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Director's Column



I hope you enjoyed last month's teen takeover of this column! It was wonderful to hear the Teen Librarian's enthusiasm for these specialized services and get firsthand knowledge of the impact they're making on our community.

This month we explore the topic of travel. Setting off on an adventure holds great appeal for those of us who have been sidelined for so long. If you're still feeling hesitant about taking a journey, rest assured we've been acquiring a diverse collection of reading materials. If traveling through history is interesting to you, I'm pleased to announce that we are once again able to have our reading program, *Largo Turns a Page*, hosting author Sarah Penner, February 5, 2022. Her book, *The Lost Apothecary*, is available at the library and hardcover copies will be on-hand for signing at her book talk in February.

Staff is looking forward to more people coming to the library for in-person programs. Please join us for a multitude of adult classes in December and January. In-person children's programs will fully resume in January. We've missed our littlest patrons and their caregivers. It will be nice to hear the sounds of story time meandering through the halls of the library.



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LIBRARY HOURS

Mon - Wed | 9am - 8pm
 Thu - Fri | 10am - 6pm
 Sat | 10am - 5pm
 Sun | Closed

Closed

Fri | Dec 24 Sat | Jan 1
 Sat | Dec 25 Mon | Jan 17
 Fri | Dec 31 | Close at 5pm

BE THE CHANGE

Four years ago, our friend and Foundation Board Member, *Bob Dorian, brought us an idea that we immediately jumped on board with. That idea was the opportunity to partner with Silver Santas, a program sponsored by the Area Agency on Aging of Pasco-Pinellas, Inc. and Better Living for Seniors Consortium.

"Silver Santas is a grassroots project that provides gifts during the holiday season to isolated and low-income seniors through Providers such as assisted living communities, senior housing (HUD) communities and at home by Guardians or Professional Caregivers."

Every year in November our Christmas tree goes up with nothing but white tags to decorate it. Each tag represents a senior or nursing home resident in our area that may be without family or friends around the holidays. On these tags is a wish list of items with colors and sizes that particular person likes and needs. A community member takes a tag or two and uses it as their shopping list for those individuals and then returns the new, unwrapped items (gift bags will be provided) to the facility at which they got the tag. Then in the first week of December, Silver Santas comes to the locations and gathers all the gifts and distributes them in time for the holidays.

In lieu of adopting a senior, Silver Santas also accepts "donations of new clothing, hygiene products, candy, and small personal items to help fill out the gift bags." Monetary donations are also accepted and can be mailed in or given online. For more information visit <https://blspinellas.org/Silver-Santas>.

This will be our fourth year participating in the program and we are so lucky to be able to provide for our fellow community members in need! Here's to many more years and happy holidays to come!

*You can learn more about Bob in our Board Member Spotlight on page 15.



NEW EXPERIENCE KITS

Not quite ready to travel the world yet? We have just thing for you!

Our new Experience Kits allow you explore the language, culture, and cuisine of another country from the comfort of your home. They contain a variety of items such as books, DVDs, language learning audiobooks, and cooking equipment that you can use to explore a country's culture. We have kits for five countries so far, including France, Italy, Mexico, Japan, and Thailand. Stop by the Circulation desk in the Library to check out one today.

And don't forget, we still have our Mindfulness kits to check out as well. Explore gardening, birdwatching, or meditation with these specially curated kits.

On our website, search *Experience Kit* or *Mindfulness Kit* to see what each has in store for you!



LARGO TURNS A PAGE

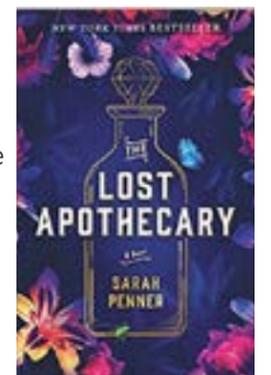
After 2 long years we are finally resuming our Largo Turns a Page Community Read. This year we are featuring local author Sarah Penner and her novel *The Lost Apothecary*. The event will be in-person on Saturday, February 5, 2022, with an author talk and book signing.

The Lost Apothecary is Ms. Penner's debut novel and a New York Times Bestseller! The gripping tale spans two centuries connecting the lives of three women.

"There are dark aspects to the story—like the burden of secrets and the destructive pursuit of vengeance—but it is also a story of hope and the way women can protect, honor, and free one another, even when separated by the barrier of time." Sarah Penner

"The Lost Apothecary is a poisonously good read... An enthralling work of mystery, murder, trust, and betrayal. Set in an atmospheric London, Penner's immersive story flows skillfully from past to present, revealing the heartaches and lost dreams of three captivating main characters in a page-turningly tense drama that surprises right up until the final paragraph." NPR

Registration opens Monday, January 3, 2022. We can't wait to see you there!



Notables & Quotables



Booktalking with Iris
Wed | Dec 8 & Jan 12 | 12pm
Listen to a talk on popular titles each month.



Poets Live! - VIRTUAL
Mon | Dec 13 & Jan 10 | 6:30pm
Poets Live! meets virtually on the 2nd Monday of each month. Read your poetry and learn about noted poets during our biography segment.

Contact Wayne S. Williams,
cylum@tampabay.rr.com.

Chapter Chat @ Evermore Cafe
Wed | Dec 15 & Jan 12 | 5pm
Dec | *Little Fires Everywhere* by Celeste Ng
Jan | *The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society* by Mary Ann Shaffer



If you feel inclined to join us please email
bwiley@tampabay.rr.com.

Winter Reading Challenge

Join the Largo Public Library's **Jump Start January Reading Resolution** starting on January 1st. Pick up a card with five reading challenges and turn in by January 31st to be entered into a grand prize drawing. Two lucky winners will be selected and each will win a \$25.00 Amazon gift card. The first 75 people to turn in their challenge card will receive a special gift. Open to ages 18 and up with a valid PPLC library card. Please only one entry per person.



ADULT PROGRAMS

Ages 18 and up.

Masks and social distancing are recommended during all in-person programs. Staff may continue to wear masks when interacting with the public.

Sign With Sabila - VIRTUAL

Tue | Dec 7, 14
Beginners | 6pm
Meeting ID: 822 3048 2402
Passcode: LearnASL
Intermediate | 7pm
Meeting ID: 875 0359 9006
Passcode: ASLISFUN

Advanced | 8pm

Meeting ID: 878 3878 3252
Passcode: ASLZONE
Presented by the PPLC Deaf Literacy Center. Come build your vocabulary, grammar, and structure. Classes are offered free of charge in a virtual format through Zoom. For additional details email sbeganovic@pplc.us.

