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- Tarpon Springs Library

*SEPTEMBER IS NATIONAL LIBRARY CARD
SIGN-UP MONTH AND WE'LL BE CELEBRATING
WITH PROGRAMS AND PRIZES.*

*SO, GIDDY UP TO YOUR
LARGO PUBLIC LIBRARY, PARTNER!*

From the Library Director



Good works are all around the library. Welcoming Week is an example of an initiative that offers us the opportunity to "Be the change you want to see in the world." This year, our award-winning Basket Drive will be accompanied by a program in which Holocaust survivor, Marie Silverman, shares her amazing story of escaping Nazi Europe and arriving in the United States as a refugee.

As you leaf through the magazine, I hope you'll find ways to maximize your talents and learn new skills to make our community a better place. One of my favorite times of year is Library Card Sign Up Month. If you want to help others or show them you care, bring them to the library. If they don't have a library card, encourage them to get one! A library card is the greatest tool for community building because it opens minds, and opens doors to learning and staying connected.

I couldn't speak of good works without giving thanks again to the Greater Largo Library Foundation and the Friends of the Largo Library for making the dream of bookmobile service a reality. This first year of service has shown how important library service is to people who wouldn't be able to access library materials otherwise. When I see how hard our staff and volunteers work and then hear their commitment to our mission, I realize that good work is beneficial to us all.



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LIBRARY HOURS

Mon - Wed 9:00am - 8:00pm | Thu - Fri 10:00am - 6:00pm
 Sat 10:00am - 5:00pm | Sun Closed
 Closures: Labor Day | Mon | Sep 2

BE THE CHANGE

BE REMEMBERED

Guest Speaker: Marie Silverman
 Tue | Aug 20 | 6pm
 Jenkins B

Living in Antwerp, Belgium as a young girl with her family, Marie had a normal childhood until the Nazis invaded her home country. Marie takes this opportunity to tell us of her escape to France, her time in an internment camp, and being smuggled out of the country to eventually end up as a refugee in the United States. As a resident speaker at the Florida Holocaust Museum, Marie has told her story to countless audiences of all ages. ~"You can begin to make that difference...keep the stories you hear about Holocaust survivors alive."



As part of our *Issues That Matter Series*, we celebrated Military Appreciation Month in May for our local veterans and active service members. Throughout the month we collected messages of thanks as well as donated items for care packages. The thank you notes, drawings, and coloring sheets received from all ages of the community expressed their thanks to over 50 individuals. These were dispersed to local veterans groups and sent with care packages to a unit serving in Iraq. The contact for the unit is from Florida and we received enough donations of personal care items and non perishable food for up to 35 active service members, and over 50 thank you messages.



BE WELCOMING

Welcoming Week Donation Drive
 Sep 1 - Sep 30

Celebrate Welcoming Week all month long! Support local refugee families through the resettlement process by donating new items to Largo Public Library during the month of September. All donations will be distributed to Pinellas refugee families through local organizations.



Issues That Matter Series:

Ask a Refugee
 Mon | Sep 30 | 6pm
 Jenkins C

In conjunction with Welcoming Week, join us for a panel discussion with members from our community who will speak about their experiences as refugees. The discussion will be followed by a question and answer session.



BE SUSTAINABLE

FL Focus: Ready for 100
 Tue | Sep 3 | 6:30pm

Are you a business owner, religious leader, teacher, principal, community leader, parent, or student ready to commit to solutions that will help us achieve 100% clean, renewable, and just energy in Largo by the year 2035?

Learn more from our partners at the Sierra Club about becoming a healthier community powered with 100% clean, renewable energy.



"We have our first usage data back from Duke Energy regarding our [electric car] charging stations, and I am pleasantly surprised with the results so far. We have had a total of 460 unique charging sessions saving 4,275 pounds of greenhouse gases from entering the atmosphere. Largo Public Library is by far the most frequently used station with 227 of the charges."

Laura C. Thomas, ENV SP
 Sustainability Coordinator

BE GIVING

Sew Powerful Purse

Wed | Aug 14 | 6pm
 Thu | Aug 15 | 3pm
 Wed | Aug 28 | 6pm
 Thu | Aug 29 | 3pm

This year the Largo Library is participating in the Sew Powerful Purse Project; <http://sewpowerful.org/purse-project/>; and we could use your help with sewing purses that will be sent to adolescent girls in Zambia. Our goal is to have 25 purses ready to send off by October 1st. Register for the drop-in sessions to pick up fabric, pattern, and instructions, and get started sewing a Sew Powerful Purse!

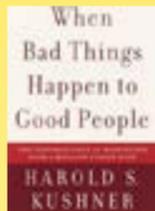


"A purse is a simple item, but having a personal keepsake - something that you consider your private space - something that was a gift from a caring friend - can mean a lot to a young girl, empowering her to have higher self esteem."

SewPowerful.org

Poetry & Book Clubs

Last Word Book Discussion Group
Wed | Aug 7 & Sep 4 | 6pm
Local History Room



Aug-When *Bad Things Happen to Good People* by Harold S. Kushner
Sep-Mrs. *Kennedy and Me* by Clint Hill



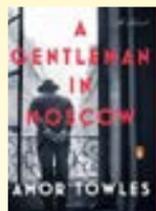
Poet's Live
Mon | Aug 12 & Sep 9 | 6:30pm
1st Floor Quiet Reading Room
Read your poetry in this group for poetry enthusiasts, moderated by Largo's Poet Laureate, Wayne S. Williams.



Book Talking with Iris
Wed | Aug 14 & Sep 11 | 12pm
Local History Room
Listen to a talk on popular titles each month.

I Love A Mystery! They're Not All Agatha Christie!
Tue | Sep 3 | 1pm
Local History Room
If you love mysteries, join us at the Library for an organizational meeting to discuss this NEW Mystery Book Club.

