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Hello -

The sounds of the holidays are coming! We have two holiday concerts this month along with even more fun. This is a great season for giving so be sure to pop in to add to our donation bins and the new Giving Tree in our lobby. 2024 is right around the corner so be sure to mark your calendars and get your tickets for our 7th Annual artPHL Evening! More information below for our highly anticipated yearly event.

**\*\* The library will be closed to the public on Saturday, December 23rd, Monday, December 25th, and Monday, January 1st. \*\***

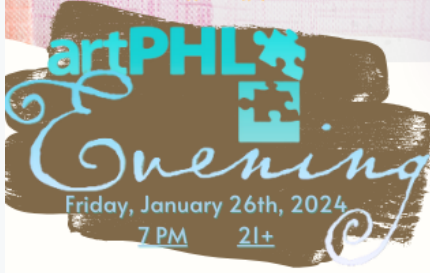
Check out our **FULL** calendar of events [here](#)

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

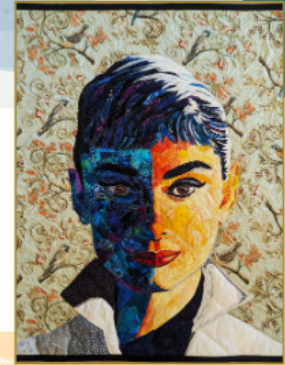
## **Featured Events**

Palm Harbor  
Library's 7th Annual

# ON SALE



Local Artist Exhibitions  
Live Big Band Music  
Food & Alcoholic Beverages  
Silent Auction



**Tickets: \$25**  
**At door: \$35**  
Limited Ticket Availability

Join us for this highly anticipated event!

Featured Artist & Piece  
"Audrey"  
By Mary Pascoe

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Friday, Jan 26th - AGES 21+

**Sponsorship Opportunities Available**

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Come join us for our 7th Annual artPHL Evening fundraiser, an elegant event featuring demonstrations from local artists, a silent auction, complimentary wine and cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, and live music from *Voices of Jazz*. This is a 21+ event. This year it will be held on Friday, January 26th from 7 - 9 PM.

Our featured artist this year is [Mary Pascoe](#)!

Purchase your tickets now as sales are limited: <https://www.palmharborlibrary.com>

See the link above for information on being a sponsor!

***First artPHL Kids' Contest information is in the youth section below.***

## PALM HARBOR COMMUNITY CHORUS

*Winter Concert*

SATURDAY, DEC 2ND

2 PM - 3 PM

ALL AGES - NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Come listen to the Winter Concert presented by Palm Harbor Community Chorus! All ages are welcome, so bring the whole family to this event.

PALM HARBOR LIBRARY PRESENTS...

# OPERA @ THE LIBRARY

## Amahl & The Night Visitors

Saturday, Jan. 6, 2024 @ 12:00 PM  
No Registration



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Enjoy a one-act opera presented by Opera for Earth and Florida Boy Choirs in honor of Epiphany. Follow the three kings on their journey to find the Child when they encounter Amahl, a poor, handicapped shepherd with a generous soul. **All ages** are invited to join us on **Saturday, Jan. 6 at 12 PM.**

This is the first of three opera performances coming up! Save the dates for:

**Three Tenors - Sat., 2/17 @ 3 PM**

**Favorite Opera Highlights: La Bohème - Sat., 3/23 @ 2 PM**



We are hosting a Pop Culture Flea Market on Saturday, December 16th starting at 2 PM!

See the Facebook page [here](#) for updates and who is going to be at the event.

It's gonna be RAD!





Get your artwork featured in our library's John Brock Art Alcove.

Applications are due by Friday, December 8th, 2023

*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 for 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 December ducks are holiday-themed!**

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](#).

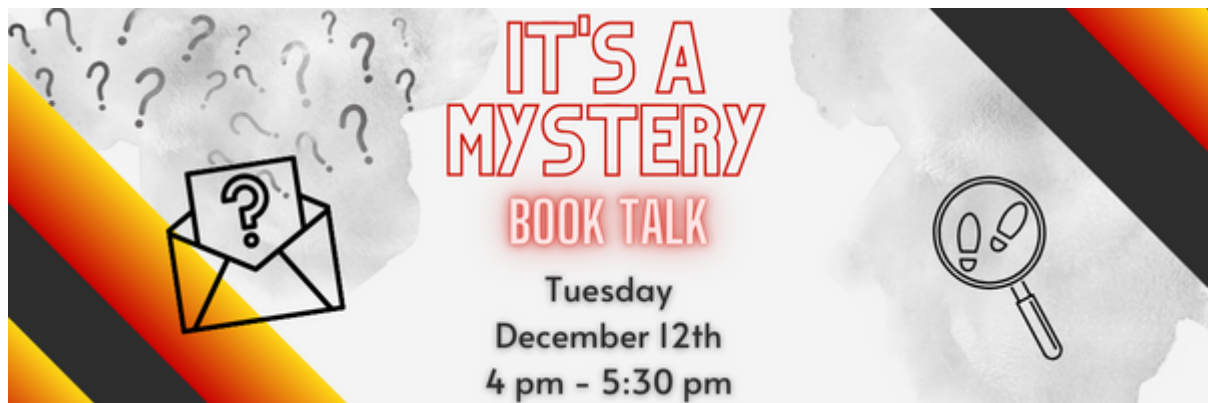
**Bring in your completed punch card for your special edition duck!**



