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Happy reading!



Hello -

The weather and the library are heating up! Can you believe it is almost summer? We have all you need for your summer adventures. Check out the [special things](#) we offer in our Youth Department ([summer sign ups are on 6/3!](#)), scroll down to learn about Master Gardener events/ offerings, we have museum passes, and even 24 hour access to materials!

Further in the newsletter you can see our latest video about making our garden library hub into an official Little Free Library Charter! This little library is also surrounded by our new musical garden instruments that you will learn more about below as well. You can also visit our two [Auto-Lend Libraries](#) for more physical materials. Is your next read on hold or want some more entertainment?! Be sure to check out the free online options you have with [Libby](#), [Hoopla](#), [Kanopy](#), and [CloudLibrary](#).

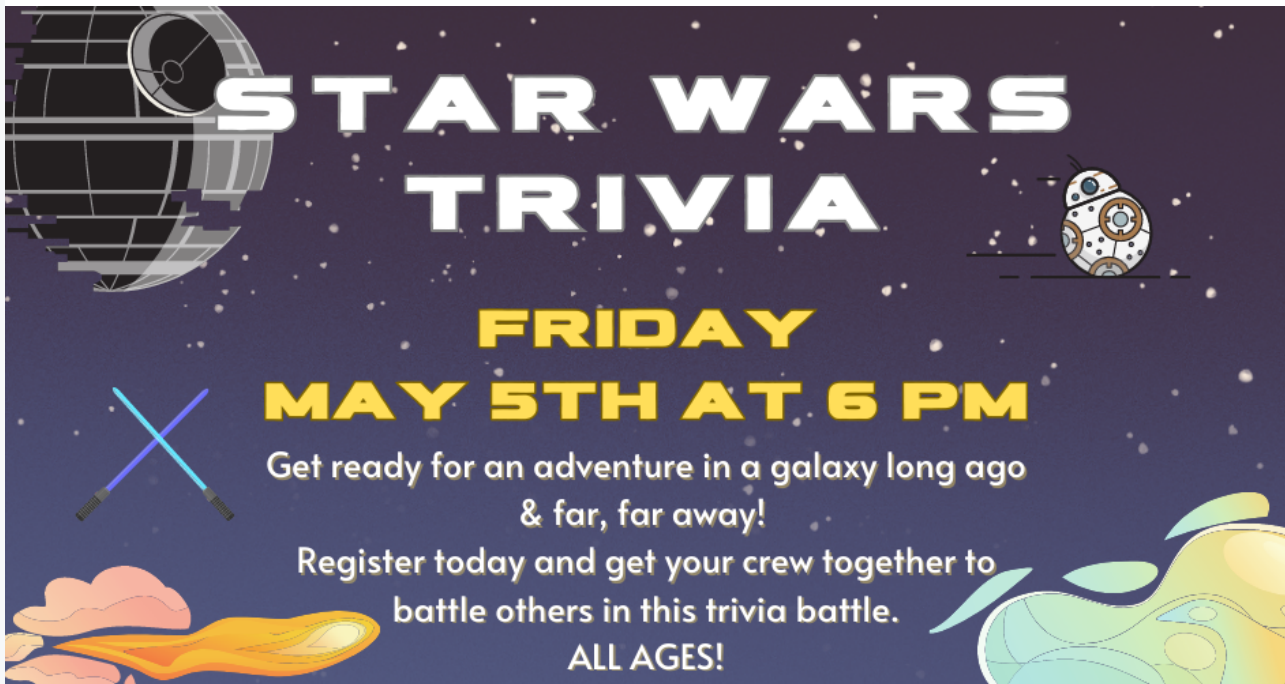
This month we are celebrating a few great things in May that include Asian Pacific American Heritage Month with a new book display and events on the 14th for Mother's Day. Scroll down to our "Featured Events" section to register for our Mother's Day fun! Head down to our "Did You Know" section to read a special message from our new friends at EmpowHERment. We are so lucky to have them as a partner to grow our [Palm Harbor Business Center](#) along with currently collecting hygiene products in our lobby.

