

International Literacy Day

Center for Creative Education and Rotary Club of Palm Beach brings global literacy to life

Students at The Foundations School at Center for Creative Education embarked on a global adventure through storytelling to celebrate International Literacy Day.

The event featured a special donation of books from the Rotary Club of Palm Beach/Flagler, launching the new project "Fairy Tales from Around the World." Each of the 66 students received a book handpicked and purchased by Rotary Club members.

"Our students are not just reading stories—they're living them through creative projects that inspire a deeper understanding of the world around them," says Dr. Susan Wemette, Director of Arts Integration and Creativity at CCE.

This initiative supports The Foundation School's innovative curriculum and focus on literacy. It allows students to explore cultural versions of fairy tales, such as "Cinderella," integrated with subjects like math, science and social-emotional learning.

"When you give a student a book, you're giving them hope," says Robert L. Hamon, President and CEO of Center for Creative Education. "The partnership between CCE and the Rotary Club of Palm Beach/Flagler is a shining example of how community organizations can come together to make a meaningful im-



ABOVE: Excited children receive a special donation of books from the Rotary Club of Palm Beach/Flagler.



ABOVE: Lyndon Burton, Shay Daniel and Jonathan Chen celebrate Literacy Day.



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pact on education." In addition to offering extended learning opportunities across Palm Beach County, Center for Creative Education runs The Foundations School, a K-5 independent school improving literacy through the arts for underserved students. The school uses a sliding fee scale for tuition, applying state and CCE schol-

arships to cover the balance. For more information, visit cceflorida.org.

RIGHT: The Foundations School is a K-5 independent school improving literacy for underserved students.



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Curtain Up for 5th Grade!

Palm Beach County fifth graders to experience a performance at the Kravis Center

The Kravis Center for the Performing Arts is partnering with The School District of Palm Beach County for the program Curtain Up for 5th Grade!

The program is designed to provide enriching and diverse performing arts experiences for every fifth grader in the district.

"We believe in the transformative power of the arts, and this program ensures that all students have the opportunity to be inspired," says Norma Klorfine, a program sponsor.

The program will offer seven interactive performances, each carefully selected to engage and captivate the fifth-grade audience. The ethnically diverse and culturally relevant presentations will feature music concerts, dance performances and a storytelling exploration.



"Curtain Up for 5th Grade! is a program of shared theater experiences that aims to inspire fifth graders by fostering cultural appreciation, igniting creativity and encouraging artistic expression," says Tracy C. Butler, Director of Education for the Kravis Center for the Performing Arts.

The new series will run from September 24 through October 21 in the Kravis Center's Dreyfoos Hall.

Ocean Explorers and Shark Success

ANGARI Foundation is celebrating the most successful year for Coastal Ocean Explorers: Sharks at-sea educational program.

During the 2023-2024 school year, ANGARI hosted 13 expeditions, welcoming 60 teachers, program directors, mentors and parents aboard. The expeditions gave 143 young people hands-on experiences in shark research.

Participants caught, collected valuable data and tagged 29 sharks, which will contribute to shark research and conservation efforts at Florida International University.

"COE: Sharks" is ANGARI Foundation's flagship education program and run in collaboration with FIU scientists. The program features classroom visits and full-day, at-sea expeditions aboard the Foundation's 65-foot research vessel, R/V ANGARI.

ANGARI is committed to providing innovative, real-world, hands-on research and educational opportunities for today's young people. Founded in 2016 and headquartered in West Palm



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A student along with a Florida International University scientist onboard R/V ANGARI.

Beach, The Foundation is dedicated to creating a global community interested in, knowledgeable about, and invested in marine and environmental sciences. It directly supports research initiatives to foster greater trust and dialogue between scientists and the public.

Applications are now open for students and educators to join 2025 expeditions. To apply, visit angari.org/coastalocceanexplorers.



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A Florida International University researcher and a student are getting the gear ready.