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*Happy reading!*



Hello -

As 2022 comes to a close, we have A LOT of fun and adventures coming in the new year! Something we are very pleased to announce is the introduction of a series called *An After Hours Affair*. These events will take place in the evenings on the first Friday of the month. They will include the Library Lounge Series and various themed events all year! Our first one in January will be [Vintage Game Night](#) for all ages. Not every event will be for all ages or need registration but each one will offer a fun, pressure-free environment to come together. So, be sure to spread the news!

Something prominent on our minds for the month of December is always giving to others. Come in or follow us on our socials for all the ways you can extend a hand in your community. We always have our donation bins for [FEAST](#), [Clothes to Kids](#), Pack-A-Snack, and [Suncoast Animal League](#). There are also two new [pet](#) and [children's](#) Giving Trees along with many more impactful ways to spread joy this season! On December 2nd, we will be packing up our [Silver Santas](#) Tree and wow... THANK YOU to everyone who has provided a local senior with a meaningful gift. We even had to request more tags for the tree twice! Everyone should know that we truly are in a wonderful community. We hope your heart is smiling as much as ours!

Check out our **FULL** calendar of events [here](#)

**\*The library will be closed on Saturday Dec. 24th, Sunday Dec. 25th, Monday Dec. 26th, and Monday January 2nd.\***

*Be sure to follow our socials linked at the bottom of the newsletter for daily updates.*

# Featured Events



**ON SALE NOW!** Our artPHL Evening fundraiser is back on Friday, January 27th, 2023 at 7 PM for the 6th year! Tickets are available now online and in person. The first 95 tickets that are purchased **in-person** (only) will receive a complimentary wine stopper. The event is 21+ so be sure to book your babysitter if need be! We are so excited to see you and show off some amazing artists. See our Featured Artist, [Nathan Heinze](#), in the video above!

We are also looking for sponsors! Sponsors confirmed by Dec. 16th will be in our event program. Find the form on our [event page](#)!



NOMINATIONS ARE DUE ON  
JANUARY 6TH, 2023



We would like to honor the incredible women that continue to make our beautiful Palm Harbor community better everyday. On March 20th, 2023 the Palm Harbor Library will be holding a ceremony to recognize four selected women. Head [here](#) to obtain information on how to nominate a woman in our community.

Make your own felt Christmas tree!

Friday, Dec. 9th | 2:30 - 4:30

# Festive Felting for New Adults

GEARED FOR AGES 18-34 | REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Calling all cottagecore crafters! Join us for an afternoon of holiday-themed fun, as we needle felt a tiny but precious Christmas tree that is guaranteed to give you a boost of serotonin in these (somewhat) chilly winter months. This program is geared toward our burgeoning New Adult demographic who range in ages 18-35. Patrons above the age of 34 are of course welcome! Register [here](#)!

LIBRARY LOUNGE SERIES:

## *Harp's Holiday Delight*

Friday, December 2nd at 6:00 PM

Registration Required

Our Library Lounge Series Presents Harp's Holiday Delight has a few spots left! Register for this event, [here](#).

See our **next** Library Lounge Series event [here](#): Registration begins tomorrow! March features *The Bernie Maloney Jazz Group*.

These events are sponsored by the, [Palm Harbor Friends of the Library](#).



# FLORIDA FANFARE BRASS

*Friends of the Library Concert Series*

DECEMBER 10TH • 2 PM - 3 PM

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Join the **Florida Fanfare Brass** group here at the library as part of the Friends of the Library Concert series. This will be held on Saturday, December 10th from 2 till 3 PM. Please register for the event [here](#).



**POKÉMON**

**Pokémon Club:**

- **Movie & Holiday Party**

Come join us for some snowy crafts,  
a pack of presents,  
and showing...

"Lucario and Mystery of Mew"

Wednesday, Dec. 7th | 4:30 - 6:30

**Ages 5 - 16 | Registration Required**

Ready for a holiday Poké-Party? We sure are! Come join us for some snowy crafts, a pack of presents, and the epic Pokémon movie "Lucario and Mystery of Mew"!