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

In May we will be closed for Memorial Day. This holiday is on Monday, May 29th. We will re-open the next day for normal hours.

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

Featured Events

A graphic for a Star Wars Trivia event. It features a dark purple space background with stars. On the left is a large, detailed Death Star. On the right is a small BB-8 droid. In the center, the text "STAR WARS TRIVIA" is written in large, white, blocky letters. Below that, "FRIDAY MAY 5TH AT 6 PM" is written in yellow. Further down, in white text, it says "Get ready for an adventure in a galaxy long ago & far, far away! Register today and get your crew together to battle others in this trivia battle. ALL AGES!". At the bottom left, there are two crossed lightsabers, one blue and one purple. At the bottom right, there is a stylized green and yellow planet or nebula.

STAR WARS TRIVIA

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MAY 5TH AT 6 PM**

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ALL AGES!

Put your Star Wars knowledge to the test in this all ages trivia show down! Get your team ready and register, [here](#).

A graphic for a Saturday Morning Cartoons event. It has a yellow background with orange wavy lines at the bottom. On the left, there are three cartoon characters: SpongeBob SquarePants, Scooby-Doo, and a Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle. In the center, the text "Saturday Morning Cartoons" is written in a large, black, cursive font, followed by "5/20" in blue. Below that, it says "11 am - 1 pm" and "Breakfast snacks provided and wear comfy clothes!" in blue. At the bottom, it says "18 +" and "Showing: Johnny Bravo" in black. On the right, there is a small television set with a red antenna, a coffee cup, and a plate of waffles. In the top right corner, there is a logo for "Palm Harbor Library" with the tagline "You. Us. Together." and a small graphic of a sun and clouds.

AN EXCITING ADULTS-ONLY PROGRAM!

**Saturday
Morning Cartoons**
5/20

11 am - 1 pm
**Breakfast snacks provided
and wear comfy clothes!**

18 +

**Showing:
Johnny Bravo**

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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, we'll be watching episodes of *Johnny Bravo*.



Celebrate Mother's Day with TWO events on Saturday, May 13th!

Mother's Day Massage w/ entertainment for children, [click here](#).

Mother's Day Tea time so bring your own cup and dressing up is optional. Click [here](#)!



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

Our May ducks are Space 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](#).

PALM HARBOR COMMUNITY CHORUS

Spring Concert

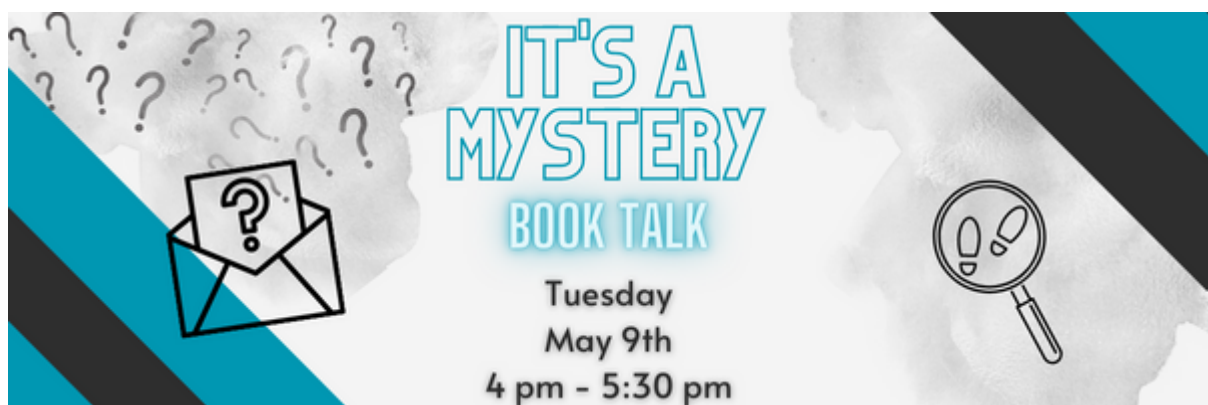
MAY 6TH • 2 PM - 3 PM

ALL AGES

NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Come, listen to the Spring Concert presented by the Palm Harbor Community Chorus! This event is for all ages and no registration is required.

