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*Happy reading!*



Hello -

The new year has arrived! We've accomplished so many things this year: from memorable events and tons of loaned books and materials, to improvements to your library and even the addition of our [Short Story Machine](#)! There are only about 300 of these machines all over the world, so this is pretty special. Our awesome teen librarian Samma recommended the idea and library assistant AJ helped personalize the awesome design. We can certainly thank **George and Mary Louise Kocerka** for funding this project! We hope to incorporate local authors' writings someday as well. Currently, there are three options of stories to choose from: children, general audience, and Spanish. Try one today!

**An opportunity to volunteer at your favorite library?! IT'S TRUE!** PHL is looking for two volunteers to assist processing children's donations for our bookstore. Interested? Contact our Volunteer Coordinator, Winona, by emailing her at: [winona@phlib.org](mailto:winona@phlib.org)

Have you seen the latest **Palm Lines** episode? Check it out [here](#)!

We have so much library goodness packed into our first 2023 newsletter. Enjoy and share with friends and family!

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

**\*In January, the library will be closed on Monday the 2nd, Monday the 16th, and closing early at 3 PM on Friday the 27th.\***

*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 from 7 – 9 PM for the 6th year! Tickets are available now online and in-person. The first 95 tickets that are purchased **in-person only** will include 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 local artists. Meet our Featured Artist, [Nathan Heinze](#), in the video above!

Want to support the Arts in your community? Be a sponsor for this fabulous cultural event! Find the form on our [event page](#)!



**NOMINATIONS ARE DUE ON  
JANUARY 6TH, 2023**



**Teachers, First Responders, Volunteers, and Role Models deserve a "Thank you!"** 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. These women will receive funds to donate to a charity of their choice! Head [here](#) to obtain information on how to nominate a woman in our community.



A new collectible rubber duck will be revealed on the first day of each new month. Upon purchasing your first "duck for a buck," you'll receive a punch card: At the end of the twelfth month, if you have all your card holes punched you will receive a special mystery duck prize! Hurry by early in the month, though - supplies are limited!!

If you want to **sponsor a month** to help raise money for the Library it's only \$50. We will recognize you for that month's themed duck!

Our January duck is the classic yellow; stay tuned to the newsletter to see what next month's duck will be. Hint: we think Old McDonald will approve of the February edition...



Join us for games that will take you back in time! We'll also be providing light snacks and beverages. Register [here!](#)

An After Hours Affair is a new series of events that will be taking place the first Friday of the month! Be sure to register for each different monthly event.



# DAVE DELUCA'S "BIRTH OF THE BLUES!"

*Friends of the Library Concert Series*

JANUARY 14TH · 2 PM - 3 PM  
REGISTRATION REQUIRED

[The Palm Harbor Friends of the Library](#) present Dave DeLuca's "Birth of the Blues!" This is a musical exploration of American blues music, which has its roots in the deep south of the United States around the end of the 19th century. This event features blues songs from the early 1900s through the 1970s, written and/or made popular by blues legends like W.C. Handy, Robert Johnson, Lead Belly, Willie Dixon, Howlin' Wolf, Muddy Waters, B.B. King, Fats Waller, Bessie Smith, Etta James, Louis Jordan, Billie Holiday and Big Joe Turner.

Please register [here](#) to save your spot.



## January 2023



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6  6-8 PM Vintage Game Night	7  12-3 Pathfinder Campaign
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21  12:30-4:30 Beyond the Dragon
22	23	24	25	26	27	28 12-4 PM Star Wars TRPG
29	30	31				



Roll the dice this January! Check out these events we will be having as a part of our [Mark Mazurek Gaming Center](#) series.

- [1st Session of Pathfinder Campaign](#)
- [Beyond the Dragons TRPG Club](#)
- [Star Wars RPG](#)
- We have a Discord server! [bit.ly/mmgcdiscord](https://bit.ly/mmgcdiscord)



# Open Mic Night

**LIVE**

Thursday, Jan. 19th  
6 PM until 7 PM  
Registration Required

Want to perform? Head to the event page for the form to fill out!



