Hello -

Welcome to fall! Our Library is already getting decorated in our best Halloween picks. It is still warm outside so come on in to enjoy the air conditioning, events, and all the fall feelings we can provide. Something that just wrapped up in September was the Best of the Bay by Creative Loafing. Thank you SO much to everyone that voted for us! We came in for a finalist and we look forward to taking home the title next year. We also want to thank you all for the outstanding response we got in support of our potential budget cuts. We are working on a video for you to hopefully express just some of the gratitude we feel! It has been quite the summer!

Keep an eye on our socials for pictures of library updates. We have new bookshelves in the Youth Department, new seats by the New Arrival section, a new collection of large print books, and a new long table WITH plugs right in the middle of our adult computer area. Soon, we will be setting up a Little Free Art library in our garden. This means you can take and leave art supplies! How cool?! The support for our now official Little Free Library has been outstanding. Always new books in there!

This month we are honoring Breast Cancer Awareness Month with pink name tags and ribbons. We are also still collecting for Welcoming Week (more info below!). Look out on our socials this month for pictures of our amazing Halloween and Banned Book Week displays by Kaitlin!

Speaking of Banned Book Week, we are holding a drawing at the library to win a themed box. The box was sent to us by Little Free Library and contains, The 1619 Project: Born on the Water, The Hate U Give, and Banned Book gear. You must come into the library and fill out the contact card at the front desk to be entered! Your library is
This newsletter is jam packed so be sure you see it all!

** The library will be closed to the public on October 9th. **

Check out our FULL calendar of events here

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

**ENTER TO WIN!**

Come into the library to win a Banned Book Week Box!

Includes:
- Born on the Water
- The Hate U Give
- Hat, stickers, bookmark and pin

Winner will be picked on 10/10

**Featured Events**

**Something Spooky - Interactive Movie Night:** Join us for an interactive movie experience featuring "Haunted Mansion" (2023). We'll have props, snacks, and more! This is for ages 13 plus and adults. Register, here.
**Halloween Costume Swap:** Throughout the month of October, bring new or clean, gently used, infant - teen size costumes, to the Children's Room desk to swap for a different one. Don’t have one to swap? Make a $5 per costume cash donation to the Youth Services Department. Donations benefit children’s programming at the Palm Harbor Library.

Costumes subject to staff approval. Limit 1 costume per child.

**Trick-or-Treat at the Library!** Happy Halloween! Visit the Children’s Room and say those special “trick or treat” words. Our Youth Services staff will be in costume to greet you and treat you!

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In the spirit of **Welcoming Week**, Largo Public Library, Palm Harbor Library, and Barbara S. Ponce Public Library will be collecting in-person and online donations for local refugee families in need for the WHOLE month of September. All donations will be distributed to Pinellas refugee families through local organizations.

PHL will have a collection basket in our lobby from September 7th until
Pizza & a Movie: "I, Frankenstein". Frankenstein’s monster gets swept up in an epic battle between gargoyles and demons seeking the key to his immortality in this gothic-flavored fantasy adventure. 2014, PG-13. This is an 18+ event 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 and ages 18+. This month we’ll be watching “The Grim Adventures of Billy and Mandy” to help set the vibe for spooky season.

Local Author Showcase

Meet our local authors and get those Holiday gifts bought early! Talk to our local authors and learn about how they got inspired to write. Come in between 11–3 PM on Saturday, November 4th. Look for our “Love Our Local Authors” sticker (pictured above) on books here at the library to see what we have in stock.
Calling all local artists!

We’re looking for artists from the Tampa Bay area interested in exhibiting two- or three-dimensional artwork in the library’s John Brock Art Alcove or Yoffredo Center. Artists selected will exhibit their work two consecutive months. There are no set criteria for artwork, though the pieces should be crafted or framed to a professional standard and have strong public appeal. To be considered, please submit an application here. The Art Selection Committee will be meeting in December to pick exhibiting artists.

Applications are due 12/8.

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

Our October ducks are pink to honor Breast Cancer Awareness Month!!
A big THANK YOU to the Pediatric Dentistry office of Dr. Susan Blankenship for sponsoring this year-long event! Visit Dr. Blankenship's website here.

