



# TRANSIT NEWS

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## **SCAT Offers Free Summer Rides to Kids with Library Cards**

From May 24<sup>th</sup> through August 19<sup>th</sup>, youth from ages 5-18 are eligible to ride free all summer long on any Space Coast Area Transit bus by showing their Brevard County Library Card. Anyone needing a library card can hop on a bus and get one at the nearest library; they're free too! The Read to Ride program gives kids access to some of their favorite places like movie theatres, malls, the beach and the library. All buses are wheelchair and bike rack equipped and surfboards are welcome.

"This is a great opportunity for kids to experience some transportation independence in a positive environment," stated Jim Liesenfelt, Director of Space Coast Area Transit. "Although we recommend that parents accompany young children, the program gives older youth an opportunity to learn how to read and use a schedule on their own as well as giving them access to numerous summer programs that are offered by the library. By using their library card, kids can get the transportation they need to participate in summer programs." Read to Ride is a community-based program that encourages literacy.

Riders can log on to [RideSCAT.com](http://RideSCAT.com) and use Space Coast Area Transit's new trip planner to get a map and text directions from the closest bus stop to their final destination. Additionally, Space Coast Area Transit customer service representatives are available to help kids figure out how to get where they want to go and offer personalized assistance. For maps and schedules or general information, call 633-1878. In South Mainland, call 952-4672. For Brevard County Library information, call 635-7826.

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