Caregivers encouraged to attend with children 7 or younger. Register [here](#)!





## Adults Program: Movie & Show Events at PHL!

### Pizza and a Movie

Monday, 12/12 starting at 4:30 PM

Registration is required

### Mystery Science Film Club

Saturday, 12/31 starting at 2 PM

Registration is required

### Saturday Morning Cartoons

Saturday, 12/31 starting at 11 AM

No registration needed!

**Pizza and a Movie:** Reserve your space for the return of this monthly event! This month's movie is: A Christmas Story. Register [here](#).

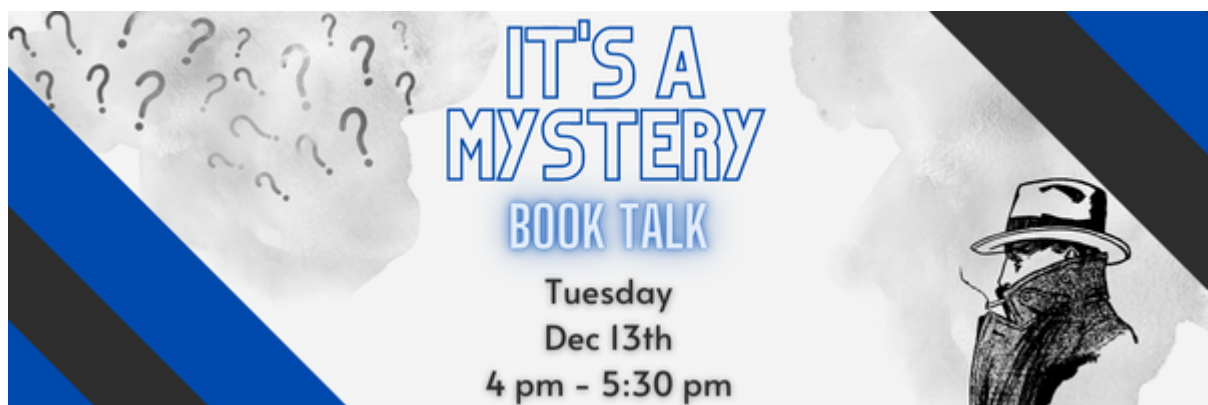
**Mystery Science Film Club:** Join us this month for a special holiday movie! Mystery Science Film Club showcases and discusses movies that are generally considered low-quality, especially dated, or sometimes just plain weird! Talking during the movie is not only allowed, but encouraged! Register [here](#).

**Saturday Morning Cartoons:** Join us for Saturday morning cartoons. We will be watching all of your childhood favorites and having breakfast snacks. Feel free to come in your PJs, bring a blanket, and get comfy! No registration needed.



We are seeking local artists who wish to exhibit in the library's John Brock Art Alcove in 2023-2024. This is an indoor space dedicated to displaying the artistic talents of residents in the Tampa Bay area. Learn more [here](#)! Applications are due by Friday, 12/9!

## Book Clubs



Do you love **cozy mysteries**? Join our monthly group to discuss which cozy you're currently reading and learn about new ones!

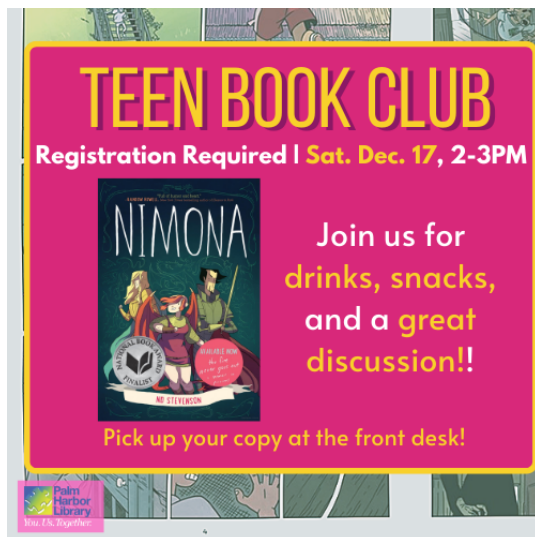
Everyone reads their own choice of Cozy Mystery and comes prepared to share. We have a featured Cozy author handout available at the library to hopefully give you more book suggestions. See the event page [here](#).





