Hello –

The new year is here! Your library has SO many classes and materials for you to grow over 2024. Our community comes together each year to also support each other through an incredible amount of donations for various non-profits. Your support is greatly felt and has a direct impact to Palm Harbor.

Also, thank you to everyone who came out to the Christmas Parade put on by the Greater Palm Harbor Chamber of Commerce. The library gave out 400 bags for kids and countless bead necklaces. It was very heart warming to hear, "We love the library!" so much as we went down the route. What an incredible turn out!

** The library will be closed to the public on Monday the 1st and 15th. The library will be closing early on Friday the 26th at 2 PM to prepare for artPHL Evening.**

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**
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....](https://www.palmharborlibrary....)

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**FLORIDA SUNCOAST CHORUS**

*Friends of the Library Concert Series*

**JANUARY 13TH • 2 PM - 3 PM • ADULTS**

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

The Friends of the Palm Harbor Library present the Florida Suncoast Chorus in concert. This is an adults only show. Sign up and enjoy!
Coffee and Cake with the New Library Director on 1/22
Stop by Palm Harbor Library for a meet and greet with the new director: Matthew David. Welcome him to the community by sharing your PHL anecdotes.

Enjoy a one-act opera presented by Opera for Earth 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

Join artist Sari and learn about the Japanese writing system and how to write Japanese words mindfully with a brush and ink. This event is for ages from 9 to well... 99!

Register [here](#).
asking your questions, and bringing your appetites! Cake, coffee, and other refreshments will be served. Sponsored by the Palm Harbor Library Advisory Council. All ages!

**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, in a discussion of *Swamp Story: A Novel* by Dave Barry. Copies of the book are available at the front desk. Monday, 1/8 at 11 AM.

**Ales & Tales**: This month you can join Maryjane at Stilt House Brewery at 625 Alt 19 for a discussion of *The Key Lime Crime* by Lucy Burdette. Thursday, 1/11 at 6 PM.
ABC Reading Club on 1/30

This discussion is held at the Leepa-Rattner Museum of Art and is hosted by Allison of the Palm Harbor Library’s Youth Department. This month we are reading *Indivisible by Four: A String Quartet in Pursuit of Harmony* by Arnold Steinhardt. 1/30 @ 11:30 AM.

*After the meeting enjoy a special string concert!*

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**Adult Events and Programs**

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### Jigsaw Puzzle Club on 1/5

Join our once a month Puzzle Club and put the pieces together! This month we'll see you on Friday, 1/5 at 10 AM!

### Pizza & a Movie on 1/29

This month we are showing *Top Gun: Maverick*! Register and see the movie synopsis [here](#). The film starts promptly at 4:30 PM.
**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 1st, 15th, and 26th.

**Sound Healing on Wed. 1/17 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!

**Gentle Movement & Sound Healing Meditation on Sat. 1/20 at 11 AM:** Join Tamara for a class that is ideal for those seeking balance between mind, body, and spirit. Register [here](#).

Let’s break out those sheet pans to roast sausage and vegetables! Join us Tuesday, Jan 16th at 11 AM. Register [here](#)!

Sponsored by [Friends of the Palm Harbor Library](#)
After a year of new magazines have gone by, let’s recycle them into baskets for the new year. Learn all about it and register for your spot below.

**Wednesday, 1/10 @ 4:30 PM**  
**Thursday, 1/11 @ 10:30 AM**

**BONUS DIY CLASS**

**Knit & Crochet with Luz**

**Starting on 1/17 at 10 AM**

Learn to knit & crochet with Luz: beginners welcome!

This is a three week session with events on the 17th, 24th and 31st.  
[Sign up for the first session here](#)

**2024 Photography Contest Info Session on 1/8**

Come to this event to learn about the 2024 Palm Harbor Library photography contest. We’ll discuss the rules, the categories, and what makes a good contest photograph. Talk to experienced photographers, see examples, and ask questions.  
**Monday the 8th at 5:30 PM**

**Palm Harbor Museum on 1/3 at 6:30 PM**

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. This is a great opportunity to network with local entrepreneurs.

SCORE: Getting Started with AI Tools on 1/17

Enjoy Keith Simmons’ presentation, “Getting Started with AI Tools: Tools to Streamline Your Operations.” Sign up is a must! This event starts at 5 PM. Please join even if you will be late since there is take home information. Learn more and register here.

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. Please check our event calendar to confirm dates.

Youth & Teen Events

Beyond the Dragons on Sat. 1/13 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.

Goblin Errands on 1/6 at 1 PM:
Check out our other RPG event 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!

D&D For Beginners and Masters on 1/6 at 2:30 PM:
Having trouble learning Dungeons & Dragons? Whether you just can't get the hang of combat or you want to branch out into DMing, this program will let you get hands-on with masters of the craft in specialized areas. Drop by for free dice and character sheets and hordes of knowledge!

Join us for all things anime! In January our theme is Superheroes! Meet with us on Wed. Jan. 24th starting at 5 PM. Can't make it? Catch us the next month!

This is a tween/teen only program.
Shabbat Story Time on 1/11

Baby loves challah (and grownups love bagels)! Make your own challah with YI Chabad of Pinellas and celebrate Shabbat with music and movement. This is for all ages so bring the family! Caregivers must stay with children. Thursday, the 11th at 10:30 AM. No registration!

Snow Much Fun! Storytime on 1/3

Stop in the Children’s Room for a winter wonderland of stories, activities and snow-crafty fun. We'll be having a chill-tastic time! Wednesday the 3rd, 2 PM. This is for ages 3 and up. No registration!

Happy Howlidays with Bean & Kandi on 1/4

Join local author (and Palm Harbor Library volunteer!) Bryan Carrier as he reads from his book “I Fired my Dog! Training in Progress.” Then, meet puppy pals Bean and Kandi and see their amazing tricks in person!

Older siblings welcome; please register here.

Intro to Robotics on 1/9 & 1/23

Students in grades 5-8 get to work with a mentor and gain a basic understanding of coding and automating tasks with technology!

Learn more and register here.

Little Steps: Sensory Fun on 1/9

Join Little Steps Florida for a sensory
experience where children explore all of our *7* senses. A speech-language pathologist and occupational therapist will be present as well! This is for children 1-5. Please register [here](#).

**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 at 5:30 PM: Jan. 8th and 22nd.

**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!

**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.
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 26th.

Perler Partners on 1/30

Perler bead lovers grab your partners and join this guided creation workshop. Please register ages 5-12 here. Kids must have an adult partner with them to participate! Tues. 1/30 from 4:30 – 6:30 PM.

Get To Know Us

Employee Spotlight!
Abigail Watson

- She is in school for Automotive Service Technology
- Has three girl cats named Felipe, Newt, and Lucky.
- Has a list of weird roadside attractions that she wants to visit someday.
Literacy Council’s English Classes!

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

The four classes are Conversation, Read Along, Grammar, and Citizenship.
An Artful and artPHL New Year

“The variety of colour in objects cannot be discerned at a great distance, excepting in those parts which are directly lighted up by the solar rays.”

~Leonardo da Vinci

One of my favorite aspects of working in libraries is the variety of what we can collect, how we can help, and who we can serve. There is a lot here – sometimes there is more than even we can keep track of. As da Vinci wrote, that variety can only be discerned when there is light directed at specific parts. One of PHL’s great responsibilities and privileges is learning new ways to increase awareness of what may bring knowledge to (or be enriching for) our Palm Harbor neighbors. Read on – we have much to share! ⬤

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