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Kids can investigate lizards at the library with this summer's Nature Detective workshops!

ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FL — 5/23/18 — In 2018, the St. Johns County Public Library System celebrates a successful 10-year partnership with the Garden Club of St. Augustine for summertime Nature Detective workshops for kids at all six branch locations of the library system.

The Nature Detective workshops for kids are made possible each year through the generous sponsorship of the Garden Club of St. Augustine and of each branch library's Friends of the Library organization. Each year, a different pollinator is studied by children ages 6 – 12 with workshops designed by the Sisterhood of the Traveling Plants, and the pollinator for the 2018 workshops is anole lizards. These STEM-based workshops – which have won state gardening awards and American Library Association recognition – are dedicated to defeating the “summer slump” and engaging children as activists in nature by incorporating interaction, hands-on activities, hand-outs, a recommended reading list, and materials to take home.

There are six pollinators studied over a five-year rotation – butterflies, bees, lizards, bats, and hummingbirds/dragonflies – so 2018 represents the second time lizards will be studied as pollinators. A very special part of this year's workshops includes an additional partnership with author and college professor, Marta Magellan, of *Those Lively Lizards* who very graciously authored a brand-new book just for these workshops called *Anole Invasion* that every child participant will receive for free!

Children ages 6 – 12 are invited to attend these free, educational, and fun workshops by contacting the library; materials and space are limited. This summer's dates, in chronological order, are as follows:

Southeast Branch Library, 827-6900: Wednesday, June 20 at 2 pm

Ponte Vedra Beach Branch Library, 827-6950: Saturday, June 23 at 12 pm and 2 pm (repeat workshop)

Bartram Trail Branch Library, 827-6960: Monday, June 25 at 10 am and 11:30 am (repeat workshop)

Anastasia Island Branch Library, 209-3730: Wednesday, July 18 at 2:00 pm and 3:30 pm (repeat workshop)

Hastings Branch Library, 827-6970: Wednesday, July 25 at 10:30 am

Main Library, 827-6940: Friday, July 27 at 10 am and 11:30 am (repeat workshop)

To learn more about the Nature Detective workshops or additional “Libraries Rock!” summer programs at your library, visit www.sjcpls.org.

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