



Your April Newsletter

April is full of fun events and fresh resources. Most notably, your library's 46th Anniversary Open House is on Friday, April 26th starting at 5 pm! Last year we had our largest attendance yet so we are busy making sure you can have fun and learn something new about us. We are also celebrating Earth Day with a special [event](#) for kids, and, of course, we will have new displays up for all ages. Also, our reading garden is coming into full bloom and is a fantastic spot to visit. It includes beautiful plants maintained by volunteers, an official [Little Free Library](#), [interactive musical instruments](#), and also access to our [Auto-Lend Library](#).

The library will open at 12 pm on Friday, April 19th. To prepare for the Open House, the library will be closing at 2 pm on Friday, April 26th.

[For events that require registration or for more information, click on the individual event name below.](#)

[See the whole event calendar here.](#)

Featured Events



Open House

Friday, April 26, 5:00 - 7:00 pm

Everyone is welcome to join us for our 46th Anniversary celebration! The library will be closing at 2 PM to get ready for another SPECTACULAR Open House event for all of our current and future patrons. This year our Open House theme is, "The Pearl of Palm Harbor." Expect mermaids, pirates, and an under-the-sea-themed experience! Learn about what the library has to offer while having a fun night. Enjoy music, snacks, our classic wine toss, and activities for kids like balloon animals and face painting.

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

Percy Jackson Camp

Saturday, April 20, 2:00 - 4:00 pm, Ages 9 - 18

Palm Harbor Room

Registration required

Join a cabin and find your camp spirit as you compete for honor - and prizes - in our interactive Percy Jackson event.



Photography Contest Photo Talk

Monday, April 1, 2:00 - 4:00 pm

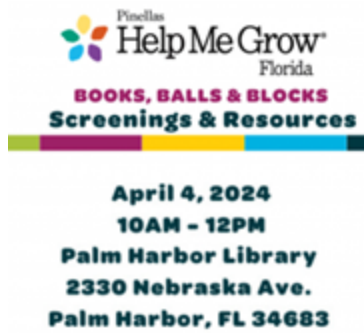
Harbor Room

Join us for a monthly discussion about photography in relation to the Palm Harbor Library photography contest. We'll focus on the technical and aesthetic aspects of composition, and how to present your photograph for the Palm Harbor photography contest. We'll also discuss the rules of the contest and answer any questions. Print your photographs for an opportunity to peer review your work with other photographers. [Facebook Event Page](#)

Books, Balls and Blocks hosted at the Palm Harbor Library!

See the flyer below that you can click on to register. You may also click [here](#) as well.

We are so happy to be a part of this!



Book Clubs

PhiL's Book Club

Monday, April 8, 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

Conference Room

Join the Head of Adult Services, Peter Cannon, in the discussion of "Maisie Dobbs" by Jacqueline Winspear.

It's a Mystery, Cozy Book Talk

Tuesday, April 9, 4:00 - 5:30 pm

Conference Room

Everyone reads their own choice of Cozy Mystery and comes prepared to share their choice. There is a featured Cozy author handout to hopefully give you more choice!

Ales & Tales Book Club

Thursday, April 11, 6:00 - 7:00 pm

Stilt House Brewery

Palm Harbor Library staff conducts an evening book club. This month come join Kaitlin in-person at Stilt House Brewery at 625 Alt 19 for "How to Sell a Haunted House" by Grady Hendrix.

Adult Services

Marriage & Mayhem

Monday, April 8, 5:00 - 7:00 pm

Palm Harbor Room

Registration required

Anne-Maire Nurnberger provides an informative and delightful program regarding the Duke of Sutherland, his interest and time in our region, and the scandal that ensued when he married Mary Caroline Blair in March 1889 at Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd. Indeed it was Marriage followed by Mayhem. Enjoy the discussion then visit Palm Harbor Museum to see the exhibit!

