Hello -

Our anniversary is coming! The Palm Harbor Library is celebrating its 45th anniversary on March 31st with our Open House event from 5–7 PM! The library will be closing early at 2 PM this day so we can be ready for you at 5 PM. Bring all family and friends to enjoy fun activities, carnival games, a wine toss for the adults, a DJ, and more! The library started in 1978 on April 1st. We will be honoring the 70’s for this celebration and incorporating many things from 1978 that will include even some Star Wars fun! There will be many stations all over the library so you can learn more about what your favorite place has to offer. See more history of the library, here!

The library is also celebrating Women’s History Month! This is also a great reminder that we have a donation bin in our lobby for Support the Girls (read about that partnership further down).
Look for new book displays and will be having The Jane Martin Women’s History Month Celebration on Monday, March 20th. This event will be honoring four women who have made a positive impact on the Palm Harbor community. Dick Martin has graciously sponsored this event in honor of his mother who was a long-time volunteer with us. Jane also gave so much of herself so that her community would be a better place to live. She served on the library’s Advisory Council, the Palm Harbor Friends of the Library, library fundraising committees and general all-around volunteer.

This year’s nominated and selected women are:

Ambee Stephens
Cathy Koutsoumbaris
Judy Cannaday
Winna Davis Morris

You will see cardboard cutouts of these incredible women around the library all month long!

*In March, currently the library will be closing EARLY at 2 PM on Friday, March 31st so we can prepare for our Open House that starts at 5 PM. We will also be opening an HOUR LATER at 10 AM on Thursday, March 9th. 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.

Featured Events

Back again! ACEcon is the Palm Harbor Library’s annual Anime & Comics Enthusiasts convention. We welcome all ages to come and experience some of the best parts of a big convention community, but in a more friendly and accessible setting. You are welcome to come
dressed in your best family-friendly cosplay! With several panels, vendors, games, and different contests to choose from.

Check out the website here and share with friends and family!!

Join us for March’s edition of the Library Lounge Series. This event will be featuring the music of, The Bernie Maloney Jazz Group! Each month PHL has An After Hours Affair event on the first Friday of the month so check each month to see what we have planned.

Register here since space is limited.

Library Lounge events are sponsored by Friends of the Palm Harbor Library.

A new collectible rubber duck will be revealed on the first day of each new month. Supplies are limited!!

Our March ducks are farm animal themed!

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.
Farmer Minor, his amazing pot-bellied pig Daisy, and her pug pals will present a pig-tastic story time and tell you about life on their farm. You can even get a kiss from Daisy (if you’re brave/wild enough)!

Register children, [here](#).

The Palm Harbor Friends of the Library Concert Series bring us Two Happy Ukers! This event is for all ages and there is no registration. Come and enjoy the sounds of aloha.

**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.

**PHiL's Book Club:** Join Library Director Gene Coppola in a discussion of *Eleanor* by David Michaelis. Copies of the book are available at the front desk. 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 Paris Library* by Janet Skeslien Charles.

**ABC Reading Club on 3/28**

Discussion is held at [Leepa-Ratner Museum of Art](#) on March 28th starting at 11:30 AM. This month we are reading *Farewell to the Muse: Love, War, and the Women of Surrealism* by Whitney Chadwick. No registration needed and this is an adults reading group.
Adult Events and Programs

Join actress Nan Colton as Margaret Bourke White. Margaret Bourke White was a ground breaking photographer from The Bronx, New York. Learn about her history and the inspiring life she lead being a woman breaking down barriers. Save your spot [here](#)!

Learn how to raise, keep, and enjoy chickens in your own backyard. This event will feature Harriet, a real chicken! [Registration required](#).

**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. 3/7 at 9 AM.

**Bonus Tech Class: Microsoft Office Questions & Answers**

Bring your questions! Space is limited. [Registration required](#). Tuesday, March 14th at 1 PM.
2023 Palm Harbor Library Photography Contest

LAST FEW DAYS TO ENTER! The deadline is 3-3 but we may be able to accept submissions after. 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, "More Than Mushrooms; the Unsung Heroes of the Fungus Kingdom", 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 the 10th, 27th and 31st.

