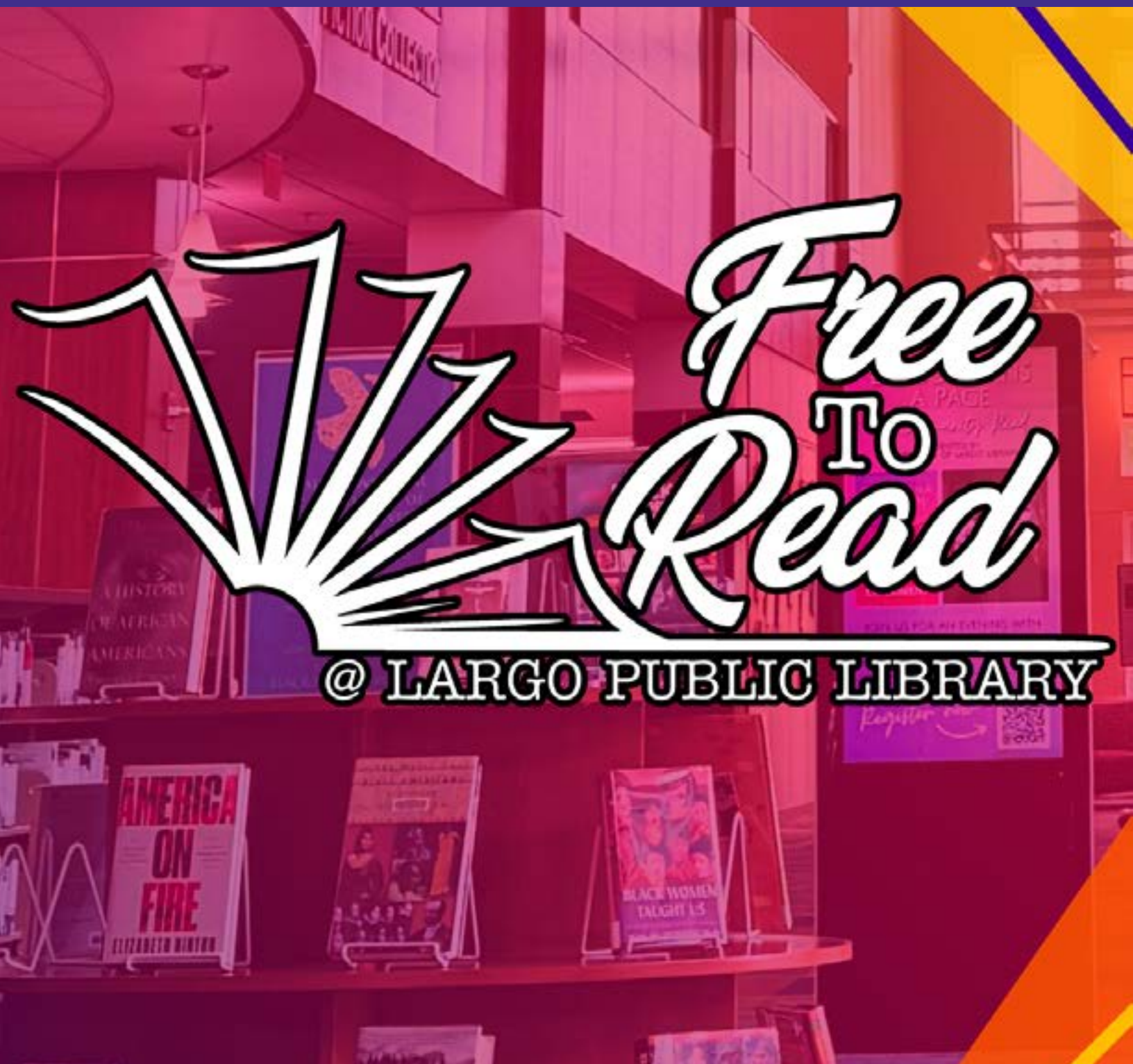



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Guest Column 

Largo Turns a Page is always one of the most exciting programs that we host each year! This year, we were very excited to welcome best-selling romance author, Christina Lauren! Christina Hobbs and Lauren Billings traveled from Utah and California, respectively, to speak with us about their writing process, working with a co-author, the 30+ books that they've written, and why they love writing in the romance genre.

Questions from the audience and some of our staff members made for an interesting and entertaining evening! The discussion opened up with a question for them about why they love writing romance and Lauren summed up her love for the genre as being about hope; that you pick up a rom-com because you want to read a story about someone who gets a happily ever after, even if there is a little turbulence along the way. As a newly minted fan of rom-coms, I couldn't agree more.

LTAP may be through, but you can still find plenty of copies of Christina Lauren's many books on our shelves, and keep an eye out for their next two releases - *The Paradise Problem* and *Tangled Up in You* coming to our library shelves this Summer!

Toni Green, Communications Librarian



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LIBRARY HOURS	CLOSED
Mon - Wed 9am - 8pm	Memorial Day Monday, May 27
Thu - Fri 10am - 6pm	
Sat 10am - 5pm	
Sun Closed	

A Fresh Look!
 The crosswalk between the Library and Largo Central Park is getting a fresh look, with a new mural debuting this April! To allow the artists time to paint safely, the crosswalk will be blocked to pedestrians and vehicles from April 19th – April 28th. While visiting the library during this time please access Central Park Drive via 8th Avenue to enter the Library parking lot.

BE THE CHANGE

By Brenda Haferman

The theme of this issue is *Free to Read*, a direct nod to our promotional program of the same name. Free to Read @ Largo Public Library focuses on the free resources and access to information here at the library, as well as the programs and materials available to patrons. One of the most wonderful things about using your local public library is the ability to walk in and have the freedom to read, watch, and listen to what you want, when you want, and in a variety of mediums at no cost. If you can't find what you're looking for here, titles can be requested from other library collections and even from outside of the county!



As we navigate 2024 and all the changes that come with it, Largo Public Library strives to provide a diverse and high quality collection of materials and resources, with an ongoing focus on protecting intellectual freedom so that you, and anyone else, can have the freedom to read whatever you want to.

From now through the end of September, join us for various programs across all of our departments celebrating the books that you love and your right to read them!

FREE TO READ LIBRARY CARD



Is it time to renew your library card or have a friend who still hasn't gotten one? Now is the perfect time! Beginning April 1st a special library card, exclusive to Largo Public Library, will be available to anyone needing a new or replacement card! Designed by staff, these cards function exactly the same as our blue PPLC cards and are accepted at all PPLC libraries. Did we mention they come with the keychain card, too? These cards will be available while supplies last.

FREE TO READ EVENTS & CONTESTS

A new icon is making an appearance in this issue! This colorful little icon (🌈) indicates that the associated program is part of our Free to Read (F2R) programming! Programs may be marked with both 🌈 and Ⓡ, indicating that there is registration required.