Chapter Chat @ Evermore Cafe
Wed | Sep 11 | 6pm



A Gentleman in Moscow
by Amor Towles

ADULT PROGRAMS

September is national Library Card Sign-Up Month. As honorary chairs, the Disney and Pixar's "Toy Story 4" characters Woody, Buzz Lightyear, Bo Peep and friends are on an adventure to promote the value of a library card. They'll be reminding everyone that signing up for a library card opens a world of infinite possibilities: libraries offer resources and services that help people pursue their passions and give students the tools to succeed in school and beyond. All patrons who register for a new library card in the month of September are eligible to enter into a prize drawing for "Toy Story 4" themed prizes. Ask for details at the Circulation Desk.



Wake Up With the Library
Sat | Aug 3 & Sep 7 | 9am
You're invited to join us for a before-hours tour of the library. See what goes on behind the scenes. The coffee is on us!

Women and Wealth: The Fundamentals of Investing
Tue | Aug 6 | 2pm
Investing can be complicated and overwhelming. This seminar will help attendees understand the fundamentals of investing, from asset classes and the basic tenets of investing to asset allocation and diversification.



Garden Upgrade: Diversity by Design
Tue | Aug 6 | 6:30pm
Have you ever wondered what you can do to help our native plants and animals? Our partners at the UF/IFAS Extension will show that there is a lot you can do in your very own yard. Join us to learn some techniques for incorporating more diversity in your garden.

Adult Sign Language
Wed | Aug 7, 21, 28 & Sep 4, 11, 18, 25 | Jenkins C
6pm-7pm, Beginners
7pm-8pm, Intermediate
Fun ASL course that includes basic sign language vocabulary, daily phrases, and facts about the deaf community and culture. For more information contact Sabila Beganovic: sbeganovic@pplc.us.

SHINE: Serving Health Insurance Needs Of Elders
Wed | Aug 7, 21 & Sep 4, 18 | Study Room 1A17
If you are celebrating your 65th birthday this year, recently retired, or just want to know more about your healthcare options under Medicare, SHINE may be able to help. SHINE schedules free, unbiased, and confidential counseling appointments each month at Largo Public Library. Please call to schedule your appointment between 10am-2pm.

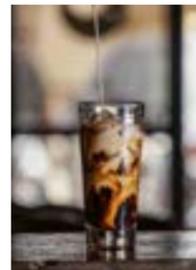


Watercolor Meditation
Tue | Aug 13 | 6pm
Relax your mind with watercolor. We'll paint simple shapes allowing the colors to beautifully bleed together. Class is limited to 15.

Noodle-Making for Asian Cuisine
Tue | Aug 20 | 6pm
Make your own springy wheat noodles that can be used in a variety of Asian dishes, including Udon, Ramen, Lo Mein and Mie Goreng.



Medicare 101
Wed | Aug 21 & Sep 18 | 3pm-4pm
Specially trained volunteers of the SHINE program will provide detailed information on the basics of Medicare, including Medicare supplement insurance, Medicare Advantage plans, and financial assistance programs. SHINE representatives will be available to answer questions and provide enrollment or benefit application assistance.



Cold Brew Coffee
Fri | Aug 23 | 3pm
Enjoy an ice-y, caffeinated treat this summer: learn how easy it is to cold brew, a process that results in more flavorful coffee with less acidity.

ADULT PROGRAMS

Cold Process Soapmaking Workshop
Mon | Aug 26 | 6pm
Make a 4oz bar of Soleseife (brined) soap. The addition of salt makes a smooth-textured, creamy white, hard bar of soap. Supplies will be provided including soap batter, chrysanthemum molds, natural clays for coloring, and essential oils. Class is limited to 12.



Break Up With Your Cable
Tue | Aug 27 | 3pm
Learn cost-saving options for alternatives to cable, to stream TV shows and movies. Also, learn how to use the library eResource hoopla to access free movies, TV shows, eBooks, music, and more with your library card.

Ukulele Workshop: Strum & Sing Jam
Wed | Aug 28 & Sep 11 | 6pm
Hosted by the Tampa Bay Ukulele Society, these free workshops provide an introduction to the ukulele. Bring your own ukulele or a limited number will be supplied by TBUS.

EdTalks: Developing Your Young Child's Mental Health
Fri | Sep 6 | 11am



EdTalks is a series of one-hour seminars led by Keiser University faculty. Learn how you can have a positive impact on your child's mental health with KU faculty member Kristine Greene who specializes in behavioral psychology.

OLLI Open House
Mon | Sep 9 | 10am-12pm
Explore OLLI's many opportunities for fun by engaging staff and presenters during this special, free event at the library. OLLI at Eckerd College is a non-credit education program that offers over 400 intellectually stimulating and life-enriching experiences each year for people ages 50 and better. Programs do not require membership and are held at several locations in Pinellas County.

Online Privacy Basics
Tue | Sep 10 | 3pm
Learn about the basics of privacy considerations for navigating online, social media, and devices.



Make an Agate Slice Necklace
Thu | Sep 12 | 10:30am
Make an agate slice necklace from a natural geode, gilding it with gold or silver to create a finished piece of jewelry.



Painting with the Old Masters: Van Gogh's Starry Night
Mon | Sep 16 | 6pm
Join artist Shawn Dell Joyce to learn about Vincent Van Gogh, and paint your own version of his *Starry Night*. Get a taste of Van Gogh's life, and times, and see examples of his work projected onto the library walls. Then follow along, step-by-step, as Shawn leads you through the process of making your own version of *Starry Night* using acrylic paint on canvas. All supplies are provided, but class size is limited. Registrants are required to pay a materials fee of \$4 at the library circulation desk by September 1st.



Quesadillas for Everyone
Tue | Sep 17 | 6pm
Learn to make your own quesadilla with a pan or quesadilla maker. We'll have toppings for traditional quesadillas as well as fun alternatives like a pizza or Reuben quesadilla.

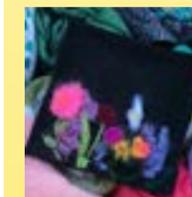


Paint Along with Bob Ross
Mon | Sep 23 | 3pm
Join us for an afternoon of painting along with the iconic Bob Ross. Supplies and guidance will be provided as you create a beautiful landscape masterpiece from an episode of *The Joy of Painting*.