Come enjoy open mic from members of your library community. Sign up is required as space is limited. Register and access the performance form [here](#)! Adults and Teens ages 13 +.

**SATURDAY**



**JANUARY 21**



**VALENTINE CARD MAKING!**

**NO REGISTRATION!**

**2:30 - 4 PM**



**ALL AGES**

Palm Harbor Library  
You. Us. Together.

Join us in this drop-by program and make some Valentine cards for your special someone.

**All ages welcome, no registration needed.** Caregivers required to stay with children.



## Wizards Crystals & Dragons OH MY!

**Registration Required**

Thursday  
February 2nd  
4 - 6 PM  
**ALL AGES!**

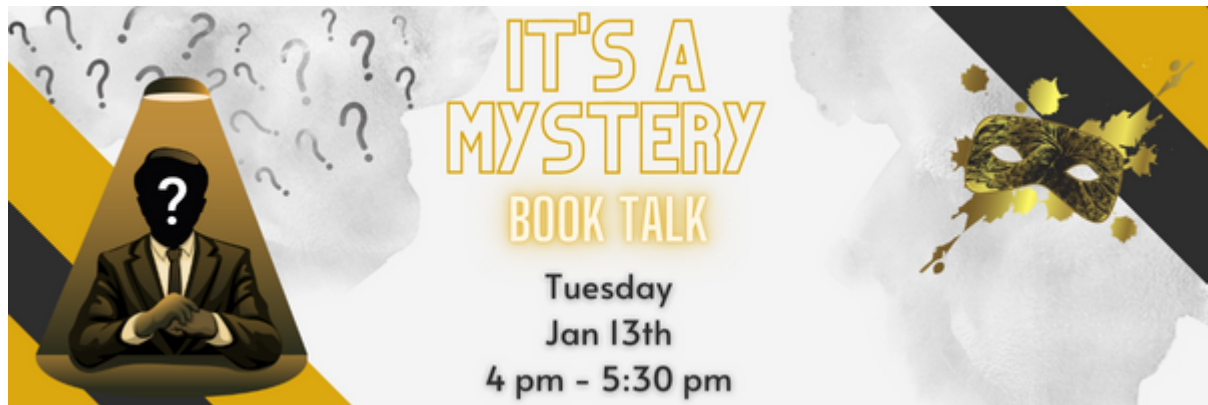
Join us for LOTS of wizarding fun and discover new book series to love!  
Come dressed up, make crafts, and play games.

A celebration of all things fantasy!

This event will be all over the library to make room for scavenger hunts, fantasy Jeopardy, a costume contest, crafts and games for all

ages, crystal and tarot education, a chill room for passive coloring....  
AND MORE?! This must be a dream! [Please register your spot now so we have enough supplies for everyone.](#)

## 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 River of the Gods: Genius, Courage and Betrayal in the Search of the Nile by Candace Millard. Copies of the book are available at the front desk. Please register and see the book's summary [here](#).

**Ales & Tales:** This month you can join Maryjane at [Stilt House Brewery](#) at 625 Alt 19 for a discussion of The Book of Hope: A Survival Guide for Trying Times by Jane Goodall. No registration needed! Calendar info [here](#).

### ABC Reading Club on 1/31

Discussion is held at [Leepa-Rattner Museum of Art](#). This month we are reading The Devil