🌈 **Recycled Book Art Show - Request for Submissions**
 Apr 1 - May 31
 Ages 13 and up

Calling all artists! Throughout the months of April and May, celebrate the written word by submitting original artwork made from recycled books to our Art Contest. The artwork will showcase in the Library's Gallery 120 in June and July where a panel of judges and our community can vote for their favorite pieces. Prizes will be awarded by the panel to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners. A People's Choice prize will also be awarded for each category by a popular vote from our community. Artwork may be 2D or 3D but cannot exceed 18" by 12".



Used books will be available to repurpose for this art show, stop by the Circulation desk to pick one up to use in your artwork.

Prizes are as follows: 1st place: \$100; 2nd place: \$50; 3rd place: \$25; People's Choice: \$50.

🌈 **Read-In: Free to Read @ Largo Library**
 Mon | Apr 8 | 5:30 - 7:30pm

Stop by our Free to Read information station for a free book and coffee before finding a cozy spot for this dedicated reading time. Shop vendor tables, learn more about the Free to Read initiative, and even sign up for a new library card!

Book & Poetry Clubs



Poets Live!
Mon | Apr 8 & May 13 | 6:00pm
 Read your poetry and learn about noted poets during our biography segment.

Apr 8: Ron Padgett
 May 13: Heather McHugh



Chapter Chat
Wed | Apr 10 & May 8 | 5:00pm
 All are welcome to join this stimulating and engaging book club! This group of adult readers facilitates an environment perfect for exploring and engaging with the selected titles. Please contact Ben Wiley (bwiley@tampabay.rr.com) to join.

Apr 10: *Crying in H Mart* by Michelle Zauner
 May 8: *Jim the Boy* by Tony Earley



Adults Read YA Book Club
Wed | Apr 10 & May 8 | 6:00pm
 Who says Young Adult books are just for teens? Join us on the second Wednesday of each month at 6pm for a YA Lit book club – for grown-ups!

For our April & May meetings, copies of the books will be available to check out through PPLC as physical copies. E-books or e-audio-books are also available through Hoopla or Libby. Ages 18+ are welcome.

Apr 10: *Daughter of the Moon Goddess* by Sue Lynn Tan
 May 8: *The Love Match* by Priyanka Taslim



Shelf Indulgent Romance Book Club
Wed | Apr 24 & May 22 | 6:00pm
 Join us for a book club built for hopeless romantics and cynics alike as we explore different tropes, sub-genres, and themes.

As we read across the spectrum of the romance genre, our choices will reflect various books that may contain steamy scenes, various sexualities, experiences, and cultures. Everyone is welcome to respectfully attend but registration is required. Ages 18+.

Apr 24: *To Have and to Heist* by Sara Desai
 May 22: *Fall of Ruin and Wrath* by Jennifer L. Armentrout

ADULT PROGRAMS

Ages 18 and Up

For programs that require registration, please register online or call 727.587.6715.

Wake Up With the Library
Sat | Apr 6 & May 4 | 9:00am

You are invited to join us for a before-hours tour of the Library. See what goes on behind the scenes. The coffee is on us! This is a walking tour that lasts an hour.

SHINE: Serving Health Insurance Needs of Elders
Wed | Apr 3 & May 1 | 1:00pm - 4:00pm

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 1-hour appointment between 1:00pm-4:00pm. Please bring a list of your current prescriptions to your appointment.

Medicare 101
Wed | Apr 3 & May 1 | 12:00pm

Specially trained volunteers of the SHINE program will provide detailed information on the basics of Medicare, including Medicare supplemental insurance, Medicare Advantage plans, and financial assistance programs. SHINE representatives will be available to answer questions and provide enrollment or benefit application assistance.



Ukulele Strum Group
Wednesdays | 2:00pm
Apr 17 – May 29

Bring your ukulele & tuner and join our Hum n' Strum group. This group benefits players who have learned basic chords and strums and want to advance their skills with a little guidance.

ASL With Deaf Literacy Center
Wed | Apr 3, 10, 17, 24 & May 1, 8, 15, 22

Beginners ASL | 6:00pm
Intermediate ASL | 7:00pm
 The beginner class covers vocabulary and short sentences. The intermediate class covers conversational phrases. Sessions also include in depth discussion and facts about the Deaf community and Deaf culture. For additional details, email sbeganovic@ppplc.us

Virtual Adult Trivia Night
Wed | Apr 3 & May 1 | 6:00pm

Join us on Zoom to test your knowledge for a chance to win some awesome prizes!
 Apr 3: *Assassin's Creed*
 May 1: *Star Wars*

Paint Along with Bob Ross
Mon | Apr 1 | 6:00pm

Join us for another paintalong with the iconic Bob Ross. Supplies and guidance will be provided as you create a beautiful landscape from an episode of *The Joy of Painting*.



Read-In: Free to Read @ Largo Library
Mon | Apr 8 | 5:30pm

Stop by our Free to Read information station for a free book and coffee before finding a cozy spot for this dedicated reading time. Shop vendor tables, learn more about the Free to Read initiative, and even sign up for a new library card!

Natural Dyeing with Stitched Resist
Mon | Apr 8 | 6:00pm

Learn to sew a stitched resist garden design with your choice of plants, flowers, birds, butterflies, or dragonflies. Then choose from a selection of natural dyes to color your fabric and reveal the stitched design.



Hospice 101
Wed | Apr 10 | 2:00pm

This information session, presented by AccentCare Hospice, will provide information about hospice and palliative care and how these services can help you or a loved one in their time of need. There will also be an opportunity to ask questions.



Secret Garden Focaccia
Mon | Apr 15 | 6:00pm

Make your own focaccia, decorated with a garden of vegetables and herbs, and take it home to bake in your oven. Please bring a baking sheet pan to transport your dough.



ADULT PROGRAMS

Ages 18 and Up

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Sew a Spring Bloom Quilt Block
Wed | Apr 24 | 6:00pm
Thu | Apr 25 | 2:00pm

The Spring Bloom quilt block goes together easily but gives you room to play with color and texture, just like in gardening! Supplies provided.



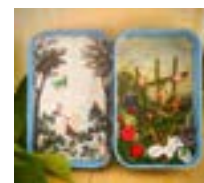
The Dirt on Healthy Soil for Home Gardeners
Tue | Apr 30 | 2:00pm

Good, nutritious soil is the basis for any plant's success. To the frustration of many gardeners, Florida's "soil" is mostly sand. Find out how to improve your soil with a host of Florida-friendly organic amendments from Master Gardener Liza Ryan.



Miniature Secret Garden
Tue | Apr 30 | 6:00pm

Even if you don't have a green thumb, you can make your own mini secret garden in a tin.



Life is Learning: the Life of Nobuko (Kathy) Plantamura
Thu | May 2 | 2:00pm

Nobuko (Kathy) Plantamura remembers Japan's defeat in WWII, when she was six. Implanted deep in her heart are the experiences of enduring the post-war life. She looked to the new world and had the opportunity to attend high school in New York in 1955. Charmed by life in the USA, she decided to pursue the American dream - raising a family, owning a home in Florida, and becoming an entrepreneur. Learn about Nobuko's life journey and experiences. As she states, "That is what made me the way I am today: strong, economical, understanding, and don't take anything for granted."



