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Hello -

What an incredible summer we have had at your favorite library! Be sure to check out our socials for updates from our amazing Christmas in July event and more images from the summer. While we are also soon saying, "Goodbye" to summer, we are also saying it to our beloved Director, Gene Coppola. After being a part of the Palm Harbor Library for 23 years he is already missed as his retirement approaches. You can read Gene's final Director's Column down below. Please feel free to send in or tag the library in any posts and images to help make this send off the best it can!

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**

**All Together Now**  
**Summer Carnival**

FACE PAINTING  
 CARNIVAL GAMES  
 COTTON CANDY

All Ages and Open to the Public!  
 Saturday, August 5th  
 12 PM until 4 PM

All proceeds benefit children's programming at the Palm Harbor Library

[Summer Carnival](#) is BACK! This celebration is open to the public and a fun afternoon for all! There will be carnival games, cotton candy, face painting and more! All proceeds benefit children's programming at the Palm Harbor Library.

Thank You, Kiwanis Club of Greater Palm Harbor for our carnival games!

Saturday August 26th  
 Two Separate Sessions  
 One at 1 PM  
 Another at 2:45 AM

Adult Creative Writing Workshops and Craftspace Start this August!

Friends of the  
**Palm Harbor Library**  
 Creative Writing Workshop

[Friends of the Palm Harbor Library Creative Writing Craftspace](#) at 1 PM: This 90-minute session will be dedicated to engaging with various aspects of the writing process, including the study of craft elements and the generation of new work. Participants will be invited to experiment with new techniques and challenged to develop a shared vocabulary and articulate what writer George Saunders calls "the physics" of fiction. Please see the event page for full details.

[Friends of the Palm Harbor Library Creative Writing Workshop](#) at 2:45 PM: This 90-minute session will be dedicated to workshopping participants' own creative work. (e.g., short stories, novel excerpts, personal essays, etc.). Because writing is an act of becoming, all work will be produced and considered in the spirit of the process. Please see the event page for full details.



Craft-A-Palooza 2023! Our yearly event is already full of patrons and crafting.

Check out our September event, [here](#). "Cello Evening: A Bach Evening" Cello Playing by Theresa Villani

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★ **Movie Events at PHL!** ★

Registration is required for Pizza and a Movie.

**Adults: Pizza and a Movie**  
Monday, 8/14 starting at 4:30 pm

**Adults: Mystery Science Film Club**  
Saturday, 8/26 starting at 2 pm

**Adults: Saturday Morning Cartoons**  
Saturday, 8/26 starting at 11 AM

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**Pizza & a Movie for Adults:** Join us for Pizza & a Movie! This month we will be showing "The Wizard of Oz". See more and register [here](#).

**Mystery Science Film Club:** Showcases & 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! This month, we're (belatedly) celebrating our summer reading theme of All Together Now with a film about a pair of beloved video game icons: the Super Mario Brothers! Oh... No, I mean the other movie about the Super Mario Brothers. It's the one that's brave enough to ask: What if Mario's plumbing business had to compete with the mob? No registration!

**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 15th we'll be watching "Totally Spies"!

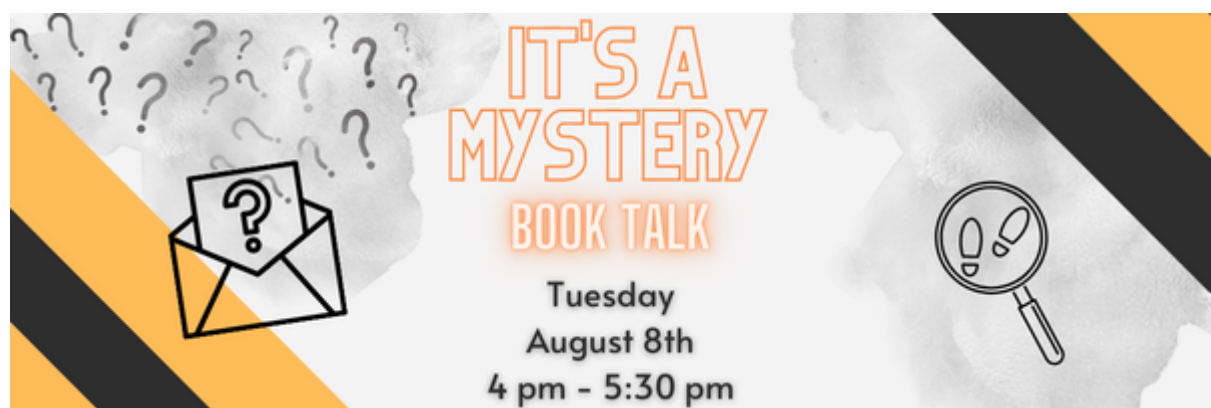


A new collectible rubber duck will be revealed on the first day of each new month. Supplies are limited!!