Make It Sew!

"A sewing machine is so much more than a tool" said Margaret Jankowski, founder of The Sewing Machine Project, in an interview with *Wisconsin Life*. She was inspired to start her non-profit after reading about a Sri Lankan woman who lost her sewing machine and her livelihood in the tsunami that devastated Southeast Asia in 2004. She realized that the gift of a sewing machine could make another person's life easier and, since 2005, The Sewing Machine Project has donated over 2900 reconditioned sewing machines to organizations around the world. They believe sewing machines provide opportunities for community members to create, learn new skills, build self confidence, and contribute to their own livelihoods and the well-being of their families and communities.

Last September, the LPL became the proud owners of 6 Brother sewing machines sent to us by The Sewing Machine Project. Since December we've used our sewing machines for a variety of classes, from home décor items to clothing and accessories. Whether it's been decades since you first learned to sew or you've never sewn a stitch, we encourage you to try one of our classes to pick up some new skills and come away with a finished project.



Needle Felted Sachet
Thu | Aug 15 | 10:30am
Sew up a scented sachet to keep your folded laundry smelling fresh

this fall. We'll use the technique of flat needle felting to create a decorative front for the sachet, then sew the two sides together and add rice scented with essential oils.

Sew a Bucket Hat
Wed | Sep 4 | 6pm
Thu | Sep 5 | 3pm
We'll be sewing up bucket hats from the book *Alabama Studio + Design* by machine, then hand stitching embellishments like appliqué, reverse appliqué, and beading. An optional fabric stenciling class will be offered on August 27 at 6pm if you would like to choose the design applied to your hat.



Ready For Life

In May, the Library collaborated with Ready for Life Pinellas as part of their Amazing Resource Race to support youths aged 15-25 who are either in or aging out of the foster care system. Youth teams, led by an adult volunteer, participated in a relay race activity throughout the county in order to connect them with community resources and skills.

At the library, 9 teams; totaling 12 adult volunteers and 33 youths in different stages of foster care; learned about 3D printing and its applications, free resources available to them with their library cards, and free educational, recreational, and informational classes and programs offered by the adult and teen services staff.

Since the event, one of the older participants returned to explore some of the ways library resources can help him start his own business and give back to his community.

Libraries can serve as transformative stepping stones throughout the course of our lives, providing space and resources to take on challenges and help us define our passions when we need it most. We look forward to being that stepping stone within our own community and will continue to seek partnerships with organizations like Ready for Life Pinellas in the future.



LIBRARY IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD

The Bookmobile is on the road! Meet us at one of the stops below and browse the Bookmobile's exclusive collection of books and media. We are adding new stops all the time! Be sure to check our website for the latest information.

Pinellas Heights Senior Apartments

Thu | Aug 1, 15, 29 & Sep 12, 26 | 10am-11am

Rainbow Village

Thu | Aug 1 | 11:30am-12:30pm

Living Love Day Care

Thu | Aug 1 | 3:30pm-4:30pm

Indian Rocks Christian School

Fri | Aug 2 | 10:30am-11:30am

Heritage Village

Fri | Aug 2, 16, 30 & Sep 13, 27 | 12pm-1pm

Indian Oaks

Fri | Aug 2, 16, 30 & Sep 13, 27 | 2pm-3pm

Largo City Hall

Tue | Aug 6, 20 & Sep 3, 17 | 12pm-1pm

The Barrington

Tue | Aug 6, 20 & Sep 3, 17 | 2pm-3pm

Belleair Towers

Wed | Aug 7, 21 & Sep 4, 18 | 10:30am-11:30am

Oak Manor

Wed | Aug 7, 21 & Sep 4, 18 | 1pm-2pm

Royal Palms

Thu | Aug 8, 22 & Sep 5, 19 | 10am-11am

Regal Palms

Thu | Aug 8, 22 & Sep 5, 19 | 11:15am-11:45am

Cypress Palms

Thu | Aug 8, 22 & Sep 5, 19 | 1pm-1:30pm

Sabal Palms

Thu | Aug 8, 22 & Sep 5, 19 | 2pm-3pm

Heron House

Thu | Aug 8, 22 & Sep 5, 19 | 3:15pm-4pm

Tijuana Flats

Fri | Aug 9, 23 & Sep 6, 20 | 12pm-1pm

Elmcroft of Pinecrest North

Tue | Aug 13, 27 & Sep 10, 24 | 11am-11:30am

Elmcroft of Pinecrest South

Tue | Aug 13, 27 & Sep 10, 24 | 11:45am-12:15pm

Imperial Palms

Wed | Aug 14, 28 & Sep 11, 25 | 2pm-3pm

Bardmoor YMCA

Tue | Aug 20 & Sep 3, 17 | 10am-11am

ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNING



English Conversation Club

Tue | 6pm-7:30pm
Thu | 1:30pm-3pm
Practice speaking & listening in English. Meet other ELL learners. Clubs meet weekly at the library with a trained facilitator. Join us for a fun, informal gathering that's open to all levels.

One-On-One/Small Group English Tutoring

Applications are available at the library or by going to www.largopubliclibrary.org. Individuals are matched according to the availability of volunteers, mutual scheduling preferences, and waiting list order. Instruction is based on each learner's needs and goals. Tutors and students meet two hours per week for a 6-month period. For more information, call 727.587.6715 Ext. 2547.

Rosetta Stone

Take your English to the next level with Rosetta Stone. Rosetta Stone is a software that uses images, text, and sound to teach words and grammar. Check out a laptop computer with your library card for in-library use.

Adult English Classes

Mon, Tue, Wed | 9:30am-1:30pm
Thu | 10:15am-1:15pm
In collaboration with Pinellas County Schools, this program helps adults speak, write, and read English in a classroom setting. Registration is required and continuous throughout the six-month semester. \$45 fee. For more information: 727.547.7872.