Book Clubs



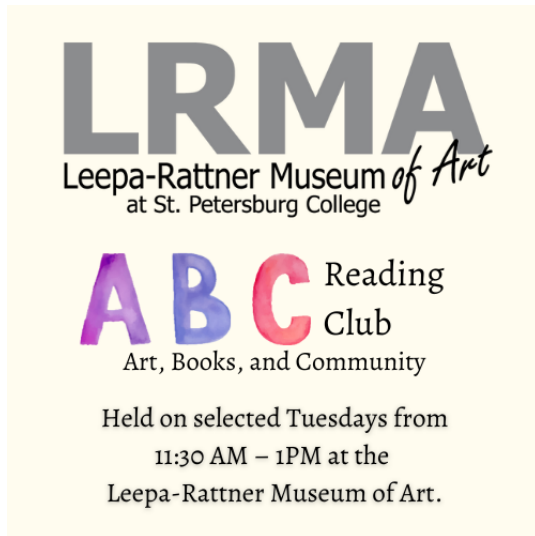
Do you love **cozy mysteries**? Join our monthly group to discuss which cozy you're currently reading and learn about new ones!

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 [A Walk in the Woods: Rediscovering America on the Appalachian Trail](#) by Bill Bryson. Copies of the book are available at the front desk. See the book's summary [here](#).

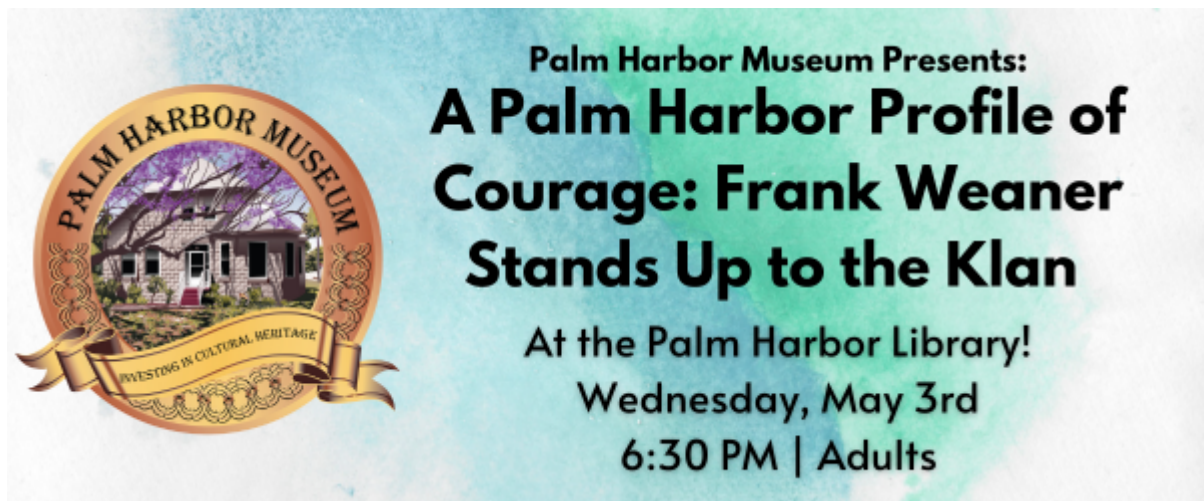
Ales & Tales: This month you can join Cathy at [Stilt House Brewery](#) at 625 Alt 19 for a discussion of [The Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane](#) by Lisa See.



ABC Reading Club on 5/30

Discussion is held at [Leepa-Ratner Museum of Art](#) on May 30th at 11:30 AM. This month we are reading *Goya: A Portrait of the Artist* by Janis Tomlinson. This book club is held on select Tuesdays so always stay tuned to the newsletter.

