

## Your July Newsletter



# July!

Summer is in full swing! Beat the heat at the library with our events and programs. We hope you are in our summer reading clubs because the last days to register for our Youth Summer Reading and Adult Summer Reading are July 20th and July 27th.

On Friday July 19 from 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM, we will have a [Summerween 🎃](#)  
[Library Fundraiser!](#)

Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$5 for children 12 and under (children must be accompanied by an adult). More information is below.

**The library will be closed Thursday, July 4th for Independence Day.**

**The library will close at 2 PM on Friday, July 19th in preparation for our Summerween Library Fundraiser.**

For events that require registration or for more information,  
click on the individual event name below.

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

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Check out our Summer 2024 video!

## Director's Column

### The Beautiful

*"I read my eyes out and can't read half enough.... The more one reads the more one sees we have to read."*

~John Adams, in a letter to his wife Abigail Adams (1794)

On July 4th we celebrate Independence Day. Like many indelible concepts, this celebration is a beautiful dichotomy. We honor our own individual independence, as well as our unification as a collective people in one nation. The Palm Harbor Library (PHL) offers similar dual paths. This July, you can connect with your friends, family and community in numerous ways such as with [author events](#), STEAM programming for youth, [teen trivia](#) and a [fantasy-world themed prom](#), [writing workshops for adults](#), a visit to the Friends of the Library bookstore, and our very first Summerween for all ages... or, you can step through the looking glass and declare your independence immersed in the world of a good book. No matter which path you choose on any given day, PHL is here to help you get there!

Continue reading [here](#).

## All Ages Events



### Summerween 🎃 Library Fundraiser!

Friday, June 19, 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$5 for children 12 and under (children must be accompanied by an adult)

[Purchase tickets now online](#) or at the library's front desk.

Those who dare to enter this after-hours event will enjoy food, witch's brew for kids (and drinks for the 21 and up crowd), crafts, activities, giveaways, face painting, an escape room, a scavenger hunt, a costume contest, and candy. Join us for spooky fun! All proceeds benefit the Palm Harbor Library.



### Friends of the Palm Harbor Library Present: Kate DiCamillo's Virtual Author Talk

Tuesday, July 9, 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

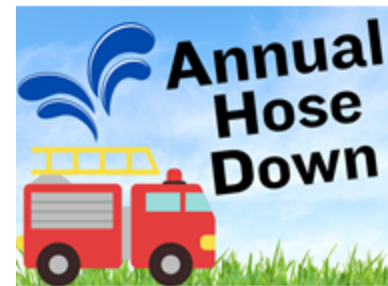
This is an online or in-person event. To sign up to view it online, please click the link above. For those who come to the library, we'll have pink lemonade and cookies courtesy of the [Friends of the Palm Harbor Library!](#)

### 🚒 Annual Hose Down @ Palm Field 🚒

Thursday, July 25, 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Palm Field

Join the PH Fire Rescue Team and the library staff for our annual hose down at Palm Field across from the library. Carpool in together, wear your swimsuits and water shoes, and bring a towel for a wet and wild morning! We'll be enjoying 30 minutes of water spray.



Come early at 10 AM for a special life jacket giveaway while supplies last! This program will be canceled in the event of lightning. Length of program is not guaranteed. Extra Parking available at J. Stephen Putnam Park and Saints Raphael, Nicholas & Irene Greek Orthodox Church.

## Book Clubs

### PhiL's Book Club

Monday, July 8, 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Conference Room

Join Palm Harbor Library's Head of Adult Service, Peter, for a discussion on [Cross Creek](#) by Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings.



### It's a Mystery Cozy Book Talk

Tuesday, July 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 choices!

### Ales & Tales Book Club

Thursday, July 11, 6:00 - 7:00 PM

Stilt House Brewery

Palm Harbor Library staff conducts an evening book club. This month join Rachel in-person at [Stilt House Brewery](#) at 625 Alt 19, for [Siren Queen](#) by Nghi Vo.

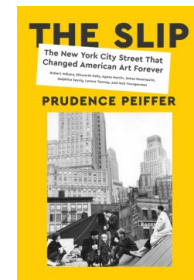


### ABC Reading Club

Tuesday, July 30, 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Leepa-Rattner Museum of Art

Discussion is held at the [Leepa-Rattner Museum of Art](#). This month we are reading [The Slip: The New York City Street that Changed American Art Forever](#) by Prudence Peiffer.



