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County libraries' Lullaby Concert Series receives grant funding

It's called the "Mozart Effect," stimulating the brain of an infant through the use of music. It has become so popular in recent years that the Sarasota County library system's Born to Read program added a Lullaby Concert Series to its list of events.

The concerts, designed for expectant moms, new moms and their children, features live music, including classical, in a quiet library setting. This year, the concert series is the result of a grant awarded to the Sarasota County library system by The Community Foundation's Sarahart T. Loeb and Jack W. Loeb Endowment Fund for Family Literacy Outreach.

This series of three musical concerts for children is free and open to the public. The concerts will be held Saturdays at 11 a.m. on the following dates and locations:

- Sept. 6, Fruitville Public Library, 100 Coburn Road, Sarasota
- Sept. 13, Gulf Gate Public Library, 7112 Curtiss Ave., Sarasota
- Sept. 20, Elsie Quirk Public Library, 100 West Dearborn St., Englewood

The Born to Read program encourages parents to read daily to their children, tell them stories, play music and sing songs. All these activities provide the stimulation essential for healthy, active brain development and can improve children's school readiness, literacy and language skills.

Music provides stimulation for children similar to that created by reading aloud. The Lullaby Concert Series was created to introduce young children to different types of live music, to encourage parents to include music in their children's development and to increase awareness of the library's vast resources.

For more information, contact the Sarasota County Call Center at 941-861-5000 and ask about the Lullaby Concert Series.