Bernie Yoffredo Tree Dedication

Tree Dedication in honor of Bernie Yoffredo begins outside and a reception will follow in the Marlene E. Yoffredo Activity Center.

Thursday
10/19 at 11 AM
All Ages Welcome

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, Oct 16th
11 AM - 12 PM

Under the Tuscan Sun
Frances Mayes

Ales & Tales @ Stilt House Brewery

Thursday, Oct 12th
6 PM - 7 PM

The Haunting of Hill House
Shirley Jackson

PHiL's Book Club: Join our Head of Adult Services, Peter Cannon, in a discussion of Under the Tuscan Sun by Frances Mayes. Copies of the
**Monthly Class**

**Tech Tuesday for October**

The topic today is e-Readers – Libby & Cloud Library; Overdrive is gone, but these two platforms are going strong.

Tuesday, 10/3 at 9 am. Register [here](#).

See November’s class [here](#).

**Jigsaw Puzzle Club on 10/6**

Join our once a month Puzzle

**Master Gardener Lecture & Plant Clinic on 10/17**

Join us monthly for [Master](#).

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**Adult Events and Programs**

We are looking for adult volunteers! Email Winona [at: winona@phlib.org](mailto:winona@phlib.org).

**Ales & Tales:** This month you can join us at [Stilt House Brewery](#) at 625 Alt 19 for a discussion of *The Haunting of Hill House* by Shirley Jackson. Thursday, 10/12 at 6 pm.

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The Palm Harbor Library is looking for more wonderful adult volunteers!

Email: winona@phlib.org
Club and put the pieces together! Join us on Friday, 10/6 at 10 am!

Gardener events on Tuesday, 10/17! The Plant Clinic will be held at 12:30 and at 3:30. Sign up for the monthly lecture “Florida-Friendly Landscaping Essentials” at 2 PM through Eventbrite.

**Advanced Tai Chi**: Prerequisite: must have completed Beginners’ Tai Chi for Balance course. Come early to the session to see the Instructor in order to register. No session 10/9.

**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 Wed. 10/13 at 11 am**: 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 Wed. 10/18 at 6 pm**: Join Tamara in a meditation and mindfulness session to calm the monkey mind, reduce stress, and begin a meditative self-care routine. Register for this event here.

**Needle Felting Club on 10/7**

Join us for our monthly needle felting program where we will take raw wool and turn it into various shapes and creations.

Register here so we have enough supplies for everyone.

**CURRENTLY FULL**
Let’s make pasta! Join us Tuesday, Oct 17th at 11 am. Register [here!](#). Sponsored by [Friends of the Palm Harbor Library](#).

**Palm Harbor Museum: Dreams in the New Century on 10/4**

Author Gary R. Mormino Ph.D, Professor Emeritus, Florida Studies Program Faculty presents Dreams in the New Century: Instant Cities, Shattered Hopes, and Florida’s Turning Point. Please reserve your spot at [eventbrite.com](http://eventbrite.com).

Create some fun Greeting Cards for the season!

- **Wednesday, 10/25 @ 4:30 PM**
- **Thursday, 10/26 @ 10:30 AM**
Two Happy Ukers on 10/14

The Friends of the Palm Harbor Library present The Two Happy Ukers in concert. Sign up and join the show.

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. 10/11 and select your session time.

SCORE – Elements of a Marketing Plan on Tues. 10/10 at 5 pm

Join this workshop to learn tips on developing your five steps to a successful plan for 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.
Beyond the Dragons on Sat. 10/14 at 12:30 pm

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.

Registration is required. Ages 13 – 18 and Adults.

Check out our other RPG event that is open to younger kids to adults this month! 10/7 at 1 PM.

Youth Events and Programs

COME JOIN US FOR...

ANIME CLUB!

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

Next meeting: OCT 11TH & 25TH, 5–6 PM
THEME: CREEPY

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

Join us for all things anime! This club meets twice this month, but if you can’t attend try to catch them next month! This is a tween/teen only program. Our theme this month is Creepy. Ages 11–18.
It’s time to celebrate with a special after-hours party at Freddy Fazbear’s Pizza! Join Freddy and his friends with pizza, games, and jumpscars, oh my! This program will contain some scary elements, so please be sure your children are aware. This is for ages 9 – 18. Register [here](#).