Our August ducks are Dog and Cat -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](#).

## Book Clubs

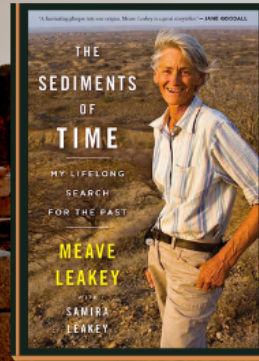
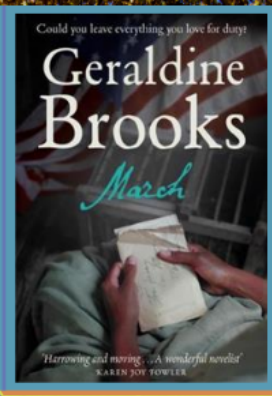


Do you love **cozy mysteries**? Join our monthly group to discuss which cozy you're currently reading and learn about new ones!

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

Monday,  
Aug 14 th  
11 AM - 12 PM



## Ales & Tales @ Stilt House Brewery

Thursday,  
Aug 10 th  
6 PM - 7 PM

**PHIL's Book Club:** Join us in a discussion of [March](#) by Geraldine Brooks. Copies of the book are available at the front desk. See the book's summary [here](#). 8/14 at 11 am.

**Ales & Tales:** This month you can join us at [Stilt House Brewery](#) at 625 Alt 19 for a discussion of [Sediments of Time](#) by Meave Leakey. 8/10 at 6 pm.

## LRMA

Leepa-Rattner Museum of Art  
at St. Petersburg College

### ABC Reading Club

Art, Books, and Community

Held on selected Tuesdays from  
11:30 AM – 1PM at the  
Leepa-Rattner Museum of Art.

### ABC Reading Club on 9/26

September:

Discussion is held at [Leepa-Ratner Museum of Art](#). This month we are reading [The Dali Legacy: How an eccentric genius changed the art world and created a lasting legacy](#) by Dr. Christopher Heath Brown. Admittance to the museum is free and donations are graciously accepted.

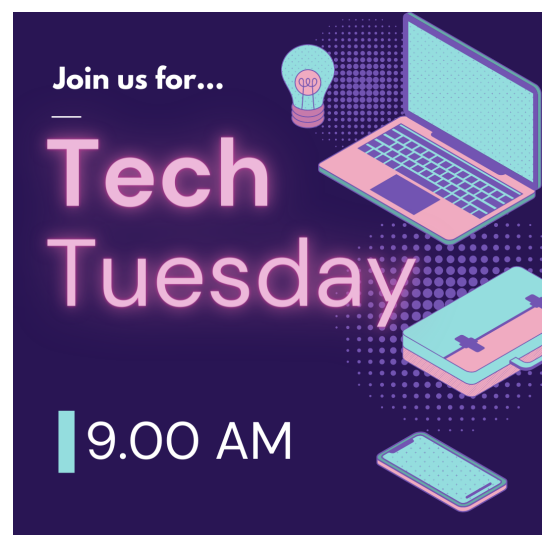
## Adult Events and Programs

### Monthly Class

#### Tech Tuesday for August

The topic this month is Craft Blogs; crafty people come learn a few, hopefully, new-to-you online crafts. Please [register](#) for this program to ensure we have enough materials. 8/1 at 9 AM.

**\*Class may have been completed by the time the newsletter has come out. That is**



why we link the following month for you down below!

See September's class [here](#).



### Jigsaw Puzzle Club + Annual Jigsaw Party!

Join our once a month Puzzle Club and put the pieces together! Join us on Friday, August 4th at 10 am! This month is the Annual Jigsaw Party! Register, [here](#).