Families, join us as we celebrate Hanukkah with [YI-Chabad of Pinellas County](#)! We'll be sharing stories, a snack or two, and more!

No registration is required; this event is geared for children and caregivers.

## 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 our Head of Adult Services, Peter Cannon, in a discussion of [A Christmas Carol](#) by Charles Dickens. Copies of the book are available at the front desk. Monday, 12/11 at 11 AM.

**Ales & Tales:** This month you can join Peter at [Stilt House Brewery](#) at 625 Alt 19 for a discussion of [The Last Chance Library](#) by Freya Sampson. Thursday, 12/14 at 6 PM.

## Adult Events and Programs

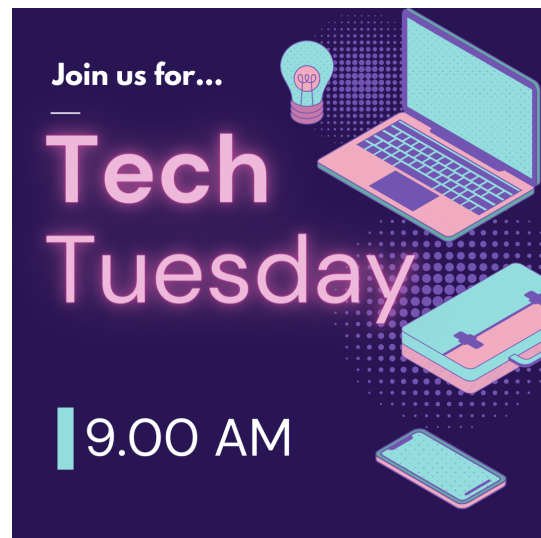
### Monthly Class

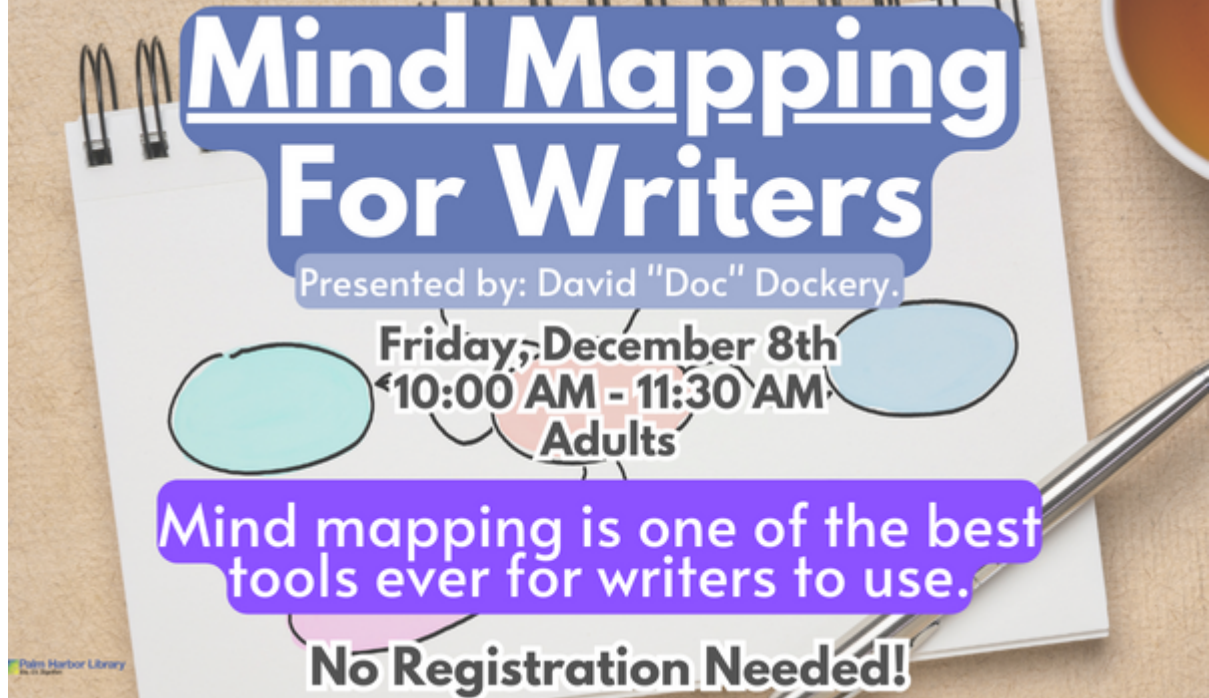
#### Tech Tuesday for December

The topic for this month's event is e-Readers: Libby & Cloud Library. Overdrive is gone, but these two platforms are going strong!

Tuesday, 12/5 at 9 AM.

Register [here](#).





Presented by David "Doc" Dockery. Mind Mapping is one of the best tools ever for writers to use. Mind mapping not only helps you get your thoughts down on paper, but it can help you become more creative, remember more, and solve problems more effectively too.

No registration.



### Jigsaw Puzzle Club on 12/1

Join our once a month Puzzle Club and put the pieces together! This month we'll see you on Friday, 12/1 at 10 AM!



### Pizza & a Movie on 12/11

This month we are showing 1984's The Last Starfighter! Register and see the movie synopsis [here](#). The movie starts promptly at 4:30 PM.





**ADVANCED TAI CHI**  
FOR SENIORS

MONTHLY  
MONDAY AND FRIDAY  
1:00 PM - 2:00 PM  
NO CLASS ON THE 25TH

SEE BELOW FOR  
BEGINNER CLASS INFO!





**SOUND HEALING**

Led by a certified  
Sound Healing Practitioner,  
enjoy a session of deep relaxation  
as healing instruments bathe you  
with frequencies and vibration.

**12/6**  
**11 AM**



**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 sessions on the 25th.

**Sound Healing on Wed. 12/6 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 Fri. 12/22 at 3:30 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](#) and be sure to check back for an opening if the event is currently full.



**Let Us Cook!**

**BROWNIES**

Tuesday | 12/19  