**LRMA**  
Leepa-Rattner Museum of Art  
at St. Petersburg College

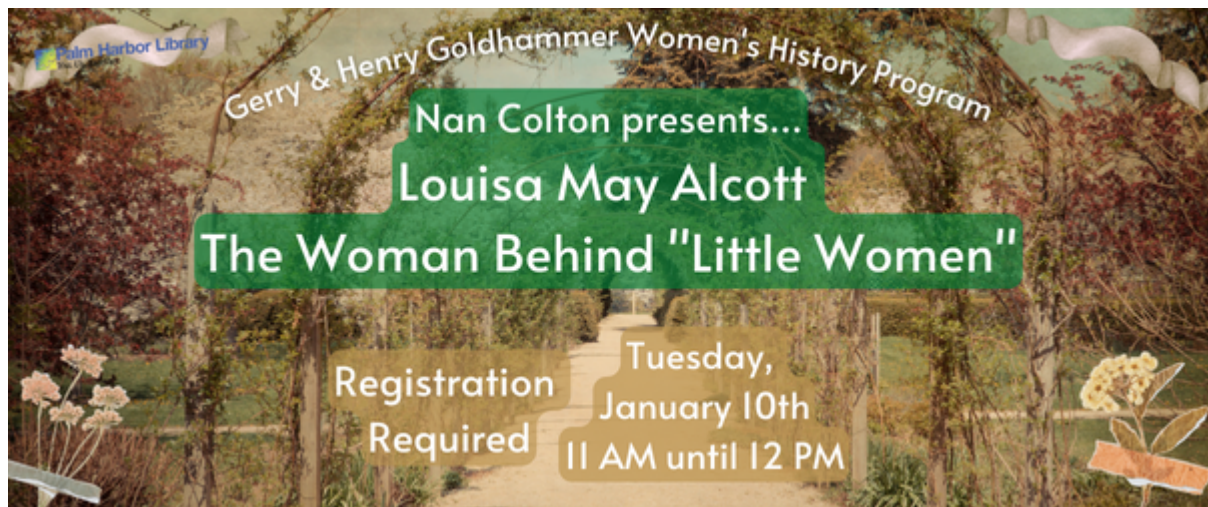
**ABC** Reading  
Club  
Art, Books, and Community

Held on selected Tuesdays from  
11:30 AM – 1PM at the  
Leepa-Rattner Museum of Art.

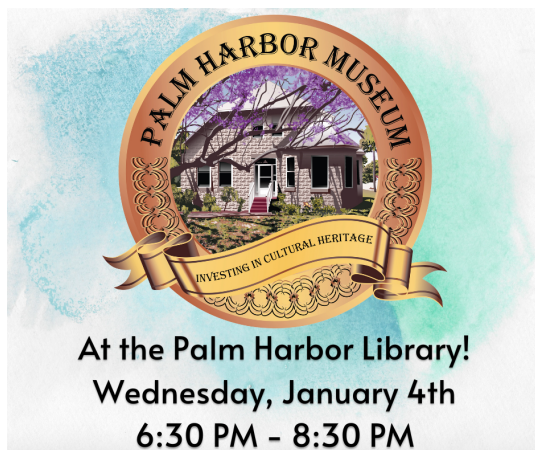
and Dr. Barnes: Portrait of an  
American Art Collector by Howard  
Greenfeld. Discussion will be  
happening at the museum  
on Tuesday, January 31st at 11:30  
AM.

No registration needed!

## Adult Events and Programs



Join actress Nan Colton for the presentation of Louisa May Alcott's, The Woman Behind *Little Women*. Registration is required to ensure there are enough supplies for each attendee. Save your spot [here](#)!



### **Palm Harbor Museum at the Palm Harbor Library on 1/4**

A Palm Harbor Museum Presents event with novelist/performer Shana Smith. Enjoy readings and music from her new novel, *Islands of Cedars*, a story of hope and home. Head to the event page [here](#) to see more information.





## 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 Lecture

Join us monthly for [Master Gardener](#) events! This lecture will be held on Tues. the 17th at 2-3:30 PM. This session, learn all about pollinators and how they influence our food supply. See the event page and registration link [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 January 2nd, 16th, and the 27th.

**Beginning Tai Chi for Seniors begins on 1/6:** It's back! Registration is required as there is limited space. Sign up is with the instructor, Bruce Johnson, at the first meeting of this bi-weekly series. Session 1 is **January 6th** at 2 PM. See the event page [here](#)!