Acrylic Stain Painting
Mon | May 6 | 6:00pm

The soak-stain method of painting was developed by the American abstract artist Helen Frankenthaler. In this class you'll use acrylic ink to paint on raw canvas, giving it a watercolor effect. You can use your painted canvas to create a Treasure Box at the sewing class on May 22 or 23.



How to Love Your Orchids More
Tue | May 7 | 2:00pm

Even beginners can be successful at tending to and caring for beautiful orchids! Discover how to successfully re-pot, water, feed and get your orchid to re-bloom in this program presented by the Tampa Bay Orchid Society. If you are concerned about your orchid, you can bring your plant (1 per household) in for diagnosis by American Orchid Society Associate Judge Heather Ferrill.



Literary Tea
Thu | May 16 | 2:00pm

Taste a selection of teas inspired by classic works of fiction, learn how the characteristics of each tea complement a story, and enjoy some sweet and savory accompaniments.



Wonderland Food Favorites
Mon | May 20 | 6:00pm

Make a variety of fun foods perfect for a Mad Hatter's tea party!



Sew a Treasure Box
Wed | May 22 | 6:00pm
Thu | May 23 | 2:00pm

The design of this box is simple and offers a great canvas for embellishing with decorative threads and rhinestones. Please bring 1 fat quarter (18" by 22") of fabric or the painted canvas from the Acrylic Stain Painting class on May 6th.



Edible Mushrooms
Tue | May 28 | 2:00pm

Master Gardener Camille Mendez will talk about some of the edible mushrooms that can be grown in Florida.



Through the Looking Glass Nōtan
Tue | May 28 | 6:00pm

Nōtan is a Japanese word used to describe the harmonious balance between dark and light. We'll put this concept into practice by cutting shapes from a square of paper and creating mirror images: one dark and one light.



Spring Into Reading

Spring Into Reading Adult Reading Challenge
April 1 – April 30

Reset, refocus, read!

Spring is known for many things—flowers blooming, spring cleaning, refreshing your look—and now, Largo Public Library's Spring Into Reading Adult Reading Challenge. Reignite your passion for reading and help us beat 2023's Spring Reading Challenge of 145 total books completed! Stop by the library to sign up for the challenge, running April 1st-April 30th, and pick up your review cards. Each review you complete gets you closer to the grand prize drawing of a spring-themed gift basket. Weekly prizes will also be awarded. The more you read, the more chances you have to win!

Be one of the first 60 patrons to register for the challenge and complete your first review card to receive a Largo Public Library beach towel!

Participants must be 18+, be a resident of Pinellas County and possess a valid Pinellas Public Library Cooperative card in good standing to win prizes. All prizes must be picked up in person.

For details, ask a staff member or go to our website LargoPublicLibrary.org

Gallery 120

The purpose of the Creative Artists' Guild is to bring together artists to share experiences, expertise and provide for the exchange of artistic ideas and information.



We work together to develop & promote the Dunedin artistic community as well as by arranging exhibits, shows, and other means to further the purpose of local artists. Our group was founded in 1970 as the Dunedin Art Guild and evolved into the Creative Artists Guild in 1978. Since then, it has remained one of the area's most active fine arts organizations. Membership is open to all those interested in the fine arts, attending meetings, and participating in the many other activities of the Guild. The membership represents a progressive group of artists and their supporters who share a mutual interest and encourage public awareness in the art field.



Recent Exhibits

"Florida Impressions" Stirling Art Studios and Gallery, Dunedin, January 2024
Members Exhibition - Francis Wilson Playhouse
Nature's Food Patch - October to January 2024



TECHNOLOGY & DIGITAL LEARNING

Ages 18 and Up

Learn basic computer skills, programs and ways to connect virtually through social media. Discover how to use the devices that make our everyday lives easier.

BASIC COMPUTER SKILLS



No prerequisite

Tech Help Tuesdays

Tue | Apr 2, 9, 16, & 23 | 1:00 - 2:00pm
Tue | May 7, 14, 21, & 28 | 1:00 - 2:00pm

Bring your technology questions and devices to the library to get your technology questions answered! Remember to bring all necessary passwords.



Library Orientation

Sat | Apr 13 | 9:00pm
Sat | May 11 | 9:00pm

Register for this before hours class orienting you on the amazing resources our library has to offer, including an in-depth training on our catalog, plus a whole lot more!

Exploring Community Resources

Wed | Apr 17 | 2:00pm

Learn about and connect with resources for all kinds of help and assistance including our library, our government, and some nonprofit agencies right here in our community.

Retired Not Expired

Wed | May 8 | 2:00pm

Let's look at all the great reasons why life as a senior citizen rocks! We'll examine the many perks and benefits of being further along in this beautiful journey and ways to enjoy life and give back too!



Introduction to Gmail & Google Drive

Wed | May 22 | 2:00pm

Create a Gmail account, or learn more about the one you have, as we look at how to best use your google account and google drive.



Intro to Zelle, Venmo & Apple Pay

Wed | May 29 | 2:00pm
Come and see how these financial apps work and how they might benefit you.

MICROSOFT



Have apple ID and password.
Registration required.

Basic Excel

Wed | Apr 3 | 2:00pm

Basic introduction to spreadsheets and making a simple budget.

Intermediate Excel

Wed | Apr 10 | 2:00pm

Follow-up class to excel for beginners. The intermediate skills we cover will be building directly on this previous class.

SOCIAL MEDIA



Have password available.
Registration required.

Getting Started with Facebook, Twitter (X) and Instagram

Wed | Apr 24 | 2:00pm

Create a social media account or learn more about the one you already have, and learn how to start following, posting, and using hashtags.



Intro to Facebook Marketplace

Wed | May 1 | 2:00pm

Explore Facebook marketplace and learn how to make the most of this helpful online resource.

Getting Started with YouTube

Wed | May 15 | 2:00pm

Learn about the great resource that is YouTube, as well as how to create your own YouTube channel, so that you can start uploading and tagging your videos!



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Learn basic computer skills, programs and ways to connect virtually through social media. Discover how to use the devices that make our everyday lives easier.

SMARTPHONES & DEVICES



Have apple ID and password.
Registration required.

Essential iPhone Tips

Thu | Apr 4 | 3:00pm

Thu | May 9 | 3:00pm

This class will cover iPhone tips for the maps, safari, and health apps and much more! Come learn fun new ways to use your iPhone.



Intermediate iPad

Thu | Apr 11 | 3:00pm

Thu | May 16 | 3:00pm

Learn intermediate skills such as multi-tasking, speaking text, group facetime, enhancing emails, and more!

Advanced iPad

Thu | Apr 18 | 3:00pm

Thu | May 23 | 3:00pm

All-new tips for the mail, photos, and notes apps, plus a lot more!

Intermediate iPhone

Thu | Apr 25 | 3:00pm

Thu | May 30 | 3:00pm

Learn new & fun iPhone tips! Bring your questions!