**PHIL's Book Club:** Join Library Director Gene Coppola in a discussion of The Henna Artist by Alka Joshi. Copies of the book are available at the front desk. Please register [here](#).

**Ales & Tales:** This month you can join Jinelle at [Stilt House Brewery](#) at 625 Alt 19 for a discussion of The Lost Apothecary by Sarah Penner. No registration needed! More info [here](#).



### Teen Reading Club on 12/17

A book club for teens that is held every three months. Join us for drinks, snacks, and a great discussion! This month's book is Nimona by ND Stevenson. This will be held on Saturday, December 17th starting at 2 PM.

Register [here](#)!

## Adult Events and Programs



### TRPG GAME MASTER NEEDED!

**We are paying \$100 a session!** If you are interested, send us a message with your past gaming experience, how comfortable you are with new or experienced players, and what game system(s) you are interested in GMing. For inquiries, message PHL on [Facebook](#) or email Samma, [samma@phlib.org](mailto:samma@phlib.org).





## 2023 Palm Harbor Library Photography Contest

The Palm Harbor Library is hosting a new annual Photography contest! For more information on qualifying and how to enter, head [here](#).



## Master Gardener Plant Clinic

Join us monthly for [Master Gardener](#) events! The Plant Clinic will be held on Wed. the 7th at 10 AM. Bring any plant-related questions here!



**Advanced Tai Chi:** Prerequisite: must have completed Beginners' Tai Chi for Balance course. Visit our [calendar of events](#) to register for the days you want! No class on Dec. 26th.

**Beginning Tai Chi for Seniors:** It's back! Registration is required with the instructor as there is limited space. The course runs November 4th to December 30th on Fridays at 2 PM. See the event page [here](#) for more details!



**Sound Healing:** Led by a certified Sound Healing Practitioner. Enjoy a session of deep relaxation. Sign up now, space is limited. We highly recommend bringing a mat, pillow, and blanket. Register [here](#).

Spots have been filling up fast so stay connected to know when the next Sound Healing will be! The event will be continuing in 2023!

## Meditation & Mindfulness

New class! Registration opens on Monday, December 12th for this new class. Learn more [here](#) and set a reminder for when registration is open!

Classes will be monthly starting on Monday, January 9th, 2023.

**NEW CLASS!**  
**MEDITATION & MINDFULNESS**  
at **Palm Harbor Library**  
All levels welcomed.  
Please bring yoga mat and blanket. Registration required.



MON 1/9/23 6PM  
MON 2/6/23 6PM  
MON 3/6/23 6PM

**DIY @ PHL**

# Christmas Fun!

Register today!

Wednesday  
Dec. 28th  
4:30 PM

or

Thursday  
Dec. 29th  
10:30 AM



Sign up for after Christmas fun! This month we will yarn loop a wreath and decorate a Welcome sign!

[Wednesday at 4:30 PM](#)

[Thursday at 10:30 AM](#)

# Holiday Cookies!

**Tuesday**  
**December 20th**  
**4 PM - 5 PM**  
**Registration Required**



Discover some cookie creations for the holidays at December's, Let Us Cook! Register [here](#).





## Monthly Puzzle Club on 12/2

Join us monthly for Puzzle Club! No registration needed. The next meeting is on Friday, December 2nd at 10 AM.



## Writer's Group @ PHL

The Writer's Group meets monthly, so join us on Sat. 12/10 at 10 AM and Fri. 12/23 at 2 PM. No registration needed.



