

Wonder Woman Loves Libraries!

Hello, welcome to your September update. We have a lot going on this month, and we're so excited to share it with you! So, grab a cool drink, settle in, and check out all the amazing things we have in store for you this month.

What's new at the Palm Harbor Library?

It's Library Card Sign Up Month!



This September, DC's Wonder Woman is embarking on a new mission to champion the power of a library card as **Library Card Sign-up Month** Honorary Chair. Here at the Palm Harbor Library we are thrilled to celebrate this special month with you, and hope that like Wonder Woman, you too will harness the power of our wonderful library. **To celebrate this special event, we are running two separate giveaways for both children and adults.**

If you are an adult signing up for a library card in the month of September, you are entered to win a wonderful **Wonder Woman themed basket** that includes Wonder Woman stickers, bookmarks, a poster, and a coffee mug.

Children getting their very first library card during the month of September will receive a **certificate and free book while supplies last, AND Wonder Woman stickers, bookmarks, and a poster.**

A few of the things you're missing out on if you don't have a library card are:

FREE Streaming services on Hoopla, Overdrive, and Kanopy.

These platforms allow you to download music, movies, books, and more!

FREE online tutoring with Tutor.org. Access one-on-one assistance from teachers, homework help, and standardized test preparation.

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Keep Kids Creative Week. Share your arts and crafts with us!



The third full week of September marks **Keep Kids Creative Week.** We believe it's important to encourage kids to use their imagination and creativity, and for that reason we foster a creative environment to provide them with fun, safe, and highly inventive activities. Do you have a little artist at home? We'd love for you to share your child's artwork on our <u>Children's Facebook Page</u>

Below, Marisa, our Head of Youth Services, shares her thoughts on creativity and why the Children's Department is always hosting creative and fun events!

"The third week in September has been Keep Kids Creative Week since 2003 when artist Bruce Van Patter created it. The hope was (and still is) to encourage kids (and families) to keep their creativity flowing by focusing on using their imaginations and thinking "outside the box." Here at the Palm Harbor Library, keeping kids creative is more than a passion for us - it's a mission.

Since 2014, the Children's Room has taken great pride in offering a distinct space where children between the ages of 5 and 12 can create with any supplies (and without parental direction). But, times are different now, and sadly, the Hazel L. Incantalupo MakerSpace must remain closed for the time being. However, we will not be prevented from offering quality arts and crafts for kids of all ages!

Since June, the Library has offered...[continue reading HERE]"



We're really excited about a new Story Time we're offering this month! Get your kiddos comfy and ready to enjoy story time in **THREE** different languages. Three of our staff members will be reading a special children's story in **Spanish**, **Italian**, and **French!** Look out for this video on our <u>Youtube channel</u> and <u>Children's Facebook Page</u>.

Help Us Continue To Grow!



, on **September 8th** you'll be receiving a separate email from us containing a **Member Survey**, and we'd love your participation. Why are we sending out a survey? To serve our community better. **For over four decades the Palm Harbor Library has helped Palm Harbor grow and thrive**. Nothing has changed in that approach, and we will continue to enrich our community. We can do that by hearing your concerns and learning your needs. Be on the lookout for that survey and help us continue to grow.

September's Staff Spotlight



We love our PHL Staff members and would like for you to get to know them! This month, the spotlight shines on Chris, our Youth Services Library Assistant IV.

We asked Chris a few questions and here are her answers!

WHAT DO YOU LOVE MOST ABOUT PHL?

There are many special things about PHL. It's a workplace with **really fun** coworkers and visionary leadership, but the awesome families and individuals who visit the library again and again are the best! You form relationships that last. I've seen children who attended story time as preschoolers become teen volunteers and Youth Advisory Board members, then stop in to visit us when they are home from college and now utilize our services as adults. They've grown up to invest in their community in careers at our local YMCA, as teachers, etc. AND they have developed a life long love of reading. Libraries started with books and have expanded to become so much more. PHL is an integral part of the Palm Harbor community and I feel so lucky to be part of that!

WHAT FICTIONAL WORLD/PLACE WOULD YOU LIKE TO VISIT?

"The Underland" beneath New York City from Suzanne Collins; *Gregor the Overlander series*, or hang out in Robyn Carr's fictional town of Virgin River.

WHAT ARE YOUR HOBBIES?

Crochet and knitting, singing along to any Jimmy Buffet tune, and READING! Going to the beach or in the woods. Seeing the monarch butterflies at the St. Marks Wildlife Refuge each October and spending time with friends.



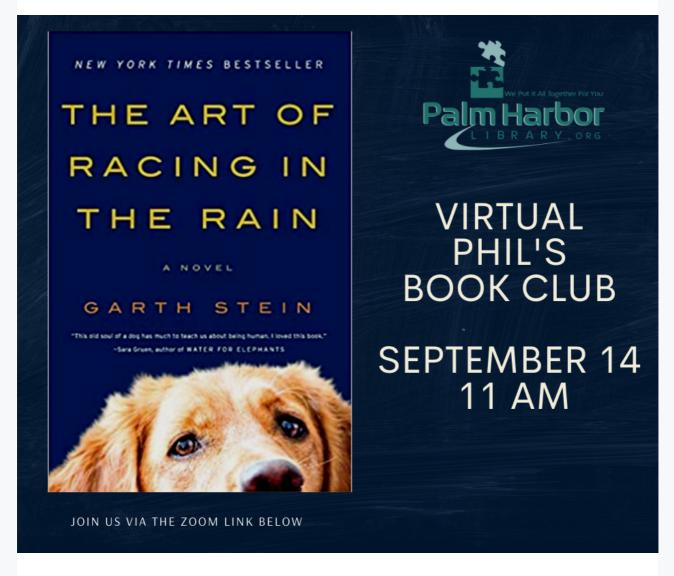
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What books do we recommend?