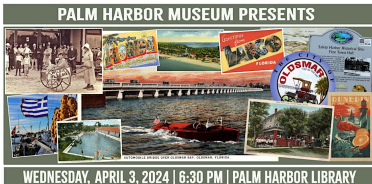


Operation Online

Wednesday, April 24, 1:30 - 2:30 pm

Conference Room

Exploring specific databases available with your PHL library card, as well as some fun topics for online research



Palm Harbor Museum

Wednesday, April 3, 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Palm Harbor Room

Palm Harbor Historical Society celebrates its past 40 years with its 2024 program series, OUR NEIGHBORS IN PRESERVATION, featuring members of our own Palm Harbor community and representatives from our local historical societies of Pinellas County to speak on the passions and contributions of that local community. Register through [Eventbrite](#).



Master Gardener Plant Lecture

Tuesday, April 16, 2:00 - 3:30 pm

Palm Harbor Room

This month's topic is "Exotic and Invasive Plants in West Central Florida." Many exotic and invasive plants call our neighborhoods home. Steve Robinson, UF/IFAS, Pinellas County's Commercial Horticultural Agent, will introduce you to some of our most troublesome invasives and explain how they got here, why they cause problems and what we can do to control them. Register through [Eventbrite](#).

Advanced Tai Chi for Seniors

Starting on Monday, April 1, 1:00 - 2:00 pm (Mondays and Fridays unless noted otherwise on calendar)

Palm Harbor Room

Sign up is at class with the Instructor: Please come a few minutes early to sign up.



See our [calendar](#) for dates and times for *Beginning Tai Chi for Seniors!*

Sound Bath Meditation

Thursday, April 18, 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

Palm Harbor Room

Registration required

This Sound Bath Meditation is led by Tamara, a certified Sound Healing Practitioner. Bring a mat and a pillow and get ready to be "bathed" in sound frequencies and vibrations for a deeply restorative session.

See [here](#) for Gentle Movement and Sound Healing on Saturday the 27th.



Knitting with Luz

Mondays starting on April 1st (except 4/22 & 4/29), 1:00 - 3:00 pm

Gathering Area (between Teen Room & Mark Mazurek Gaming Center)

No registration required.

Scrapbooking with Luz

Wednesdays starting on April 3rd (except 4/24), 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Conference Room

No registration required.

Yarn & Paper Creations with Luz

Tuesdays on April 9 and 16, 1:00 - 3:00 pm

Conference Room

No registration required.



Let Us Cook

Tuesday, April 16, 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

Palm Harbor Room

Registration required

Get ready to learn this fantastic time saving make-ahead breakfast: Save your space for Easy Overnight Oats.



Click [here](#) for the information page.

Pizza & a Movie

Monday, April 29, 4:30 - 6:30 PM

Palm Harbor Room

Registration required

Join us for "Funny Face." An impromptu fashion shoot at a book store brings about a new fashion model discovery in the shop clerk. Starring Audrey Hepburn & Fred Astaire. Not Rated; 1hr 43min

Welcome to the,

Palm Harbor

Business Center



SCORE: 5 Simple Ways to Prevent Burnout

Tuesday, April 23, 5:00 - 6:45 pm

Palm Room

Registration required

This is an IN PERSON meeting. Join Jennifer Gilman, New Way Health Coach, for 5 Simple Ways to Prevent Burnout. In this presentation you will learn how to understand burnout prevention strategies in health care and gain practical tools for daily wellness and resilience.

Needle Felting Club

Friday, April 12, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm OR Saturday, April 13, 2:30 - 4:30 pm

Conference Room

Registration required

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'll be making a little froggy with a lily-pad hat!

Click [here](#) for the Saturday session. Please sign up for only one of these sessions.

DIY@PHL

Wednesday, April 10, 4:30 - 6:30 pm OR Thursday, April 11, 10:30 am - 12:30 pm

Conference Room

Registration required

Create a Refrigerator Corsage with Carol T.

Click [here](#) for the Thursday session. Please only sign up for one session.



Suncoast Genealogy Society
Palm Harbor, Florida

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SGS 41st Annual Meeting

Saturday, 27 April, 2024, 1:30-4:00pm
at the Palm Harbor Library

QUIZ TIME!!!