## Palm Harbor Business Center

PHL is here to help grow your business, improve your skills, and see you succeed! Join us every month for our latest events that are a part of our [Business Center](#). This is a great opportunity to network with local entrepreneurs. Stay tuned for new SCORE presentations in 2023! Register here for [SBDC](#) on Wed. 12/14.



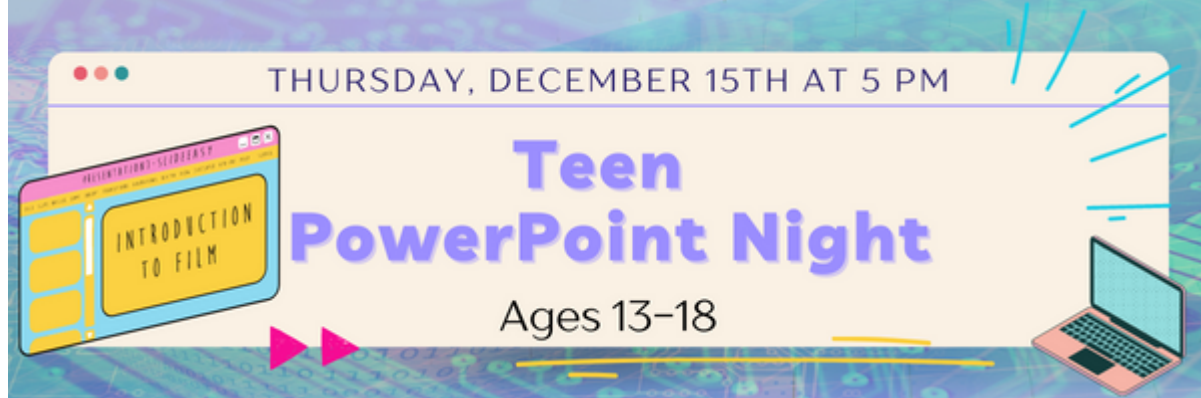
SHINE (Serving Health Insurance Needs of Elders) is a free program offered by the Florida Department of Elder Affairs and the Area Agency on Aging of Pasco & Pinellas. Sign up at the Info Desk to meet with a SHINE representative for a medicare consultation.

SHINE will be at PHL on Dec. 2nd, 3rd (10:30 AM), 6th, and 20th at 1 PM.

Click [here](#) to see other classes they are currently offering.

## Youth Events and Programs





Make your own 5-minute (PG!) PowerPoint about any topic you want and be ready to present! We'll have drinks and popcorn, so come ready to learn and enjoy! Register [here](#)!



Join us for all things anime! This club meets once a month, so if you miss this month, try to catch them next month! This month's theme is, Holiday. This is a tween/teen only program.

### Kids Chess Club Starting 12/7

Want to learn how to play chess or practice your game? Join teen Elias Wednesdays 12/7 & 12/21 for tips, tricks, and games! See the event page [here](#).

