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WSRE brings event for families on the spectrum to the Fort Walton Beach Public Library



PENSACOLA, Fla., September 11, 2023 — Amazing Kids Day, hosted by WSRE PBS and the Fort Walton Beach Public Library in partnership with other community organizations, will be an autism friendly event for kids and their families on Saturday, Sept. 30, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the library. Admission is free. The event will accommodate a limited number of children, so registration is required. Online registration is available at wsre.org/education.

“We are hosting Amazing Kids Day as a free, fun-filled day especially for children identified as autistic and their families. Our goal is to provide an event where children with special needs can come and explore some fun activities while their grown-ups learn about the many resources available to them from WSRE and other community organizations,” said Jeri Shaffer, WSRE Director of Education and Outreach.

Resources from WSRE include educational games and videos from favorite PBS KIDS television shows and a digital library of free educational resources from PBS LearningMedia.

Children’s programming on WSRE PBS KIDS features a number of autistic characters, including Julia on “Sesame Street,” Dennis Deinocheirus on “Dinosaur Train,” Carl on “Arthur,” Max on “Daniel Tiger’s Neighborhood,” and A.J. Gadgets on “Hero Elementary.”

“These characters and story lines help raise awareness about Autism Spectrum Disorder in children—both autistic kids and their peers, who can learn about acceptance,” said Shaffer.

Amazing Kids Day is limited to families impacted by autism. Event information and registration can be found at wsre.org/education.

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