

Kids can Learn and Eat at the Volusia County Library this Summer

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I recently started working as the Marketing Specialist at the Volusia County Public Library, and I'm impressed by the programs and services they offer to the residents of Volusia County. One program that stands out is the Summer BreakSpot program, which provides nutritious meals for children aged 18 and under when school is not in session. This program operates at schools, nonprofit organizations, and government entities such as parks and libraries. Participating organizations are reimbursed for meals through the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA's) Summer Food Service Program or Seamless Summer Option.

Breakfast includes 1 serving of milk, 1 serving of fruits or vegetables, and 1 serving of grains. Lunch includes 1 serving of milk, 2 servings of fruits and/or vegetables, and 1 serving of protein. Snacks are also available. Breakfast is served from 9 am to 10 am, and lunch is served from 1 pm to 2 pm. It's important to note that meals are not available to-go due to concerns about ensuring that the child in need is the actual recipient of the meal. Meals are to be consumed at the library location.



To find the nearest library location, please visit www.volusialibrary.org.

Another impressive program is LinkedIn Learning, an invaluable online platform offering video courses taught by industry experts in software, creative, and business skills. The courses are divided into four categories: Business, Creative, Technology, and Certifications, with over 16,000 courses available. Many courses also offer certifications, which can boost your resume and earning potential. Access to these courses is free with a Volusia County library card. If you don't have a card, the subscription cost is \$39.99 a month. Since a library card is free, it's a cost-effective way to access these resources.

In addition to the LinkedIn Learning program, the library offers an incredible amount of informational databases such as Ancestry and Heritage Quest. These are both genealogy resources. There are also music and audiobook downloads available from Hoopla, which is similar to Audible, but it's free with your library card. Additionally, there are language learning programs available if you are interested in

mastering Spanish, German, Japanese, or 70 other languages. All of these resources are available for free with your library card.

If you don't have a library card, visit one of the 14 library branches nearest you. It only takes a few minutes and there is no cost for the card. To find a branch location, visit www.volusialibrary.org

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