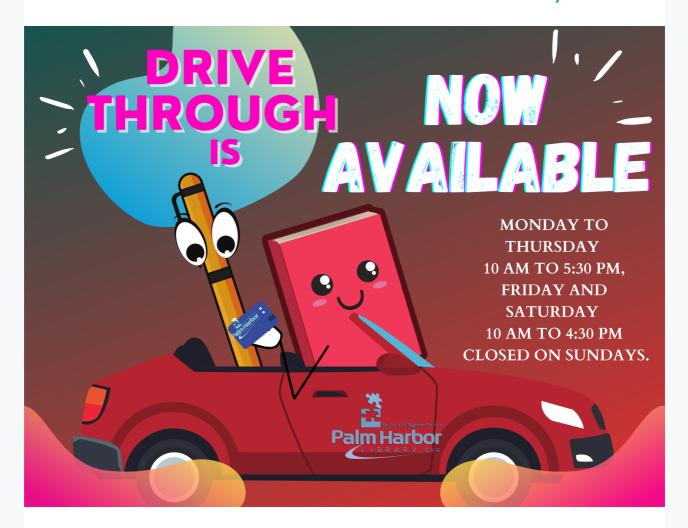


Hello, welcome to your February update!

Love is in the air...and we are celebrating how much we love our library! Want to celebrate with us? Keep reading and see what's in store this month.

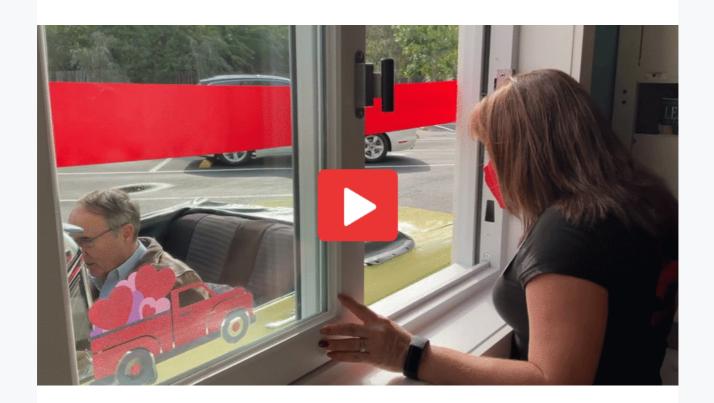
What's New at the Palm Harbor Library?



We are happy to announce the official opening of our **Drive Through Window!** You can now pick up your holds at our Drive Through located in the book return loop beginning February 1st! To speed up the process please call ahead and let us know you are coming to pick up your holds (727-784-3332 ext 3014). The Drive

Through hours are Monday to Thursday 10 am to 5:30 pm, Friday and Saturday 10 am to 4:30 pm, and CLOSED on Sundays.

Below, check out the video of our Drive Through Grand Opening and ribbon cutting! We were honored to have Commissioner Dave Eggers as the first person to utilize our drive through service.



National Library Lovers Month



Yes! There's an entire month dedicated to the people who love reading, collecting, and cherishing books. It's **National Library Lover's**Month and we have a little activity asking you to show off how much you love your library! Throughout the month of February, take a selfie at our beautiful mural and post it on social media with #IlovePalmHarborLibrary for a chance to win a prize!

Library lovers know that libraries are more than just books. We provide hands-on activities for babies through adults, lend unusual items such as our musical instruments, provide literacy support, promote local artists and the arts, support other community Non-Profits, and host a variety of events such as teen murder mystery events, our brand new writing program, and more.

Want to show your Library some love? Sign up for a card, visit our bookstore, enjoy our Take and Make craft kits for all ages, use Kanopy or Hoopla to stream movies, music, and audiobooks, or simply visit our beautiful facility. Better yet, do it all!

Adult Programs and Events

LIBRARY LOVER'S

JOIN THE FUN!

"I love my library because..."

Scavanger Hunt

Bookmark

Bookmark

To celebrate **Library Lover's Month**, we have planned a few fun activities. Stop by and pick up one of our "I **Love My Library Because...**" hearts, fill it out, and turn it in at one of the information desks. We will display them for everyone to see:)

We also have a Library Love Scavenger Hunt! Search for the hearts to enter to win a free book!

Do you love bookmarks? **Grab a Love Stories in the Stacks bookmark** from the info desk to find some books you may enjoy this month and are currently in our collection.