Adult Events and Programs



Join the Palm Harbor Museum in presenting, *A Palm Harbor Profile of Courage: Frank Weaner Stands Up to the Klan* which will be held here at the library on Wednesday, May 3rd.

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

Monthly Class

Tech Tuesday for May

The topic today is The topic today is Canva and Canva alternatives – online design tools. Please [register](#) for this program, to ensure we

have enough materials. 5/2 at 9 AM.

See June'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, May 5th 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](#), "Rain Gardens", starting 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. No class on Monday the 29th.

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 May.

Sound Healing: (EVENT MAY BE CANCELED OR RESCHEDULED DUE TO BUILDING UPDATES) 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!

Meditation & Mindfulness

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 when there will be more classes.

Class is full as of the newsletter going out.



Needle Felting Club on 5/27

Join us for our monthly needle felting program, where we will take raw wool and turn it into various shapes and creations. Today we will be making some delicious-looking needle felted sushi.

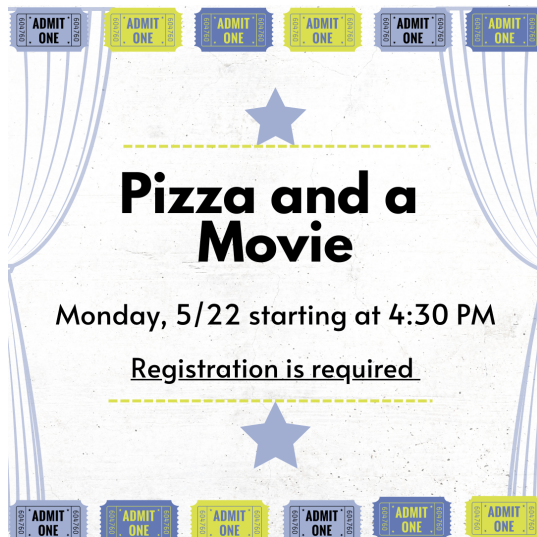
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Register [here](#) so we have enough supplies for everyone.



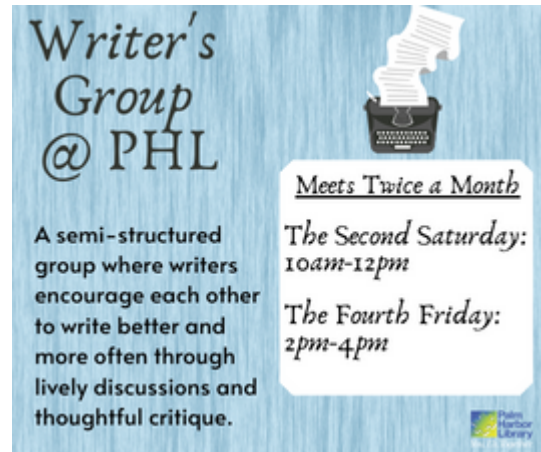
A mystery for May? How intriguing! Join us for some mystery recipe fun on Tuesday, May 16th at 11 am. Register [here](#)...

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### Pizza and a Movie on 5/22

See [North By Northwest](#) at the library and enjoy pizza as well! [Registration required.](#)



### 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 network with local entrepreneurs.

Register here for [SBDC](#) on Wed. 5/10 and select your session time.

### SCORE - Funding Your Business on 5/11

Join us for this business workshop presented by Pinellas SCORE. Learn about different types of funding available for starting your business with Phil Zeman of SCORE! 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.



**Suncoast  
Genealogy  
Society**

Palm Harbor, Florida

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**Saturday, May 27, 2023 at the Palm Harbor Library**

**1:00 pm Membership Meeting, 1:30 pm Program**

## A Genealogy Question WHERE WILL IT LEAD?



Featuring: Jean Van Horn

It all started with a forwarded email.

An email from an adoptee; excited to find a DNA match on her unknown father's side. The question was whether anyone knew her birthfather and could they tell her about him? All that was known was he was of Japanese descent, a musician or artist, at one time living in New York City. Was there a Japanese man in the family? There were musicians, but no artists. So many questions from which came a surprising story with twists and turns, and a lesson in U.S. history.

