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News

Avoid the “Summer Slide” with summer learning and reading!

Have you heard about the “Summer Slide?” The “Summer Slide” is a phrase used to describe the loss of reading skills that occur during the summer when children no longer have regular reading assignments. Parents and caregivers may find it difficult to motivate children to read throughout the year but this is especially true during the summer. [Click here](#) for tips from the Palm Beach County Library System to help your child not only retain their reading skills, but improve them over the summer. [Click here](#) for the School District of Palm Beach County’s list of summer learning initiatives, like Read for the Gold and a summer reading contest.

News

Request for Proposals (RFP) released for Fetal Infant Mortality Review project

Children’s Services Council of Palm Beach County has released a Request for Proposals (RFP) seeking a nonprofit, for profit, educational institution or government organization to lead, manage and coordinate all aspects of the Fetal Infant Mortality Review (FIMR) project with emphasis on the development of a collaborative platform to review and share pertinent infant mortality/birth outcome data and information with the community. Those interested in submitting a proposal should visit www.cscpbcc.org/openprop. Deadline for submission is **July 18, 2017, by 2 p.m.**

News

Green Futures Internships with Palm Beach County Environmental Resources Management

Palm Beach County Environmental Resources Management (ERM) is offering Green Futures Internships to those interested in getting first-hand experience working with scientists to preserve, protect and enhance Palm Beach County's land and water resources. Session B is offered from **July 9 - August 7, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.** Green Futures Internships are paid and available to young adults, 17 - 22 years old. Internship duties will include working inside and outside with ERM staff performing compliance inspections, plan review, environmental sampling and monitoring, laboratory work and producing educational, marketing and social media content. [Click here for more information.](#) To apply, contact Ike Powell with Palm Beach County Youth Services at 561.242.5704 or ipowell@pbcgov.org.

News

No Small Change, a Jewish teen philanthropic leadership program

The Jewish Women's Foundation of the Greater Palm Beaches is offering the program No Small Change (NSC) to Jewish young men and women in 9th - 12th grade who want to work together with other teens and learn about the power of thoughtful giving. NSC is the first co-ed philanthropic leadership program doing strategic grant-making through a gender lens. NSC brings together a group of up to 20 high school students who will learn and fundraise together and collectively decide how to award over \$10,000 to local organizations doing important social justice work. Teens will meet once a month on Sunday afternoons from September through April, with an end-of-year celebration in May. Applications are due **July 14**. [Click here for more information and to apply.](#)

News

Text 'FOODFL' to 877-877 to find free summer meals near you

When school is out, the Summer BreakSpot is in! **Text 'FOODFL' to 877-877, dial '2-1-1' or [click here](#)** for free summer meals near you! Kids and teens can get a free, healthy and delicious meal at nearby Summer BreakSpots while having a fun, safe place to hang out with their friends! Summer BreakSpot fills the nutrition gap during the summer by serving meals to children 18 years and younger so they can return to school healthy, happy and ready to learn.

News

2017-2018 Funding opportunity for rural communities through Volunteer Florida


Volunteer Florida's Rural Community Assets Fund (RCAF) allows grantees to recruit, equip and mobilize volunteers in eligible rural areas across the state to address the educational needs of underserved children and youth in early childhood education settings and within the K-12 education system. RCAF is open to any community or faith-based organization that maintains 501(c)(3) nonprofit status, or government entity in Florida. Volunteer Florida will distribute a total of \$100,000 through the Rural Community Assets Fund. Respondents may request between \$5,000 and \$10,000 and must provide a 25% cash or in-kind match. Grantees will receive funding as well as training and support for their participation in the program. Proposals are due by **5 p.m. on Wednesday, June 21, 2017**. [Click here for more information and to apply.](#)

News

Teen Help Guides available from 211 Palm Beach

211 Palm Beach/Treasure Coast's handy pocket directory for teens, the Teen Help Guide, is available for distribution. These guides make a great handout for individuals or organizations that work with teens or offer teen programming. Included in the guide is a scavenger hunt that can be used as a lesson or activity - a great way to get teens reading the guide. To receive copies of the Teen Help Guide, email info@211pbtc.org.

News



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BookFlix® is now available all summer long!

For this year's "Happily Ever After Begins with Reading" book distribution, Children's Services Council is providing a special new feature for early readers: a free e-reading site called BookFlix® for the summer. BookFlix®, brought to you by Scholastic, is an online literacy resource that pairs more than 120 animated stories with related nonfiction e-books. The books reinforce early literacy skills and build a love of learning. To access BookFlix®, visit www.bookflix.scholastic.com. Use the login **pbcreads17** with the password **book**, and read great books for free on your computer or smartphone anytime this summer!

