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*Happy reading!*



Hello -

In February we are celebrating love! Thank you to everyone who came out to artPHL Evening 2023. This was our biggest year yet! Stay tuned to our [Youtube](#) channel for a video recap of the evening and to see some videos from our featured artists.

We always love to give back at our library. We have a new donation bin in our front lobby for [I Support the Girls](#). More on that wonderful organization further in the newsletter! The donation bins we host have made SUCH a difference in the lives of those in the Palm Harbor Community. Showing support for one another will never go out of style!

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

**\*In February, currently the library will be closed on Monday the 20th. We will also be closing early on Monday the 13th at 3 PM instead of the usual 7 PM. Please check our website and social pages for any further updates.\***

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

## Director's Column

# FEBRUARY'S DIRECTOR'S COLUMN

## “Hearts of Palm Harbor!”



Dear Library Donor,

Over the past 44+ years, your Palm Harbor Library has grown from a small room in the Reba Sutton White Chapel in downtown Palm Harbor to the 26,000 square foot facility you see today on Nebraska Ave. and Riviere Rd. We have come a long way together.

Much of what you see and enjoy has been accomplished not just through your taxes but to a large extent, through private financial assistance and in-kind services. As a public library that exists in an unincorporated area of the county where there is no city and which operates in a county-owned facility, most operations, maintenance, capital upkeep and improvements were primarily the responsibility of the library. This would not have been possible if not for your donations, in-kind assistance and remembrance in wills.

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

## Featured Events



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.](#)



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! Supplies are limited!!

Our February duck is a cute animal-themed duck!

A big THANK YOU to the Pediatric Dentistry office of Dr. Susan Blankenship for sponsoring this year long event! See Dr. Blankenship's website, [here](#).



This month join us for the showing of the 1989 "classic," Teen Witch! 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](#).





Join us in a relaxing creative experience that will include wine, charcuterie, acrylics, pastels, and watercolors. As of making this newsletter the event is full! You can check the page [here](#) if anyone cancels.

**THERESA VILLANI &  
JEFF CHODIL PRESENTING  
"THE ROMANCE  
OF THE CELLO"**

*Friends of the Library Concert Series*

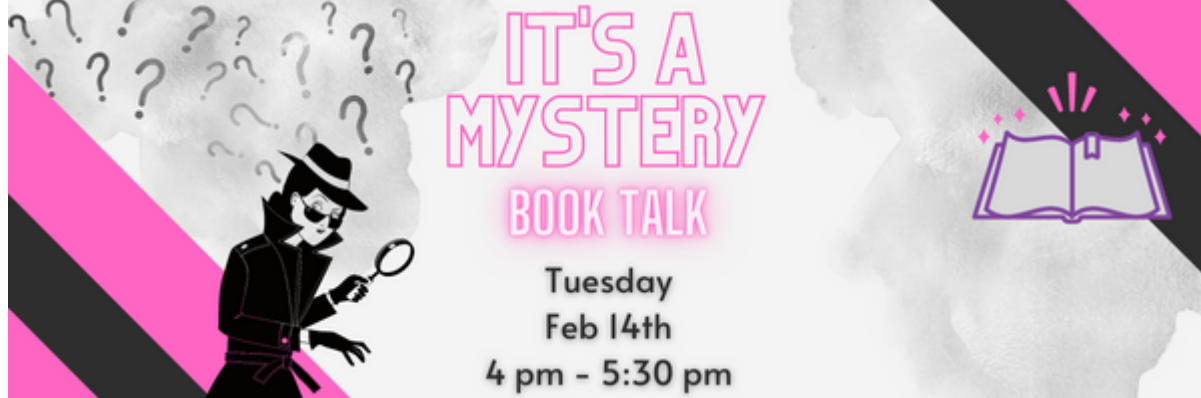
**FEBRUARY 11TH • 2 PM - 3 PM  
REGISTRATION REQUIRED**



[The Palm Harbor Friends of the Library](#) Concert Series bring us Theresa Villani and Jeff Chodil presenting "The Romance of the Cello."