R SHINE: Serving Health Insurance Needs of Elders

Wed | Dec 1, 15 & Jan 5, 19 | 10am-2pm



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 the Largo Public Library. Please call to schedule your appointment between 10:00am-2:00pm.

Medicare 101

Wed | Dec 15 & Jan 5 | 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.

R Virtual Adult Trivia

Wed | Dec 1 & Jan 5 | 6pm
Dec | Mystery
Jan | Disney
Want to show off your trivia skills? Join us for monthly, themed virtual adult trivia on the first Wednesday of each month at 6pm. You might even win a prize!



R The Art of Book Folding

Thu | Dec 2 | 4pm
Repurpose your books. We will be doing a **music note** pattern! Books will be provided.



R Illuminate Your Ornaments - VIRTUAL

Mon | Dec 6 | 6pm
Want to light up your holiday decorations? We will use conductive thread and LED technology and make ornaments. Supply kits will be ready for pick up Nov 30-Dec 6. Online access information will be emailed to registered attendees by Dec 1/2.

R Paint Along with Bob Ross

Mon | Dec 6 | 6pm
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*.



R Winter Cardmaking

Tue | Dec 7 | 6pm
Make a shaker card fit for a Florida winter, and a snowflake embossed card with a watercolor background. We'll also have cardmaking supplies from previous classes if there are any you missed or would like to make again.



R Sew Felted Slippers & Mittens

Wed | Dec 8 | 6pm
Thu | Dec 9 | 3pm
These felted slippers and mittens are a great way to use that old wool sweater you never wear! Not a wool fan? You can also use a sweatshirt or polar fleece jacket to make your winter wearables.



R Edible Science Series - VIRTUAL

Mon | Dec 13 | 6pm
Learn how to make dessert treats and "caviar" & "champagne" using molecular gastronomy techniques. Supply kit and shopping list will be available for pick up Dec 7-13. Online access information will be emailed to registered attendees by Dec 9/10.

ADULT PROGRAMS

Ages 18 and up.

Masks and social distancing are recommended during all in-person programs. Staff may continue to wear masks when interacting with the public.

R Nuno Felted Scarf

Tue | Dec 14 | 6pm
Learn the basics of nuno felting and make your own textured wool & silk scarf. After the felting process is complete, you'll be able to dye your scarf using your choice of colors. A nonrefundable \$6 materials fee is required upon registration at the library circulation desk.



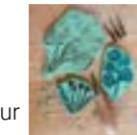
R Paint a Mini Macaron

Wed | Dec 15 | 6pm
Paint a scrumptious French macaron on a mini canvas using acrylics.



R Block Printing: Make a Stamp

Tue | Jan 4 | 6pm or 7pm
Carve your own 2 by 3-inch rubber stamp to use for block printing. Bring your own design or use one of our samples.



R Intro to 3D Printing

Thu | Jan 6 | 4pm
View a demonstration of the library's 3D printer and learn the basics of 3D printing. Age: 18+.



R Wake up with the Library

Sat | Jan 8 | 9am
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. In order to protect the health and safety of our patrons and team members, masks are recommended. Space is limited to 8 people.



R Edible Science Series - VIRTUAL

Thu | Jan 13 | 4pm
Start the new year by learning how to use molecular gastronomy techniques to make a deconstructed miso and more. Supply kit and ingredient list will be available for pick up Jan 4 - 12. Online access information will be emailed to registered attendees by Jan 10/11.



R Sew a Passport Holder

Wed | Jan 19 | 6pm
Thu | Jan 20 | 3pm
This wallet has room to hold all your travel essentials. Use the clear pocket for your vaccination card or divide it to hold your driver's license and credit card. **Please bring 1 fat quarter (18" by 22") of fabric.**



R New Horizons Painting

Wed | Jan 26 | 6pm
Paint an abstract horizon using watercolor and gouache.



R Issues That Matter Series: Human Trafficking / Book Discussion - VIRTUAL

Mon | Jan 31 | 6pm
Human trafficking is a form of modern slavery that occurs in every state, including Florida. January is National Human Trafficking Awareness Month. We will be discussing *Sold* by Patricia McCormick. Also, learn about federal, state, and local resources on the topic. Online access information will be emailed to registered attendees by Jan 27/28.



Tune Into Page Turn A Monthly Podcast Hosted by Hannah and Victor

You'll hear great reviews of recommended books, (what we librarians call Reader's Advisory), an interesting library tidbit, a Spanish language book review (Book Traveler with Victor), and info about some upcoming events! Find *Page Turn* on our website at LargoPublicLibrary.org under *Explore the Library* and also at LargoPublicLibrarypodcast.blubrry.net. Better yet, subscribe to the podcast and you'll always have a great book on your nightstand!



Notables & Quotables

Paint, Stamp, Stitch

Paint, Stamp, Stitch is a 3-part class that will take you from raw materials to a finished piece of art fabric. You may choose to attend 1, 2, or all 3 parts as your schedule allows.

R Part 1: Paint!

Mon | Jan 3 | 6pm or 7pm
Paint a fat quarter (18" by 22") of fabric that can be used for future sewing projects.



R Part 2: Stamp!

Mon | Jan 10 | 6pm or 7pm
Stamp fabric using block printing. You may opt to carve your own stamp design at the class on January 4th or use one of our many examples.



R Part 3: Stitch!

Fri | Jan 21 | 3pm
Mon | Jan 24 | 6pm
Complete your fabric project with decorative stitching, couching, quilting. Your finished piece can be hung as artwork or used in future sewing projects.



Monthly Featured Playlists!

· Install the Freegal app or access at LargoPublicLibrary.org – eBranch – Download & Stream

· Log in with your Largo Public Library card number

· Each month see new featured playlists from the Largo Library

· Download songs from Freegal – to keep on your device! Or stream up to 2 hours of music a day from over 200 music genres





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.

We're still buzzing with excitement from another successful Welcoming Week Basket Drive! Welcoming Week happens every year in September and celebrates the growing movement of communities that fully embrace newcomer immigrants and their contributions to the social fabric of our country. Thanks to generous donations from the community, this year was the most successful Welcoming Week Basket Drive to date. The library made 181 Welcome Baskets for newly arrived refugees that included household items for the kitchen and bathroom and items for babies, children, and teens.

