Hello -

We have made it to summer!! Cool off at the library with a season packed with events for ALL ages. Registration for summer reading clubs and events will start IN-PERSON on June 3rd at 10 AM here at the library (limited online spots available post in-person reg.) check below for more info. Remember, there are prizes and goodies for those who complete the clubs!

Have you see our Youth Department’s MakerSpace?! We have received LOTS of requests for an Adult MakerSpace and starting in July we will start fundraising for one! This will be a space for adults to learn new crafting skills, make projects, and discover tools to take your DIY’s to the next level. Currently, we are in the beginning of the planning process so be on the lookout for more info. To kick off the fundraising for this major project, we are having Christmas in July on Friday, July 28th from 5–7 PM. This will be an all ages event to have fun while raising funds! See more information on this event in the Featured Events section.

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

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

**Featured Events**
Our **Summer Registration Day** is finally here! Sign up for ALL AGES events begins in-person at 10 AM on Saturday, June 3rd. Unable to attend in-person? Visit our [online event calendar](#) but remember that spots are limited and opening at 10 AM. Check out our Youth Department’s [video](#) for the Kids’ Summer Events Preview!

**Christmas in July** is coming up on Friday, July 28th from 5–7 PM! Join us to raise funds for the new Adult MakerSpace we plan to create!

This year will be Victorian Era themed and have activities and crafts for all ages, special guests, live music, vendors, Ye Olde St. Nick and friends, holiday cocktails, and more jolly fun! There will even be a visit from our favorite local brewery, [Stilt House](#)!

[Tickets are on sale now](#) and all proceeds go to improving your favorite library! Adults are $20 and children under 12 are $5.

See and share the FB event page [here](#). Sponsors and special updates will show up there as well.
Being in an unincorporated town means we can do more for you! This also means we rely on and deeply appreciate your donations. Every donation has contributed to our goal of supporting our community.

Interested in being a sponsor? Click onto the event page to find the form in the FAQ's or come on in and we can provide you with one!

Thank you and see you there!

Join us for an inclusive and fun hangout for folks in the LGBTQIA+ community and their allies! We’ll have snacks, crafts, and just plain hanging out. You can also see our latest book display for pride during the month of June.

Our Rainbow Room is divided into two rooms – one for 11-18 year-olds and one for adults. No registration!

Pizza & a Movie: Join us for this ALL AGES summer special version of Pizza & a Movie! Register before 6/22 and enjoy “Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory.” See more and register, here.
Mystery Science Film Club on Saturday, June 10th for adults: This month, we'll be watching a movie brave enough NOT to ask: "For whom does the Blart Paul? It Pauls for thee!" See more and register, here.

**Saturday Morning Cartoons:** Come join us for a trip down nostalgia lane as we watch your favorite 90's and early 2000's cartoons. We have blankets and all the sugary breakfast treats to make you feel like a kid again. No registration! **Adults only program.**

This month on the 10th, we'll be watching *Jimmy Neutron: Boy Genius* which came out in 2001!

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

Our June ducks are Dragon 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.

This Friday join us for Show Tunes as a part of our An After Hours Affair monthly events!
The show starts at 6 PM and beverages and snacks are provided. As of this sending out, keep an eye on the registration page to see if someone has cancelled!

*Update to this Program* Going forward, these events will be named, "The Bernie Yoffredo Concert Series" and is sponsored by the Friends of the Palm Harbor Library.

## Book Clubs

This summer's theme is *All Together Now* which represents kindness, friendship, and unity. *Each Pinellas county library will be joining in on this theme along with other libraries around the country. Pretty cool!* Register in person for ALL ages on June 3rd at 10 AM. Spots fill quickly! Registration lasts until 7/22.

**Youth:** This summer, join our Kids' Reading Club to earn prizes and goodies! Remember, Sat. June 3rd is the first day to register for summer events. Be at the Library at 10 AM or online to snag your spots! This is also the day to register for our summer activities. See the summer video here!

**Teen:** Register in person at the Info desk to receive your book log. Work your way through the achievements on your log and complete all the club requirements to earn a free book, small prize, and entry slip for the Teen Summer Reading Club Drawing held on July 29th at 2 PM!

Sign up between June 3 - July 22. You can bring updates to either Info desk at your leisure. **First 20 teens that sign up get a free tote with goodies!**

**Adult/ New Adult:** Register in person from June 3rd until the 22nd. We will be ending the summer with a Reading Club Luncheon on Saturday, August 12th at 12 PM.
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 *Jane Eyre* by Charlotte Bronte. Copies of the book are available at the front desk. See the book’s summary [here](#).

**Ales & Tales**: This month you can join Jinelle at Stilt House Brewery at 625 Alt 19 for a discussion of *The Villa* by Rachel Hawkins.

**Adult Events and Programs**

Palm Harbor Museum Presents: **The Endangered Smalltooth Sawfish in Florida**

At the Palm Harbor Library!

Wednesday, June 7th

6:30 PM | Adults
Join the Palm Harbor Museum with presenter Gregg R. Poulakis, Ph.D of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, will be presenting *The Endangered Smalltooth Sawfish in Florida*. which will be held here at the library on Wednesday, June 7th.

Learn more about the event and register, [here](#).

### Monthly Class

#### Tech Tuesday for June

The topic today is, *Pinterest*. Please [register](#) for this program, to ensure we have enough materials. 6/6 at 9 AM.