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

## Book Clubs



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

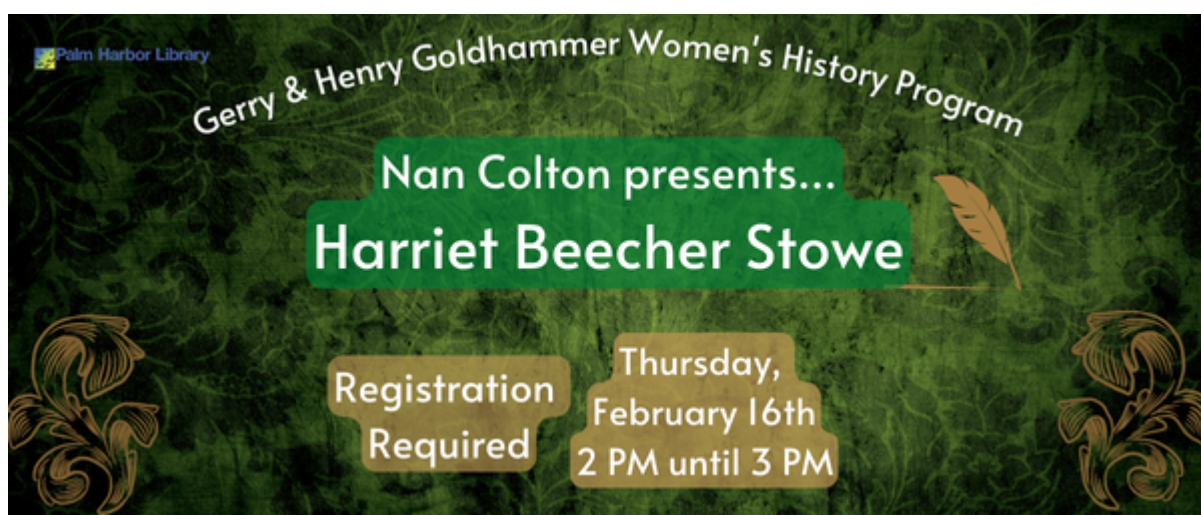
Everyone reads their own choice of Cozy Mystery and comes prepared to share. We have a featured Cozy author handout available at the library to hopefully give you more book suggestions. See the event page [here](#).



**PHiL's Book Club:** Join Library Director Gene Coppola in a discussion of The Beautiful Things That Heaven Bears by Dinaw Mengestu. Copies of the book are available at the front desk. See the book's summary [here](#).

**Ales & Tales:** This month you can join Peter at [Stilt House Brewery](#) at 625 Alt 19 for a discussion of A Psalm for the Wild-Built by Becky Chambers. Calendar info [here](#).

## Adult Events and Programs

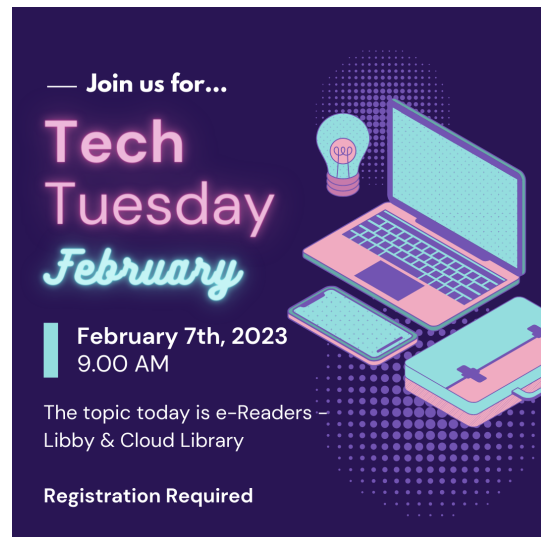


Join actress Nan Colton for the presentation of author Harriet Beecher Stowe. Registration is required to ensure there are enough supplies for each attendee. Save your spot [here](#)!

### Monthly Class

#### Tech Tuesday

The topic today is e-Readers – Libby & Cloud Library; Overdrive is gone, but these two platforms are going strong. Please [register](#) for this program, to ensure we have enough materials.



#### 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, click [here](#).



#### Master Gardener Lecture

Join us monthly for [Master Gardener](#) events! The Plant Clinic will be held at [12:30](#) & at [3:30](#). Sign up for the monthly [lecture](#), "Container Gardening with Spring Flowers & Herbs", stating at 2 PM through [Eventbrite](#).



