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Happy reading!



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](#)!



PHL Open House on 3/31

You are invited to our celebration!

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

Friday, March 31st from 5-7 PM

All ages

Carnival games, DJ, wine toss, and more...

FIRST 200 PATRONS RECEIVE A FREE SWAG BAG!

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 [I 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 years 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!

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

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

The Palm Harbor Library presents:

ACEcon

Anime & Comics Enthusiasts **2023**



- ★ Games
- ★ Panels
- ★ Contests

...And all FREE!

Sat. March 11th & 12th 1-4 p.m. ALL AGES!

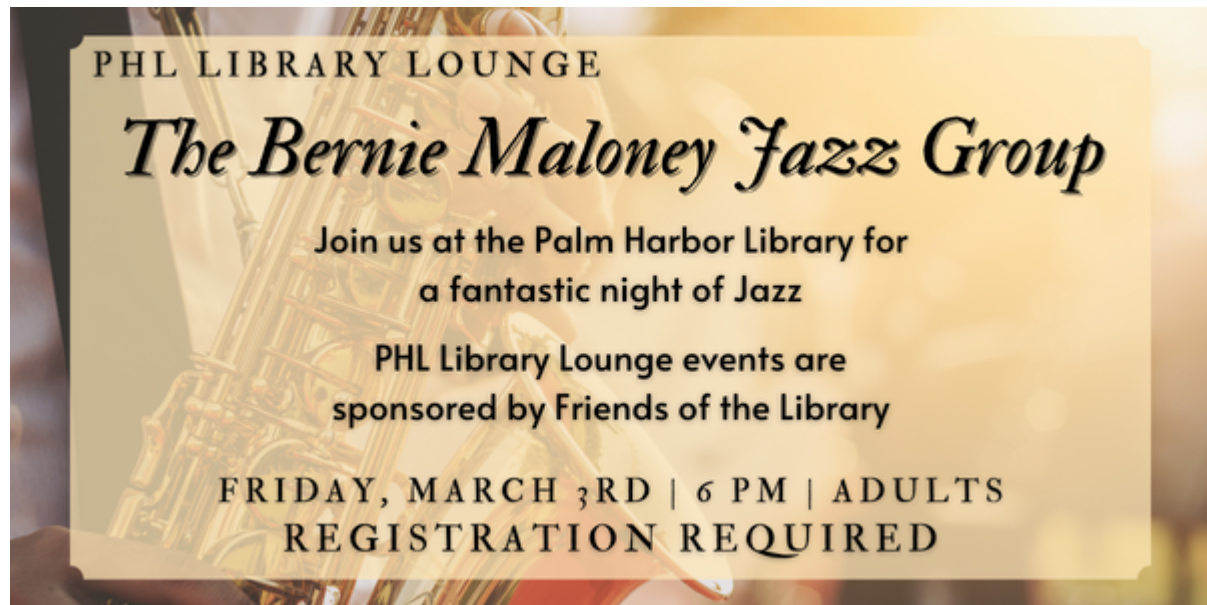
Email us at PHLibAnimeClub@gmail.com for more info!



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](#).

Meet Daisy
the pig!



PIG OUT ON READING!

Thursday, March 30th | 4:30 PM

All Ages

Registration Required!

Palm Harbor Library
You. Us. Together.

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](#).

TWO HAPPY UKERS

Friends of the Library Concert Series

MARCH 18TH · 2 PM - 3 PM

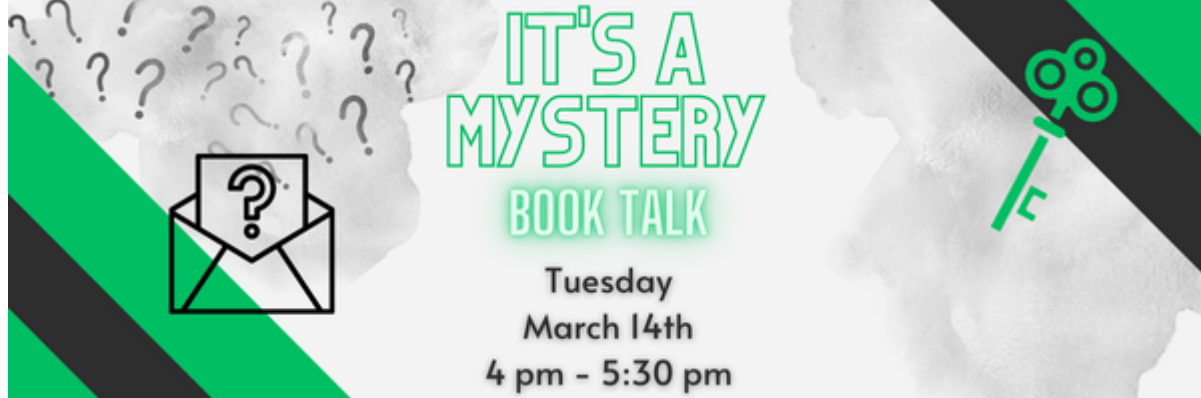
ALL AGES!