Thank you to Barbara S. Ponce Public Library, Gulf Coast Jewish Family and Community Services, Tampa Bay Refugee Task Force, and the community for their support of refugee families. For more information contact Community Engagement Librarian, Victor Otero at 727.587.6715 ext.2547.



- High Point Family Center
5812 150th Ave N, Clearwater
Tue | Dec 14, 28 & Jan 11, 25
- High Point Youth Empowerment Center
5343 Laurel Pl, Clearwater
Tue | Dec 14, 28 & Jan 11, 25
- Sweetwater Assisted Living
11290 Walsingham Rd, Largo
Tue | Dec 14, 28 & Jan 11, 25
- The Barrington Senior Living
901 Seminole Blvd, Largo
Wed | Dec 1, 15, 29 & Jan 12, 26
- Oak Manor
3600 Oak Manor Lane, Largo
Wed | Dec 1, 15, 29 & Jan 12, 26
- Paradise Island
1001 Starkey Rd, Largo
Thu | Dec 2, 16, 30 & Jan 13, 27
- Sodalis Senior Living
333 16th Ave SE, Largo
Thu | Dec 2, 16, 30 & Jan 13, 27

- Imperial Palms
4711 Imperial Palm Dr, Largo
Tue | Dec 7, 21 & Jan 4, 18
- Pinellas Heights Senior Apts.
11411 Ulmerton Rd, Largo
Wed | Dec 8, 22 & Jan 5, 19
- Heron House
2050 E. Bay Dr, Largo
Thu | Dec 9, 23 & Jan 6, 20
- Lake House
1071 Lake Ave NE, Largo
Thu | Dec 9, 23 & Jan 6, 20
- Royal Palms
200 Lake Ave NE, Largo
Thu | Dec 9, 23 & Jan 6, 20
- Elison of Pinecrest
1150 8th Ave SW, Largo
Fri | Dec 10 & Jan 7, 21
- Heritage Village
11909 125th St N, Largo
Fri | Dec 10 & Jan 7, 21

ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNING

Adult English Classes
 Mon | 9:30am-1:30pm
 Tue | 9:30am-1:30pm
 Wed | 9:30am-1:30pm
 Thu | 10:15am-1:15pm
 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 - VIRTUAL | Dec
 Mon | 6pm-8pm In-Person | Jan
 Wed | 6pm-8pm
 Are you a legal, permanent resident of the United States? Do you want to become a U.S. Citizen? We can help! We will prepare you for the naturalization process with instruction in Civics & U.S. History and practice for the Citizenship Interview. Classes are taught by Learning Empowered Citizenship instructors. For more information please call 727.244.9301 or email citizenship3@learning-empowered.org.

English Conversation Club
 Tue | 6pm-7:30pm
 Practice speaking and listening in English and 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/ell. Individuals are matched according to the availability of volunteers, mutual scheduling preferences, and waiting list order. Instruction is based on each learners needs and goals. Tutors and students meet two hours per week for a 6-month period. For more information, please 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.

TEEN SCENE

Ages 12-18

For more Teen Services content, follow us @largoteens!

In-Person Events

Teen D&D



Teens interested in playing Dungeons & Dragons, please email libraryteen@largo.com for more info on available campaigns and meet-ups!

Teen Crafternoon

Wed | Jan 12 | 3pm-5pm



Flex your creative skills at these crafty drop-in workshops.

Switch Wednesdays

Wed | Jan 19 | 3pm-5pm



Winter Pop Up Activities

Drop into the Teen Room throughout December for surprise activities and maybe even a chance to win some cozy seasonal prizes!

Take Home

Teen Book Boxes

Fri | Dec 10 & Jan 14
 Book Boxes come with a surprise book, goodies, and tasty treats. New Boxes are released on the 2nd Friday of the month. Teens must be present to pick-up. One per person. Available while supplies last.

Take & Make Crafts

Tue | Dec 14, 28



Stop by the Teen Room to pick up a crafting kit to take home! Main supplies

are included. New kits will be available on Tuesdays, and you can pick them up throughout the week while supplies last.

Language Learning Kits Launch

Mon | Jan 3

Check out Language Learning kits to learn a new language or bolster your class studies! Choose from Spanish, French, Japanese, and Korean. Each kit includes materials like a textbook and flashcards to help you learn. Kits check out for 4 weeks and are limited to one per card. Available at the Teen Desk.



Games2Go

Games2Go kits include classic, tabletop, and card games to check out and enjoy at home. Each kit includes 3-4 games. Kits check out for 4 weeks and are limited to one per card. Available at the Teen Desk.



Contests & Challenges

Books For Bites

(School Year Reading Incentive)
 Oct 1, 2020 – May 31, 2021
 Read and review 5 books for snack coupons you can use at the cafe! Pick up a review pack at the Teen Desk.



Teen Book Recs

November was **Native & Indigenous Heritage Month** and to continue the celebration we're highlighting authors from various tribes and across various genres. We hope you enjoy these as much as we do!

Fire Song by Adam Garnet Jones (Cree-Métis)

Suggested for: High School

Gay Teens, Difficult Life Decisions, Life on a Reservation



Chula the Fox by Anthony Perry (Chickasaw)

Suggested for: Middle School

Historical Fiction, Growing Up, Revenge



Hearts Unbroken by Cynthia Leitich Smith (Muscogee Creek)

Suggested for: High School

Romance, Racism, High School Life



Elatsoe by Darcie Little Badger (Lipan Apache)

Suggested for: Middle & High School

Horror/Fantasy, Murder Investigation & Vengeance, Asexual Teens



Give Me Some Truth by Eric L. Gansworth (Haudenosaunee)

Suggested for: High School

Historical Fiction, Music, Life on a Reservation, Traditional Beadwork



Dragon Castle by Joseph Bruchac (Abenaki)

Suggested for: Middle School

Fantasy, Dragons, Magic, Family



Gallery 120

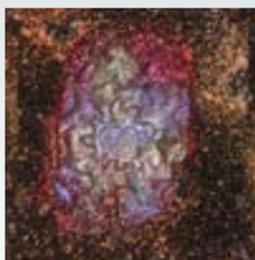
DECEMBER & JANUARY FIBER ARTISTS OF TAMPA BAY

Something old is now something new!