Join us for our yearly gathering!
Engage in fun games.
Test your knowledge of genealogy.
Connect with newfound cousins through the
FamilySearch app.
Celebrate our 41 years of discovering ancestors
and telling their tales.
Participate in the election and induction of new officers.

Member supported. Free and open to the Public!
For more information about SGS visit:
www.SGSFL.com

Youth and Teen Services

Teen Trivia Night

Thursday, April 25, 5:00 - 6:30 pm, Ages 13-18

Harbor Room

Registration required

Join us for five rounds of trivia featuring all things gaming, from video games to board games to trading card games! Compete in groups of up to four for \$15 gift cards!

Goblin Errands

Saturday, April 6, 1:00 - 4:00 pm, Ages 9+ and Adult

Mark Mazurek Gaming Center

Registration required

Join us in a kid-friendly monthly campaign where your group is made up of good-natured goblins making life difficult for adventurers and each other!

Beyond the Dragons

Saturday, April 13, 12:30 - 4:30 pm, Ages 13+ and Adults

Mark Mazurek Gaming Center

Registration required

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. You'll receive rules and character information a week before each event and play an entire story out! Email is required as we'll be coordinating all information ahead of time via email. In April, we'll be playing... Avatar Legends!

Dungeons & Dragons

Saturday, April 20, 12:30 - 4:30 pm, Ages 13+ and Adults

Mark Mazurek Gaming Center

Registration required

Get ready for an adventure in the world of Dungeons & Dragons! Whether you've been playing for years or are just starting out, we have a wonderful group with a professional Game Master here to guide you along. Join us in a monthly campaign that will tell an epic story over the course of 2024! Sign up is required so we know who we have and we can help you build characters before you head on out!



Anime Club!

Wednesdays, April 10 and April 24, 5:00 - 6:00 pm, Ages 11-18

Palm Harbor Room

Join us for all things anime! This club meets twice a month, so if you miss a meeting try to catch us next time! This is a tween/teen only program.

Intro to Robotics

Tuesdays, April 2, 16, and 30 at 5:00 - 6:30 pm, Grades 5th-8th

Palm Room

Registration required

No experience necessary! Students work with mentor Ms. Bianca to gain a basic understanding of coding and the ways in which technology can be utilized to perform fully automated tasks using LEGO Spike Prime. This is a kids only event.

Please register for each session individually.

Thank you to our sponsors: [Friends of the Palm Harbor Library](#), [Tampa Bay Technology Alliance](#), [Palm Harbor Cares](#), [Absolute Family Care LLC](#).

Toddler Story Time

Fridays (except 4/19), 10:00 am OR 11:30 am, Ages 18 Months - 3 Years

Children's Room

Stories, songs, and fun in this interactive story time.

Don't expect to sit still - you'll be getting all your wiggles out!





Mother Goose Rhyme Time

Wednesdays, 10:00 am, Caregiver & Child (Infants - 2)
Children's Room

A weekly program for our youngest members filled with nursery rhymes, songs, and fingerplays.

Baby Bookworms

Thursdays, 10:00 am OR 11:30 am, Caregiver & Child
(Infants)

Children's Room

Caregivers and Infants 0-12 months are welcome to this interactive story time. We will enjoy a story, lap bounces, rhymes, and opportunities to share a love of books with your baby!



Infant/Toddler Sign Language

Mondays, 10:45 - 11:45 am, Caregiver & Child (Ages 1 - 4)

Palm Room

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.



Kids' Chess Club

Mondays, April 8 and 22, 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm, Ages 7-12

Mark Mazurek Gaming Center

Want to learn how to play chess or practice your game? Join teen Elias for tips, tricks, and games! Event is monthly on every other Monday.

Music with Mar

Saturday, April 13, 10:30 - 11:00 am, Caregiver & Child (Ages 6 months - 5)

Palm Room

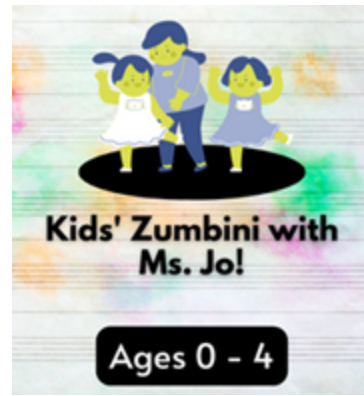
Music with Mar is an internationally respected brain based program which parents and children participate in together that uses music and movement to help develop basic skills.