Getting 2 Know Your MacBook

Thu | May 2 | 3:00pm

Get to know your MacBook better by learning fun and useful tips on what it can do, as well as some smart and easy shortcuts. Bring your questions!

E-READERS & LIBRARY DATABASES



Registration required.

Learn Libby!

Mon | April 15th | 2:00pm

Learn how to get electronic books, audiobooks, and magazines to your phone, tablet, or computer



Learn hoopla!

Mon | May 6th | 2:00pm

Learn how to get electronic books, audiobooks, movies, music, and more to your phone, tablet, or computer!



**Free to Read:
Reader's Advisory**

From April - September the library will host displays featuring books that highlight our diverse collection. If you are looking for recommendations, new brochures are available with suggested titles for all age-groups. We are also happy to share recommendations! Keep an eye out while browsing for staff recommendations and reviews; you may discover a new favorite!



Largo's New Seed Library

By Delaney Roque

Discover the Seed Library at Largo Public Library - your gateway to green adventures, starting early summer 2024!

With a diverse array of seeds available for borrowing, the Seed Library caters to gardeners of all levels, whether you're a seasoned pro or just starting out. From aromatic herbs to vibrant flowers, our collection offers something for everyone's gardening aspirations.

In a fast-paced world dominated by technology, the Seed Library at Largo Public Library provides a stress-free sanctuary, delving back to your roots with nature, growing, nurturing and connecting with community.

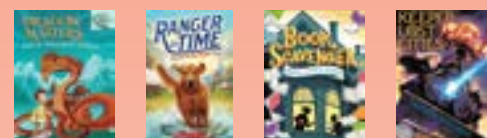
And here's the best part: our policy allows for you to check out up to three seed packets a week per household. Seed packets are available on a first-come, first-served basis and do not have a due date. You won't need to bring anything back to the library - just enjoy your gardening journey!



Book Clubs & Contests

Book Clubs

Attention 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. For these book clubs, the packets are available a month prior to the date listed to allow for enough time to read the book and work through the packet. Registrations must be made in-person at the Children's Service Desk. Book club meetings are held Wednesdays at 6pm on the dates listed below.



R Bookworms Book Club | Ages 6-8
Apr 10 - Dragon Masters #1: Rise of the Earth Dragon by Tracey West
May 8 - Ranger in Time #1: Rescue on the Oregon Trail by Kate Messner

R Fiction Addiction Book Club | Ages 9-12
Apr 24 - Book Scavenger #1 by Jennifer Cambliss Bertman
May 22 - Keeper of the Lost Cities #1 by Shannon Messenger

Library Lovin'
Apr 1 - May 31
 National Library Week is celebrated April 7 - 13, but we're celebrating libraries until the end of May! Stop by the Children's Department and write down something you love about the library or your favorite book on a book-shaped piece of paper, then hang it up on display! Let's show everyone how much we love our library and reading!

Contests

Ages 12 and under | One entry per day
 Completed forms can be entered in a prize drawing! Winners will be contacted by phone at the end of the month.

Count on the Weather: Apr 1 - 30
 Here's hoping that March winds and April showers bring May flowers! Count the many types of weather in the Children's Department. We will draw a winner from the entries at the end of the month!

Flowery Scavenger Hunt: May 1 - 31
 Look for the flowers hiding in the Children's Department! Fill in the letters near the flowers to answer a riddle. Put it in the box to enter to win a prize!

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Ages 12 and Under

For programs that require registration, please register online or call 727.587.6715.

Storytimes, Play, & More!

Toddler Tales
Tue | Apr 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 | 10:30am
Ages 24 - 36 months

Join us with your active littles as they listen, learn, and have fun! For children ages 24 to 36 months with an adult helper.

Baby Bookworms
Wed | Apr 3, 10, 17, 24 | 10:30am
Ages 12 - 24 months

Join us for stories, music, and fun for everyone! For walking children ages 12 to 24 months with an adult helper.

Pre-K Pals
Thu | Apr 4, 11, 18, 25 | 10:30am
Ages 3 - 5

Join in the fun with stories, songs, crafts, and more that help to encourage the development of early literacy and school readiness skills. For children ages 3 to 5 with an adult helper.

Fun With Friends
Fri | Apr 5 & May 3 | 10:30am
Ages 5 & under

Come hang out with your littles and socialize with other adults on a select Friday each month. This self-led, play-based program will help your child socialize with other children, develop problem-solving skills, and learn through play.

Paws Up for Mental Health
Mon | Apr 8 & May 13 | 10:30am
Ages 2 - 11

Join us for a special storytime led by Nannette Prevost of Remember Me NFP, a local nonprofit dedicated to education and raising awareness of suicide prevention. Using the book, *Gizmo's Pawesome Guide to Mental Health*, program attendees will sing, play an instrument, talk about feelings, and establish their own mental health pledge.

R SENSEploration
Fri | Apr 19 & May 24 | 10:30am
Ages 5 & under

Check out this interactive program for littles to learn through exploration. Encourage curiosity, problem-solving, and creativity in this sensory play opportunity. Kids and their adult helpers will move around the room to different sensory stations and discover all the fun-filled things your senses can do! Caregivers will be required to stay with their children for the full duration of the program. Please dress for mess.

Stories with Officer Bowling
Mon | Apr 22 & May 20 | 10:30am
Ages 3 - 5

Join us for stories read by a special guest, Officer Bowling of the Largo Police Department. Learn about a day in the life of an officer, and ask your most inquisitive questions, followed by a themed craft activity. For children ages 3 to 5 with an adult helper.

Weekly and Specialty Programs

R Wood Painting
Mon | Apr 1 | 6:00pm
Ages 5 - 12

Come paint some wooden creations! There will be different options to choose from wooden boxes to hearts and more! Paint can stain clothing so please dress accordingly.

R Elementary Explorations
Tue | Apr 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 | 6:00pm
Ages 5 - 7

Join your young explorers as we investigate a variety of scientific phenomena from the everyday to the unexpected. Parent participation is strongly recommended.

Apr 2 - Weather or Not
Apr 9 - Parachute Potential
Apr 16 - Car Catapults
Apr 23 - Rocks and Socks
Apr 30 - Crazy Crayons

R Hour of Code
Wed | Apr 3 & 17 | 4:00pm
STEAM Spot

Apr 3: Ages 5 - 7 with Adult Helper
Apr 17: Ages 8 - 12

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

R Gotta Love Crafts: Daring Dots
Wed | Apr 3 | 6:00pm
Ages 5 - 12

While International Dot Day is in September, we'll be celebrating dots in this program by making dotty crafts with paint, stickers, and more.

R Tinker Lab
Thu | Apr 4 & 11 | 4:00pm | Ages 8 - 12

Join your young inventors as we get their creative juices flowing in this monthly STEAM workshop designed to unleash children's imaginations with science experiments, building challenges, and arts & crafts activities. Parent participation is required, and only registered children may attend-no younger siblings, please.

