



Your May Newsletter

Summer is swiftly approaching! On June 1st at 10 AM Summer Registration opens for all ages. More details on that further down in the newsletter. A major new event series, our Virtual Author Talks, continues in May with the first happening TODAY at 3 PM! Register with the link provided below. In April we had our 46th Anniversary Open House celebration. We are so thankful for all who came, sponsored, and helped make this another successful event! See some pictures from the event below.

The Library will be closed Monday the 27th for Memorial Day.

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

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

Featured Events



Virtual Author Talks for May

Sign up for to enjoy upcoming talks from bestselling authors and thought leaders. Brought to you in partnership with the Library Speakers Consortium and sponsored by [Friends of the Palm Harbor Library](#).

May offerings:

- "Genius, Power, and Deception on the Eve of World War I. An Author Talk with Douglas Brunt" **Wednesday, May 1 at 3:00 PM**

- "A Murder Mystery, Family Story, & Love Letter to Strong Women Everywhere. Author Talk with Nina Simon" **Wednesday, May 8 at 7:00 PM**

- "Asian American Representation in Literature. An Author Talk with Rebecca F. Kuang" **Tuesday, May 21 at 7:00 PM**

Click the link [here](#) to see the May events and beyond. Registration is required!



Summer Registration for ALL ages!

Saturday, June 1, 10:00 AM

Registration for all summer 2024 reading clubs and events begins today. This summer's theme is "Adventure Begins at Your Library" with a selection of fun activities for everyone from infants to adults.

Note: Reading Clubs require in-person registration; sign up for events may be in-person or with limited spots available online.

For Kids' Reading Clubs, sign up between 6/1 - 7/20 and return logs between 7/8 - 7/27.



Photography Contest Photo Talk

Monday, May 6, 2:00 PM ([Contest Awards on 5/18 @ 2 PM](#))

Harbor Room, 13+ and Adults

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](#)

[Palm Harbor Chorus](#)

Saturday, May 4, 2:00 PM

Palm Harbor Room

Join the Palm Harbor Chorus at your favorite library for another wonderful spring performance.



[Mother's Day Massage and Tea Time!](#)

Saturday, May 11, Click above for event pages.

Registration Required for both events.

Massage Slots from 12:30 - 4:30 PM: Moms! We'll entertain your children while you get a FREE 15 minute massage courtesy of Mellow Soul Clinical Massage! **Sign up in-person** to pick your appointment time. Children must be at least 3 years old. Craft supplies for the children provided by the Hazel L. Incantalupo MakerSpace.



Tea Time at 2 PM: Our Annual celebration of Moms: Tea and presentation supplied by Starbucks. Bring your own special tea cup (and saucer), if you'd like!

Book Clubs

[Ales & Tales Book Club](#)

Thursday, May 9, 6:00 - 7:00 PM

Stilt House Brewery

Palm Harbor Library staff conducts an evening book club. This month join Gene (YES! GENE!) in-person at Stilt House Brewery at 625 Alt 19, for [Project Hail Mary](#) by Andy Weir.

[PhiL's Book Club](#)

Monday, May 13, 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Conference Room

Join the Head of Adult Services, Peter Cannon, in a discussion of [The Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane](#) by Lisa See.

[It's a Mystery, Cozy Book Talk](#)

Tuesday, May 14, 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 choices!

[ABC Reading Club](#)

Tuesday, May 28, 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

Leepa-Rattner Museum of Art

Discussion is held at the Leepa-Rattner Museum of Art. This month we are reading [Monsters: A Fan's Dilemma](#) by Claire Dederer.

[Adventure Begins at the Library Adult Book Tasting](#)

Thursday, May 30, 1:30 - 3:30 PM, Adults

Palm Harbor Room

Registration Required

Let's get ready for our Adult Summer Reading Club with a Book Tasting!

This is an event during which readers "taste," or sample, a selection of books that we've chosen ahead of time. Rotate among tables to sample the books and record notes about the ones that interest you. Join the fun!

Adult Services

[Palm Harbor Museum Presents](#)

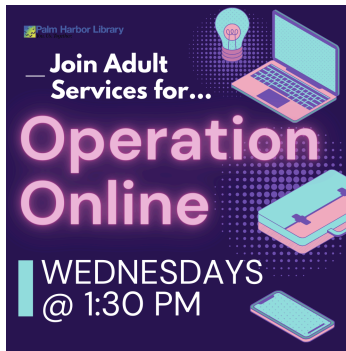
Wednesday, May 1, 6:30 - 8:30 PM

Palm Harbor Room

The Palm Harbor Museum Presents former longtime Mayor of Oldsmar, Jerald Beverland, with "The History of Oldsmar: Where it Started, Who Started It, How it Started, and Why." See the event page for more details.

Registration is encouraged on [Eventbrite](#).





Operation Online

Wednesday, May 22, 1:30 - 2:30 PM

Conference Room

Registration Required

We'll be exploring specific databases available with your PHL library card, as well as some fun topics for online research.



Master Gardener Plant Lecture

Tuesday, May 21, 2:00 - 3:30 PM

Palm Harbor Room

This month's topic is "Creating a Pollinator Garden." Put some purpose in your landscape with an area specially designed to attract pollinators. Master Gardener Marianne Martin will share information about garden design and specific plants—especially native—that meet the needs of bees and butterflies throughout the year.

Register through [Eventbrite](#).

Advanced Tai Chi for Seniors

Starting on Friday, May 3, 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, May 23, 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 our Gentle Movement and Sound Healing event on Saturday the 18th.



Knitting with Luz

Mondays in May (except 5/27), 1:00 - 3:00 PM

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

No registration required.