Citizenship & Naturalization Preparation Classes

Mon & Wed | 6pm-8pm
Do you want to become a U.S. Citizen? We can help! Prepare for the naturalization process with instruction in Civics & U.S. History and practices for the Interview. Classes are taught by Suncoast Citizenship instructors. For more info: 727.244.9301 or email 727citizenship@umcmsuncoast.org

DIGITAL LEARNING

Basic, Microsoft, and Social Media: Computer Lab. First-come, first-served. iPad/iPhone/Mac: Classes in Jenkins Wing. Registration req'd. Class size limited to 8. Android: Jenkins Wing. No registration. All Classes: Ages 18 & up



BASIC COMPUTER SKILLS

Email & Internet

Wed | Aug 7 | 3pm
Set up an email account, send & receive messages, cruise online.

Gmail for Beginners

Wed | Aug 21 | 3pm
Create your own Gmail account and learn how to send & organize email.

Amazon/eBay/PayPal

Wed | Aug 28 | 3pm
Learn how to create accounts and discover how these online entities can work for you.



MICROSOFT OFFICE

Basic Word 2013

Wed | Aug 14 | 3pm
Create a document, copy & paste, change the font, save & print.

Basic PowerPoint

Wed | Sep 4 | 3pm
Create presentations for work or school, slideshows for special events.

Basic Excel 2013

Wed | Sep 11 | 3pm
Basic introduction to spreadsheets and making a simple budget.



SOCIAL MEDIA

Prerequisite: Have active email account and password

Getting Started: LinkedIn

Wed | Sep 18 | 3pm
Create a LinkedIn account and start finding new opportunities to grow in your career and connect with other professionals.

Getting Started: YouTube

Wed | Sep 25 | 3pm
Learn about the great resource that is YouTube. We'll also log in to your new (or established) account & learn how to upload and tag your videos.



APPLE

Prerequisite: Have Apple ID and password

Beginning iPads

Thu | Aug 1 & Sep 5 | 3pm
This beginners class is meant to make you more familiar and comfortable with your device. Learn app organization, navigation tips, and how to use some of the apps that came with the device like Calendar and Contacts.

Intermediate iPads

Thu | Aug 15 & Tue | Sep 24 | 3pm
Take better pictures, multi-task, speak text, and a whole lot more.

Intermediate iPhones

Thu | Aug 22 & Sep 19 | 3pm
Learn new & fun iPhone tips & shortcuts.

Intermediate iPads 2

Thu | Aug 29 | 3pm
New tips including group FaceTime, enhancing email messages, recommendations for Safari & Notes, and more.



ANDROID

Please bring your email address, username, passwords.

Android Tablets for Beginners

Tue | Aug 13 | 3pm
Bring your Android tablet and learn the basics from adding apps and navigating your device, in this hands-on class.

Android Phones for Beginners 1

Tue | Sep 3 | 3pm
In this hands-on beginner class, learn some of the basics for getting started with your Android phone, including settings and text messaging.

Did You Know?

The Pop Up Library is coming to the Largo Public Library Bookmobile! With this new service, you will be able to borrow an eBook, even if you do not have a Pinellas Public Library Cooperative library card.



While on the Bookmobile, you can download an eBook to your smartphone or tablet. Enjoy your free download until it expires from your device.

We hope you like this new eResources service, in addition to the Libby/OverDrive and hoopla eBook collections. More information coming soon!

To find the Bookmobile check out the schedule and stop locations on the website.

The Pinellas Public Library Cooperative (PPLC) has a new app. Access your library account, search the library catalog, place items on hold, locate library locations and hours, and renew items. You can also scan an ISBN code on a book to see if a library has a copy.



Find the new app by going to the app store on your device, such as Google Play Store or the Apple App Store.

Search for "Pinellas Library Cooperative" and install the app. Login with your library card number and PIN.

Gallery 120

**JULY & AUGUST
ADRIENNE COX &
COLLEEN BAXTER**



Artist Talk: Colleen Baxter & Adrienne Cox

Mon | Aug 5 | 6pm | Gallery 120
From Realistic Landscapes to Colorful Abstracts, come hear the stories behind the works of acrylic artists Colleen Baxter and Adrienne Cox. Visit LargoPublicLibrary.org or call 727.587.6715 to register.

**SEPTEMBER &
OCTOBER
TESA**



Founded 15 years ago, The Exhibiting Society of Artists (TESA) is a vibrant community of professional artists located in the Tampa Bay area.

ideaLAB

Largo Public Library's ideaLAB is a place to develop creative ideas, try new technologies, and experiment. Classes are located in the ideaLAB and are limited to 8 participants unless otherwise noted. Adults may bring children 8 years or older. ideaLAB is sponsored by the Greater Largo Library Foundation.

R Intro to 3D Printing

Thu | Aug 1 | 4pm
View a demonstration of the library's 3D printer and learn the basics of 3D printing.

R Throwback Monday: Homemade Butter & Cheese

Mon | Aug 19 | 6pm
Jenkins A
No churn necessary, learn how to make homemade butter in minutes! Learn about cheese making and types of cheeses. We will also make fresh cheese such as ricotta.

R Chill Out & Make Ice Cream

Thu | Aug 29 | 10:30am
Jenkins A
Learn an easy way to make ice cream at home without a machine. Also, learn about other types of sweet concoctions including kulfi, gelato, and sorbet.

R Make a Bookmark Booklight

Thu | Aug 29 | 4pm
LED technology has a number of uses. We will use LED lights, conductive thread, and basic sewing to make bookmarks to illuminate your reading! You will also be able to decorate your bookmark.

R Decorative Frames & Paper Roses

Thu | Sep 5 | 10:30am
Jenkins A
Colorful paper and card stock are used to make decorative frames. Learn how to use iris paper folding to make a frame for your personal use or for a gift! Learn how to make book page roses for decorations or gifts.



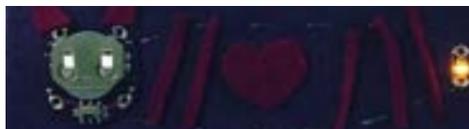
R AI DIY: Artificial Intelligence Basics

Thu | Sep 5 | 4pm
Learn the basics of artificial intelligence and see how a "do it yourself" AIY project works.