Children and Youth Events



Feb 1st: Magic & Mischief

Feb 8th: ... Valentine's Day

Feb 15th: Celebrate : Black History

Feb 22nd: Polar Pals



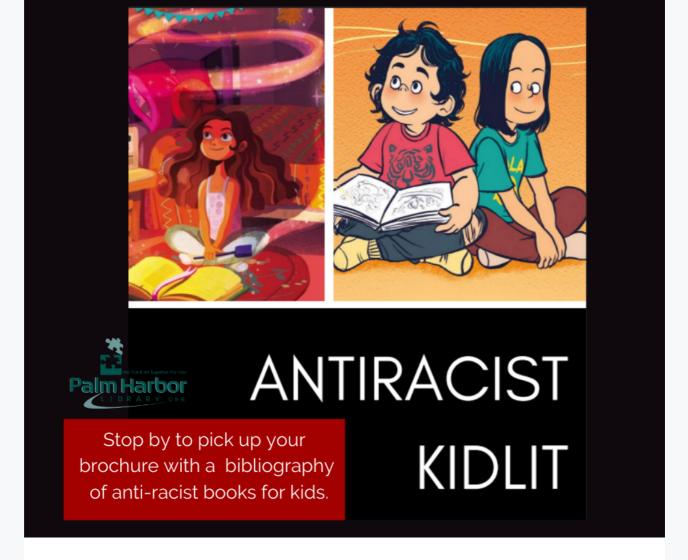
Don't forget to pick up one of our weekly **Take and Make Crafts** from our Children's Department.



Register now for a fiery soiree honoring of all your favorite Dragon-related fandoms! From the "Tea Dragon Society" by K. O'Neill to "Wings of Fire" by Tui Sutherland, and even favorites like "How to Train Your Dragon," we're celebrating them all. Get ready for some beau-tea-ful and ferocious crafts with materials provided in our special Dragon-Trainer-to-Go kits. Dress-up encouraged for the online event! Please register <u>HERE</u>.



Ready for some art fun? <u>Registration</u> is now open for our **Virtual Art Attack!**



This February we celebrate **Black History Month.** Stop by the Children's Department to pick up a bibliography of anti-racist books. Also check out our book display for some nonfiction titles celebrating Black Americans and fiction featuring characters of color.



Join us in space where murders multiply and deception is rampant. Can you help fix the Skeld and determine which of your crewmates are no longer who they say they are?

"Imposter Syndrome" is a virtual murder mystery with escape room elements put on by our <u>Youth Advisory Board</u>. Please register for this event <u>HERE</u>.



The theme for this month's Anime Club is "Shipping Wars" (aka which characters you want to get together!). This is an online event taking place on February 24th 5 pm to 6 pm.

E-mail phlibkids@gmail.com to join our email list if you haven't already in order to get the link to join the online event.

CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY MONTH

BLACK HISTORY MONTH VIRTUAL FESTIVAL









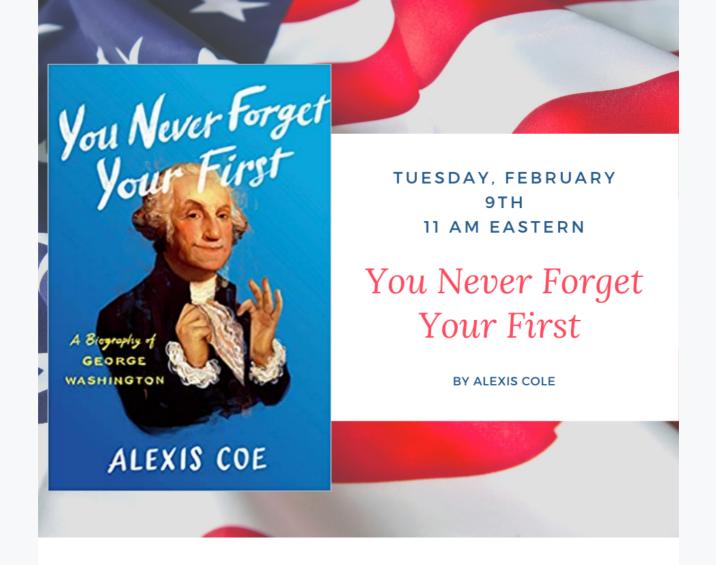


THE 2021 BLACK HISTORY MONTH

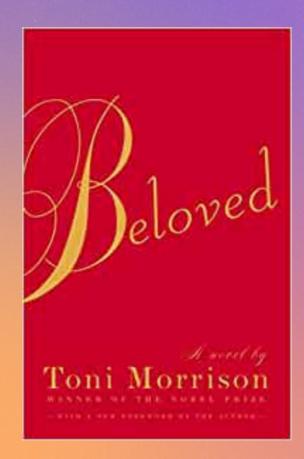
CELEBRATING THE 95TH ANNUAL BLACK HISTORY THEME
The Black Family: Representation, Identity, and Diversity

To celebrate Black History Month we would like to share this virtual festival event. Check it out HERE and learn all the details.

