Hello, welcome to your April News!

We have many updates for you and so much to celebrate this month! Get comfy and see what’s happening at your favorite library!

What’s New at the Palm Harbor Library?

Last month we said a heartfelt farewell to Elisabeth, our Assistant Director and Head of Adult Services. Elisabeth worked at the Palm Harbor Library for 10 years, and we will miss her work ethic, positive attitude, kindness, and all of the skills and talent she brought to
the library. We wish her well in all of her future endeavors and thank her for everything she has done over the years.

Help us congratulate **Casey**, our new Head of Adult Services! She may be new to this position, but Casey has been working at our library since 2014. Her previous titles include Circulation Assistant and Youth Services Librarian. We look forward to seeing her grow in this new position!
Today our library celebrates 43 years!

We are so thrilled to provide valuable service and support to the Palm Harbor Community, and we look forward to many more years with you. From humble beginnings to becoming a center of culture, we have come a long way. Stroll down memory lane with us as you watch Jeannette Malouf narrate our library history below.
April 4th-10th is National Library Week and we want to thank you for making our library a wonderful place! Whether you’re visiting in person or taking advantage of our online resources, we’re happy to provide access to the technology, materials, and interaction you need during these unusual times. **To celebrate National Library Week, we challenge you to visit our library and learn about one of our services that you didn’t know about!**
“Thank You!” to all our wonderful volunteers. Palm Harbor Library is so fortunate to have a dedicated volunteer force. They are an integral part of Palm Harbor Library, and this temporary separation due to COVID-19, does not lessen our need for their valuable community service nor our appreciation of their contributions. **During National Volunteer Week, April 18–24, we have a little special something for any of our volunteers when they stop in at the front desk or drive-thru.**

Speaking of our volunteers, check out some of the lovely bird houses they have decorated! This activity is just one example of how we are staying connected while apart.
Adult Crafts and Monthly Themes
This month’s adult Take and Make theme is **April Showers Bring May Flowers**, we’re highlighting our Master Gardeners and Seed Library with a nature-inspired craft. Make sure to stop by and pick up your kit!
Don’t forget to pick up your “60’s TV” activity folder. This month we highlight Lost in Space! The folder will include puzzles, coloring sheets, and more (while supplies last).
To celebrate our library’s 43rd anniversary we’re preparing a special book display featuring libraries, bookstores, and some neat bookmarks. Stop in and check them out.

Children and Youth Events
On April 24th, dress up in your favorite costume, enjoy panels and games, have a chance to win fun prizes, and MORE at this year’s virtual ACEcon! Please register HERE.
Palm Harbor Library Presents:

ACEcon

Fanfiction Contest

Calling fanfiction writers 8 & up! Submit one family-friendly OneShot (short story) fanfiction of 1500 words or less for a grand prize. Make sure to tell us your name, age, phone number, and the fandom your fanfiction is about.

Submit your work physically at the Children's Desk or through email at PHLIBANIMECLUB@GMAIL.COM

DEADLINE TO SUBMIT: April 23, 2021
(The day before AceCon ^-^)

A huge thank you to the Madeline Oliveri family for sponsoring this contest’s prize.
Palm Harbor Library Presents:

ACEcon
(Anime & Cartoon Enthusiasts Convention)

Drawing Contest

- Name/Media/Phone#/Age required
- One Entry per person
- Family friendly content
- Ages 8 and Up

*Must be submitted by April 23rd to the PHL Kids Department
OR
PHLibAnimeClub@gmail.com

-follow us on FB @ACEconPH for more info-

Send in your best drawing and don’t forget to follow us on Facebook!

VIRTUAL

COME JOIN US FOR...

Anime Club!

MONTHLY MEET UPS
DRAWING/WRITING PROMPTS
GAMES
CRAFT KITS
...AND MUCH MORE!

Next meeting:
MARCH 28TH, 5-6 PM
THEME: COMEDY

Email PHLibAnimeClub@gmail.com or ask at the kids desk to sign up!
Join us for all things anime in this online meeting via Zoom. Check your e-mail or text messages if you’re already in Anime Club for the reminder or e-mail us at phlibanimeclub@gmail.com for the link if you’re new! **We will notify club members when craft/swag kits are available for pick-up before the event.**

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**Children's Take & Makes**

- **APR 5TH- NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK**
- **APR 12TH- SPRING FLING**
- **APR 19TH- EARTH DAY**
- **APRIL 26TH - RINGING IN MAY**

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Pick up your child’s weekly **Take and Make** craft and get creative! **Please note that we will take a break from Take and Makes during the month of May so that we can prep for summer activities and events!**
Do you need an egg-cellent recommendation for your young readers? Check out Hoopla! They have Easter movies, audio books, and music for you to enjoy. Best part of all...it’s FREE!

Book Club Meetings
PhiLs Book Club will meet on zoom **Monday, April 12 at 11 AM EST**. Join us on Zoom by following the information below.

**Join Zoom Meeting**
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8522...

**Meeting ID:** 852 2389 4887  
**Passcode:** 196688

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- **+1 669 900 9128** US (San Jose)
- **+1 253 215 8782** US (Tacoma)
- **+1 346 248 7799** US (Houston)

**Meeting ID:** 852 2389 4887
This month join Jaclyn for a discussion of "The Beekeeper of Aleppo"! To join our Ales and Tales Book Club please refer to the log in information below.

Join Zoom Meeting
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8714...

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+1 346 248 7799 US (Houston)
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Did you know?
Our bookstore is running a great sale! Come by and browse our music CD collection, now only .35 cents while supplies last!

Get to know us!
Director's Column

APRIL'S SPOTLIGHT

JOANN
Assistant Systems Administrator since 2018
HOBBIES: "Taking my powerboat out, going out on my kayak, relaxing by the pool."
FAVORITE THINGS ABOUT PHL: "Meeting and helping our patrons and working with staff. PHL is a very nice place to work."

Director's Column
No, I’m not talking about myself. Hardly. If anything, I’m on a downward spiral. But I digress...

There’s a lot of beauty around us and if you just open your eyes you’ll see some of it – notably on April 1st when your Palm Harbor Library celebrates **43 years of service!** (33 years in the current building.) Yes, we were founded on April Fools’ Day. I wasn’t here when that happened, I can’t tell you why, it just did. Another way to look at it, though, is that the library is an Aries. Aries loves to be number one. They are bold and ambitious and dive headfirst into even the most challenging situations. Yup, I think that’s us.

Now of the 43 years, I have been around (good or bad) 21 of them so yeah, I’ve seen a thing or two. What I have seen developed though over the years has been a lot of beauty outside as well as within. I got here at a time when a lot progress was already made (thank you Jeannette Malouf and others!), but more still needed to be done. So let’s go back to 2000 and try for a moment to imagine what it was all like: [CONTINUE READING HERE].
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Our Children's Department has a Facebook page too! Follow us HERE.