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# **Realize Bradenton Announces Children's Book Fair and Family Fun Day at Bradenton Farmers' Market**

**April 25, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. • Old Main Street in Bradenton**

(Bradenton, FL) A children's book fair is part of "Family Fun Day," at the Bradenton Farmers' Market, Saturday April 25, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., on Main Street, between Manatee Avenue West and 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue West in downtown Bradenton. The event includes book signings with members of ABC: Artisans of Books for Children, a group of children's book authors and illustrators. Other family-fun activities include demonstrations by illustrators; storytelling with Linda "Granny" Gaines; crafts, face painting, hula hooping, a scavenger hunt, balloon twisting with Nerdy Noah, a mini chalk festival, puppet making, and an "Imagination Station." Ross Peterson from the Manatee County UF/IFAS Extension, will also demonstrate worm composting bins.

**For more information about the Bradenton Farmers' Market, visit**

**[www.bradentonfarmersmarket.com](http://www.bradentonfarmersmarket.com).**

"A large part of the market's mission is to include children and their families in creative activities," says Peg Haynes, who coordinates Mainly Art for Realize Bradenton, the non-profit organization that organizes and promotes the market. "We were delighted when Brenda Spalding, the president of ABC: Artisans of Books for Children, came to us to

suggest a children's book fair. Combining that with other entertaining family activities is a natural match for the market."

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#### **About the Bradenton Farmers' Market**

Supported by the Bradenton Downtown Development Authority, the Bradenton Farmers' Market features more than 35 vendors who offer locally grown fruits, vegetables, plants, organic products, prepared foods, and the work of local artists and craftspeople. Live music, demonstrations by local chefs, and free family activities are also part of the fun. The market, located on Old Main Street, between Manatee Avenue West and 3rd Avenue West in downtown Bradenton, is open on Saturdays through May, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Parking is free and dogs on leashes are welcome. **For more information, visit: [www.bradentonfarmersmarket.com](http://www.bradentonfarmersmarket.com).**

#### **About Realize Bradenton**

Realize Bradenton is a non-profit organization that brings people together to create a vibrant and prosperous Bradenton area. **For more information, visit: [www.RealizeBradenton.com](http://www.RealizeBradenton.com).**