

# CreArte Latino Cultural Center to host 'Florida Talks' program

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## COMMUNITY BRIEFS: Art Center Sarasota begins summer camp registration

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## **Art Center Sarasota begins summer camp registration**

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Art Center Sarasota is accepting registrations for children and teens to set their inner artists free at its summer art camps. The 10 weekly sessions run May 30 to Aug. 4, Mondays through Fridays, from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

“Our 2023 summer art camp themes include nature, art history, sea life, and even food in art,” executive director Kinsey Robb said. “Our goal is to mix things up, have fun, experiment, and introduce a variety of materials and techniques, as well as adding some art history to the mix.”

The camps are geared for two age groups: Creative Kids serves children ages 6-10 and Emerging Arts is for aspiring artists ages 11-15. Before- and after-care support is offered. Art supplies are included and participants will also receive a free art camp T-shirt. Sibling discounts and scholarships are available upon request. For details, visit [artsarasota.org/summercamp](https://artsarasota.org/summercamp).

Art Center Sarasota is also looking for teens, age 15 and over, to volunteer as teaching and after-care assistants. Volunteer hours count towards high school and Bright Futures and National Honor Society requirements. Visit [artsarasota.org](https://artsarasota.org) or call 941-365-2032.

Storyteller and teaching artist Carrie Sue Ayvar will present “Stories of Florida – Con Sabor!” on March 24 at 7:30 p.m. at CreArte Latino Theatre, 8251 15th St. E., in Sarasota. The bilingual event, designed for audiences 13 years and older, is funded by the Florida Humanities’ “Florida Talks” program.

“CreArte’s mission is to connect the Latinx/Hispanic with the larger community,” said Carol Hartz, CreArte’s executive director. “A bilingual presentation of our shared history is an engaging way to do that. We are encouraged by this collaboration with Florida Humanities and excited to know that more programs like this will help us forge even stronger connections with our community.”

Ayvar is a Chautauqua Scholar and recipient of multiple awards, acquiring a love of history and storytelling from her grandparents in Florida before moving to Mexico as a teenager. Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased at [creartelatino.org](https://creartelatino.org).

## **Temple Sinai to host singer, songwriter and educator**

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Temple Sinai will host singer, songwriter and educator Jacob "Spike" Kraus as part of an Artist-in-Residence weekend on March 24-26 at the synagogue, 4631 S. Lockwood Ridge Road, in Sarasota.

Krause tours the country and his music has been included in the cantorial curriculum at Hebrew Union College – Jewish Institute of Religion in New York and on Jewish Rock Radio. Krause's knowledge of the Hebrew language, Jewish texts, and culture adds depth to his songs and authenticity to his role as educator, organizers said.

For details about the weekend, which includes a free concert on March 26 for school-age children and families, visit [templesinai-sarasota.org](http://templesinai-sarasota.org) or call 941-924-1802.

## Literacy Council of Sarasota seeks volunteers for training

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The Literacy Council of Sarasota is offering in-person tutor training workshops in April for volunteers who want to help other adults improve their basic English communication and literacy skills.

No experience required. Volunteers will receive approximately 18 hours of interactive ProLiteracy-certified instruction over the course of five weekday sessions at the Glasser/Schoenbaum Human Services Center, Building J, 1750 17th St., Sarasota.

Sessions will focus on teaching adult learners to read, write, comprehend and/or speak better in English. For information, visit [sarasotaliteracy.org](http://sarasotaliteracy.org) or contact LCS Program Associate Sandra Beltran at 941-955-0421 or [sbeltran@sarasotaliteracy.org](mailto:sbeltran@sarasotaliteracy.org).

## Around and about ...

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The **Gulf Coast Community Foundation's Better Together** event is March 16 from 4-7 p.m. in the 1500 block of State Street in downtown Sarasota. The event includes free activities that celebrate education, arts, health, and the environment, plus musical performances and a chance to collaborate with local artist Brandon Thrift on a community art piece. There also will be artists from the Circus Arts Conservatory. Info: [gulfoastcf.org/bt23](http://gulfoastcf.org/bt23).

• **Longboat Key is hosting a Community Open House** today from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Bayfront Park. The event offers vendors, crafts for kids, and booths featuring town staff and local nonprofits, including Turtle Watch, Longboat Key Bicycle Association, Rotary Club, and Save Our Seabirds.

• **The Friends of Englewood Charlotte Library sponsors a "Bag O' Books" sale** during the third week of each month from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday at the book store inside the library, 3450 N. Access Road, Tringali Park, Englewood. Patrons can purchase a bag to fill with books for \$5. Several shelves of fiction and nonfiction books are available. Info: [englewoodlibrary.org/friends-of-the-library](http://englewoodlibrary.org/friends-of-the-library)

• The **Venice Writers Festival & Book Fair** is March 24-25. The Writers Fair featuring writing and publishing workshops and Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Lane DeGregory as keynote speaker is March 24 from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the Community Room at Venice Public Library, 300 Nokomis Ave. S. The Book Fair on March 25 is 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Blalock Park in the 300 block of Nassau Street South. Info: [venicebookfair.com](http://venicebookfair.com).

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