PhiL's Book Club Meeting



PhiL's Book Club will meet on Zoom February 9th at at 11 AM EST. Pick up your copy from the library and join us by clicking HERE. This month we are covering You Never Forget Your First by Alexis Cole. The author takes a closer look at our first President and finds he is not quite the man we remember. She examines Washington's myths with mirth, and writes history with humor. Explore this great book written from a female perspective.



ALES AND TALES BOOK CLUB

THURSDAY,
FEBRUARY 11

6 PM-7 PM Eastern



Our **Ales & Tales Bookclub** that always met at Stilthouse Brewery continues to meet online via Zoom for the time being. Pick up your copy of this month's book, **Beloved by Toni Morrison**, at the Library and then join Marisa on **Thurs. Feb. 11 from 6-7pm on Zoom**. BYOB for this fun club! To join us on Zoom, please click <u>HERE</u>.

Did you know?



We'd like to share with you a special video from the Florida Suncoast Choir Choir featuring their amazing rendition of "America The Beautiful."

"This video is dedicated to first responders, health care professionals, and other essential workers who have done so much during this past year. It's our tribute to them—and to you at the library. You are essential workers. You have kept the library open during difficult times, served your patrons, whose needs have expanded while they've been shut—in, and have maintained the library as an important center for the community. It is our contribution to try to bring some added joy to those whose lives have been impacted during this period of time. The song is 'America the Beautiful.' I hope you like it.

Thank you and all the staff at the library for what you do for the community. We wish you a happy new year ahead."

(Michael Smith, President)

WE WILL BE CLOSED **MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15TH**





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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE LITERACY COUNCIL

Greetings and Happy New Year. As I look forward to this coming year I hope with anticipation that we will relaunch our literacy program in the not too far future. Our program offers the opportunity for those learning English to become proficient, confident and productive in their daily lives, and the work is a rewarding experience both for tutor and student. We have students from many cultures and backgrounds from around the world and embrace the opportunity to learn and share from each other.

Because of the pandemic our one-on-one tutoring had to be suspended in March for the health and well being of all participants. Some have continued with online tutoring and I thank those who have creatively found ways to do so. We do not have a date yet when we will bring the program back to the library but I am confident that we will do our best for this to happen when it is safe for all. It is my hope that our volunteer tutors and students will return, and that the program will be back stronger than ever.

I would enjoy hearing from those of you who have continued online tutoring on how successful that approach has been and from others who plan to return. I welcome your thoughts and suggestions and thank you for your support. You can reach me at phlc1@hotmail.com.
May 2021 bring you health and peace as we begin this new year.

Carol Mercier

Literacy Director

Get to Know Us!

February's Staff Spotlight



FEBRUARY STAFF SPOTLIGHT

MARISA HEAD OF YOUTH SERVICES

FAVORITE CHILDHOOD MEMORY: Birthday parties at Discovery Zone

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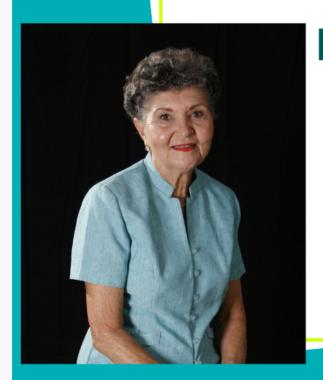
The freedom to try new things in order to best serve our amazing families!

FAVORITE BOOKS:

Fahrenheit 451 by Ray Bradbury, Number the Stars by Lois Lowry, & The Once and Future King by T.H. White

This month we shine the spotlight on **Marisa**, who has worked at the library for 7 years! We are thankful to have such an awesome Head of Youth Services!

Director's Column



DIRECTOR'S COLUMN

Who is Madeline Oliveri?

As we are officially launching the first workshop of our Madeline Oliveri's Writing Program, our director would like to share a few words on who Madeline was....

"When I first arrived in June 2000 to be the next Library Director at Palm Harbor Library, I met a lot of people the first day at work. There were staff, Advisory Council members, Friends Board members, Literacy volunteers, community members, Board members from the Palm Harbor Community Services Agency and yes, lots and lots of library volunteers. Like today, there were over 100! And yet I distinctly remember one tall, elegant looking lady..." [CONTINUE READING HERE]

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