NO REGISTRATION



[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



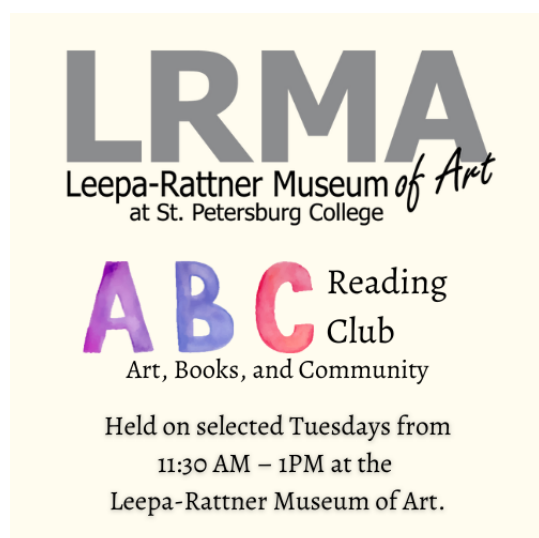
Do you love **cozy mysteries**? Join our monthly group to discuss which cozy you're currently reading and learn about new ones!

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-Rattner 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", starting 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.

Spots have been filing 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 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.



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](#).

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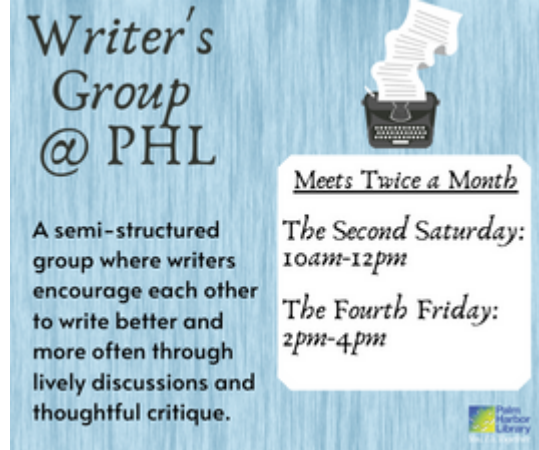
Monthly Puzzle Club on 3/3

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



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.



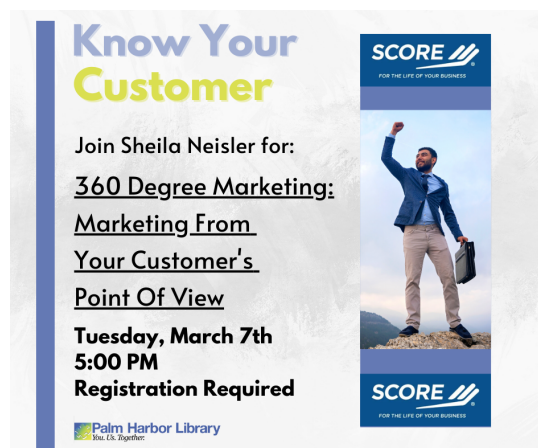
Writer's Group @ PHL

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.



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.

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 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 [YI-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!



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)

A circular inset image showing two hands making a sign, surrounded by several smaller line drawings of different hand signs.

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

A photo of Kaitlin Padilla, a woman with brown hair, wearing a black corset over a white blouse, standing in front of a colorful background.

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?

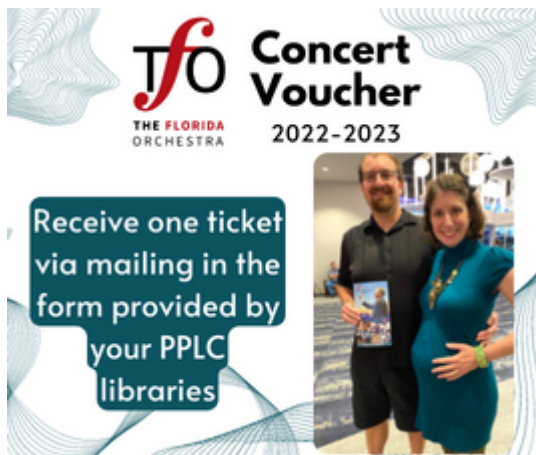


I SUPPORT THE GIRLS

A PARTNERSHIP WITH PHL

[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!](#)



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

MARCH'S DIRECTOR'S COLUMN

"Down Memory Lane"

Throwback to March 2022



"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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