11 AM

**REGISTRATION REQUIRED**




Let's make brownies! Join us Tuesday, Dec 19th at 11 AM. Register [here](#)!  
Sponsored by [Friends of the Palm Harbor Library](#).



DIY @ PHL

# Diamond Painting Bookmarks!

Register for one session

Wed. 12/6 4:30 PM

Thurs. 12/7 10:30 AM

Diamond "painting" a bookmark. Learn all about it and register for your spot below.

[Wednesday, 12/6 @ 4:30 PM](#)

[Thursday, 12/7 @ 10:30 AM](#)

## **BONUS DIY Class: Origami Christmas Box with Luz on 12/12**

On Tuesday, December 12th at 1 PM come join us to make an incredible origami box out of old holiday cards! Register for this class [here](#).



**Friends of the Library Concert on Sat. 12/9 at 2 PM**

[Friends of the Palm Harbor Library](#) present **Florida Fanfare Brass** in concert. [Sign up](#) and enjoy the show.



**Palm Harbor Museum on 12/6 at 6:30 PM**

Mike McGinness and Jeff Davies with **Florida: A History in Pictures**.

Please reserve your spot at [PalmHarborMuseum.com](http://PalmHarborMuseum.com) or at [eventbrite.com](http://eventbrite.com).

## **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](#).

**ONE-ON-ONE**  
**Small Business**  
**Consulting**  
**with SBDC**  
Small Business Development Center

**Sessions from**  
**1 PM - 5 PM**

REGISTRATION REQUIRED.  
SPOTS ARE LIMITED!



This is a great opportunity to network with local entrepreneurs.

Register for [SBDC](#) on Wed. 12/13 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. No assistance available the weeks of 12/18 & 12/25.

### Youth & Teen Events



**Beyond the Dragons on Sat. 12/9 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. This month we'll be playing *The Quiet Year!*

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

Check out our other [RPG event](#) on 12/2 that's a kid-friendly monthly campaign where your group is made up of good-natured goblins making life difficult for adventurers and each other!





Join us for Rise of the Guardians and snacks! This event is on Thursday, Dec 21st starting at 4:30 PM for ages 13-18.

No registration!

### **ArtPHL Kids' Contest!**

Throughout the month of December, kids ages 5-12 can submit original art for the first ever artPHL Kids' Contest. Pick up an application in the Children's Room for more details!