R LED Jewelry

Thu | Sep 26 | 4pm
We will use LED technology and soldering tools to create small jewelry pieces.



eRESOURCES & DATABASES

Largo Public Library's eResources include eBooks, downloadable/streaming music, eAudiobooks, movies, and more. The research databases cover various subjects including business and investing, health information, car repair, and author/book read-alikes. These introductory classes are typically hands-on learning; you can bring your own device, if you have one. The classes are held in the Jenkins Community Wing unless otherwise noted.

Get Your Groove On: Freegal Music

Mon | Aug 5 | 6pm
Bring your smartphone or tablet, and library account information, and learn hands-on how to use Freegal to download and stream free music.



eMagazines & More Anywhere You Go: RBDigital

Mon | Sep 16 | 6pm
Learn hands-on with your device how to access free eMagazines. The collection includes a variety of topics such as business, entertainment, food & cooking, health & fitness, children, family & parenting, and teens. Also, find eAudiobooks as well as music and art instruction videos. Please bring your library card and PIN for your library account.



TEEN SCENE

Ages 12-18. All teen programs are located in the Teen Room unless otherwise noted.

Back to School Week Mon-Fri | Aug 19-23



All week long complete different activities and get entered to win some back to school prizes!

Teen D&D



Dungeons & Dragons is carrying over from this summer and the schedule will be determined once school starts. Please email libraryteen@largo.com for more info!

Switch Fridays

Fri | Aug 16, 23, 30 &
Sep 6, 13, 20, 27 | 3pm-5pm



Stop in for some open gaming on our Nintendo Switch. Play Super Smash Bros, Mario Party, MarioKart and more.

Show Your Creative Side

Thu | Aug 15 & Sep 12 | 3pm-5pm
Aug 15 ~ Pins & Patches
Sep 12 ~ Stranger Things Crafts
Make pins and sew patches to deck out a backpack in August and get crafty in the UpsideDown in September.



Theatre Crash Course

Tue | Aug 20 & Sep 3 | 3pm-4pm



Aug 20 ~ Intro to Improv
Sep 3 ~ Costuming Crash Course
Curious about theatre? Join us for some fun and informative Intro to Theatre classes led by Student Thespian, LHS Costume Director, and Treasurer of Troupe 911, Alyssa.

Teen Movie Night

Mon | Aug 26 & Sep 30 | 5pm-7pm



Two movies will go head to head each month for you to vote on at the Teen Desk. Come watch the winning movie, make some popcorn and hang with friends at our monthly movie night!

Loungin' at the Library:

Tabletop Games
Thu | Sep 19 | 3pm-5pm



Congrats, you made it through your first month back to school! Drop by the library for some fun and games to celebrate.

Volunteer Highlight



I am an IB rising Senior who teaches theatre workshops to teens as part of my CAS experience. CAS is an IB project that asks us to get involved in our community through creative, service based activities. I started teaching these classes in April and so far there have been six. In the workshops, we cover the basics of improv, costuming, and acting.

Theatre is one of my greatest passions, and these workshops allow me to share it with others and connect with new people. Teaching at the library has helped me to develop my public speaking and leadership skills by pushing me to apply my knowledge of theatre in new ways. Crafting an inclusive program from the bottom up was a difficult but fun challenge and more recently, the program has expanded to include costuming for kids in September!

A moment I'll never forget is when, after running the program for the second time, a huge crowd of kids stayed behind for over an hour just to talk to me about their experiences and how much they enjoyed learning about theatre. Even some of the shier kids stayed behind with smiles on their faces. In those kids, I saw myself as a sophomore, nervous but eager to be a part of this amazing art form. It's a priceless experience, one that I wouldn't trade for the world.



Alyssa Goodwin
IB Senior
Largo High School

STEAM Spot

Funded by the Friends of the Largo Library, the Children's STEAM Spot is a vibrant and engaging space for children ages 5-12 to learn STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts, and math) concepts in a collaborative environment. This interactive area provides the perfect setting for current and future classes in basic computing, coding, gaming, robotics, stop-motion animation, and more!

R Animate with Stikbot

Wed | Aug 21 | 4pm

Ages 9-12

Lights, camera, action! Tell a story by using our collection of Stikbots. Simply pose the Stikbot, take an assortment of photos, add music and other sound effects, and with the click of a few buttons, you'll have made a short movie! Limited to 10 children.



R Robot Invasion

Wed | Aug 28 | 4pm



Ages 5-12
Children's Program Room
Code with our robots! Kids will learn basic coding skills using Dash and Dot, Kamigami Robot Bugs, and Osmo.

R Typing Kids

Wed | Sep 4 & 25 | 4pm

Sep 4, Ages 5-7 with adult helper
Sep 25, Ages 8-10

It's time to mouserize and start typing! Practice moving and clicking, and then have fun perfecting your mouse manipulation. After mastering this, learn how to place your fingers and improve your knowledge of keyboard layout. This stand-alone class is repeated throughout the year. Limited to 8 children.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Ages 12 and under. All children's programs are located in the Children's Program Room unless otherwise noted. For programs that require registration, please register online or call 727.587.6715.



Raccoon Readers: Children's School Year Reading Incentive

Starts August 12th
Read for rewards! Grab yourself a Reading Log and start earning coins

for the books you read. Simply write the title and page numbers for each book on the log, and earn a coin for each book, or two coins for each book over 50 pages. Save your coins to trade for an item out of our prize case, or ask to view our book cart where you can trade your coins for books you can keep. Stop by the Children's Department for more details.

School Bus Search

Thu-Sat | Aug 1-10

School bus, school bus, where are you hiding? How many hidden school buses can you find in the Children's Department? Come in and let us know so you can be entered into our prize drawing. The winner will be notified on Monday, August 12th.

Angry Birds Destruction Zone

Fri | Aug 2 | 2pm

Ages 6-12

Calling all builders! Use a variety of building supplies to help the Angry Birds knock down the pigs.