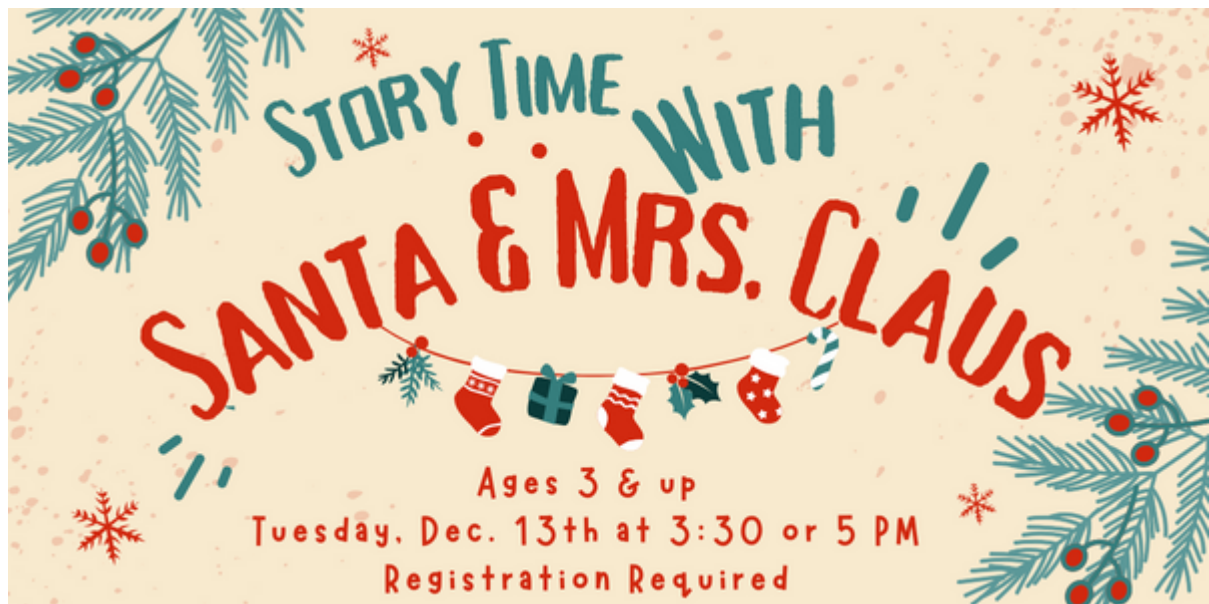
We are also looking for teen volunteers as well. If you are interested, you can see our Librarian Samma for a form. Get your volunteer hours for school!





Enjoy a fabulous interactive movie-watching experience during holiday break while we enjoy the film "Rise of the Guardians," all about your favorite holiday icons!

Caregivers required to stay with child. Please register children [here](#).



Ho Ho Ho! Join us a story read to you by Santa himself and make some crafts with the elves! Get your picture taken with jolly Saint Nick while you're here!

Caregivers must remain with children during event. Please only register for ONE session and only the children attending.

[Session 1 at 3:30](#)

[Session 2 at 5](#)

### **Cookies & Milk with Santa!**

Santa is visiting the library! As of publishing this newsletter there is one spot on the waiting list. To join the waiting list, please come to the library! See the event page [here](#).



### Baby Bookworms!

Baby Bookworms is here weekly! No registration needed. Join us for stories, lap bounces, rhymes and more! No sessions on 12/29.



### Mother Goose Rhyme Time

Ms. Chris is warming up her singing voice! This event is for our youngest members (infants - 2) and filled with nursery rhymes, songs, and finger-plays. No event on 12/28.

### Toddler Story Time

Stories, songs, and fun in this interactive story time. Don't expect to sit still - you'll be getting all your wiggles out! Pick one of the two times each Friday and we will see you there! No sessions on 12/30.



Please join us for...

## Infant/Toddler Sign Language

Mondays 10:45-11:15am  
Caregivers & Children  
(Ages 1-4)  
No registration required



No Session on  
12/26

This fun interactive signing class will teach you how to include signs naturally while interacting with your child through daily routines, play time, story time and music. No session on 12/26.

## PAWS UP FOR MENTAL HEALTH

TUESDAY  
DECEMBER 20TH  
AT 1 PM



FOR AGES  
3-5

A special story time for kids  
reading:  
Gizmo's Pawesome  
Guide to Mental Health

Join us for a special story time for kids centered around mental health! Nan Prevost of Remember Me NFP will share the story Gizmo's Pawesome Guide to Mental Health. Kids will learn with the character of Gizmo the dog and sing and dance their way to discussing their feelings.

*No dogs will be present; no registration required.*

## Get To Know Us



Meet:

Jessica Wallace

- \* Has a small Pomeranian and a cat
- \* Grew up in Clearwater FL.
- \* Fantasy is her favorite genre of books
- \* Absolutely loves avocado anything

Library Assistant II

# Did you know?



Support the Girls is a national nonprofit organization that collects and distributes essential items including new and good condition used bras, packages of underwear, and menstrual hygiene products. These are then distributed them to woman experiencing homelessness or impoverishment. Bras are essential for woman's health, self-esteem, employment, and more. Feminine hygiene products are expensive, necessary every month for health, and personal hygiene.