Apr 4 - Botany Blast
Apr 11 - Eggs To The Moon

R Tween Time: Pixel Art
Fri | Apr 5 | 4:00pm
Ages 8 - 12

Snap iron beads into a canvas to create a pixel-style pattern or a unique design of your own. Use your project as wall decor or a magnet. The possibilities are endless!

R Book Tasting
Mon | Apr 8 | 5:30pm - 7:30pm
Ages 5 - 12

Have you read the Dog Man™, Magic Tree House™, or Diary of a Wimpy Kid™ series twelve times each and are looking for something new to read? Or, maybe you're curious about books in a new genre but don't know where to start. If you are wondering about the possibilities of what you could be reading, this is the event for you! Browse through the tables and create your own To Be Read list while sharing your passion for books with other kids and enjoying a snack or two. Pique your appetite for a good book with this Book Tasting event. You might even win a new book or two!

R Code Squad
Wed | Apr 10 & 24 | 4:00pm
STEAM Spot
Apr 10: Ages 5 - 7 with Adult Helper
Apr 24: Ages 8 - 12

Learn basic computer programming skills in this fun 1-hour class featuring CodeMonkey® and other platforms. No coding experience necessary, but basic computer skills are recommended. Limited spaces available.

Play Chess!
Sat | Apr 13 & May 11 | 10:00am - 1:00pm
Ages 6 - 12

Join us at the library on the second Saturday of every month for a game of chess. No experience is needed and new players will be taught the basics of the game. Players already familiar with the game can challenge each other for a friendly match.

Library LEGOs
Sat | Apr 13, 27 & May 11, 25 | 2:00pm - 4:00pm
Ages 5 - 12

Challenge yourself to create a new LEGO® master-piece every week. All materials are provided.

R Clay Jewelry-Making Workshop Series
Mon | Apr 15, 22, 29 | 6:00pm
Ages 8 - 12

Join us for this 3-week polymer clay jewelry making workshop! Learn different skills, techniques, and have fun creating your own works of wearable art. Create something for you, your friends, or family! The first week we will cover the basics so be sure to sign up for that session! Attendees of the first session will get first dibs on the following sessions.
Apr 15 - Week 1 -Materials, Techniques, Experimenting with Pins & Rings
Apr 22 - Week 2 -Earrings & Pendants
Apr 29 - Week 3 -Free Create

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Ages 12 and Under

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R Cook-a-Book
Wed | Apr 17 & May 15 | 6:00pm
Ages 5 - 12

Following recipes helps to build a child's reading comprehension and vocabulary. Join us as we read a few stories, followed by a specially-themed snack. It's fun for the whole family!

R LEGO Constructors
Thu | Apr 18, 25 & May 16, 23 | 4:00pm
STEAM Spot
Ages 8 - 12

Register for your time slot to build and program Lego® projects with a simple-to-use computer interface, Lego® WeDo 2.0. Working in pairs or teams, you will follow 2D drawings to build 3D models, while developing problem solving and communication skills.

Weather Bingo
Fri | Apr 19 | 4:00pm
Ages 5 - 12

While National Weather Observers Day isn't until May 4th, we will still have fun celebrating today with this specially-themed Bingo game that includes clouds, lightning, snow, raindrops, and much more!

Pokémon Club
Sat | Apr 20 & May 18 | 2:00pm - 4:00pm
Ages 5 - 12

Dive into the world of Pokémon® trading cards, battle in epic Pokémon® card games, and unleash your creativity with a Pokémon-themed craft. It's a fantastic opportunity for fans of all ages to connect, trade, play, and craft their way through the Pokémon® universe. Bring your own cards and don't miss out!

R Robot Invasion
Fri | Apr 26 | 12:00pm & 3:00pm
Thu | May 30 | 12:00pm & 3:00pm
Ages 5 - 12

Robots are invading the library! Learn basic coding skills using Dash and Dot™, Kamigami Robot Bugs™, Osmo™, and much more.

R Pup Pals Reading Dogs
Sat | Apr 27 & May 25 | 10:00am - 12:00pm
Ages 5 - 12

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

R Gotta Love Crafts: Late Spring Cleaning
Wed | May 1 | 6:00pm
Ages 5 - 12

Spring inspires many to clean out the old to make room for the new. Join us for crafts of all sorts as we clean out our crafting bins from the past and get ready for the fast-approaching summer.

R Tween Time: Diamond Painting
Fri | May 3 | 4:00pm
Ages 8 - 12

While they aren't real diamonds, join us as we use tiny beads to create sparkling designs. There will be dinosaurs, zoo animals, and characters of all sorts. Bring your patience and steady hands for this detail-infused program.

R Beanstack Prize Auction
Mon | May 6 | 6:00pm
Age 5-12

Calling all Beanstack users! We are hosting our very first prize auction. In order to participate you just need to be an active Beanstack user! Be sure to save up your Beanstack coins (no real money will be accepted) to bid on some awesome never-before seen prizes and some returning favorites!

Marvel-ous May
Fri | May 10 | 4:00pm - 6:00pm
All Ages | Jenkins Wing

Comic fans of all ages will enjoy learning about familiar characters like the Hulk and Captain America, as well as lesser-known heroes like Sunspot and Gamora through crafts, games, and a special snack.

R Captain Underpants™ Character Celebration
Fri | May 17 | 4:00pm
Ages 5 - 12

Tra-La-Laaa! Hold on to your tighty-whities and waddle over to the library for a Wicked Wedgie Adventure with Captain Underpants™. Prepare yourself for laughs, action, and underpants! There will be games including the Turbo Toilet 2000, Toilet Paper Roll Tower, and an Underpants Fling. We'll don our red capes, find out our crazy superhero names, play with some toilet paper, maybe even decorate some underwear!

Space Bingo
Fri | May 24 | 4:00pm
Ages 5 - 12

While National Space Day was celebrated on May 3rd, we will still have fun celebrating today with this specially-themed Bingo game that includes telescopes, rockets, aliens, asteroids, and much more!

FreeCycle Donation Drive
May 1 – Aug 1

Drop off clean, pre-owned clothing and back-to-school items in good condition for our August Back-to-School FreeCycle! FreeCycle swaps support sustainable communities by reducing waste and making resources free and accessible to all. Please drop off at the Teen or Children's Desk. Event details coming soon!

Pinellas County Schools Workshops



Pinellas County Schools ESOL Workshops

These presentations for English learner and Spanish-speaking families will cover a variety of topics to help parents and caregivers to help their students achieve academic success in Pinellas County Schools!

PCSB ESOL Workshop Summer Bridge Programs - K-12

Tue | Apr 9 | 5:00pm – 7:00pm

The first hour will consist of the PCS ESOL Family Leadership Council Meeting.

The second hour will include information about the Summer Bridge programs for K-12 and other summer opportunities.

PCSB ESOL Workshop Summer Bridge Programs - K-12

Tue | May 21 | 6:00pm – 7:00pm

Learn about the Summer Bridge programs that PCS offers for Elementary, Middle, and High School students!

Stay tuned for more great workshops from Pinellas County Schools covering the 2024 - 2025 school year in the future!