### Master Gardener Lecture & Plant Clinic on 8/15

Join us monthly for [Master Gardener](#) events on 8/15! The Plant Clinic will be held at [12:30](#) and at [3:30](#). Sign up for the monthly [lecture](#) "Easy Plant Identification: The Big 4" at 2 PM through [Eventbrite](#).



**Advanced Tai Chi:** Prerequisite: must have completed Beginners' Tai Chi for Balance course. Come early to session to see the instructor to register. **No session on 8/28.**

**Beginners' 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 the month.

**Sound Healing on 8/23:** Led by a certified Sound Healing Practitioner. Enjoy a session of deep relaxation. We highly recommend bringing a mat, pillow, and blanket. Sign up for Sound Healing [here](#). Space is

limited but check back to see if a spot opens up if event is full. Keep an eye on our event calendar to see when the next classes will be!

**Meditation & Mindfulness on 8/30:** Join Tamara in a meditation and mindfulness instructor to calm the monkey mind, reduce stress and begin a meditative self care routine. Register for this event, [here](#).



### Needle Felting Club on 8/19

Join us for our monthly needle felting program where we will take raw wool and turn it into various shapes and creations. This month we're making ice cream!

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



Let's make Let's make Gelato to celebrate the end of summer. Join us Tuesday, Aug 15th at 11 AM. Register [here](#)!

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Kindness Rocks! Let's paint some rocks and spread lots of joy.

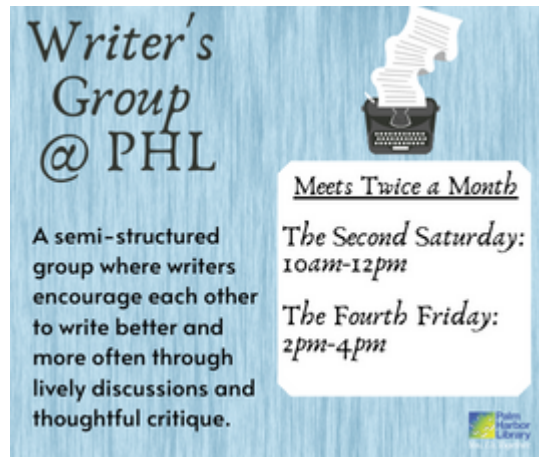
[Wednesday, 8/2 @ 4:30 PM](#)

[Thursday, 8/3 @ 10:30 AM](#)



**Movie & Book Discussion on 8/16**

Join the discussion on [Monday's Movie](#) The Wizard of Oz and the L. Frank Baum book by the same name. On Wednesday Aug 16th at 10 AM. No registration!



**Writer's Group @ PHL**

The [Writer's Group](#) meets monthly. Writers write, talk, and connect. Drop in any session; there is no registration needed.



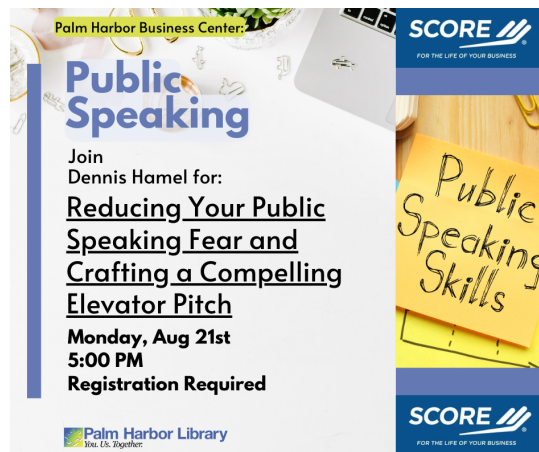
**Palm Harbor Business Center**

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. 8/9 and select your session time.

**SCORE - Public Speaking on 8/21**

Join this workshop to learn the causes of that fear and techniques to convert that anxiety into energy and start the process of becoming a confident and compelling communicator. Then, learn how to build a compelling elevator speech with your newfound confidence! See the event page [here](#) for more details and registration.



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

Proud Partner with **Palm Harbor LIBRARY.org**

**Saturday, Aug 19, 2023**  
at the Palm Harbor Library

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



# SHARE FAIR

Our ancestors are begging us to tell their stories,  
so join us for a day of telling tales.

(The names will be change to protect the guilty!)

Share a favorite family story, an interesting ancestor, a surprise/unexpected find. What have you found this year? Have you knocked down a brick wall? Any scoundrels in the family? What family heirlooms/ history do you want to share?