**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!

**NEW CLASS!**

## Meditation & Mindfulness

New class with our sound healer Tamara! Registration is required. Sign up [here](#) and set a reminder for when registration is open for each month since spots will fill fast!

Classes will be monthly starting on Mon., January 9th at 6 PM.

**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** **Create a Collage** *Register today!*

**Wednesday Jan. 18th 4:30 PM** **Or** **Thursday Jan. 19th 10:30 AM**



Create a collage with Carol T: A great way to start the new year!

[Wednesday at 4:30 PM](#)

[Thursday at 10:30 AM](#)

**NEW** **Appetizers**

**Tuesday January 17th**  
**11 AM - 12 PM**  
**Registration Required**



Sponsored by **LET US COOK @PHL**  
Palm Harbor Friends of the Library

Start the year with new appetizer recipes from Maryjane & Arlene!  
Register [here](#).

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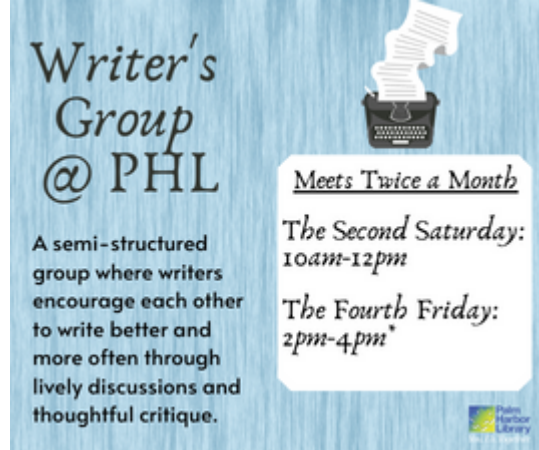
## Monthly Puzzle Club on 1/6

Join us monthly for Puzzle Club! No registration needed. The next meeting is on Friday, January 6th at 10 AM.



## SCORE: 7 Habits of Financially Successful People on 1/17

This is a 45 minute introductory level finance presentation. It outlines easily digestible, actionable steps to build a solid financial foundation and future. See the event page [here](#) for more details.

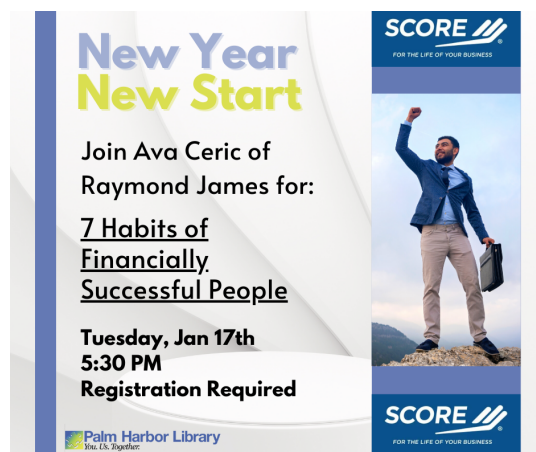


## Writer's Group @ PHL

The Writer's Group meets monthly, so join us on Sat. 1/14 at 10 AM. The fourth Friday session is canceled for this month. 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. Register here for [SBDC](#) on Wed. 1/11.







## Suncoast Genealogy Society

Saturday, 28 January 2023, 1:00-4:00 pm  
at the Palm Harbor Library

### SKELETONS IN THE CLOSET: *Dealing With the Unexpected*



We all find scandals, scalawags, and other surprises in the course of our genealogical research. This presentation explores some of the unexpected, and sometimes unsavory, facts that may arise and ethical considerations to keep in mind when deciding how to share them.



#### Program Speaker: **Karen Fortin**

Karen is a librarian at the Barbara S. Ponce Public Library in Pinellas Park, FL. Karen's passion for history and research led her to an interest in genealogy and she began volunteering with the Pinellas Genealogy Society in Largo, FL, in 2012 and was the society's president from 2014-2017. Karen began providing genealogy and history presentations in 2016. One of her goals is to help people explore historical periods, places, and events so that they can better understand their ancestors.