Kids' Zumbini with Ms. Mary!

Tuesday, April 30, 10:00 - 10:45 am, Caregiver & Child
(Infant - 4)

Palm Harbor Room

Get energized with Ms. Mary! 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.



Earth Day Fun with Local Artist Ms. Jenipher!

Monday, April 22, 5:30 - 6:30 pm, Ages 7 - 12

Palm Room

Celebrate Earth Day with local artist Jenipher Lyn: We'll be making some mandalas out of natural materials and doing flower pressing!

Did you know?

Literacy News!

Congratulations to Dzmitry Kazlou (pictured below) our newest US Citizen in our Literacy community. Dzmitry attended Citizenship classes with Donna Robbins twice weekly to study for the exam. He came to the US with his family from Belarus and lives in Palm Harbor. If you know anyone wishing to become a US citizen invite them to our classes on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 9:00-10:30.

On April 6 we will gather as a group to celebrate our students, tutors, and their families and acknowledge them for their hard work and dedication to the Literacy program.



Robotics at PHL

Your library is so thankful to bring this new and on-going event to 5th-8th graders. Intro to Robotics started in the new year and is going strong! Each event requires an individual sign-up so that any child can start on their time. This is held every other week and is continuing in April on the [2nd](#), [16th](#), and [30th](#) at 5 - 6:30 PM (registration required). The Tampa Bay Technology Alliance has said on their Facebook page on March 19th,

"We're absolutely thrilled to see the bright smiles and innovative creations from the young minds at the Palm Harbor Library Robotics initiative! It's moments like these that reinforce our commitment at the Tampa Bay Technology Alliance to nurturing the next generation of tech enthusiasts. A huge 'THANK YOU' to all the aspiring engineers from 5th through 8th grades for diving into the world of robotics with such passion and curiosity. Your future is as bright as your creativity!"

See pictures below from these events, sign up, share this event, and give a big, "Thank you!" to the sponsors.

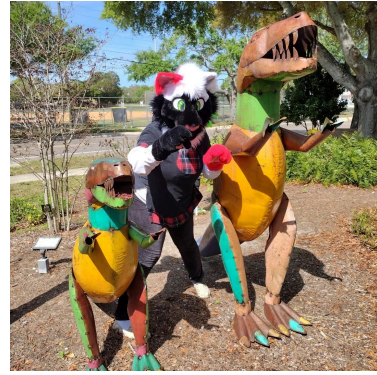
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ACEcon 2024

On March 9th and 10th the library hosted our 10th annual ACEcon! This event is the only free and family-friendly convention like this which has now regularly brought in hundreds of attendees to enjoy a weekend full of activities. This year they were able to have the [Carolina Manga Library](#) provide three panels, host the annual Cosplay Contest, showcase a vendors' hall, and offer info sessions such as "Cosplay 101" presented by our very own Jess in the Children's Department. Plus, for the first time we were able to have food on site! This year's food was provided by [Bliss Cook House](#), and there were also fun snacks by [Freeze Dry Bites](#).

Be sure to follow our socials for the announcement of next year's event. Need an anime event before then? [Metrocon](#) provided us with free tickets to their event in Tampa in early July, so check them out! Special thanks to the [Friends of the Palm Harbor Library](#) for sponsoring this event and the amazing Gear Sprites for spending both days with us!



Director's Column

Ready, Set, Library!

The annual National Library Week is from April 7 to April 13 this year, and the theme is *Ready, Set, Library!* This is certainly an apropos rallying sentiment for the Palm Harbor Library (PHL) in April 2024 – if you blink you may just miss all the exciting avenues we have in store. So... start your engines 🚦 and let's go! There will be many stops along the way, but one of the final destinations this month will be *The Pearl of Palm Harbor*, our theme for this year's annual [Open House](#) anniversary celebration...

Continue reading [here](#).

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