Beginning Tai Chi for Seniors: Registration is required as there is limited space. Sign up is with the instructor, Bruce Johnson. This month there will be classes on Friday the 17th & 24th 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 and you can also check to see if a spots opens back up.
NEW CLASS!

**Meditation & Mindfulness**

New class with our sound healer Tamara! Registration is required. Sign up [here](#) and you can check back to see if a spot opens back up since this fills up quickly. Stay tuned to see if there will be more classes.

Spots have been filing up fast so stay connected to know when the next Sound Healing will be!

**New Club!**

**Needle Felting Club on 3/4**

Join us this month as we make a delightfully spherical kitty that can fit in the palm of your hand.

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

Join Chef Warren as he shares dozens of kitchen tips, cooking hints and humorous anecdotes about the joys and challenges of cooking healthy Irish (and Scottish) meals for two.

Register [here](#).

Sponsored by [Friends of the Palm Harbor Library](#)
Monthly Puzzle Club on 3/3

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

Writer’s Group @ PHL

The Writer’s Group meets monthly. Join us on Friday 3/24 at 10 AM and the Saturday session is canceled 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. 3/8 and select your session time.

SCORE: 360 Degree Marketing: Marketing From Your Customer’s Point Of View on 3/7

Join us for this business workshop presented by Pinellas SCORE. Learn new tools to enhance how you approach marketing. See the event page here for more details and registration.

Suncoast Genealogy Society

Every month SGS is at the library for genealogy help! The Suncoast Genealogy Society provides Volunteer Genealogists to assist patrons with their genealogy questions on Tuesdays through Thursdays from 1 to 4 PM.
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 March, we'll be playing... Dresden Files Accelerated!

Registration is required. Ages 13 - 18 and Adults.

Teen Cartoon Nostalgia!

Come join us in celebrating our favorite animations of the last two decades, from *Avatar the Last Airbender* to *Owl House* to all sorts of cartoons and anime in between! Trivia, snacks, crafts, a costume contest, and more all await you at this two-hour program of all things animated. Registration is required and this event is for 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 Shonen. 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 3/1, 3/15, and 3/29 for tips, tricks, and games! No registration needed. **Ages 7-12.**

Families, join us as we celebrate Passover with Yl-Chabad of Pinellas County! We'll be sharing stories, crafts, and a snack or two. Caregivers required to stay with children and there is no registration needed for this event. Thursday, March 23rd at 4:30 pm!

**Toddler STEM: I WANT TO BE A VET**

Tuesday, March 21st at 11 am  
Ages 1-5 | No registration required

Join Ms. Jaclyn and we will learn how to become a Vet! Feel free to bring a stuffed animal friend to take care of! This is for children ages 1-5. This will be held on Tuesday, March 21st at 11 am.  
Caregivers required to stay with child. No registration required!
Join us for “Bunny Tails” 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.

**Wiggle, Giggle, Sing on 3/14 at 10 AM**

Join Ms. Allison for a wiggly, giggly session of fun music and movement songs! Geared for ages 3 - 5, this event will get you moving and grooving. Caregivers required to stay with children. Younger siblings welcome. Please only register kids.

**Baby Bookworms!**

Baby Bookworms is weekly on Thursdays at 10 or 11:30 AM! No registration needed. Join Ms. Jaclyn 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! **No sessions on 3/31.**

Please join us for...

**Infant/Toddler Sign Language**

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

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.

**Get To Know Us**

**Employee Spotlight!**

**Kaitlin Padilla**

- Likes Arts and Crafts, Dungeons and Dragons, and historical fashion  
- A fan of all types of sweets  
- Favorite genre is horror

**Librarian Assistant IV**

**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 women experiencing homelessness or impoverishment. Bras are essential for women’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!

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
“Down Memory Lane” (and through the bookshelves, past the check-out desk, and over the retention pond.)

A throwback column from March 2022!

And yes! For those who remember, at one time we had a retention pond on our property. It was located at the north end of the parking lot. We got a break when another one was created across the street so there was no further use for ours. We then filled it in, planted some grass, and voila! We had more parking! Years later it was asphalted as you see it today and the rest is history.

That’s what this column is all about...

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