See July’s class, [here](#).

#### Jigsaw Puzzle Club!

Join our once a month Puzzle Club putting the pieces together! No registration needed and this is adults only. This month join us on Friday, June 2nd at 10 am!

#### Master Gardener Lecture & Plant Clinic

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, "Singing Insects", stating at 2 PM through [Eventbrite](#).
Advanced Tai Chi: Prerequisite: must have completed Beginners' Tai Chi for Balance course. See Instructor to register; come early to a session to see the instructor.

Beginning Tai Chi for Seniors: Registration is required as there is limited space. Sign up is with the instructor, Bruce Johnson. See the event page, [here](#) for the first class date in June.

Sound Healing & Mindful Meditation: Will not be available for June but will be back in July!

Needle Felting Club on 6/17
Join us for our monthly needle felting program, where we will take raw wool and turn it into various shapes and creations. We’re making cute little beehives today!

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

Candy Jar-cuterie

It’s a Sweet Summer with Candy Jar-cuterie – sign up to see what
Movie & Book Discussion on 6/27


No registration!

DIY @ PHL

Decorate a "bucket" for your own 'Bucket List"! Register for one of the sessions below.

**Wednesday, 6/7 @ 4:30 PM**

**Thursday, 6/8 @ 10:30 AM**

Sponsored by Friends of the Palm Harbor Library

Writer’s Group @ PHL

The Writer’s Group meets monthly. Writers write, talk, and connect. Drop in any session and there is 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
SCORE – The Fast One Page Business Plan on 6/15

Join us for this business workshop presented by Pinellas SCORE. Joe Fernandez presents: "The Fast One Page Business Plan". A business with no plan has a higher chance of failing. 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.

Register here for SBDC on Wed. 6/14 and select your session time.
Beyond the Dragons on 6/10

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 June, we’ll be playing... Dialect!

Registration is required. Ages 13 – 18 and Adults.

Escape the Cryptid Woods on 6/10

Our Cryptid Woods event is part escape room, part interactive haunted house, all low-budget but hopefully spooky and fun! Registration is required and this event is for ages 13 – 18.
Kids' Chess Club Continues! Now on Thursdays!

Want to learn how to play chess or practice your game? Join teen Elias on Thursdays (6/8 and 6/22) for tips, tricks, and games! No registration needed. Ages 7–12.

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 Pride. This is a tween/teen only program. Ages 11–18.

Join us for an hour of paint pouring projects! This is for ages 13–18 and register here for this event.

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Join us for "Unstoppable Creativity!" 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.

Mr. Brad’s Music on 6/24

Enjoy an energetic performance of fun originals and popular sing-a-longs using seven instruments. Program made possible by and in memory of David and Gail Meltzer.
Ages are infant to 5 years old.
Saturday, June 24th at 10:30 AM. Registration is not required – subject to room capacity.
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! No sessions on June 1st, 8th, and 22nd.

Mother Goose Rhyme Time Now on Bi-weekly on Mondays!

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. Will be every other Monday for summer starting on June 5th.

Please join us for...

Infant/Toddler Sign Language

Mondays 10:45 - 11:15 am
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. No sessions on June 5th & 19th.

Get To Know Us

Cathy Koutsoumaris

- Has an adorable St. Bernard puppy named Winston
- Is a winning Christmas Tree decorator
- A big fan of *I Love Lucy* & *Alice In Wonderland*

Administration
Did you know?

Lunch catered by Marguerite’s!

Friends Annual Meeting
September 9th, 2023
11:30 AM
RSVP once a friend to: friendsofphl@gmail.com

Literacy Council’s English Classes are Back!

There is no registration needed to attend. Check our event page for where the class will be held in the library along with our in-house flyer.

Conversation Classes: Starting May 13th in the Harbor Room. These are 10-11 AM on select Saturdays with Lauren Ruth.

Read Alongs: Starting April 26th in the Conference Room. These are 5:45-7 PM on select Wednesdays with Brenda Archer.

During the week of May 8th some members of the Literacy Council and their students attended the 2023 Florida Literacy Conference in Daytona Beach. Several months ago three of our students submitted essays to the Florida Literacy Council and all three students had the opportunity to read their essays aloud at the conference, two of which were published. Needless to say we are very proud of their accomplishments and the progress they have made in our program. Congratulations to Maria Gimenez; tutor Deborah Lawson, Randa Aranout; tutor Eddi Oezy and Ana Claudia Matthews; tutor Martin Bernstein. Following is the essay read by Ana Claudia Matthews.

Click here and then see the link under, “A Literacy Spotlight!” and click "essay" in the last sentence to read the essay by Ana.
I know. It’s not a snappy title for this month’s column and it may seem borderline boring but it just may be the turning point in your Library’s evolution from a good library to a great one.

Yea, I like to think we’ve done some good things during our current Long-Range Plan such as:

- Development of a new Spanish collection
- A new Short Story Machine
- A new outdoor “Musical Garden”
- Flooring replacement for 26,000 square feet
- Installation of bullet-proof glass in the Children’s Room
- Re-Introduction of our annual “Open House” (In March we had near 400 attendees!)
- Providing weekly “Meals-on-Wheels”
- Installation of a west-side and east-side canopy
- Installation of an additional EXIT Door
- Installation of a drive thru window
- Creation of a “Business Center”

But now I say to my staff, what’s next?

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