Ages 5 - 12





**COME JOIN US FOR...**

**AGES: 11-18**

# **ANIME CLUB!**

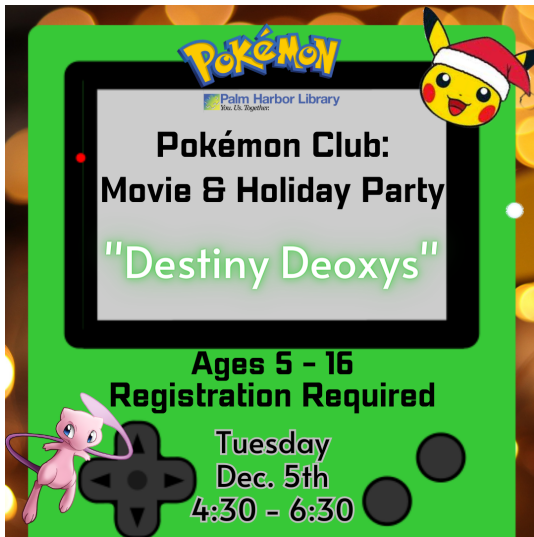
**MONTHLY MEET UPS  
DRAWING & WRITING  
GAMES & CRAFTS  
...AND MUCH MORE!**

**Next meeting:  
DEC 13TH & 27TH, 5-6 PM  
THEME: HOLIDAY**

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

Join us for all things anime! In December this club meets twice a month, so try to attend when you can!

This is a tween/teen only program.



**Pokémon**

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**Pokémon Club:  
Movie & Holiday Party**

**"Destiny Deoxys"**

**Ages 5 - 16  
Registration Required**

**Tuesday  
Dec. 5th  
4:30 - 6:30**

### **Pokémon Club Holiday Party! on 12/5**

Ready for a holiday Poké-Party? We sure are! Come join us for some snowy crafts, a pack of presents, and the epic Pokémon movie "Destiny Deoxys"! Registration required. Caregivers are encouraged to stay with children 7 or younger. For ages 5-16.

Register [here!](#)



**Starlite Puppets Presents  
"Shingebiss" on Thurs. 12/28**

Ms. Connie presents a fun winter tale originating from the Ojibwe with her signature hand-crafted, natural fiber puppets. Enjoy the story of the brave "diving duck" Shingebiss, who through patience and perseverance overcomes the fierce Big Chief Wintermaker.

Please [register](#) adults and children separately. Caregivers required to stay with children.



**Mr. Brad's Music on Sat. 12/30**

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. Sat. 12/30 at 10 AM.

No registration needed! 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: 12/4 & 12/18.





### Baby Bookworms

Baby Bookworms is on Thursdays at 10 or 11:30 AM! No registration needed. Join us for stories, lap bounces, rhymes and more! No event on the 21st.



### Mother Goose Rhyme Time

Ms. Chris is warming up her singing voice! This event is filled with nursery rhymes, songs, and finger-plays and held Wednesdays at 10 AM. No event on the 20th.



### 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! Join us Fridays at 10 or 11:30 AM. No event on the 22nd.



### Kids' Zumbini w/ Ms. Jo on 12/12

Get energized with Ms. Jo on the 12th at 10 AM! 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! Caregivers required to stay with children.

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 12/25.

## Get To Know Us

**Employee Spotlight!**  
**AJ Swann**

- Seriously reads an ostentatious amount
- Loves growing miniature roses & has 17 bushes
- Has had the same Pokemon collection since 1996

**Youth Assistant Librarian**

## Did you know?

Congratulations to Nagi Raffa and Elham Elmasry who recently became United States citizens after attending our Citizenship Class.

We wish them all the best. Special thanks to Donna Robbins who gives of her time to lead the classes on Tuesday and Thursday mornings.

## Literacy Council's English Classes!

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!



**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

New [Citizenship Classes](#) on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9 AM.

New [Literacy Grammar](#) on Mondays at 5:45 PM.

New [Conversation Classes](#) on Saturdays at 10 AM.

New [Literacy Read Alongs](#) on Wednesdays at 5:45 PM.

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

## Director's Column

# DECEMBER'S ✦ COLUMN

“Breaking Bread &  
Lighting Lights”



### Breaking Bread and Lighting Lights

□ Food, glorious food... □

That is a song from the musical play *Oliver!* (which the library has a [DVD copy](#) of, by the way) and is a fitting way to welcome in the winter holiday season. True, we may be recovering from Thanksgiving feasts, but there are still many occasions we can celebrate through cooking and baking. One series available to all is in our Youth section: [Festive Foods for the Holidays](#). Included in the series are books themed for Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, and Christmas. Or, you may want to get a head start on those New Year's resolutions and check out a title filled with [healthy recipes](#).



Please continue reading [here](#)

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