We are excited to announce the Inaugural exhibition of a new fiber art alliance, Fiber Artists of Tampa Bay, (FATB). These art quilters have been collaborating for several years through various local, national, and international groups and have now organized to more effectively address their individual and collective goals.

Currently there are 15 members who have committed to showing their work in this exhibition, and they represent a mixed media approach to fiber and textile art. The purpose of the exhibit is to showcase the wonderful "old" and "new" world of fiber art. Along with traditional quilts and methods, the exhibit is focused on adventurous new techniques and innovative processes that represent each artist's aesthetic, while illustrating a shared vision of fiber art as inclusive, earth friendly and collaborative.

Gallery 120 is open to the public throughout December 2021 and January 2022. We invite you to come and enjoy the Fiber Artists of Tampa Bay. Perhaps you will find that special Christmas gift as well!



TECHNOLOGY & DIGITAL LEARNING

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. Masks are recommended for all in-person programs. Registration required.

BASIC COMPUTER SKILLS

No prerequisite

R Planning Your Travel Online

Wed | Dec 22 | 2pm
Get information and tips for planning a trip, and gain internet skills for traveling locally as well as destinations further away.



R Exploring Community Resources

Wed | Dec 29 | 2pm



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.

R Intro to Zelle, Venmo & ApplePay

Wed | Jan 5 | 2pm
Come and see how these financial apps work and how they might benefit you.

ANDROID

Prerequisite: Have email address, username, password, and bring your own device.

R Android Phones for Beginners 1

Tue | Dec 7 | 3pm
In this hands-on beginner class, learn some of the basics for getting started with your Android phone, including settings and text messaging.

R Android Phones for Beginners 2

Tue | Jan 11 | 3pm
Learn more basics for your Android phone including email and apps. Bring your own device, as well as account login information (passwords, usernames).



APPLE

Prerequisite: Have Apple ID and password

R Organizing Photos on iPad for Beginners

Thu | Dec 16 | 3pm
Acquire skills in creating albums and folders to better organize and access your photos.



R Intermediate iPads

Thu | Dec 30 | 3pm
Learn intermediate skills such as multi-tasking, speaking text, group FaceTime, enhancing emails, and more! Questions welcome!

R Intermediate iPhones

Thu | Dec 9 | 3pm
Thu | Jan 13 | 3pm
Learn new & fun iPhone tips! Bring your questions!

R Advanced iPads

Thu | Dec 2 | 3pm
All-new tips for the Mail, Photos, and Notes Apps, plus a lot more! Questions encouraged!

R Apple Watch

Thu | Jan 27 | 3pm
In this class, learn new and fun ways to use your Apple Watch. We will look at text size, screen shots, sending text messages, the Fitness and Workout Apps, and more. Questions welcome!



TECHNOLOGY

No prerequisite
Make sure to have your passwords. Masks encouraged.

R Tech Help Tuesdays

All Tue | December & January | @ 1pm
No class Tue | Jan 18
Bring your technology questions and your device (or use one of our Chromebooks) to connect with all kinds of help. All questions welcome!



TECHNOLOGY & DIGITAL LEARNING

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. Masks are recommended for all in-person programs. Registration required.

MICROSOFT

No prerequisite

R Basic Word

Wed | Dec 1 | 2pm
Create a document, copy & paste, change the font, save & print.



R Basic Powerpoint

Wed | Dec 8 | 2pm
Create presentations for work or school, slideshows for special events.



R Basic Excel

Wed | Dec 15 | 2pm
Basic introduction to spreadsheets and making a simple budget.



SOCIAL MEDIA

Prerequisite: Have active email account and password

R Getting Started with YouTube

Wed | Jan 12 | 2pm
Learn about the great resource that is YouTube and learn about establishing an account and uploading tagging videos.

R Getting Started with Facebook, Twitter & Instagram

Wed | Jan 26 | 2pm
Create a Facebook and/or Twitter and/or Instagram account, or learn more about the one you already have, and start following, tweeting, and using hashtags.



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. Masks are recommended for all in-person programs.

R Get Your Groove On: Learn Freegal Music

Tue | Dec 14 | 3pm
Bring your smartphone or tablet (Android or iPad), and library account information, and learn hands-on how to use Freegal to download and stream free music. Please install the app before class, be logged in to your app store, or bring your log in information with you.



R eBooks & More! Learn Libby

Tue | Jan 4 | 3pm
Mon | Jan 10 | 6pm
Bring your smartphone, Android/Apple tablet, or laptop and learn how to use the Libby app on your Android tablet/phone or iPad/iPhone. Find eBooks or eMagazines to read, or listen to eAudiobooks. Have your library account information (card and PIN) with you.



R Health Information: Learn Library Databases

Tue | Jan 18 | 3pm
Access free, credible health information with your Largo Public Library card. Learn how to find information on diseases and conditions, prescription drug information through the library databases.



Did You Know?

eGovernment Resources

Find credible, reliable resources for services and assistance from city, county, state, and federal eGovernment resources.

From LargoPublicLibrary.org choose eBranch then eGovernment Resources Topics include:

- Employment Resources & Claim Unemployment
- Rental & Monetary Assistance, & Benefits
- Business & Tax Information
- Health Insurance Marketplace
- Veterans Services & Resources
- Elections & Voting
- Legal Information
- Education Resources
- Donations & Assistance Resources (COVID-19 / Hurricane / Disaster)

Mobile Printing

In addition to printing from a library computer, you can print directly from your smartphone, tablet, laptop, or home computer.

You can forward the message from your email account or choose "Share" from your device to send an item to one of the following.
largo-pl-bw@printspots.com (Black & White Letter)
largo-pl-bw-lg@printspots.com (Black & White Legal)
largo-pl-cl@printspots.com (Color)
largo-pl-cl-lg@printspots.com (Color Legal)

Access <https://www.printeron.net/largo/public-library>
- Choose the printer type
- Enter your email address
- Click "Browse" to find the file on your device
- Click the green Printer icon to send your print job

Install the PrinterOn Print Service app on your device: Android or iOS
- Select the icon for the type of item you want to print (i.e., document, photos, web)
- Choose the item from your device
- Use "location" to find Largo, FL and the 4 available printer types
- Tap the green "Print" button
- Enter email address and click "Print"
- Or choose "Share" from the item you want to print and then select the "PrinterOn Print Service" app

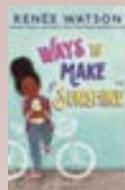
When you arrive at the library, log in with your email address at the print station to find your print job. The machines will take change (except for pennies) and \$1 and \$5 bills.

