

## 5 centers earn 5 stars

Five of Child Care of Southwest Florida's learning centers earned five-star ratings from the Early Learning Coalition of Southwest Florida this fall. The program rates child care centers in six areas: health and safety, professional development and staff qualifications, the learning environment, screening and assessments, family and community relationships and professional responsibility. The centers that earned the five-star rating are The Children's Learning Center at Florida SouthWestern State College in Fort Myers, Joseph H. Messina Children's Center in Fort Myers, The Community Children's Center in Lehigh Acres, Children's Garden of LaBelle and the Harlem Academy Child Care Center in Clewiston.

# 33,000

That's how many books participants in the Collier County Public Library's "Libraries Rock" summer reading program read this summer. The Headquarters branch led the way with 12,488 books.

## New books by local children's authors

» **"In Time Butterfly" by Amanda Derrick and Jessica Tukaj** • As moms and special education educators, Amanda and Jessica saw a need for tools to help parents and teachers develop a child's social-emotional skills. In this book, Paul the butterfly helps kids realize the value of being unique. The two women were college roommates at Florida Gulf Coast University, and Jessica continues to live in Southwest Florida with her family. The book is \$19.95 in hardcover, \$13.95 as paperback and \$5 as an e-book at

halopublishing.com and major retailers.

» **"Mrs. O'Leary's Halloween" by William Bresnan** • William Bresnan, a New York City firefighter who retired to Southwest Florida, wrote this fun, spooky tale to teach children the importance of keeping an open mind. \$24 at [dorrancepublishing.com](http://dorrancepublishing.com).

» **"Unraveling Rose" by Brian Wray** • Rose is a stuffed bunny who loves having fun with the little boy she lives with, until she discovers a loose thread. Brian will be signing copies of the award-winning book 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, October 27 at

Barnes & Noble in the Waterside Shops, 5377 Tamiami Trail N., Naples.

» **"The Case of the Missing Crown Jewels" by Robert Martin** • A former Fortune 500 executive, Robert Martin lives in Lee County and writes to help adults and the kids they love build strong connections and cope better together during times of difficulty. In this Amazon bestseller, 12-year-old Keira, her Papa and Waffles the puppy try to find the missing crown jewels. The book is now available on Audible, \$6.95. [pct](http://pct.com)

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