Member supported. Free and open to the Public!

For more information about SGS visit: <https://SGSFL.com>

## 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



### School Rivalry Prom on 5/27

Join the classes of Ever After High and Monster High (and maybe a few transfer students) in a joined prom full of songs, dance, and good old-fashioned rivalry! [Registration is](#)

one-shot. In April, we'll be playing...  
Fiasco!

required and this event is for **ages 13**  
- 18.

Registration is required. **Ages 13 - 18**  
**and Adults.**



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 Monsters. 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 5/3 and 5/17 for tips, tricks, and games! No registration needed. **Ages 7-12.**







[Ms. Connie](#) presents a fun Japanese tale with her signature hand-crafted, natural fiber puppets in honor of Asian-Pacific Heritage Month. When an old man tumbles down a hole he discovers mouse country, where little mice can dance and sing!

No registration required.



Join us for "Let's Get Surreal" 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](#).



### **Kids' Zumbini with Ms. Jo! on 5/23**

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! This is for kids aged 0-4 and no registration needed! Caregivers are required to stay with children.



### 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 May 18th & 25th.**



### Little Steps on 5/9

Join Little Steps Florida for a sensory experience where children explore all of our \*7\* senses. Caregivers will receive instructions at each station that matches it with developmental goals and ideas for play! A speech-language pathologist and occupational therapist will be present as well! Register, [here](#).



### 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. **No sessions on May 17th & 24th.**

### 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 May 19th and 26th.**





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. **No sessions on May 15th & 22nd.**

## Get To Know Us



**EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT!**  
**Chris Parker**

- Hobbies are crochet and knitting, singing to any Jimmy Buffet tune, and reading!
- Loves to see the butterflies at the St. Marks Wildlife Refuge
- Staff Member since May 2002

**Youth Services Library Assistant IV**

## Did you know?



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+  
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**COMMUNITY  
COMING TOGETHER!**

 **Palm Harbor Library**  
You. Us. Together.

Check out our new partnership with locally ran, [EmpowHERment](#)! Learn more about them here and be sure to follow their socials as well. Let them know you

found them through your favorite library! We look forward to have them starting to become a part of our [Business Center](#) and hosting donation bins in our lobby with them.

*"EmpowHERment started as a dream to connect with, inspire, and support other women. There is something for every woman who walks through our doors. From our fully-stocked Hygiene Pantry, Boutique, Bee Hive for networking and co-working, Financial Wellness workshops, Healing and Wellness workshops, our EntreprenuHER Academy, and of course our no-cost Therapy Program, there is truly something for every woman. Our programs are unlike any other; they are always no-cost, intimately planned, and ready for women like YOU and ME. Everything EmpowHERment offers is centered around giving women the tools they need to not only survive but THRIVE. Come as you are, whether a seasoned business professional eager to mentor, an aspiring entrepreneur seeking guidance, or a woman looking for her place in the world, WE are here to serve you."*

*- The incredible team at EmpowHERment*







## 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.

This is sponsored by the [Friends of the Palm Harbor Library](#).

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## Director's Column

# MAY'S DIRECTOR'S COLUMN



## "A Whole New Musical Feeling"

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As a patron of Palm Harbor Library, many of you know this already but for those of you who may not have had the pleasure to experience the enchantment of what your library offers, we are a community institution that promotes and supports the visual and the performing arts. It's our contribution to the quality of life you come to expect in your neighborhood. Over the years, your library has made great strides in this area.

#### **To name a few:**

- Curated art pieces on a rotating basis in the John Brock Art Alcove and the Yoffredo Activity Center
    - A children's art MakerSpace
  - An art book club at the Leepa-Rattner Museum of Art
  - An outdoor sculpture courtesy from the old Pinellas Art Council
    - A musical instrument collection for loan
    - After-hours musical programs
    - Stage performances
    - Indoor and outdoor murals
- And now...a Musical Garden!

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

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