Email [info@sgsfl.com](mailto:info@sgsfl.com) to volunteer or sign up the day of the meeting. Your story only needs to be about 5-10 minutes.

Member supported. Free and open to the Public!  
For more information about SGS visit: <https://SGSFL.com>

## Youth Events and Programs



**Masks**  
A NEW GENERATION

Beyond the Dragons

**Masks: A New Generation!**  
Aug 12th - 12:30 PM  
Teens and Adults

### Beyond the Dragons on 8/12

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 August, we'll be playing... Masks: A New Generation!!

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



COME JOIN US FOR...

AGES:  
11-18

# ANIME CLUB!

MONTHLY MEET UPS  
DRAWING & WRITING  
GAMES & CRAFTS  
...AND MUCH MORE!



Next meeting:  
**WEDNESDAY**  
**AUGUST 23RD, 5-6 PM**  
**THEME: APOCALYPSE**

EMAIL ANIMECLUB@PHLIB.ORG OR ASK THE KIDS DESK TO SIGN UP!



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 is a tween/teen only program. **Ages 11-18.**

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# BEAN N' ME

By: Bryan Carrier

International Dog Day

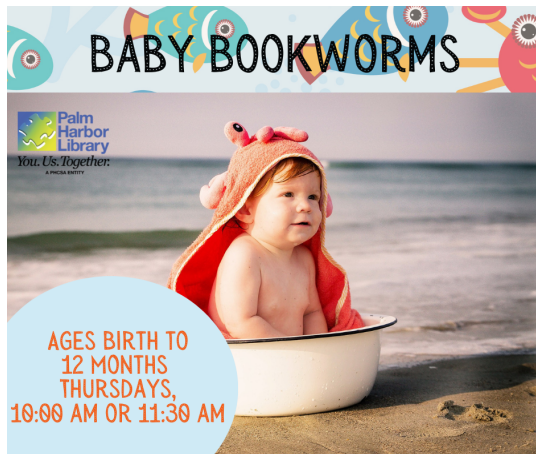
Saturday, August 26, 2023 1:30 PM  
Ages 1-5 and older siblings welcome!

Join local author (and Palm Harbor Library volunteer!) [Bryan Carrier](#) as he reads from his book "Bean n' Me." Then, meet the real Bean and his puppy pal, Kandi, and see their tricks in person in honor of International Dog Day! Older siblings welcome. Register, [here](#).



Join us for "Crazy for Crayons" held 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. No registration required. 600 E Klosterman Rd, Tarpon Springs.



### **Baby Bookworms on Aug 24 & 31**

Baby Bookworms is on Thursdays at 10 or 11:30 AM! No registration needed. Join Ms. Jaclyn for stories, lap bounces, rhymes and more! **Sessions on Aug 24th and 31st.**



### **Mother Goose Rhyme on Aug 23 & 30**

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 on August 23rd and 30th.**

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 session on August 7th.**

# Get To Know Us



**EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT!**  
**Cathy Koutsoumbaris**

- 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!

**friends**  
OF THE LIBRARY

**Friends Annual Meeting**

September 9th, 2023  
11:30 AM

RSVP once a friend to:  
[friendsofph@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofph@gmail.com)

Become a Friend  
at [Friendsofphl.org](http://Friendsofphl.org)

**Join Us!**

### Literacy Council's English Classes are Back!

There is no registration needed to attend. Check our [event calendar](#) for where the class will be held in the library along with our in-house flyer or give us a call!

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](#).



**Learn English 2023 Classes**

No Registration Required to Attend

**Conversation Classes**

10 - 11 AM  
Select Saturdays  
Instructor: Lauren Ruth

**Read Alongs**

5:45 - 7 PM  
Select Wednesdays  
Instructor: Brenda Archer

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# Director's Column

## AUGUST'S DIRECTOR'S COLUMN



“How do you say goodbye?”

Elizabeth Barrett Browning knew a thing or two about counting the ways of love but here I am struggling to come up with just one to say goodbye.

Yes, I am retiring. My last day will be August 11 th . I have been a librarian for over 40 years, 23 of them in service to the Palm Harbor community. And might I say, 23 rewarding and fulfilling years. I feel completed, exhausted, nourished, exasperated, a bit wiser, regretful, content.

Yeah, a mixed bag of feelings.

Please continue reading [here](#)

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