



# *Largo Public Library*

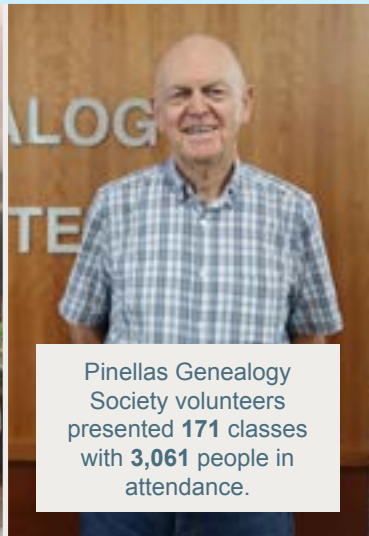
2019: A Year in Review

# New This Year

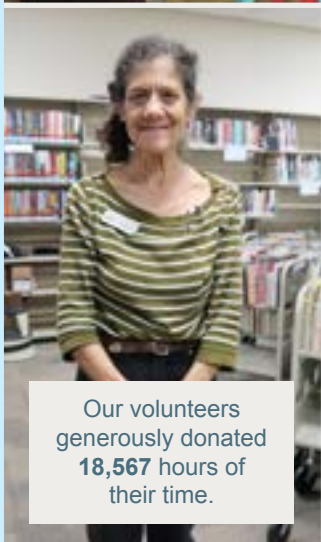
It was a year of enriching lives and building community through partnerships. The Largo Public Library received three special awards this year. One was the Tampa Regional Planning Council **Future of the Region Award – Community Service – Library in Your Neighborhood – Bookmobile** for our newest service point. The Refugee Basket Drive was recognized with the Florida Library Association **Maria Chavez-Hernandez Libraries Change People's Lives Award** at the annual conference and the Pinellas Refugee Education Program **Making a World of Difference Award** at their World Refugee Day Festivities. The Bookmobile route began in January with 13 stops on a two week schedule and by the end of the year had grown to 24 stops. Library staff said “Goodbye” to some long time team members who retired or moved on in their careers. We said “Welcome” to several new team members and “Congratulations” to staff who were promoted this year!



**3,820** young adults attended Teen Room programs such as: Summer of Science, Loungin' at the Library and Show Your Creative Side.



Pinellas Genealogy Society volunteers presented **171** classes with **3,061** people in attendance.



Our volunteers generously donated **18,567** hours of their time.



Largo Library held **518** programs for adults with a combined attendance of **8,687** patrons.

# *Building Community Through Partnerships*

The **Refugee Basket Drive** brought home awards and more importantly, sent home items for vulnerable populations with many mission-aligned local agencies for distribution. The Bookmobile found its way into the hearts of the under-served populations of Largo and quickly became a connection for people to not only receive service, but to also learn about all the important things the library has to offer. Outstanding achievements were made by students and teachers together in the **English Language Learning** and the **Career Online High School Programs**. Partnerships with the Bookmobile stops, and outside organizations helped the library expand the patron base and leverage the benefits of sharing marketing and social media efforts through these collaborations.





With support of our patrons and help from our partners at Barbara S. Ponce Public Library and UMCM Suncoast, we collected **\$531** and put together **171** baskets for local refugee families.




We are grateful to have **18** new volunteer tutors for our English Language Learning program.




Close to **6,733** people have visited the Bookmobile and **526** library cards have been made on board.

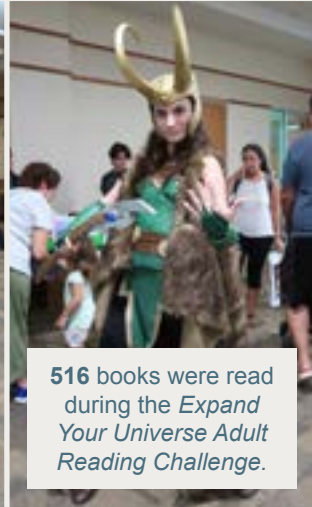
# Special Events




96 people celebrated the Grand Opening of the S.T.E.A.M. Spot in the Children's Department.



575 Potterheads had a magical time at Harry Potter Palooza.



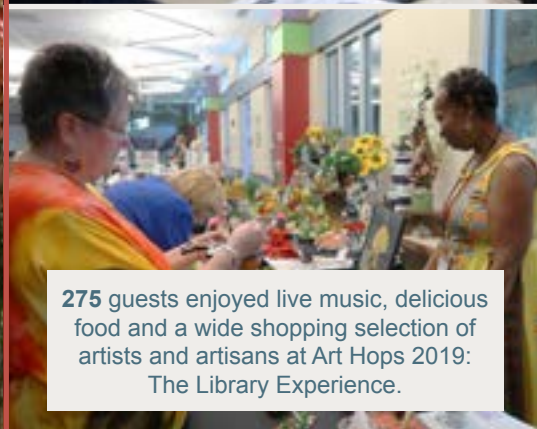
516 books were read during the *Expand Your Universe Adult Reading Challenge*.



324 doggos and their humans toured the Bookmobile at Pawfest in Largo Central Park.



Christina Baker Kline visited Largo Library to meet **248** of her fans. Her novel, *A Piece of the World* has received **460** circulations and counting.



**275** guests enjoyed live music, delicious food and a wide shopping selection of artists and artisans at Art Hops 2019: The Library Experience.



The Friends of the Largo Library celebrated their **40th** Anniversary. Their noteworthy Semi-Annual Booksales raised **\$4,341**.

# ***2019 by the Numbers***

**84,996** City of Largo Population

**83,036** Registered Library Cardholders

**478,923** Visitors

**182,132** Patron Assistance

**864,447** Checkouts

**244,833** Digital Clicks

**1,682** Programs

**50,178** Program Attendees

**124,167** Computer Users

**4,169,900** Budget

**567,747** Items in Our Collection

**40.3** Full Time Equivalent Employees