Events

“Every Child is Unique” family enrichment activities with BRIDGES at West Palm Beach

Join BRIDGES at West Palm Beach for a parent-child activity session “Every Child is Unique,” on **Saturday, June 17, 12:30 – 1:30 p.m.**, at BRIDGES at West Palm Beach, 816 9th St., West Palm Beach. During this session, parents will learn how to recognize their child’s unique traits, support the development of self-regulation, and implement quality interactions with their child. Please call BRIDGES to register 561.804.6754. To see the calendars of events for all 10 BRIDGES sites in Palm Beach County and their monthly highlights, please [click here](#).

Events

Free MY LIFE event for youth ages 13 - 23

Join the Mental Health Association of Palm Beach County for its next MY LIFE event on **Wednesday, June 21, 6 – 8 p.m.**, at the McDonald Wilson Center in Gaines Park, 1501 N. Australian Ave., West Palm Beach. MY LIFE is a free, fun and inspiring group for youth between the ages of 13 and 23 who have experience with mental health, substance use, foster care and/or other challenges. MY LIFE empowers youth to use their experiences and to create positive change for themselves, other youth and their communities. [Click here](#) to learn more. To reserve your seat, call Jan Bogie at 561.832.3755.

Events

The Summer Reading Program returns to the Palm Beach County Library System

The Summer Reading Program is back at the Palm Beach County Library System! All ages are encouraged to explore ways to “build a better world.” Sign up at any Palm Beach County Library System location or Bookmobile stop **through Friday, July 28**, and begin earning and tracking points. Once completed, return your log or tracker for great prizes and raffles! [Click here](#) for more information and to find a library branch near you.

Events

Connect to Greatness accepting applications for Boys to Men Leadership Academy

Connect to Greatness is a non-profit organization focused on empowering middle-school African-American boys to become change makers in the world. The Boys to Men Leadership Academy is now accepting applications for its fall session beginning in **September**. The Boys to Men Leadership Academy is a 15-week program designed as a gateway to high school. The program includes self-discovery workshops and an opportunity to collaborate and set goals with other middle school boys. The deadline to apply is **August 1**. [Click here](#) for more information. [Click here](#) for the application.

Events

Norton Museum of Art's Family Studio Program continues this summer

The Norton's weekly Family Studio Program does not stop just because school is out! The Family Studio Program is **every Saturday, 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**, at the Norton Museum of Art, 1451 S. Olive Ave., West Palm Beach. The Family Studio program provides families with kid-friendly tours based on the museum collection and special exhibitions, followed by activities that combine what kids learned on the tour with their own creativity. The program is offered in Spanish (on request in advance) as well as English, and has a \$1 materials fee per child. Museum admission is free. [Click here for more information.](#)

Trainings

Free disaster preparedness workshop at the Junior League of Boca Raton

Are you ready for hurricane season? The Junior League of Boca Raton is hosting a workshop on disaster preparedness for nonprofits on **Thursday, June 22, 1 - 3:30 p.m.** Join John Foley of the Legal Aid Society of Palm Beach County, and Steve Weagle, Chief Meteorologist at WPTV Channel 5, at the Vegso Community Resource Center, 261 NE 13th St. Boca Raton. Learn how to adequately prepare for unexpected circumstances. Topics include current weather trends, creating an effective preparedness plan, assessing the damage, dealing with insurance and funding recovery efforts, and best ways to recover while assisting others. [Click here for more information and to register.](#)

Trainings

Free training on human trafficking offered at Palm Beach County Youth Services

The Palm Beach County Youth Services Department will offer the training "Modern Day Slavery: Trafficking of our Youth," on **Wednesday, June 21, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.**, at Highridge Family Center, 4200 N. Australian Avenue, West Palm Beach. This course offers 2 CE credits for psychologists, LCSW's, LMFT's and LMHC's. There is no fee for this program. Registration form must be received by June 20. Seating is limited. For additional information, contact Giselle Badillo at gbadillo@pbcgov.org or 561.233.4460. [Click here for more information and to register.](#)

Trainings

Untangling trauma through art and play therapy

The Center for Child Counseling, Inc., will hold an art and play therapy training for children. Teens and families on **Monday, June 26, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.**, at Children's Services Council of Palm Beach County, 2300 High Ridge Rd., Boynton Beach. This day-long workshop will focus on advanced art and play therapy techniques to help untangle children and teens' grief, loss and trauma. Self-care techniques will be woven into the workshop, helping therapists handle vicarious trauma and stress. [Click here for more information or to register.](#)

Trainings

Foster parents needed for new foster care program for teens

The Cayuga Center is seeking foster parents for a new treatment foster care program, Foster Parent Strong, for teens in Palm Beach County. Foster parents and youth work with a team of specialists to meet the goals of healing from trauma and regulating emotions and behaviors. For more information, [click here](#) for call Marta Gifford, Licensed Specialist, at 561.398.5330.