LIBRARY IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD

Keep up to date on schedule changes, added stops, and all the latest information on the Bookmobile and LibraryHD by visiting LargoPublicLibrary.org.

Plato Academy

10888 126th Ave N, Largo
Tue | Apr 2nd, 16th, 30th & May 14th, 28th

High Point Family Center

5812 150th Ave N, Clearwater
Tue | Apr 2nd, 16th, 30th & May 14th, 28th

High Point Youth Empowerment Center

5343 Laurel Pl, Clearwater
Tue | Apr 2nd, 16th, 30th & May 14th, 28th

The Barrington Senior Living

901 Seminole Blvd, Largo
Wed | Apr 10th, 24th & May 8th, 22nd

Oak Manor

3600 Oak Manor Lane, Largo
Wed | Apr 10th, 24th & May 8th, 22nd

Heather Haven

10476 131th St, Largo
Wed | Apr 3rd, 17th & May 1st, 15th, 29th

Paradise Island

1001 Starkey Rd, Largo
Thu | Apr 4th, 18th & May 2nd, 16th, 30th

Sodalis Senior Living

333 16th Ave SE, Largo
Thu | Apr 4th, 18th & May 2nd, 16th, 30th

Imperial Palms

4711 Imperial Palm Dr, Largo
Tue | Apr 9th, 23rd & May 7th, 21st

St. Patrick's Catholic School

1501 Trotter Rd, Largo
Wed | Apr 3rd, 17th & May 1st, 15th, 29th

Royal Palms

200 Lake Ave NE, Largo
Thu | Apr 11th, 25th & May 9th, 23rd

Elison of Pinecrest

1150 8th Ave SW, Largo
Fri | Apr 12th, 26th & May 10th, 24th

Holiday Belleair Towers

1100 Ponce De Leon Blvd, Clearwater
Fri | Apr 12th, 26th & May 10th, 24th

ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNING

Adult English Classes

Mon - Wed | 9:30am - 2:30pm

Thu - Fri | 10:00am - 3:00pm

In collaboration with Pinellas County Schools, this program will help adults speak, write and read English in a classroom setting. Registration is required and continuous throughout the semester. There is a \$45 fee for each six-month term of enrollment. For more information, please call 727.942.9146.

Citizenship and Naturalization Preparation Classes

Mon & Wed | 6:00pm

Legal, permanent residents of the U.S. can prepare for the naturalization process and practice for the Citizenship Interview with Learning Empowered Citizenship instructors. For more information, please call 727.244.9301 or email citizenship3@learning-empowered.org.

English Conversation Club

Thursdays | 2:15pm

This is a fun, casual atmosphere to practice and improve your English. Speakers of all levels are welcome. This free club is designed to be attended at your leisure, and there is a new topic at every meeting! The club meets in the ELL room on the 2nd floor of the library.

One-on-One English Tutoring

Applications are available at the library or by going to www.largopubliclibrary.org/ell. 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, please call 727.587.6715.

Become a Volunteer Tutor! English Language Learning Tutor Training and Orientation Workshop

Saturday | May 11 | 10am - 4pm

ELL tutors at the library commit to two hours per week of teaching and mentoring a neighbor in need of improving their English. Becoming an ELL tutor is a great way to make friends and give back to your community. Lunch is included. Registration is required as well as an online application. Questions? call 727-587-6715 Ext. 2547.

TEEN PROGRAMS

Ages 12-18

For programs that require registration, please register online or call 727.587.6715.



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Special Programs & Contests

100 Books Before Graduation Reading Challenge Ongoing

Challenge yourself to read 100 books before you graduate high school! Open to grades six through twelve. Register at any time on Beanstack.

Summer Volunteer Recruitment Apr – May

Teens ages 12-18 who are interested in volunteering with the library this summer may learn more and submit an application at LargoPublicLibrary.org/Teens

Free to Read Book Display April 1, 2024 – September 30, 2024

Celebrate your freedom to read with our rotating display of staff's favorites!

Genres Scavenger Hunt April 1, 2024 – April 30, 2024

Complete our book genre scavenger hunt to enter to win a Grand Prize!

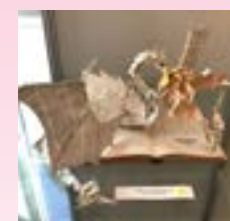
Recycled Book Art Show Request for Submissions Apr 1 - May 31 | Ages 13 and up

Calling all artists! Throughout the months of April and May, celebrate the written word by submitting original artwork made from recycled books to our Art Contest. The artwork will showcase in the Library's Gallery 120 in June and July where a panel of judges and our community can vote for their favorite pieces. Prizes will be awarded by the panel to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners. A People's Choice prize will also be awarded for each category by a popular vote from our community. Artwork may be 2D or 3D but cannot exceed 18" by 12".

Used books will be available to repurpose for this art show, stop by the Circulation desk to pick one up to use in your artwork.

Prizes are as follows:

1st place: \$100;
2nd place: \$50;
3rd place: \$25;
People's Choice: \$50.



FreeCycle Donation Drive May 1, 2024 – August 1, 2024

Drop off clean, pre-owned clothing and back-to-school items in good condition for our August Back-to-School FreeCycle!

FreeCycle swaps support sustainable communities by reducing waste and making resources free and accessible to all. Please drop off at the Teen or Children's Desk. Event details coming soon!



Programs and Events

Teen Art Night

Mon | Apr 8 & May 6 | 5pm - 6:30pm

Teen Program Room

Stop by and make art with us!

Rainbow Social

Wed | Apr 10, 17 | 3pm - 5pm

Teen Program Room

All high school students are welcome to this safe, inclusive hangout space for LGBTQIA+ teens and teen allies.



Book-to-Movie Night

Mon | Apr 15 | 5pm - 7 pm

Wed | May 15 | 5pm - 7pm

Teen Room

The book is always better than the movie, but let's watch the movie anyway! Join us while we watch movie adaptations of YA books. Cast your vote in the Teen Room!



Study Hall

Tue | Apr 16, 23, 30 & May 7, 14 | 4pm - 7pm

Thu | Apr 18, 25 & May 2, 9, 16 | 2pm - 5pm

Teen Program Room

Drop in and study for exams or work quietly in this reserved space for teens. Refreshments, tutoring, and relaxing activities will be available on select days.



Staff Picks

In the spirit of our Free to Read programming beginning in April, here are some staff book recs!