Book Clubs

For the month of December, children's book clubs will be a simplified at-home edition. There will be no in-person or online meet-ups, however you can always email us at LibraryYouth@largo.com with any questions or to share pictures of your book club activities. Packets for Book Clubs will be available on Tuesdays, as noted below. Adhere to the age guidelines listed. Registration is limited to 2 book clubs per family per week. Any additional registrations will be canceled. Registrations can be made online or by calling 727.587.6715.

Bookworms Book Club | Ages 6-8
Tue | Dec 7 | *Sarai and the Meaning of Awesome* by Sarai Gonzalez

Fiction Addiction Book Club | Ages 9-12
Tue | Dec 14 | *Ways to Make Sunshine* by Renee Watson



In-Person Book Clubs

Beginning in January, children's book clubs will return to having in-person meet-ups to discuss the books and do related crafts and/or other activities. For these book clubs, the packets are available in December 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. Additionally, if there are 2 no-show occasions without prior notification, future book club reservations will be canceled. Book club meetings will be held on Wednesdays at 6pm on the dates listed below.

Bookworms Book Club | Ages 6-8
Wed | Jan 12 | *Rise of the Balloon Goons* by Troy Cummings

Fiction Addiction Book Club | Ages 9-12
Wed | Jan 26 | *Masterminds* by Gordon Korman



CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Ages 12 and under.

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

Contests

The following contest is open to all children ages 12 and under, but we ask that you only enter once a day.

Snowman Search

Dec 1 - Jan 31
Snowman, Snowman, where are you hiding? How many hidden Snowmen can you find in the Children's Department? Come in and let us know so you can be entered into our prize drawing. Winners will be notified on Tuesday, February 1st.

Specialty Programming

Disguise a Gingerbread Cookie

Mon | Nov 29 - Sat | Dec 18
Help Gingerbread Cookies to escape capture by decorating them to look like your favorite book character. Come in to pick up your paper Gingerbread Cookie, take it home to decorate, and then bring it back by Saturday, December 18th to be entered in the Design Competition. This contest is open to all children ages 12 and under, and you may decorate more than one Gingerbread Cookie. All Gingerbread Cookies will be displayed in the Children's Department and winners will be selected by staff and patrons, and then contacted by phone on Tuesday, January 4th.

Pokemon® Takeover | Ages 5-12

Dec 1 - Jan 31
Pokemon® have taken over the Library! Count how many Pokemon® there are and earn a gym badge for counting 'em all. Every two weeks, a new Pokemon® type will take over the children's department and you can earn a new badge!

Literary Lottery | Ages 8-12

Dec 1 - Jan 31
Stop by the children's department to pick up a mystery book packet. Each packet will contain a mystery children's fiction book and some other fun surprises inside! These will be limited in quantity for children and only while supplies last. Limit of 2 per household. Child must be present for pickup.



Take Home Tuesdays

During the months of December and January, all school-age programming will be a simplified at-home edition. During this time, we will still offer some take-home craft activities. There will be 2-3 different craft activity kits available weekly, starting on Tuesdays, as noted below. The following week, you can join our staff online for step-by-step instructions at the date and time listed on your kit. Instructions on where to find the videos will be provided in each kit. The activities are designed for children ages 5-12, but if you have any questions or want to share pictures of your craft activities, you can always email us at LibraryYouth@largo.com. Registration is limited to 3 craft kits per family per week. Any additional registrations will be canceled. Registrations can be made online or by calling 727.587.6715.

R Dec 7 | Mini Yarn Hat, Origami Christmas Trees, Accordion Tree Card

R Dec 14 | Craft Stick Gnome, Easy Peasy Christmas Crafts, Unicorn Card

R Jan 4 | Fleece Octopus, Snowball Launchers, Polar Animal Sewing



R Jan 11 | Snowman Luminary, Safari Animal Sewing, Craft Stick Puzzle

R Jan 18 | Pine Cone Owl, Pawprint Fleece Pillow, Skiing Polar Bear Fleece Pillow

R Jan 25 | Night Sky Fleece Pillow, Little Frog Fleece Pillow, DIY Tic Tac Toe



Tween Time | Ages 8-12

These take-home craft kits are like our weekly craft kits, but for older kiddos who want the extra challenge. Register to pick-up a craft kit that will flex your crafting skills. Instructions on where to find the craft-along videos will be provided in each kit.
Dec 14 | Christmas Tree Nail Board
Jan 11 | Snowman Nail Board

Winter Break Craft-A-Palooza | Ages 5-12

Mon | Dec 20 - Fri | Dec 31
Assorted take-home crafts will be available during Winter Break. No registration is necessary as they will be available first-come, first-served with limited quantities.

Additional At-Home Programming

R Animal Crossing with the Library | Ages 5-12

Tue | Dec 14 & Jan 4, 18 | 6pm
Ready for an island escape? Visit Largo Public Library in Animal Crossing: New Horizons for fun and adventure. Join Ms. Emily on Facebook Live to collect fossils, shake some trees, go on a scavenger hunt, or just hang out with our villagers. Participants will need a Nintendo Switch, Animal Crossing: New Horizons, and a Nintendo Online subscription in order to visit the island.

In-Person Programs

R Life-Sized Frosty Candy Land® | Ages 5-12

Tue | Dec 21 | 2pm-7pm
Wed | Dec 22 | 2pm-7pm
Jenkins Wing
Sign up for a time slot to play life-sized Candy Land®, which has been around for more than 70 years. While you are waiting for your turn, enjoy some crafts and other activities sure to satisfy your sweeter side. Registration for this program is done by family, not individuals.



R Air and Sound: A Great Explorations Presentation | Ages 5-12

Tue | Dec 28 | 2pm
Jenkins Wing
This educational show helps kids to see and understand the invisible. Why does air whistle when it moves sometimes? How do you know if sound waves are moving through you? Answers to these questions and more are headed your way in this exciting science-themed program.

R Monday Night Mayhem | Ages 5-12

Mon | Jan 3, 10, 24, 31 | 6pm
Join us on select Monday evenings and express your creative side each week with hands-on crafts and activities! Painting programs will be using acrylic paint which will stain clothing so please prepare accordingly.