Trainings

Workshop on the Columbia Suicide Severity Rating Scale

With all of the pressures the families in Palm Beach County face, do you wonder about assessing for suicidality? The Columbia Suicide Severity Rating Scale is a tool that can

help. After you've completed the online training, register and attend this follow-up workshop. A psychiatrist will highlight the tool and answer questions. [Click here for more information and to register.](#)

Trainings

Training opportunities at Children's Services Council

Children's Services Council offers a variety of trainings this summer to community partners and providers. [Click the links below or register at \[www.cscpbc.org\]\(http://www.cscpbc.org\).](#)

- Infant Mental Health - June 15-16, June 22, June 29
- Value Passion - June 29
- Reflective Supervision - July 25
- Touchpoints 101 Booster - July 27

Trainings

Welding technology program offered through Palm Beach State College and CareerSource of Palm Beach County

Palm Beach State College and CareerSource Palm Beach County are offering a course on welding technology beginning **July 10, 8:30 - 4:30 p.m.**, at Palm Beach State College's Belle Glade Campus, 1977 College Dr. Students can complete the program in one year for NCCER/AWS industry certifications. A high school diploma is not required for admission. For more information, call 561.993.1427.

Trainings

Free career building youth program

The Arc of Palm Beach County is now accepting applications for the Career Building Youth Program. During this hands-on experience, you will learn work readiness, employment skills, develop self-advocacy skills and gain work-related experience. Students with developmental disabilities age 15 to 21 can participate in a free program to explore their career options. Sessions are scheduled for **July 10 - July 21, 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. and session 3 is Aug. 3 - Aug 11, 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.** The program is available at three locations:

- 1201 Australian Ave., Riviera Beach
- 701 NW 35th St., Boca Raton
- The Gardens Mall, 3101 PGA Blvd., Palm Beach Gardens

Students who complete the program will receive a free tablet. For more information, please contact Kristie Giles at 561.721.2818 or kgiles@arcpbc.org. [Click here for the applicatio](#)

Trainings

Save the date for the 2017 FCC Annual Conference

The Florida Coalition for Children Foundation's 2017 Annual Conference is **July 24 - July 26, 2017**, at the Boca Raton Resort and Club, 501 E. Camino Real, Boca Raton. The conference will focus on the agencies and individuals who work on the behalf of Florida's abused, abandoned, neglected and at-risk children. This is an opportunity to learn from various experts in the field of child welfare with a focus on continuing to improve our system of care as we chart a course for the future of Florida's children and families. [Click here for more information and to register.](#)

Trainings

Summer classes added for Boys Town Common Sense Parenting classes

If you have a child, chances are you've had your fair share of challenging days. Boys Town Common Sense Parenting (CSP) classes are here to help! Boys Town is partnering with Florence Fuller Child Development Centers to offer a pre-school class on **every Tuesday from July 25** □ **Sept. 5, 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.**, at Florence Fuller Child Development Center, 200 NE 14th St, Boca Raton. CSP classes helps parents effectively communicate with their children by balancing discipline with affection, praising good behaviors, reducing problem behaviors and power struggles. If you're interested in attending or would like to refer a parent/caregiver, please contact Rebecca Harley at 561.723.0835 or Rebecca.Harley@boystown.org.

Trainings

Trainings from Nonprofits First

Nonprofits First offers a range of classes for nonprofit organizations and staff. Register now before classes fill up. To see the course schedule, visit:
<http://www.nonprofitsfirst.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=courseCatalog.list>

Jobs

Enhance Your Hiring Search with Free Job Postings

Children's Services Council continues to offer free job postings for CSC-funded providers in Palm Beach County. For job openings at CSC-funded agencies, go to cscpb.org/agencyjobs.

If you are a CSC-funded agency, contact Paulina Rudzinska at Paulina.Rudzinska@cscpb.org to post a position on CSC's website.

Links

Check Out These Additional Resources

Visit the CSC website

CSC Employment
CSC Provider Agency Employment
Search for Trainings
Sign up for the MMU

Do you have information for the MMU? Please send information to mmu@cscpb.org by Wednesday at 5 p.m.

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