Every month we ask our staff members to share their book recommendations. These three books are currently in our collection, so come check them out or place them on hold!



Speaking of books, mark your calendar for these upcoming events.



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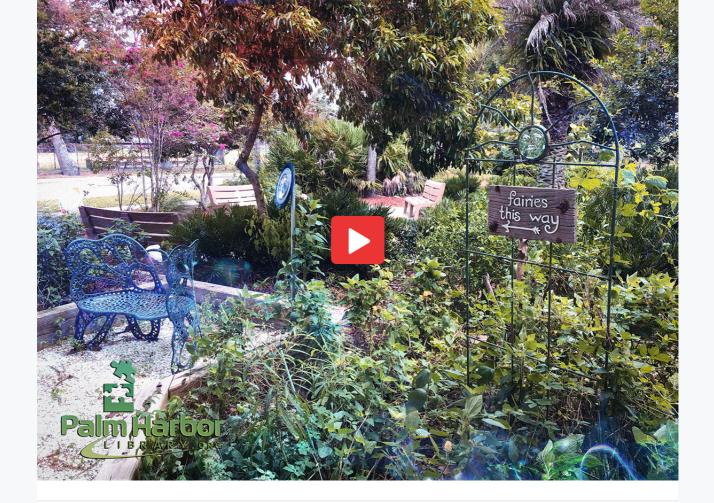


Did you know?

Thanks to the **University of Florida's Master Gardener Program**, our library offers a variety of planting seeds, from vegetables and herbs to flowers! You are welcome to take up to three packets a week. Come check out our **Seed Library** and nurture your green thumb!



Speaking of gardens...did you know we have a beautiful little garden here at the library? It is truly magical and serene, with plenty of space for you to relax, read a book in the breeze, and take a break from the world. Check out this virtual tour of our **Outside Reading Garden**, then come experience the magic for yourself.





It's time for our annual **Palm Harbor Friends of the Library** membership drive! Please consider a membership to this 501(c)(3) non-profit organization comprised of library volunteers and members of the community interested in supporting quality library services. Just a few of the programs the Friends organization supports are **The Literacy Program; Lending Library Machine &**

materials outside the library's front door; and Adult & Children Summer Reading Programs.

Types of Membership

Individual \$15

Family \$25

Lifetime Member \$125

Giving Tree Monument (Inscribed Monument Stone placed under Giving Tree) \$1,000

All Memberships include a 10% Discount in the Friends Bookstore.

Download Your Friends Membership Application Here!





CHECK OUT
OUR TWO
MEDIA BOXES!

The Lending Library Media Box located outside our library is funded by the **Friends of the Library.** We also have a second Media Box at The Centre (Rec Center) at 1500 16th Street, that is funded by the **Foundation**. Both are available to you 24/7.



We love our local artists and we're proud to collaborate with them and support their artistic journey. We'd like to spotlight ceramist Mitch Lowenstein, whose pottery work will be featured in our John Brock Art Alcove this September and October. Check out our blog and find out more about Mitch and his works!

EVERY 3RD WEDNESDAY

OF EACH MONTH

MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC











PHCSA.NET

PHCSA was created by the taxpayers in Pinellas County in 1985 to provide recreation and library services to the unincorporated community. Managed by a volunteer Board of Directors, PHCSA holds monthly public meetings. Please consider joining the next meeting on **September 16th at 7 PM. To access the meeting refer to our <u>website</u> where we'll provide a Zoom Meeting Link.**



If you've been in our library recently, you have certainly noticed our brand new floors. We've received great feedback and the library looks brighter and more open. If you haven't visited in a while, stop in and see them for yourself!

Upcoming Take and Make Kits:

(FOR AGES 3 AND UP WHILE SUPPLIES LAST)

September 7: Fall on the Farm

September 14: Seas the Day!

September 21: Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month

September 28: Fandom Fun!

Our Children's Department has a fun <u>Pinterest board</u> you should check out for ideas on arts, crafts and more!

A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

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Dear,

As some of you may not know, Palm Harbor is an unincorporated community of approximately 59,000+ residents. We are not a city, and so many of our services are provided by the County. Palm Harbor offers a great business community, a

strong cultural environment, and numerous unique non-county services.

Over the years the Greater Palm Harbor Area Chamber of Commerce has been a wonderful source for the business community and has been consistently supportive of nonprofits. However, during these turbulent times perhaps more needs to be done with socially-focused institutions. Some are suffering from reduced revenues, staff, and resources; although each is striving to maintain the services that the community has come to expect, it is increasingly difficult to do so. In an attempt to ease this burden, Palm Harbor Library, in partnership with CSA Palm Harbor, will be ...[CONTINUE READING HERE.]

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