Library Legos

Sat | Aug 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 &

Sep 7, 14, 21, 28 | 2pm-4pm

Ages 5-12

Challenge yourself to create a new LEGO masterpiece every week. All materials are provided.

Summer Movie

Mon-Fri | Aug 5-9 | 2pm

Family Program: All ages

Cool off and escape the hot sun by enjoying a movie and snack at the library. Call 727.587.6715 for titles.

R Sew A

Bookmark

Mon | Aug 5 | 6pm

Ages 9-12

Get ready to go back to school with a bookmark/pencil holder you've made yourself!



Baby Sign Language

Tue | Aug 6, 13, 20, 27 &

Sep 3, 10, 17, 24 | 9:30am



These interactive signing classes teach you how to include signs naturally while interacting with your child through daily routines, play, stories, and music. Topics cover food, animals, things around the house, family, and everyday phrases.

Back to School Bingo and Games

Mon | Aug 12 | 6pm

Ages 6-12

Are you searching for something to do before going back to school? Look no further and join us for bingo and games. Win some cool school supplies, and maybe make a new friend or two!

R Tween Time

Thu | Aug 15 & Sep 12 | 4pm

Ages 9-12

Calling all tweens! This program is just for you! Join us each month as we focus on crafts and other projects with your skills in mind.



Aug 15-Starry Night Coloring and Moon Sand



Sep 12-Cinnamon Slime and Applesauce Oobleck

Dog Man, Unleashed!

Fri | Aug 16 | 4pm

Ages 5-12

With the head of a dog and the body of a human, this heroic hound has a real nose for justice. Who is this hero? That's right... it's Dog Man! In honor of the release of the 7th book in the *Dog Man* series, join us for some crafts, games, prizes, and more!

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R Paint Like a Surrealist

Mon | Aug 19 | 6pm

Ages 8-12

Learn about the surrealist artist René Magritte, and paint your own version of *The Sky Bird*.



R Rainbows, Sprinkles, and Unicorns

Thu | Aug 22 | 4pm

Ages 4-8

Join us for unicorn tales, creative crafts, sweet treats, and magical fun! Wear your unicorn-iest outfit or even bring a unicorn friend for a colorful photo-op.

Game Zone

Fri | Aug 23 | 4pm

Ages 6-12

Join us and learn some new moves using Wii Dance games, or relax and play some board games with friends.

R Pup Pals Reading Dogs

Sat | Aug 24 & Sep 28 | 10am-12pm

Ages 5-12

Improve your reading skills and make a new furry friend by reading to therapy-trained dogs.

R Organize Your Desk Supplies

Mon | Aug 26 | 6pm

Ages 6-12

Back to school time means you'll need a special place for all of your pencils. We will be making two different types of pencil holders to help keep you organized this school year.

Lego Mania

Fri | Aug 30 | 4pm

Ages 5-12

It's time to celebrate everyone's favorite building bricks...Legos! Join us for games, trivia, crafts, and so much more!



Play and Grow Music

Wed | Sep 4, 11,

18, 25 | 10:30am

Ages 0-5

Join us each week for music and fun for everyone! Babies, toddlers, preschoolers,

and the grownups who love them will enjoy playing together musically. Watch as your little ones become confident music-makers.

R Tales and Treats with Grandparents

Fri | Sep 6 |

11am

Ages 3-5

Grandparent's Day is coming

on Sunday. Come hear some stories

about how awesome grandparents are

and then share in some sweet treats sure

to bring a smile to everyone's face.



Get Booked!

Fri | Sep 6 | 4pm

Family Program: All Ages

Have you ever wondered what your face

would look like on the cover of a book?

Find out by posing for some silly photos

as part of our Library Card Sign-Up

Month promotion. Pose with your library

card or your favorite book, then make a

library-themed craft or two.



Stories, Snacks, and Stuffies

Mon | Sep 9 |

1pm

Ages 3-5

Celebrate

National Teddy

Bear Day with us by bringing your favorite bear or other animal to this special story time. After hearing a few stories, we will make a craft and then enjoy a snack with our stuffed friends.

R School Stories

Mon | Sep 9 | 6pm

Ages 5-12

Whether you just started kindergarten, or you're in third grade, going back to school after the summer break takes some adjusting. Come hear a few stories about school and enjoy a specially-themed edible treat.

R Characters and Costumes

Tue | Sep 10 | 6pm

Ages 8-12

Curious about theatre? Join us for a fun and informative introduction to characters and costumes, led by Student Thespian, Treasurer of Troupe 911, and Largo High School Costume Director, Alyssa. We will learn what goes on behind the scenes while getting a chance to create our own characters and design a costume.

STEAM Spot

R Hour of Code

Thu | Sep 5 & 19 | 4pm

Sep 5, Ages 5-7 with adult helper

Sep 19, Ages 8-12

Learn basic computer programming skills in this fun 1-hour class featuring Bitsbox and other platforms. No coding experience necessary. Limited spaces available.

R Computer Whiz Kids: PowerPoint

Wed | Sep 11 | 4pm

Ages 8-12

Learn the basics of Microsoft PowerPoint. Create slides, change text, add transitions and animations, and share your slideshow presentation with the group.

R Code Squad

Thu | Sep 12 &

26 | 4pm

Sep 12, Ages

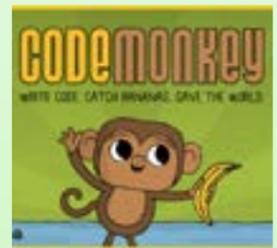
5-7 with adult

helper

Sep 26, Ages

8-12

Learn basic computer programming skills in this fun 1-hour class for coders featuring CodeMonkey. No coding experience necessary, but basic computer skills are recommended.



R Lego Constructors

Fri | Sep 13 & 27 | 4pm



Ages 8-12

Build and program Lego projects with a simple-to-use computer interface, Lego WeDo 2.0. Working in pairs or teams, kids will follow 2D drawings to build 3D models, while developing problem solving and communication skills.

