



## Media Release

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### SUMMER LEARNING AT 'SOAR IN 4' FAMILY NIGHTS

**(Bradenton, FL – June 17, 2019)** It's Summer – and children can lose two to three months of educational progress if their free time doesn't include reading and learning. That's why **Soar in 4** has designed ten family nights, in collaboration with Manatee Libraries' Downtown Central Library and The Bishop Museum of Science and Nature. All of the events are free for the entire family!

Drop-In and Read will be held on Monday, June 17, 2019 from 5 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. at the Central Library, located at 1301 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue West in Bradenton. Families will get the chance to meet a children's author; as well as invent, build and create in designated 'Makerspace' areas throughout the library.

On Wednesday, June 19, 2019 from 5 p.m. until 7:30 p.m., kids can meet Curious George at The Bishop Museum, located at 201 10<sup>th</sup> Street West in Bradenton. There will also be areas designated for families to explore and play.

Other dates for Summer Soar in 4 events held at Central Library and Bishop Museum: July 3<sup>rd</sup>; July 17<sup>th</sup>; July 31<sup>st</sup>; and August 7<sup>th</sup>. Drop In and Read will be held at Central Library on July 1<sup>st</sup>; July 15<sup>th</sup>; July 29<sup>th</sup>; and August 5<sup>th</sup>.

Snacks will be provided at each event. All of the activities have been designed to align with classroom learning. Parents' involvement and commitment to these events can help their students be successful in school.

The Soar in 4 mission is to ensure children from families of all races, ethnicities, incomes, abilities, and languages have the opportunities and support they need for success in school and beyond. And to create a network of parents, community organizations, and neighborhood businesses that plan and carry out activities and opportunities that support young children's healthy growth, development and school readiness. **For more information, visit [www.soarin4.org](http://www.soarin4.org) or contact Dr. Sheila Halpin at 941-685-3724.**

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## Soar in 4 Year-Long Program

**Dates:**  
August 21<sup>st</sup>\*\*  
September 4<sup>th</sup>  
October 2<sup>nd</sup>  
November 6<sup>th</sup>  
December 4<sup>th</sup>  
January 15<sup>th</sup>  
February 5<sup>th</sup>  
March 4<sup>th</sup>  
April 1<sup>st</sup>  
May 6<sup>th</sup>

**Time:**  
5:00 – 7:30 PM

**Location:**  
Central Library  
Bishop Museum  
ArtCenter Manatee

**\*\*At the Central Library and  
Bishop Museum only.**

### Summer Soar in 4

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June 19<sup>th</sup>\*\*  
July 3<sup>rd</sup>  
July 17<sup>th</sup>\*\*  
July 31<sup>st</sup>\*\*  
August 7<sup>th</sup>

**Time:**  
5:00 – 7:30 PM

**Location:**  
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Bishop Museum

**\*\*PBS Kids Day**



### Summer Soar in 4 - Drop in and Read at the Central Library

Raise a Reader  
Author Book Signing and Reading  
Then invent, build and create your own story in  
our Makerspace areas.

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June 17<sup>th</sup> • July 1<sup>st</sup> • July 15<sup>th</sup>  
July 29<sup>th</sup> • August 5<sup>th</sup>

**Time:** 5:00 – 7:30 PM

### PBS Kids Saturdays at Bishop Museum

*Come out for a day of PBS Kids fun with live character visits.*

**Dates:**  
August 24<sup>th</sup> • October 5<sup>th</sup> • December 21<sup>st</sup> • March 21<sup>st</sup> • April 25<sup>th</sup>

**Time:** 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM



## All events are free!