Jan 3 | DIY Zines & Short Stories
Jan 10 | Chihuly-Inspired Art
Jan 24 | DIY Painted Coasters
Jan 31 | Four Seasons Finger Painting

Winter Bingo | Ages 5-12

Wed | Jan 5 | 6pm
Ice skating, mittens, snowballs, penguins, and more...any five in a row will get you Bingo! While these are not things we encounter here in Florida during the winter, it'll still be fun playing Bingo with these winter-themed pictures on our boards. Win some cool prizes, and maybe make a new friend or two!



R Hour of Code

Thu | Jan 6 & 20 | 4pm
STEAM Spot
Jan 6: Ages 5-7
Jan 20: 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 Tinker Lab: Art Spinners | Ages 8-12

Thu | Jan 6 | 4pm
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. For January, we will build and wire our own electric art spinners.

Library Legos | Ages 5-12

Sat | Jan 8 & 22 | 2pm-4pm
Challenge yourself to create a new LEGO masterpiece every week. All materials are provided.

R Create and Chill | Ages 8-12

Tue | Jan 11 & 25 | 6pm
Blow off some steam and create some chill art.
Jan 11 | No-Brush Painting
Jan 25 | Paint Pour



R Code Squad

Thu | Jan 13 & 27 | 4pm
STEAM Spot
Jan 13: Ages 5-7
Jan 27: 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.

R Bookish Crafts | Ages 8-12

Wed | Jan 19 | 6pm
Who doesn't love books? Celebrate books by making watercolor bookmarks, book character magnets, and more in this book-tastic program!

Reading Incentive

Read for rewards! Encourage children to read all year long using our Beanstack challenges! Simply download the Beanstack app onto your phone or other device and register to start tracking your progress online. If you would rather not use the app, simply register on our website at <https://largopubliclibrary.beanstack.org/>.

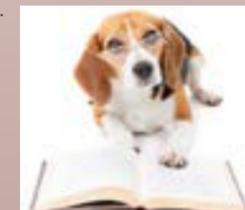
On Beanstack, there are two challenges based on your child's age. Our Mini Bookworms Reading Challenge for Pre-Readers is designed for ages 0-5 and our Every Day Readers Book Challenge is designed for ages 5-12. Both programs allow you to log your reading, submit book reviews, and complete activities to unlock badges and earn coins all year long. Use the coins to purchase an item out of our prize case, or ask to view our book cart where you can purchase books you can keep.

These programs will both run through May 21st, 2022. Stop by the Children's Department for more details on either of these programs.



R Pup Pals Reading Dogs | Ages 5-12

Sat | Jan 22 | 10am-12pm
Improve your reading skills and make a new furry friend by reading to therapy-trained dogs.



At-Home Sign Language and Storytimes

In-person sign language and storytimes will resume soon. For now, please enjoy the recorded programs found in our Youth Services Facebook Group and YouTube page.



GENEALOGY: CLASSES & GROUPS: *Watch Online*

As the date of the event draws nearer, we will publish instructions on how to participate on the PGS website, Blog, and weekly email distribution list. For more information, email Bob Bryan at bbryan84@gmail.com or call 727.595.4521.

Special Events

The 12 Days of Genealogy Christmas: Finding Ancestors in Holiday Records & Heritage Show & Tell

Speaker: Lisa Lisson
Sat | Dec 18 | 11am
Join us via Zoom for our live monthly meeting and Lisa will show how holidays – any holidays – are a perfect time for genealogy. Merry Christmas! The holidays are coming and despite all the busyness of the season, Christmas (and holidays in general) is a fantastic time of year to research your genealogy and family history. Discover the types of holiday resources to include in your search for your ancestors.

Lisa Lisson is the head/only honcho over at *Are You My Cousin?*, where she has helped genealogy researchers around the world learn how to search for and find their ancestors. Through hundreds of genealogy blog posts, YouTube videos and online masterclasses, she shares research strategies and how-to tutorials to take the overwhelm out of genealogy research. Find her at www.LisaLisson.com.



50th Anniversary 1st Decade Event: Where is the Book with My Family in It?

Speaker: Drew Smith
Sat | Jan 15 | 10am
Join us at the Largo Public Library or via Zoom for our live monthly meeting. PGS presents Drew Smith in the first of five events marking our 50th Anniversary. Before beginning their own research, good researchers seek out the research already done by others. Find out how to do an exhaustive search for books, periodicals, and other published or unpublished printed research material that may save you time in your own research.

Drew Smith has been a librarian in the Research and Instruction department at the University of South Florida (USF) Tampa Library since 2007. Between 1994 and 2007, he was an instructor for the USF School of Library and Information Science, where he taught undergraduate-level courses in library/Internet research skills and website



design, and graduate-level courses in genealogical librarianship and indexing/abstracting. Drew was born outside Newark, New Jersey (where his father was from) and grew up in upstate South Carolina (where his mother was from). As a child, he developed an interest in genealogy, and he began to engage in serious family history research in 1992 after the death of his favorite aunt. For Drew, the synthesis of information technology and genealogy was natural. He became an early adapter and innovator, and later an author, speaker and podcaster. Drew regularly speaks at conferences and meetings of national, state, and local genealogy societies, especially on topics linking genealogy and technology. Together with George G. Morgan, Drew has been the co-host of *The Genealogy Guys Podcast* since 2005. Beginning in 2016, Drew also hosts the *Genealogy Connections Podcast*, which alternates with *The Genealogy Guys Podcast*.

Virtual Programs

DNA Basics II – Shared Matches

Thu | Dec 2 | 7pm
This class focuses on how to use DNA "cousin" matching in your research. Whether it is called "Shared Matches". "In Common With", or some other title, all of the primary DNA companies have tools that allow you to analyze your matches based on groups that have DNA in common. DNA Basics I is recommended, but not required before attending Basics II.

Family Tree Maker User Group

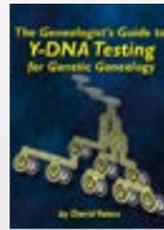
Sat | Dec 4 | 10am
Q&A and demonstration of how to use the Family Tree Maker genealogical database software.

They Died of What? Understanding the Historical Causes of Death

Mon | Dec 6 | 6pm
Death certificates are important resources when researching the lives of our ancestors. However, due to factors such as outdated terminology and the limits of medical knowledge in the past, it can be hard to interpret the causes of death given. This presentation examines some of those factors, and points to resources that can help you find out what your ancestors really died of.