**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 Monday the 20th.

**Beginning Tai Chi for Seniors:** 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. 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!



DIY @ PHL

## Jewelry Making!

**SOLD OUT**

Wednesday  
Feb 15th  
4:30 PM

Thursday  
Feb 16th  
10:30 AM

Join us for a fun class in Jewelry making. We will learn basic wire working skills to make three different wire pierced earring findings. The Wednesday class was full as of making the newsletter. Check back to see if there was a cancelation!

[Wednesday at 4:30 PM](#)

[Thursday at 10:30 AM](#)



**Needle Felting Club**

**Saturday**  
**February 11th**  
**2:30 - 4:30 PM**

Registration Required!

New Club!

### Needle Felting Club on 2/11

Join us for a LOVELY afternoon of needle felting, where we will be making a garland of felted hearts.

Register [here](#) so we have enough supplies for everyone.

## Spanokopita



**Tuesday**  
**February 21 ST**

**11 AM - 12 PM**  
**Registration Required**

Join Maryjane & Arlene in February for Spanokopita. Learn how to create this delicious Greek savory spinach pie!  
Register [here](#).

Sponsored by [Friends of the Palm Harbor Library](#).



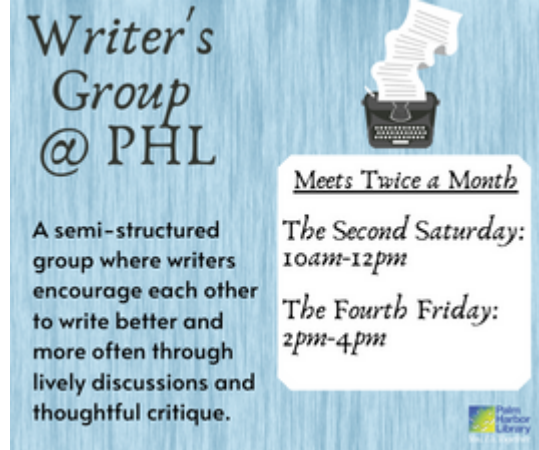
## Monthly Puzzle Club on 2/3

Join us monthly for Puzzle Club! No registration needed. The next meeting is on Friday, February 3rd at 10 AM.



## SCORE: Side Hustle: How to Find a Suitable Side Hustle on 2/8

Join us for this business workshop presented by Pinellas SCORE: How to find a suitable side hustle and how you should manage it. What are some of the possible places to look?. See the event page [here](#) for more details.



## Writer's Group @ PHL

The [Writer's Group](#) meets monthly. Join us on Sat. 2/11 at 10 AM and Fri. 2/24 at 2PM. 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. 2/8.





## Suncoast Genealogy Society

Education Committee presents

Proud Partner with **Palm Harbor**  
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### Spring Beginning Genealogy Course

A Six-Week Course

1:00-3:30 pm, Wednesdays, at the Palm Harbor Library

Feb 8, 2023 to Mar 15, 2023

\$25 fee to cover cost of materials

Learn how to research your ancestors.

Find their stories at major and minor websites without spending a lot of money.

Register with the Palm Harbor Library, Adult Services Desk

For more information see our flyer on our website at <https://SGSFL.com>



## Suncoast Genealogy Society

### February Membership Meeting

25 February 2023, 1:00-4:00 pm

Palm Harbor Room, Palm Harbor Library



**DNA Doesn't Lie,  
But Needs Help to Find the Truth!**

Speaker

**Debbie Wilson Smyth**



DNA testing is a valuable tool for use in genealogical research. DNA provides confirmation of a genetic relationship; however, it requires the help of documentary research to confirm the genealogical relationship. This presentation reviews the differences between a genetic relationship and a genealogical relationship and how pairing the two will strengthen your genealogical conclusions.

For more information go to: <https://SGSFL.com>

Member Supported. Public Always Welcome

## Youth Events and Programs



## Beyond the Dragons

Whether you've been **dungeon** crawling before or you've never faced a **dragon**, our new Tabletop RPG Club is here to introduce you to fun games, new games, and thought-provoking games. Each month we will be testing out a new system with a one-shot. In February, we'll be playing... *Epyllion*!

[Registration is required.](#) Ages 13 - 18 and Adults.



