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TRAVEL THE WORLD THIS SUMMER AT YOUR LOCAL LIBRARY

Immediate Release

MARION COUNTY, Fla. (June 7, 2011) – Are you longing to travel without the worries of packing or waiting in endless lines at an airport? This summer you can at your local library. The Marion County Public Library System invites county residents to learn about world cultures during its “One World, Many Stories” Summer Library Program.

Offered every year as a public service to encourage literacy and reading skills among local youth and adults, the program spices up for this year with educational activities from around the world. Children, teens and their families may enjoy countless hours of reading and learning about other countries, immersing in hands-on arts and crafts projects or simply enjoying live cultural performances by groups such as the Spirit of Ocala Irish Dancers and the Liang Acrobatic and Comedy Show, one of China’s most famous acrobatic shows. Games, contests and prizes will complete the lineup, which runs June 11 – July 29.

“The Summer Library Program nurtures literacy among children and teens at a time when they are out of the classrooms and at risk of losing valuable reading skills,” said Nancy Young, children’s services division manager at the Headquarters-Ocala Public Library. “We encourage parents and families to join us in celebrating the joy of reading.”

A list of scheduled events is available at www.marioncountyfl.org/library.htm. For more information, call 352-671-8551 or stop by your nearest library and discover the world at your fingertips.

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