## Featured Adult Events

### Cameras and Coffee

Monday, July 1, 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Conference Room

Come join other photographers for coffee, tea, and snacks as we talk cameras and photography. We'll also talk about some photography contests that are going on and how to make maquettes and zines.



### Friends Fiction Writing Workshop



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Tuesdays, July 9 & 30 - 5:30 PM - 6:45 PM

Made possible by the [Friends of the Palm Harbor Library](#), the Fiction Writing Workshop is an adult creative writing program for all experience levels. Writers will give and receive supportive feedback to encourage each other to progress on drafts, try new things, and experiment with their process.



### Let Us Cook

Tuesday, July 16, 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Palm Harbor Room

**Registration Required**

Sign up to save your space for Cool as a Cucumber Chicken Salad! We will be trying out three different recipes of this summer classic!



### Operation Online

Wednesday, July 24, 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.

## Literacy Classes



Palm Harbor Library Literacy Council offers multiple classes for those learning English. There is no registration, fee, or library card required for these [classes](#).

## Featured Teen Events

### Fantasy High End of Summer Prom

Saturday, July 27, 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Ages 13 - 18

Palm Harbor Room

**Registration Required**

Join the classes of Ever After High and Monster High (and maybe a few transfer students) in a joined school dance full of songs, dancing, and good old-fashioned rivalry!





### [Anime Café Movie Night!](#)

Wednesday July 24, 4:00 - 6:00 PM

Ages 11-18

Palm Harbor Room

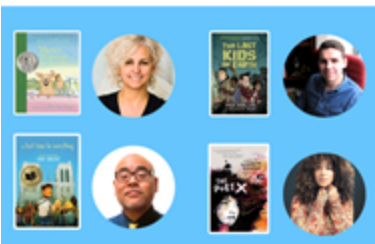
**Registration Required**

Anime Club is hosting a movie night with snacks! Join us for an anime movie of their choice.

This is a tween/teen only event.

## Join a virtual author talk from home!

### July Virtual Author Talks



#### [Virtual Author Talks](#)

Sign up to enjoy upcoming virtual talks from bestselling authors. Brought to you in partnership with the Library Speakers Consortium and sponsored by the [Friends of the Palm Harbor Library](#). Click on the event title to register! Registration is required to view these events.

#### **July Author Talks:**

**\*Tuesday July 9th at 2:00 PM-** [A Visit to Deckawoo Drive with Mercy Watson and Kate DiCamillo](#)

Tuesday, July 16th at 2:00 PM - [Surviving the Summer with Max Brallier](#)

Tuesday, July 23rd at 2:00 PM - [Learning the Power of Poetry with Elizabeth Acevedo](#)

Tuesday, July 30th at 2:00 PM - [Graphic Novels are Life! with Dan Santat](#)

**\*The Friends of the Palm Harbor Library will host an in-person viewing of Kate DiCamillo's talk.**

## Featured Youth Events



### [Tween Interactive Movie Night](#)

Tuesday, July 2, 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Ages 9-12

Palm Harbor Room

**Registration Required**

Join us for popcorn and props as we watch a movie about the epic adventures of two Brooklyn plumbers. Age-eligible walk-ins welcome if space permits. Families welcome to attend with registered child.



### [Leap Into Art @ the Leepa-Rattner](#)

Friday, July 12, 3:30 - 4:30 PM

Ages 3 and up

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

Join us for "Modern Masterpieces" 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.



### [Adventures in Minecraft!](#)

Tuesday, July 23, 4:30 PM - 6:00 PM

Ages 5-12

Palm Harbor Room

Join us for Minecraft-themed crafts, games, and prizes!



### [Harry Potter Birthday Bash!](#)

Wednesday, July 31, 3:00 - 5:00 PM

Ages 11-18

Palm Harbor Room

**Registration Required**

Join Harry and his friends as they return to Hogwarts for their second year with a Chamber of Secrets-inspired Harry Potter Birthday Bash! This is a tween/teen only program.

**Looking ahead to August...**

📍 **"Adventure Begins" Summer Carnival** 🇺🇸

Saturday, August 3, 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM

All Ages

Palm Harbor Room

This celebration is open to the public and a fun afternoon for all! There will be carnival games, cotton candy, face painting and more! All proceeds benefit children's programming at the Palm Harbor Library. Special thanks to the [Kiwaniis Club of Greater Palm Harbor](#) for sponsoring our games!



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