**Kids’ Zumbini w/ Ms. Jo! on 10/10**

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! No registration.

**American Girl at the Palm Harbor Museum on 10/14**

Join Ms. Chris and Ms. Jaclyn as they celebrate American Girl with a local history flair, courtesy of Palm Harbor Museum! Event takes place at the Palm Harbor Museum’s Grove House at 2043 Curlew Rd, Palm Harbor, FL

**Music with Mar: Hoppy Halloween on 10/28**

Music with Mar is an internationally respected brain-based program which parents and children participate in together that uses music and movement to help develop basic skills. This is for ages 1–5.
Kids' Chess Club is Back!

Want to learn how to play chess or practice your game? Join teen Elias for tips, tricks, and games! Every other Monday starting October 2nd.

Leap Into Art!

Friday, Oct 20th
3:30 PM till 4:30 PM
Ages 3 + Up

Join us for "Creepy Colors" held at the Leepa-Rattner Museum of Art, 600 E Klosterman Rd, Tarpon Springs. 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.

Baby Bookworms

Baby Bookworms is on

Mother Goose Rhyme Time

Ms. Chris is warming up her singing voice! This event is filled
Thursdays at 10 or 11:30 AM! No registration needed. Join Ms. Jaclyn for stories, lap bounces, rhymes and more!

Toddler Story Time

Stories, songs, and fun in this interactive story time. Don’t expect to sit still - you’ll be getting all your wiggles out! No event on the 29th.

Toddler STEM: Spooky Science on 10/31

Join us for some ooky-spooky science activities geared for toddlers! Caregivers required to stay with child. No registration required. Ages 1-5.

Firetruck Frenzy on 10/3

Celebrate Fire Prevention Month with stories, activities and a special visit from the Palm Harbor Fire Rescue pros. Get a close up look of their truck and learn about fire safety. This is for ages 5-12. No registration required. Younger siblings welcome.

Get To Know Us
Talking Book Library - More From Your Libraries

Pinellas Libraries are full of services to fill many needs. One to highlight is the Pinellas Talking Book Library. This is a free service to those who are unable to read standard print materials due to permanent or temporary impairments. Through the Library of Congress, books and even magazines are available in audio and Braille. Learn more about this service and where it is located in

Did you know?

Coming up in December!

We are hosting a Pop Culture Flea Market on Saturday, December 16th starting at 2 PM. We are looking for vendors AND local people who have pop culture items they would love to sell. The cost to have a table is $10 and the funds will go to the 2024 ACEcon we host!

Items must be PG for this is an all ages event. Interested? Contact Cathy Wos and give examples of what you are interested in selling. cathyw@phlib.org

It will be super RAD!
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!

- New Citizenship Classes on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9 am.
- New Literacy Grammar on Mondays at 5:45 pm. No session 9/4.
- New Conversation Classes on Saturdays at 10 am.
- New Literacy Read Alongs on Wednesdays at 5:45 pm. No session 9/6.

Sponsored by the Friends of the Palm Harbor Library

Monthly Column

Special Guests: Sleep in Heavenly Peace

Sleep In Heavenly Peace – Tampa Bay Chapter

Sleep in Heavenly Peace – Tampa Bay is a local chapter of a national non-profit who provides new beds to kids who do not have one. Our mission is to ensure that No Kid Sleeps on the Floor in Our Town! It is estimated that 2-3%
of kids do not have beds, with an even higher number in economically distressed households. In the Tampa Bay area alone, that means 8~10,000 kids go to “bed” every night without one. Our mission is a big one, to give every child the security and comfort of a brand new bed. If you are ever blessed to see the look on a child’s face after they see their brand-new bed (maybe the only bed they’ve ever had) all made up and ready for them to hop in, you know how important this mission is and why we do what we do.

Since 2018, we have provided more than 3,000 beds to kiddos in the Tampa Bay community, while our nationwide efforts have provided over 150,000 beds to kids since 2012. Families with kids from ages 3 to 17 who need beds apply for them on our website at shpbeds.org. We provide those beds on a first come/first serve basis, and the need for beds is always greater than our ability to provide them.

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