R Computer Whiz Kids: Excel

Wed | Sep 18 | 4pm

Ages 8-12

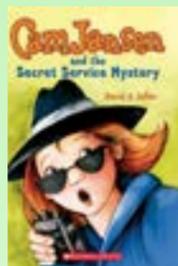
Learn the basics of Microsoft Excel. Create a chart, merge cells, change fonts, and graph with M&M's.

Stories & Reading

SIGN UP EARLY IN THE CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT TO RECEIVE YOUR BOOK AND ACTIVITY PACKET.

R Bookworms Book Club

Tue | Sept 3 | 4pm
Ages 6-8
 Attention young readers! Sign up early in the Children's Department to receive your book and activity packet. Visit the library to discuss the book, learn about similar books, and complete an activity. Limited to 15 children.



Cam Jansen and the Secret Service Mystery by David A. Adler

R Fact or Fiction Book Club

Tue | Sep 17 | 4pm
Ages 9-12
 Sign up early in the Children's Department to receive your book and activity packet. Visit the library to discuss the book, learn about similar books, and complete an activity. Limited to 15 children.



What Were the Twin Towers? by Jim O'Connor

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R Dot, Dot, Dot

Thu | Sep 12 | 11am
 Ages 3-5
 Did you know that Sunday, September 15th is International Dot Day? Come help us celebrate this spotted holiday with stories and crafts.

Curious Tales

Mon | Sep 16 | 1pm
 Ages 3-5
 Celebrate Curiosity Day by listening to some stories featuring everyone's favorite inquisitive monkey...Curious George! Afterwards, make a monkey craft or just go bananas.

Book Bingo and Crafts

Mon | Sep 16 | 6pm
 Ages 5-12
 How much do you know about the characters in the books you read? How fast can you piece together a book cover? Join us at this program for some book-themed Bingo games and crafts.

Ahoy Mateys!

Thu | Sep 19 | 11am
 Ages 3-5
 Celebrate International Talk Like a Pirate Day by hearing a tale or two, singing a few shanties, and then making your own pirate creation. Don't worry...you won't have to walk the plank!



ARE YOU SMARTER THAN A LIBRARIAN?

Are You Smarter Than a Librarian?

Fri | Sep 20 | 4pm
 Ages 5-12
 Who invented the Dewey Decimal System? How many books are there in the Magic Tree House series? Who wrote "The Cat in the Hat?" These are just a sampling of the questions that will be asked at this librarian-led quiz bowl program celebrating Library Card Sign-Up Month. A bonus prize will be given to any participant who is able to show their library card.

Elephants and Pigs, Oh My!

Mon | Sep 23 | 1pm
 Ages 3-5
 Even Piggie knows that elephants are pretty cool! Come hear some Elephant and Piggie stories read to you by two very silly library workers to help celebrate Elephant Appreciation Day. Afterwards, make a mask so you can be an elephant or pig too!

R Paint Like a Cubist

Mon | Sep 23 | 6pm
 Ages 8-12
 Learn about the Cubism art movement, popularized by Pablo Picasso, and make a geometric painting using tape resist.

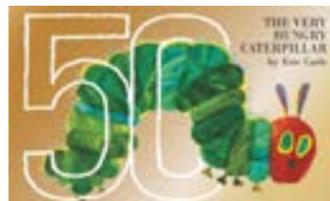


R Escape From Within the Library

Tue | Sep 24 | 3pm-7pm
 Ages 9-12
 In celebration of libraries and September being Library Card Sign-Up Month, we are bringing back our library-themed escape room experience. There are books with numbers all around the room. Mr. Dewey has placed them there to help you escape, but can you do it in time? Our library escape room will test your communication and critical thinking skills, as well as your knowledge of some famous literary characters. Can you escape, or will you be doomed to spend eternity in the library? Sign up for a time slot as a group or an individual, but no adults, please!

Carle's Hungry Caterpillar

Mon | Sep 30 | 1pm



Ages 3-5
 Join us as we celebrate 50 years of Eric Carle's *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*. Listen to a selection of his beloved stories and then create a caterpillar of your very own.

R Apples Aplenty

Mon | Sep 30 | 6pm
 Ages 5-12
 Where do apples grow? How many different types of apples are there? Find out this and more by listening to a story or two, followed by a delicious snack. Please note that there will be peanut butter at this program.

GENEALOGY: CLASSES & GROUPS

Genealogy classes are free and open to the public. Class duration is 60-90 minutes. No reservations are needed. Classes are located in the Local History Room unless otherwise noted.

For more information, email Bob Bryan at bbryan84@gmail.com or call 727.595.4521.

(* This class will be held in the Jenkins Community Wing)

Genealogical Numbering Systems

Mon | Aug 5 | 10am
 Explore different ways of showing relationships in family histories, and understanding ancestor and descendant reports in your genealogy programs.

***DNA for Adoptees**

Sat | Aug 10 | 1pm
 This class is for those that have taken the DNA Basic class and are ready to explore ways to use DNA to help find birth families.

Civil War Ancestors

Mon | Aug 12 | 10am
 Examines both state and national records, and both print and digital formats. The emphasis in the digital world is websites that are free and accessible from home.

German Genealogy Interest Group

Fri | Aug 16 | 10:30am
 A round-table discussion regarding techniques to find your German ancestry. There will be Q&A, and handouts.

***Computers in Genealogy**

Sat | Aug 17 | 10am
 Question and answer session on the use of computers in genealogy research and record keeping.

***Not in the Census? Try Again!**

Speaker: Drew Smith
 Sat | Aug 17 | 11am
 Not everyone recorded in a census is easy to find. In this session, attendees will learn tips and techniques to locate those ancestors who require additional effort. The session will cover a quick bit of US, UK, and Canadian census history.

Workshop Tour of the Genealogy Center

Sat | Aug 17 | 12:30pm
 2nd Floor - Genealogy Center
 Join us for a tour of the Genealogy Center and learn about the many genealogical research resources we have.