## Teen Murder Mystery Event

Join us for an afternoon ball with beings of the supernatural realm, where things may get a little bit... dangerous. Come prepared to solve some mysteries and debunk lies.

[Registration is required](#) and this event is for ages 11 - 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 Romantic Comedy. 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 2/1 and 2/15 for

tips, tricks, and games! No registration needed. **Ages 7-12.**



Celebrate African American History Month with Ms. Chris and Ms. Jaclyn; join them for a fun-filled time of crafts, games, and trivia celebrating the beloved American Girl series.

This event is for children 7 - 12 and [registration](#) is required!



A four-week series of workshops for parents & toddlers. This four-week interactive program features a toy and play area, a craft corner, various community professionals, and a Parents' Resource Center.

Caregivers required to stay with child(ren). In-person registration required. View the event page, [here](#).



Join us for "Spotlight on African American Artists" 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. View the event page, [here](#).



### Music with Mar: Hoppy Valentine's! 2/14

Music with Mar is an internationally respected brain-based program which parents and children participate in together that uses music and movement to help develop basic skills. No registration needed and see the event page, [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



Join us for 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!

Please join us for...

## Infant/Toddler Sign Language

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



No Sessions on 2/20

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 2/20.

## Get To Know Us

### Employee Spotlight!

## RACHEL VLAHOV!




- The party's cleric in a long-running D&D campaign
- Favorite terrible movies are The Room and Smiley
- Favorite non-terrible movies are Eraserhead and Detective Pikachu
- Probably stayed up too late doing the daily crossword puzzle

## Librarian

## Did you know?



### Palm Harbor Library Literacy Program

The Palm Harbor Literacy Council has been in existence since 1989. The original movement began with Dr. Frank Laubach, a missionary on an isolated Philippine Island who taught his first student by drawing letters in the sand at the beach. The organization he fathered was, until recently, the oldest and largest volunteer adult education organization in the U.S.

The Palm Harbor Literacy Council is an outreach program under the sponsorship of the Palm Harbor Friends of the Library. The council serves adults, American or foreign born, who want to learn how to read, write and/or speak English.

It is a non-profit organization and all staff members as well as tutors are volunteers who generously give of their time to make a difference in someone's life. Through the financial backing of the Friends and grants, we are able to provide teaching materials to both the tutor and student at no cost. This past month we received a grant to add a new reading series to our resources, and we continually research new publications and on-line resources for our collection. The materials can be borrowed from the library with a library card.

The Literacy Council provides ongoing support to the committed tutor. Relationships are formed and cultures merge through learning and understanding that though we are different in some ways we are one world. We are proud of our program and we strive to continue to grow, strengthen and recruiting new tutors. We always have a waiting list of students who are eager to learn. There are no requirements to become a tutor, other than to participate in a free on-line training program sponsored by Proliteracy. If you are interested in becoming a tutor, please contact Winona Patterson, our volunteer coordinator or fill out a form outside the Literacy Office.

- Carol Mercier



[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. [There is a donation bin right in front lobby!](#)



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

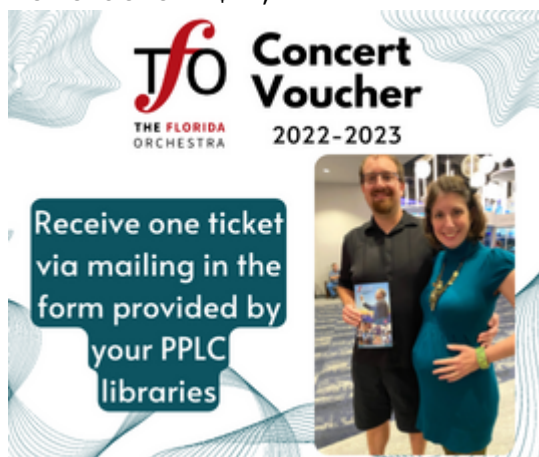
"Bibliophiles"- \$500

"Sutherland Society"- \$1,000

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

"Jeannette Malouf Society"- \$5,000

Benefactor- \$10,000+



#### **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!

Stay Connected



Make sure to follow us on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [Pinterest](#), [Twitter](#), [TikTok](#) and [YouTube](#).

Our Children's Department has a Facebook page too! Follow us [HERE](#).

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