Advanced Genetic Genealogy Discussion: Deep Dive into Using Y-DNA

Sat | Dec 11 | 1pm
Chapter 11
This is a series of discussions led by David Vance, author of *The Genealogist's Guide to Y-DNA Testing for Genetic Genealogy*. Each month will address a different chapter in the book. Learn how Y-DNA is helpful in your genealogy (and how it is not!); understand Short Tandem Repeats (STRs) and Single Nucleotide Polymorphisms (SNPs) and how they can be analyzed to help solve genealogy problems; examine how to evaluate and use DNA Projects; Develop testing strategies and much, much more. Attendees are expected to have read the monthly chapter(s) prior to the session.



War of 1812

Tue | Dec 14 | 6pm
This class seeks to provide an understanding of the historical significance of the War of 1812. It looks at the causes of the war, how it was fought, and its consequences. It then explores the genealogically relevant records generated in relation to the war: what they are, and where to find them.

Lineage Societies:

The Hows and Whys of Joining

Wed | Dec 15 | 1pm
Learn tips for documenting your early arrival ancestors for lineage society use. We will discuss what is a hereditary or lineage society, why you might want to join, and how to find the right ones for you. Then we explain the paper trail requirements and what documentation you need to verify your tree is ready for submission. Even if you're not interested in joining a group, you will learn useful tips to organize your data.

War with Mexico

Mon | Dec 20 | 6pm
This class is an exploration of the causes, conflicts and results of the United States' war with Mexico. In addition to the history of the conflict, the types of records generated during the conflict will be discussed along with guidance on where to find those records.



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Family Tree Maker 2019 Basics

Tue | Jan 11 | 6pm - Part 1
Tue | Jan 18 | 6pm - Part 2
Tue | Jan 25 | 6pm - Part 3
A detailed explanation and demonstration of the many features of this most popular genealogy database program.



RootsMagic – Part 1

Mon | Jan 17 | 6pm - Part 1
Mon | Jan 24 | 6pm - Part 2
Mon | Jan 31 | 6pm - Part 3
This class explores the use of this popular genealogy software program. It consists of five classes, held for five consecutive weeks. Its intent is to take the student from the basics of initial entry of family information to the more detailed topics of incorporating images in your family history, citing sources, and generating various reports. The class will be most effective if all sessions are attended in order.

RootsMagic User Group

Sat | Jan 22 | 10am
Q&A discussion of how to use the RootsMagic genealogy database software.

DNA Interest Group

Tue | Jan 25 | 1pm
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 learn together.

Facebook for Genealogists

Wed | Jan 26 | 1pm
You may use Facebook every day sharing family photos and stories, but have you ever thought to use it for genealogy research? We will discuss how to find relatives and search tips, plus the hundreds of Facebook groups dedicated to family history! But before we explain all that, we give an overview and tour to learn how this ubiquitous program actually works, so you can control what you see and what others see about you.

Skeletons in the Family Closet: Dealing with the Unexpected

Tue | Dec 21 | 6pm
We all find scandals, scalawags, and other surprises in the course of our genealogical research. This presentation explores some of the unexpected, and sometimes unsavory, facts that may arise and ethical considerations to keep in mind when deciding how to share them.

Military Records

Wed | Dec 29 | 6pm
This class explores the types of military records produced from the Revolutionary War to modern times. It shows the information contained in those various records, and where to find them in print and online.

Family Tree Maker User Group

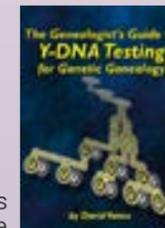
Sat | Jan 1 | 10am
Q&A and demonstration of how to use the Family Tree Maker genealogical database software.

Property Research Basics

Tue | Jan 4 | 1pm
This is a general treatment of property research in the United States. It will explore ownership documents from land grants to land patents to deeds; it will explain the difference in land descriptions in state land states and public land states; it will examine historical context of military bounty land, the Homestead Act, and the cash purchase of public land. We will also survey where to find the records generated during the ownership and transfer of property.

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This is a series of discussions led by David Vance, author of *The Genealogist's Guide to Y-DNA Testing for Genetic Genealogy*. Each month will address a different chapter in the book. Learn how Y-DNA is helpful in your genealogy (and how it is not!); understand Short Tandem Repeats (STRs) and Single Nucleotide Polymorphisms (SNPs) and how they can be analyzed to help solve genealogy problems; examine how to evaluate and use DNA Projects; Develop testing strategies and much, much more. Attendees are expected to have read the monthly chapter(s) prior to the session.



PGS Annual Seminar February 26, 2022 at 9:45am. Featuring Lisa Louise Cooke.

The Pinellas Genealogy Society and Largo Public Library are pleased to announce the annual Genealogy Seminar on 26 February 2022. This all-day, online event features Lisa Louise Cooke, professional genealogist, educator, and author who will give four presentations:

- » **Reconstruct Your Ancestor's World with Google**
- » **Create a Free Google Earth Map Collection for Your Research**
- » **How to Reopen and Work a Genealogical Cold Case**
- » **How to Organize all this Genealogy Stuff!**



This event is a live webinar, and begins at 9:45 AM (ET). The registration fee is \$30 for a PGS member, and a \$35 fee for non-members.

For additional information and guidance on how to register, see the seminar tab at the PGS website (PinellasGenealogySociety.com). Registration officially opens on 1 January 2022.





Friends of the Largo Library

Gold in your wheelbarrow - Ben R. Wiley Friends of the Largo Library

Thank you, Tom Germond, columnist for the Tampa Bay Newspapers, for the shout-out to the Friends Bookstore at Largo Library. You may know TBN better as those newspapers like the Beacon, Leader and Bee delivered weekly to your lawn in the blue, plastic bags. Titled "Long Live the Local Libraries," his recent column praised local libraries for the multitude of services that they provide. He was pleased to note that Pinellas libraries will no longer charge fines for overdue books, so less blaming and shaming library patrons, and more providing essential services and program planning.