For more information visit: <https://SGSFL.com>  
Member supported. Guests are always welcome

## Youth Events and Programs



### Lunar New Year Drop-By

Come join us to learn more about the Lunar New Year, find out about your Chinese zodiac, and make some crafts. The program is drop-by so you can come any time during it and stay as long as you'd like. **Ages 13 - 18.**

Let us know you're coming!  
Register [here](#).



Join us for our first Teen Trivia Night in a long, long time! Brush up on

your pop culture from the 10s: 2010 to 2019! (It definitely needs a better name than "the 10s.") **Compete in groups to win Amazon or Game Stop gift cards!** Register [here](#)! **Ages 13-18.**



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 Sci-Fi. This is a tween/teen only program. **Ages 11-18.**

### Kids' Chess Club Continues!

Want to learn how to play chess or practice your game? Join teen Elias Wednesdays 1/4 and 1/18 for tips, tricks, and games! No registration needed. **Ages 7-12.**







Let's celebrate something Madrigal! If you are a fan of the Disney film Encanto, join us for games, crafts, and prizes. Spots for this event are already on a waitlist but put your name on for the session of your choice and we'll contact you if a space opens up!

[Session 1](#)

[Session 2](#)



Join Ms. Marisa for "Great Impression-isms" at the [Leepa-Rattner Museum of Art](#). Enjoy an hour of art-related stories and an art activity.

Admission to the museum is free, but a \$5 suggested donation is appreciated to cover the cost of art materials.

### **Kids' Zumbini with Ms. Jo!**

Get energized with Ms. Jo! Created by Zumba® and BabyFirst for kids ages 0-4, the Zumbini® program combines music, dance and educational tools for 45 minutes of can't-stop, won't-stop bonding, learning, and fun! See the event page [here](#).



**Great Explorations: Come to Your Senses!**





We SENSE anything can happen on Friday the 13th! Join the Great Explorations Children's Museum staff as we explore how we orient ourselves with our five senses.

Caregivers must remain with children. Register [here](#).



### Baby Bookworms!

Baby Bookworms is weekly at 10 or 11:30 AM! No registration needed. Join us for stories, lap bounces, rhymes and more!



### 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.



### 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 session on 1/27.

Please join us for...

## Infant/Toddler Sign Language

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



No Sessions on  
1/2 & 1/16

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 sessions on 1/2 and 1/16.



Perler bead lovers, grab your partners and join this guided creation workshop. No registration needed! See event page [here](#) for all details.

## Get To Know Us



## Did you know?



[I 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 to woman experiencing homelessness or impoverishment. Bras are essential for woman's health, self-esteem,



employment, and more. Feminine hygiene products are expensive, and 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+



### **Gift Certificates for the PHL Bookstore!**

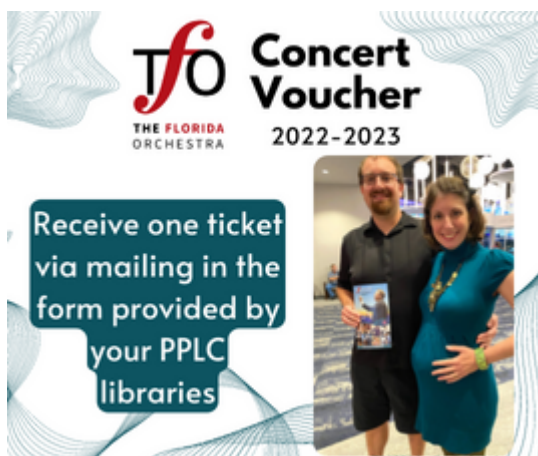
Need new books, calendars, gifts

### **Palm Lines Podcast at PHL**

Our sixth episode is on its way!  
Episodes premiere monthly. Join us



and more for the new year? Come to the [Friends Bookstore](#)! Gift certificates are still available for purchase. Please note purchase is cash only. Thank you to our members and the [Friends of the Library](#)!



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 listed. 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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