The Palm Harbor Library is joining a local drive organized by the *Clearwater Chapter of Jewish Women International* to help Pinellas County women in homeless shelters and at-risk programs for teens and young mothers. We will be starting this program in January 2023 and will continue through March or April 2023.



Thanks to you, the Palm Harbor Library is able to grow along with the community. Being a part of beautiful Palm Harbor means that our members have the opportunity to positively impact their library more than other communities typically can.

To learn more and support the foundation, click [here](#).

## **GIFT LEVELS**

"Bookworm"- up to \$50

"Book Lover"- \$100

"Bibliophiles"- \$500

"Sutherland Society"- \$1,000

"Eloise Thompson Wilson Society"- \$2,500

"Jeannette Malouf Society"- \$5,000

Benefactor- \$10,000+



## Friend to Friend

The [Palm Harbor Library Friends of the Library](#) want you to know we appreciate your support of our [Friends' Bookstore](#), whether through donations or sales.

With so much happening in our Library this month, don't forget that we have Holiday Baskets currently available in the Friends' Bookstore and on a table after entering the Library. In the bookstore we now have a cart devoted to adult and children's books, DVDs, and puzzles with a holiday theme. We also have gift certificates for sale if you can't find the perfect gift.

Have a cup of coffee and discover what the bookstore has for you!

- Kathy Capabianco, President | [kcapabia@me.com](mailto:kcapabia@me.com)



## Gift Certificates for the PHL Bookstore!

The holidays are on the way! Gift certificates are available for purchase in our Bookstore. Please note purchase is cash only. Find kid's books for Winter Break or some cozy winter reads for someone special to you. Thank you to our members and the Friends of the Library!

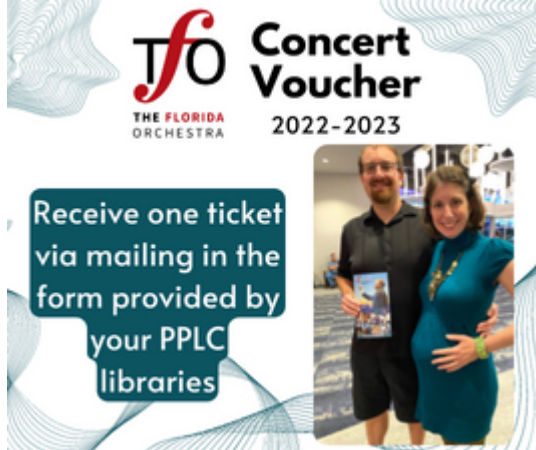
## Palm Lines Podcast at PHL

Our sixth episode is on its way! Episodes premiere monthly. Join us for Palm Lines to learn more about our library, what's happening, recent reads, and have a laugh while doing so! Follow us on our [YouTube channel](#) to catch the next episode drop. Maybe you will be part of the production! A big thank you to Matt and Austin for their hard work and great hosting skills.

## TFO Concert Vouchers here!

[The Florida Orchestra](#) has





provided Pinellas Libraries with ticket vouchers for select shows in 2022-2023! Pick up a ticket voucher at the front desk, fill it out, and mail it to the address on the voucher. One per person; read the voucher for full details!

Ms. Marisa and her husband enjoyed Stravinsky's, *"The Rite of Spring"* for Baby's first concert!

## Director's Column

### DECEMBER'S DIRECTOR'S COLUMN

# Looking at 2023...



2022 may have been a bit better for some...and maybe a tad rough for others but rather than looking back, I'm embracing for what's coming up next. ALL GOOD STUFF! Based on our most recent public survey where we received over 500 responses(!), one trend that stuck out is that people want to gather in a secure, neutral, comfortable and pleasing place. Yes, people are still coming in and checking-out books, DVD's, etc. and using the computers, but meeting, greeting, speaking and participating is what they really want. So, that's what we are going to give ya!

**Please continue reading [here](#).**

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Our Children's Department has a Facebook page too!  
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