Scrapbooking with Luz

Wednesdays in May (except 5/22), 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Conference Room

No registration required.

Yarn & Paper Creations with Luz

Tuesdays in May (except 5/7), 1:00 - 3:00 PM

Conference Room

No registration required.



Let Us Cook

Tuesday, May 21, 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Palm Harbor Room

Registration Required

Sign up to save your space for Cleo Coyle's Lime Meltaways, a fabulous cookie found in one of Cleo Coyle's cozy mystery books.



Click [here](#) for information on all classes.

Pizza & a Movie

Monday, May 20, 4:30 - 6:30 PM, Adults

Palm Harbor Room

Registration Required

Sign up to save your space for "Mrs. Harris Goes to Paris." A widowed cleaning lady in 1950s London falls madly in love with a couture Dior dress and decides that she must have one of her own. Starring Lesley Manville, Isabelle Hubbert, & Lambert Wilson.

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Welcome to the,
Palm Harbor
Business Center



SCORE: Cybersecurity Your Business

Wednesday, May 22, 5:00 - 6:45 PM

Harbor Room

Registration required

Join Sarah Guest, from Cyberlicious. This presentation will introduce the basics of online security and how it applies to your business and customers. You will learn ways you can identify common digital threats and steps you can take to protect your business. You will walk away with practical tips and tools to increase your business' cybersecurity.

Needle Felting Club

Friday, May 17, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM OR Saturday, May 18, 2:30 - 4:30 PM, Adults
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 using an embroidery hoop to help us needle felt a beautiful nature scene.

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

DIY@PHL

Wednesday, May 8, 4:30 - 6:30 PM OR Thursday, May 9, 10:30 am - 12:30 PM,
Adults

Conference Room

Registration required

Create pine cone flowers for this month's craft.

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

Suncoast Genealogy Society Events



Monthly DNA Interest Group meeting on Monday, May 13th at 1:00 PM.

Walk-In Genealogy Assistance on the May 1, 2, & 7 from 12:00 - 4:00 PM.

Youth and Teen Services

Teen Creativity Workshop - Drawing

Thursday, May 30, 5:00 - 6:00 PM, Ages 13-18

Harbor Room

It's time to get creative! Join us in a drawing workshop in our new series of quarterly creative training workshops.

Teen De-Stress Week

Starting Monday, May 20, 2:30 - 4:30 PM, Ages 13-18

Palm Room

Teens, swing by the library after school for a week of de-stressing activities.

Monday: Therapy dogs visit

Tuesday: Gaming afternoon (happening in Teen Room)

Wednesday: Sensory day

Thursday: Self-care day

Friday: Ice cream social! (and hot cocoa bar)

Goblin Errands

Saturday, May 4, 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, May 11, 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 May, we'll be playing... *Escape From Dino Island!*

Dungeons & Dragons

Saturday, May 18, 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, May 8 & 29, 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. "Mystery" is this month's theme!

Intro to Robotics: Battle Bot Championship

Tuesday, May 14th, 5:30 - 6:30 PM, All Ages

Palm Harbor Room

Join us for our first "battle bot" competition and final session of the season! All ages are invited to watch PHL Robotics students show off their bots and what they've learned this season.

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Leap Into Art @ the Leepa-Rattner

Friday, May 17, 3:30 - 4:30 PM, Ages 3+

Leepa-Rattner Museum of Art: 600 E Klosterman Rd,
Tarpon Springs, FL 34689

Join us for "The Shape of Art" 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.

Toddler Story Time

Fridays, May 3 & 10, 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, May 1, 8, & 15, 10:00 AM, Infants - 2
 Children's Room
 A weekly program for our youngest members filled with nursery rhymes, songs, and fingerplays.



Infant/Toddler Sign Language

Mondays, May 6 & 13, 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, May 6 & 20, 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!

Star Wars Story Time

Saturday, May 4, 2:00 - 3:00 PM, Ages 3+

Children's Room

May the 4th be with you: We'll be celebrating all things from a galaxy far, far away with stories, crafts, raffles, and a scavenger hunt!



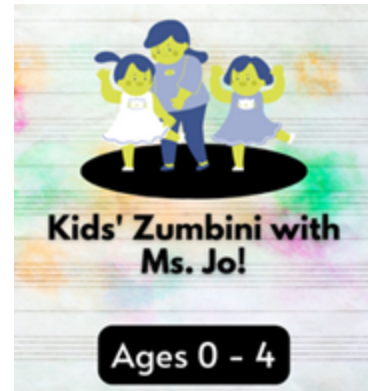
Kids' Zumbini with Ms. Mary!

Tuesday, May 14, 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.



Great Explorations: Boppin' to the Beat

Thursday, May 9, 3:30 - 4:30 PM, Ages 4-8

Palm Room

Registration Required.

Explore culture and heritage through music from around the world with Great Explorations Children's Museum! We'll be learning about the history and science behind various instruments. Caregivers must remain with children.

Did you know?

46th Anniversary Open House Re-Cap!

Thank you all SO much!



Director's Column

May we look forward?

In May, we always eagerly anticipate special activities celebrating May the 4th (Star Wars Day) and Mother's Day, and we have a great many books and movies available for commemorating Memorial Day. This month we also begin to think about summer which is rapidly approaching. And your local library is already in adventure mode - onsite and online! As we begin to think about our summer reads, why not join us to interface with a couple of authors? Thanks to the [Palm Harbor Friends of the Library](#), you can do just that with our new Virtual Author Talks series. 🖥️ The lineup is superb, and in May there are three free talks to look forward to...

Continue reading [here](#).

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