Fantasy



- *Daughter of the Moon Goddess* by Sue Lynn Tan
- *Sing Me to Sleep* by Gabi Burton
- *Threads that Bind* by Kika Hatzopoulou

Romance



- *This Time it's Real* by Ann Liang
- *Sleepless in Dubai* by Sajni Patel
- *The Dos and Donuts of Love* by Adiba Jaigirdar

Graphic Novels



- *Belle of the Ball* by Mari Costa
- *Brooms* by Jasmine Walls
- *The Princess and the Grilled Cheese Sandwich* by Deya Muniz

Manga



- *Frieren: Beyond Journey's End* by Kanehito Yamada
- *Spy x Family* by Tatsuya Endo
- *Ex-Yakuza & Stray Kitten* by Riddle Kamimura

GENEALOGY CLASSES & GROUPS

For more information and full program descriptions visit LargoPublicLibrary.org, pinellasgenealogysociety.com or email info@pinellasgenealogysociety.com

Genealogy Lectures

Finding Family: Hidden Roots in Your DNA Sat | Apr 20 | 11:0am

Learn how adoptees and others find biological parents and siblings through DNA testing. Review the case that started it all and see today's recommended strategies. View examples of surprise discoveries and see the tools used to identify relationships.



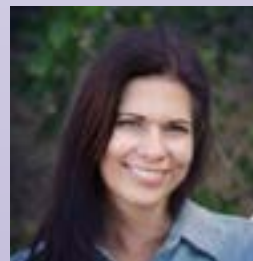
Richard Hill was the first adoptee to identify his birth family through genetic genealogy DNA testing. This was so innovative at the time that his story appeared on the front page of The Wall Street Journal as Family Secrets: An Adopted Man's 26-Year Quest for His Father. To share what he learned with other adoptees and genealogists, he created the DNA Testing Adviser website in 2008, the first major DNA website that was not created by a testing company. He has

educated thousands of readers and has answered a flood of individual questions. He now speaks about his experiences and runs the DNA Favorites website from his home in Michigan.

Getting the Most from FamilySearch.org Sat | May 18 | 11:00am

Explore all that FamilySearch.org has to offer including powerful search features, online family trees, family activities, digitized books, an exciting app feature, Memories (a digital scrapbook), the research wiki, and how to get help from the FamilySearch community. Pinellas Genealogy Society at Largo Library now provides free access to the fully unlocked version of FamilySearch.org.

Tamara Hallo is a professional genealogist based in Miami with over 25 years of experience as an educator with a Master of Library Science degree. A lifelong learner, she holds a certificate of genealogical research from Boston University and has completed the ProGen study program. Most recently, she has completed the Advanced Genealogical Methods and the Fundamentals of Hispanic Genealogical Research at the Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy. She conducts thorough family research for clients adhering to the standards of both the National Genealogical Society (NGS) and the Association of Professional Genealogists (APG). She shares training on her website HalloGenealogyServices.com. An educator at heart, teaching genealogy allows her to share her passion with others.



Sponsored by Pinellas Genealogy Society (PGS), a dynamic group of researchers who are dedicated not only to the exploration of their own ancestry but to helping others successfully explore theirs. Located in Largo, Florida, PGS offers a comprehensive array of classes, workshops, seminars, speakers, projects, and publications to assist new as well as experienced researchers.

Genealogy Classes & Groups

German Genealogy Special Interest Group (SIG) Mon | Apr 1 & May 6 | 1:00pm | Virtual – Zoom only

The group meeting will be a forum for answering questions and helping navigate the unique challenges of researching your German ancestors. We will demonstrate where and how to find the data that will help you trace your German family. This will be led by Debbe Hagner. she received a Diploma in Family History from Brigham Young University and has been doing research for over 50 years. Debbe is among the few professional accredited genealogists in the Tampa Bay Area. Hagner

DNA Basics IV Thu | Apr 4 | 7:00pm | Virtual – Zoom only

This class will be an overview of Mitochondrial DNA, Y DNA and X DNA. Manning & Luce

The Women of 1620 Wed | Apr 3 | 1:00pm | Local History & Zoom

Eighteen women (along with 34 children) boarded the Mayflower in 1620. This is the heart-wrenching tale of the only women who survived to the first Thanksgiving. Overshadowed by the men you all know, this true-life drama shines light on the four strong women who endured hardships and tragedy to give birth to a new nation! We also delve into feeding the family, women's rights, and daily work of the times. Coffey

Family Tree Maker User Group Sat | Apr 6 & May 4 | 10:00am | Virtual – Zoom only

This class explores the use of this popular genealogy software program and demonstrates the many features, from the basics of initial entry of family information to more detailed topics.

Using Historical Literature to Explore Your Ancestors' Lives Tue | Apr 9 | 1:00pm | Local History & Zoom

Historical literature, both fiction and non-fiction, can help us to better understand the world in which our ancestors lived and the events that shaped their lives. This presentation looks at how to use historical literature to flesh out the stories of our ancestors and provides examples to show what can be learned. Fortin

Ancestry Family Trees Thu | Apr 11 – Part 1 | 1:00pm | Local History & Zoom Thu | May 16 – Part 2 | 1:00pm | Local History & Zoom

Publishing your tree on Ancestry.com can be a great way to share your research with others, as well as to provide a backup for your work. This presentation covers how to start a family tree on Ancestry.com, and how to maintain it. That includes working with people, events, images, and sources. Schuler

Writers Special Interest Group (SIG) Sat | Apr 13 & May 11 | 1:00pm | Virtual – Zoom only

This is a collaborative learning space to try new writing techniques and to crowdsource writing-related questions and issues. Coffey

Exploring the Library of Congress Digital Collections Mon | Apr 15 | 1:00pm | Local History Room & Zoom

The Library of Congress website includes more than 500 digitized collections of manuscripts, maps, prints, audio recordings, and much more. This presentation will introduce you to the wide range of resources available in these collections and show you how they can help you in your own family history research. Fortin

Organizing Your Family's Best Reunion Wed | Apr 17 | 1:00pm | Local History Room & Zoom

Once you know you want a family reunion, start planning it soon and correctly. In this session, we walk you through the right time for the many details to consider. We cover specific tips and case studies from successful events like using social media and options for budgeting. After following the right steps, you can be confident your reunion will be the best ever! Handout includes a complete planning checklist. Coffey

Bounty Lands Mon | Apr 22 | 1:00pm | Local History Room & Zoom

Bounty Lands were used from before the Revolutionary War up until 1858 to reward military service and stimulate enlistment. Those records can confirm military service and even locate ancestors during and after hostilities. This class gives the history of the subject, what records are available, and where to find them. Hahn.

