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Princess manners shared in Bronson; *Magic show shared in Cross City*



Levy County Public Library Youth Services Coordinator Jenny Rodgers and Assistant Jennifer Becker speak to the children before the arrival of the princesses.

Story and Photos

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BRONSON + CROSS CITY -- The theme of "Build A Better World," the summer reading programs in Levy County's five different public libraries as well as in the various libraries in Dixie and Gilchrist counties, continues.

All this week, people are seeing various princesses at Levy County libraries, and on Wednesday, people saw a magician at the Dixie County Public Library in Cross City.

"Build A Better World" is the theme for all public libraries in Florida this summer.

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The overall theme in the programs being presented this summer in the reading program by Levy County Public Library Youth Services Coordinator Jenny Rodgers and Assistant Jennifer Becker is "Build A Better World."

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Princess Rapunzel and Princess Tiana arrive at the Bronson Public Library, and they seem as excited and happy as the many children who greeted them.

Performers from the Project Princess Inc. are showing up at all five libraries in Levy County. The program this week (June 19-23) is Royal Manners.

At the Bronson Public Library, it was Princess Rapunzel and Princess Tiana who showed up to teach the children some manners.

This year, the Levy County Public Library System has partnered with the Summer Break Spot and Levy County Public Schools to provide each child who is younger than 18 years old with a free lunch to be enjoyed in the library after each program.



Princess Tiana leans down to speak to a member of the audience as Princess Rapunzel watches.

The 40 lunches provided to children at the Bronson Public Library on Tuesday afternoon was turkey and cheese wrap, Doritos, baby carrots and grape tomatoes with ranch dressing, frozen strawberry-mango juice cups and a choice of regular milk or chocolate milk.

The presenters are from Project Princess, which is a group that visits children hospitals.

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In this photo she took of herself with her cell phone, Kierra Brown holds the book she wrote for children -- *Royal Responsibilities*.

Photo by Kierra Brown

After her performance in Bronson, Princess Tiana, who is Kierra Brown, noted on Facebook that she was very pleased to dress up as her favorite princess and read a children's book that she authored.

Kierra Brown is a founder of Project Princess Inc., in Gainesville. She is also the 2017 Miss North Central Florida at The Miss Universe Organization.



Magician Jacki Manna opens his act Wednesday morning in Cross City.

Magician Jacki Manna works with a volunteer from the audience as he entertains the audience with his comedy and magic.

CROSS CITY

Jacki Manna, a magician, puppeteer and ventriloquist, performed at the Dixie County

Public Library in Cross City.

There were scores of children and parents watching him.

Among the benefits for all of the children was the presentation of a free tee-shirt from the Dixie County Anti-Drug Coalition.