Civilian Conservation Corps

Tue | Aug 20 | 10am
 This presentation recounts the history and accomplishments of the CCC (The Civilian Conservation Corps), as well as characteristics of the corps members and camp life. It will also explore where records can be found and how to order them if needed.

RootsMagic User Group

Sat | Aug 24 & Sep 28 | 10am
 Q&A and demonstration of how to use the RootsMagic genealogy database software program.

Local and County Histories

Mon | Aug 26 | 10am
 This presentation explores the background of local and county history books, what information can be found in them, and where to find them, both in print and online.

***DNA Basics for Genealogy**

Tue | Aug 27 & Sep 24 | 11am
 Learn about the types of DNA tests used for genealogy and popular testing companies. We compare the benefits of each type of test and each company's database.

***DNA Interest Group**

Tue | Aug 27 & Sep 24 | 1pm
 Learn how to interpret your DNA test results, and apply those results to your current family history research. Join our casual group as we research and learn together.

MS Word in Genealogy

Thu | Sep 5 | 10:15am
 This presentation focuses on generating indexes and tables of contents for documents you author using MS Word. The generation of footnotes and end-notes is also demonstrated.

Family Tree Maker User Group

Sat | Sep 7 | 10am
 Q&A and a demonstration of how to use the Family Tree Maker genealogical database software.

Ancestry.com

Mon | Sep 9 | 10am
 Basic search techniques for getting the most from this huge collection of databases.

***Ancestry DNA: I Have My Results, What's Next?**

Sat | Sep 14 | 1pm
 This is a basics DNA class that provides strategies and techniques for using your Ancestry DNA results to find new relatives and discover keys to the past. Bring your laptop if you would like, but it is not required. If you do, bring your Ancestry login and password!

Brick Walls

Mon | Sep 16 | 6pm
 You will eventually reach a point where you seemingly can't go back further on a particular line. This class will offer some ideas and suggestions for overcoming dead ends in your family history research.

***Irish Genealogy Interest Group**

Thu | Sep 19 | 1pm
 Topics vary monthly and will focus on customs and culture, review of online resources, and strategies for breaking down walls. Members are given an opportunity to share their ancestor discoveries, their travels to Ireland, and topics of interest.

***Computers in Genealogy**

Sat | Sep 21 | 10am
 Question and answer session on the use of computers in genealogy research and record keeping.

***Maximizing Your Research on FamilySearch.org**

Speaker: George G. Morgan
 Sat | Sep 21 | 11am
 This session demonstrates how to access and search the indexed records and how to work with the browse-able images to locate your ancestors' records. This session also explains informational resources at the new FamilySearch.org and shows you how to get help.

Franco-American Discussion Group

Fri | Sep 27 | 10:15am
 Discussion revolves around the geographic areas of Europe, Eastern Canada, and the United States. Specific focus will be given to: France, Quebec, the Acadians of the Maritime Provinces, Central North America, New England, Louisiana and the surrounding southern states.

Dead Men Do Tell Tales

Mon | Sep 30 | 10am
 Reconstructing life in a community using death certificates. This presentation focuses on an analysis of death certificates from Attleboro, Massachusetts over a five-year period, and shows how they can provide us with a window into the lives of the people who lived there.





Friends of the Largo Library



The Friends of Largo Library are excited to announce a new initiative entitled "Bubbles and Books." We are trying to encourage reading by bringing books straight to the local laundromats in an aim to boost literacy. Three local laundromats have received a bucket of carefully chosen children's books. The targeted ages are 4-6 years old. We are trying to encourage parent-child interaction which helps support brain development. Picture books boost kids' brain function, gives them a

chance to explore, and visually engages the cognitive function of developing brains. According to the Clinton Foundation, the average family spends 2 hrs. per week at their local laundromat and may bring their children with them. If some books disappear, no worries, more will appear. There is no cost to the laundromats. Learning can happen anytime and anywhere, and we are proud to start this new project for the City of Largo and the Largo Public Library.



Semi-Annual Book Sale

September 25 - 28, 2019

Wednesday Sep. 25 3:00 - 5:00
Members Only Preview

Thursday Sep. 26 9:00 - 5:00

Friday Sep. 27 9:00 - 5:00

Saturday Sep. 28 9:00 - 3:30

OCTOBER PREVIEW

Please join us in celebrating the 40th Anniversary of the Friends of the Largo Library. The celebration will be held in the Largo Library lobby on Wednesday, October 23rd from 11 AM to 1 PM. Join us to hear more about how the Friends benefits your library. We will have a sweet treat to share, as well as, drawings for gift certificates for the Friends Bookstore and the upcoming Winter Book Sale in January 2020.



Greater Largo Library Foundation

The Greater Largo Library Foundation would like to thank our donors for their support of the Bookmobile. We are happy to report that the goals for the bookmobile have been met and funds are in place for its annual operations for the next 5 years. The Foundation could not have accomplished these goals without you!

The next time you visit the library please take a moment to stop by and see the meaningful tributes engraved on the bricks surrounding the planter boxes. Last month 29 new bricks were put into place! The "Buy a Brick Campaign" continues to be a successful fundraising initiative which supports library programs and outreach services to our community. The brick you purchase will be prominently placed in the front of the library. Order forms are available at the circulation desk or contact Elliott@GLLF.org for more information.

Your support of the Foundation enables the library to continually expand and grow. Watch for information on the Foundation's Annual Fall Campaign in the next edition of the magazine.

Weston enjoying the bookmobile.



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IN MEMORIAM



Phylis Boksen passed away on June 20th. She was the Raymond James Financial Advisor for the Greater Largo Library Foundation. Phylis was our constant friend and supporter. Her financial expertise successfully guided us through the good and bad times for more than a decade. Phylis and her husband Frank, not only attended all our fundraisers but were also ambassadors of the library's goals to a wide audience. Phylis' legacy of helping people will live on here at the Largo Public Library through her daughter, Foundation Board member Honor Rogers. The Foundation has purchased a commemorative brick to honor Phylis and her love of the Largo Public Library.



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