Tom was especially happy to report on his discoveries at the Friends Bookstore. "Library bookstores are a godsend. Every now and then, patrons strike gold." He goes on to report that he'd recently been in search of *No Ordinary Time*, Doris Kearns Goodwin's Pulitzer Prize-winning biography on Eleanor and Franklin Roosevelt. He tried the stacks at local libraries, no luck. He tried searching the electronic listings, no luck. "I was on the verge of buying *No Ordinary Time* from Barnes & Noble or another retail store until I made a recent visit to the Largo Library's bookstore and lo and behold, found it—for \$2." He said that he felt like celebrating his cheap discovery with a cartwheel, and went on to promise that if he weren't such a procrastinator, he would donate several of his books to the Friends Bookstore. But "I'll need a wheelbarrow if I'm serious about getting rid of books. The project is long overdue."

Indeed, the bulk of our Friends Bookstore offerings is patron donations—boxed, bagged or wheelbarrowed. Just as you recycle the books from home to store, the income from the sales of donated books to the Friends Bookstore is recycled to library outreach programs.

He ended his piece, "Off to Largo Library soon. I hope they allow wheelbarrows to come through the front entrance." To assist Tom in his offer of donating books from his collection, we contacted a local big box garden supply store—thank you Jim Cafferty at Home Depot—who lent us a spanking brand new red wheelbarrow for a bookstore display. Then we invited Tom in to thank him for his support of the Friends Bookstore and get a photo of his wheeling in the books! He's featured here with our two Bookstore managers, Pat Bell and Jan Hendricks. Oh, by the way, we'd be just as glad for you to use that wheelbarrow to buy a load of books too!

Of course, this being a library magazine, we have to close out with William Carlos Williams' famous 1923 poem, "The Red Wheelbarrow," a single sentence that celebrates ordinary objects that hold extraordinary beauty and grace—

*so much depends
upon*

*a red wheel
barrow*

*glazed with rain
water*

*beside the white
chickens*



September/October New Members

The Friends of the Largo Library would like to welcome

New Members:

Karen LaCorte-Nies Meredith Semones
Chara Scott Francine H. Wolf
Glad to have you with us!

In Memoriam

This fall sadly saw the passing of two of our Friends members, Billie Young and Therese Knapik. Billie, a Friends Volunteer of the Year, gave countless hours of her time to benefit the Largo Library through her Friends service. Therese was a friendly fixture in our Friends Bookstore for many a weekend shift to serve our patrons. They will be remembered for their dedication to making a difference in service of the local library community.

Friends Book Sale January 26-29, 2022

Come and join us in the Jenkins room of Largo Library for the return of our ever popular Book sale. Our sale will feature a diverse collection of Fiction, Non-Fiction, Young Adult and Children's Books. Also DVDS and Music CDs. Items are 50 cents each or 3/\$1! Cash or check only will be accepted.

Wed, Jan 26 | Members Only Preview 3pm-5pm

An annual dues fee of \$10 can be paid at the door for admittance.

Thu, Jan 27 and Fri, Jan 28 | 9am-5pm

Sat, Jan 29 | 9am-3:30pm

Our special \$1 bag sale! Buy a bag and fill it for just \$1!

BOOKSTORE HOURS

Monday - Saturday
10am - 4pm



Greater Largo Library Foundation

A Message from the President – Andrea Hartmann



As we approach the last stretch of 2021, I would like to take a moment to say how deeply thankful the Greater Largo Library Foundation is for the ongoing support we've received from our donors. Our legacy donors, whose continued contributions have helped carry us through the pandemic, along with the many local businesses that have stepped up to support us, have made an impact on the Library and the community that is simply immeasurable. Your donations continue to support the most loved programs and services of the Largo Public Library.

If you've been thinking about becoming a "Library Champion," there are many ways to support the Library. Whether it's through purchasing an engraved brick in front of the library or a historic Belleview Biltmore brick, participating in our online auctions, or considering a cash donation via the remittance envelope in this magazine, everything helps. Please consider becoming a "Library Champion." Visit our secure website at www.gllf.org and click on the Library Champions Giving Campaign to make a donation in any amount that you are comfortable donating. Our supporters are always welcome to learn more about the Library though a personal tour as well.

The Foundation supports multiple programs at the library as well as the expense of operating the Bookmobile, which will continue to expand our reach to those in the community who are not able to physically visit the library. This year the bookmobile has served over 5,000 patrons with more than 350 stops. The new Home Delivery service (door to door) continues to be very successful.

Your gift to the Greater Largo Library Foundation will maintain the programs and services of the library not funded by the City of Largo. For more information or to make a tax deductible donation please visit our secure website at www.gllf.org or call (727) 586-7398.

Thank you again to everyone who supports the Greater Largo Library Foundation. Here's to a prosperous end of 2021!

Swing Into Spring with the Greater Largo Library Foundation

The Greater Largo Library Foundation has made the decision to postpone the Nov 6-13 online auction until the Spring of 2022.

Readers should watch for a special announcement about an upcoming event that will accompany the auction in the Spring.

Thank you to all the patrons and local businesses who have already donated items for the auction.

All donated items will be saved for the Spring 2022 event.



Board Member Spotlight - Bob Dorian

Bob has been a resident of Largo for over 30 years with his wife and 2 sons. A graduate of Fordham University in New York (BS) and USF here in Tampa (MA), Bob has made his career in advertising sales, most recently with the Tampa Bay Times for over 33 years.



He enjoys biking, golf, pickleball, and just about any outdoor activity - including chores around the house! You can find him most nights walking the Belleair Causeway bridge.

Bob spent many hours at the library while studying for his Master's Degree at USF, then again when his children were younger. Being part of the Foundation board is a small way he enjoys giving back to the Largo community. His most enjoyable read? The *Harry Potter* series with his younger children, which he is re-reading today.

Engraved Bricks Turn A Corner

The engraved bricks around the planter box in front of the Largo Public Library turn a corner into a new section to accommodate additional bricks purchased by library supporters. Originally, the fundraiser was created to support the library's bookmobile, but the need continues for additional funding from the Foundation for other programs and services provided by the library.

By purchasing an engraved brick to honor a loved one or commemorate a special occasion you are helping to support the programs and services provided by the Largo Public Library. An engraved brick makes a unique holiday gift that will be remembered for years to come and will show your support for the library.

The cost of an engraved brick is \$150.00. Your personalized brick will be placed around the planter box at the entrance to the library. For additional information on how to purchase an engraved brick please contact the Foundation office at (727) 586-7398 or online on the Foundation's secure website at www.gllf.org.





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