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2019 Nature Detective Workshops for Kids

ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FL — 6/5/19 —The St. Johns County Public Library System and the Garden Club of St. Augustine are partnering for the 11th year in a row to present *Nature Detective* Workshops for Kids throughout St. Johns County Public Library branches.

This year, the workshops will focus on a very unique pollinator – bats – and be presented by various Garden circles of the Garden Club of St. Augustine. Each engaging and educational workshop is made possible by the generous sponsorship of the Garden Club of St. Augustine and each branch Library's *Friends of the Library* organization. Children ages 6 – 12 and their caregivers are invited to register for a workshop at any branch Library (except for the Anastasia Island Branch which is walk-ins only) to learn more about bats, why they matter, and how we can help them.

At each workshop, attendees will receive a newly published bat book about Florida bats by Marta Magellan, *Nature Detective* notebooks, a reading list of related books in our library collection, plants, and more to continue the scientific journey at home with their families. These STEM-based workshops provide an opportunity for children to learn more about nature, pollinators, and combat "summer slide" - a decline in reading ability and other academic skills that can occur over the summer months when school isn't in session. These workshops fill up quickly, so don't miss your opportunity to register. Please note, workshops for the Bartram Trail Branch will be scheduled in the Fall of 2019 after the library reopens from its temporary closure.

Anastasia Island Branch Library (walk-ins only): Wednesday, July 17 at 2 p.m. and 3 p.m. (repeat workshop)

Hastings Branch Library 904.827.6970: Wednesday, July 17 at 1 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. (repeat workshop)

Main Library 904.827.6940: Friday, July 26 at 10 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. (repeat workshop)

Ponte Vedra Beach Branch Library 904.827.6950: Saturday, July 13 at 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. (repeat workshop)

Southeast Branch Library 904.827.6900: Saturday, July 27 at 11 a.m.

To learn more about all of the summer programs, activities and resources at your library, visit the library's website www.sjcpls.org.

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*The St. Johns County Public Library system serves the community by providing access to technology, facilities, collections, programs and services that help people meet our mission: **Connect, Learn, Enjoy @ Your Library**. For more information on the St. Johns County Public Library System, visit sjcpls.org.*