DNA Interest Group Tue | Apr 23 & May 28 | 1:00pm | Virtual – Zoom only

Every month on the 4th Tuesday. 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. Manning & Luce

Isaac Allerton: Fallen Saint of Plymouth Thu | Apr 25 | 1:00pm | Local History Room & Zoom

Meet Isaac Allerton, one of the most complex figures in Plymouth Colony. While there is no monument to this ambitious Pilgrim, we can thank him for the thriving fishing industry and the booming economy of New England in the 1600s. So why was he banished from Massachusetts? Learn his uplifting and intriguing story! Coffey

RootsMagic User Group Sat | Apr 27 & May 25 | 10:00am | Virtual – Zoom only

Questions and answers and demonstration of how to use the RootsMagic genealogy database software program. Hagner

Who Were the Passengers on the Mayflower? Mon | Apr 29 | 1:00pm | Local History Room & Zoom

We've all heard the story of the Mayflower and the founding Plymouth Colony in 1620 but who were these intrepid souls, what did they believe, why did they come to New England, and who left descendants? This presentation explores these topics and provides information on the resources available for learning more about the Pilgrims. Fortin



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DNA Basics I: Ethnicity Thu | May 2 | 7:00pm | Virtual – Zoom only

This class defines DNA, gives examples of DNA inheritance patterns and discusses the different types of DNA tests and the companies that provide them. It gives ideas for the best way to make the most of your DNA dollars and how you might want to "target test" some of your relatives. In addition, the class provides information on the ethnicity estimates provided by each company and how you might use them in your research. Manning & Luce

Walking in Their Footsteps: Locating Places Where Our Ancestors Lived and Worked Tue | May 7 | 1:00pm | Local History Room & Zoom

One of the fun things about genealogy is getting to know our ancestors as people, not just as names and dates on a chart. This presentation will help you to identify sources that can assist you in locating the precise locations where your ancestors lived and worked. Fortin

Bringing Your Ancestors to Life: Going Beyond the Facts Tue | May 14 | 1:00pm | Local History Room & Zoom

Using a case study approach, this presentation will explore how you can use traditional resources such as vital records, census records, land records, newspapers, and more to uncover the lives, experiences, and even personalities of our ancestors. Fortin

Homestead Act: History & Records Mon | May 20 | 1:00pm | Local History Room & Zoom

A review of the historical and political significance of the 1862 Homestead Act and associated legislation. Includes a discussion of the process followed to establish a homestead on public domain land, and an understanding of the method of legally surveying and describing the land. The presentation will also cover an examination of the records that were created in establishing a homestead, their genealogical value, and where those records are found today. This is an in-depth treatment of the Homestead Act, which is briefly referred to in the presentation on property Research Basics in the US. Hahn

Passing the Baton Tue | May 21 | 1:00pm | Local History Room & Zoom

This class explores some legal and logical things we can do to help ensure that our genealogy research goes to good hands when we pass on. Styx

Google for Genealogy Thu | May 23 | 1:00pm | Local History Room & Zoom

Google (yes, Google!) is a powerful tool to help research your family data. We will start with the basics of how to create a simple request that will find exactly what you seek. Then we progress into tips and tricks on advanced Google tools to uncover credible, accurate information that will further enhance your family tree research. Coffey

Sharing Interesting Ancestors: Writing Brief Narrative Sketches Wed | May 29 | 1:00pm | Local History Room & Zoom

Do you want to share your family history research and enthusiasm with your relatives, but find that their eyes tend to glaze over when you pull out your pedigree charts and family group sheets? Try presenting the information to them in bite-size chunks, one interesting ancestor at a time, using brief, 1-3 page narratives with visual impact. Fortin



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Christina Lauren Share Their Secrets at Largo Turns a Page

Christina Lauren is the combined pen name of Christina Hobbs (Lo) and Lauren Billings (PQ), long time writing partners and best friends and international bestselling coauthors. Lo lives in California with her husband, teenagers, and dogs. She earned her doctorate in neuroscience from UC Irvine with research in neurodegeneration in aging. PQ lives in Utah with her husband and daughter and used to spend her days as a junior high school counselor. Together, they have penned more than 30 books and been translated into as many language! They've been featured in publications such as Forbes, The Atlantic, Washington Post and Entertainment Weekly. The March 21 Largo Turns a Page was widely successful, with fans of the duo coming out in droves! The Friends of Largo Library happily sponsored their library appearance and widely successful evening.



We Sing and Celebrate Ourselves at the Spring Volunteer Luncheon

American Poet Walt Whitman in his Song of Myself wrote that we sing and celebrate ourselves! "For every atom as belonging to me as good belongs to you." Indeed, that's exactly what we did at the spring Volunteer Luncheon on March 26 where we gathered as thanks for our hard work over the year. We met for lunch at the Historic Largo Feed Store across from the Library and celebrated another successful year. There were about 50 of us there who normally spend our time at the library bookstore, now happily taking a break and enjoying food provided by Jamie Groves of Indian Rocks Eats. We happily named our well-deserved Volunteers of the Year.

Congratulations to Lissa Dexter and Tammi Lombardi for your constant effort and wonderful achievement! Lissa tackles whatever job is offered and Tammi is the Master of our online book sales! You both exemplify so much of what the Friends of Largo Library is all about—hard work, generous time, and fun! And further thanks to Lissa Dexter, for planning this marvelous luncheon occasion where we reflect on our joint year of work and effort to make our Largo Library Bookstore one of the most successful in the area.

Twice-a-Year Book Sale in January

It was another wild 3-day book sale in January, and we're happy to report that the crowds are returning! We again met in the Jenkins Rooms and filled those rooms with titles from a variety of categories and genres. There was table, after table, after table of collectibles and readables, with the last day of the sale featuring \$1 bags filled to the brim. Thanks to one and all for their support of this Friends endeavor! Now its time to look ahead to our Fall Book Sale, and we hope you'll join us then! Stay tuned for more information on the dates.



GREATER LARGO LIBRARY FOUNDATION

Nan Colton Presents: Harriet Beecher Stowe: Under Palmetto Leaves Bringing History to Life Through Theatrical Performance

The Greater Largo Library Foundation is proud to present a performance by Nan Colton on Thursday, April 18th at 6:00 PM in Jenkins Room B. Nan is an accomplished playwright, director, storyteller, actress and arts educator who has performed and lectured professionally on stages throughout South Africa, Great Britain, and the United States.



Tickets are \$25.00 each (includes refreshments) and are available at the circulation desk in the library (cash or check only). Deadline to purchase tickets is April 12th.

Tickets are also available online at <https://www.gllf.org/donate-now>

Pick up yours today; seats are limited. The event is sponsored by the Greater Largo Library Foundation and proceeds from the event will benefit the programs and services of the Largo Public Library. Contact the Foundation office at (727) 586-7398 for additional information.

English Conversation Club Facilitator



Facilitator, Ashley Velu, wrapped her 18-week session leading the English conversation club. Ashley found exciting and interesting ways each week to help Largo's English speakers of other languages boost their conversation skills. The conversation club provides a fun and casual atmosphere to practice and improve one's English. Anyone can come, speakers of all levels are welcome. Registration is not required. Ashley will be missed; we also hope that the opportunity to lead the club will contribute to an exciting future for her. Additionally, the library's English Language Learning (ELL) program is grateful to the Rotary Club of Largo and the Greater Largo Library Foundation, both organizations provided the funds for Ashley's honorarium.

Take Home A Community Butterfly Garden Window Cling!

Gift a Largo Public Library keepsake with this Community Butterfly Garden Mural Window Cling. The window clings are available for purchase in the Friends Bookstore for \$5.00. Each of these miniature artworks comes in decorative packaging making them perfect for the library lover in your life. This window cling is an exact replica of the mural located in the Community Butterfly Garden, designed, and painted by local Artist Beth Warmath. All proceeds from the sale of the window clings benefit the programs and services of the Largo Public Library.





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