This year’s summer issue of the Largo Public Magazine is as vibrant, colorful, and inspiring as ever! By the time you read this, summer reading will be in full swing, and this year we encourage our adult patrons to join in on the fun of summer reading! Check out the column on page 5 for information about the great prizes that will be available!

Children and teens will have programs tailored to their age and reading levels and of course their own prizes! Summer reading programs are provided to help them avoid the dreaded ‘summer slide’, and help them start on the right foot when they return to school in the fall.

None of these services or programs would be available without our wonderful library staff! I'd like to thank them for all the hard work they do to prepare for our busy summers!

We take pride in the inclusive environment of the library and the programs and services that foster our freedom to read.

Casey McPhee
Library Director

We celebrate the LGBTQIA+ community every June with Pride Month. This year marks the 25th anniversary of its recognition by the federal government. What began in 1999 as Gay & Lesbian Pride Month has grown over the years to become more inclusive. It is a time to reflect on the progress that has been made and to look forward to the work that remains to be done to advance equity.

Libraries around the country curate displays that illuminate the community’s diversity and achievements in all fields, like politics, sports, the arts, the armed forces, and education. Largo Public Library has a great variety of resources in its collections to draw on: read a biography or a graphic novel, listen to music, watch a film, or check out our online resources.

We invite you to explore them all and discover something new or revisit an old favorite. Monthly displays like the one for Pride Month give patrons another way to experience all that they are free to read throughout the year at the library!

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**CLOSED**

Independence Day

Thursday, July 4

**COMING SOON**

**Recycled Book Art Show!**

Jun 3 - Jul 27

Celebrate the written word by voting for original artwork made from recycled books in 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.

**Back-to-School Bash**

Sat | Aug 3 | 1:00 - 4:00pm

All Ages: Family Event

Jenkins Wing & Children's Program Room

It’s almost time for school! Join us for this special event to meet with various local community agencies and learn about resources for your school-age child. Exhibitors will be providing information regarding health and wellness, safety, childcare, recreation, and much more! School supply raffles, crafts, and other treats will be available.

**Back-to-School FreeCycle**

Tue-Wed | Aug 6 & 7 | 5pm-7pm

Stop by to browse clean, pre-owned children’s and teen apparel, school supplies, and more while promoting sustainable habits! All items are available at no cost. Donations will be accepted at the Children’s and Teen Desks through August.
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. Events details coming soon!

SHINE: Serving Health Insurance
Needs of Elders
Tuesday, June 6 & July 3
If you are celebrating your 65th birthday this year, recently retired, or just want to know more about your healthcare options under Medicare, SHINE may be able to help. SHINE schedules free, unbiased, and confidential counseling appointments each month at Largo Public Library. Please call to schedule your appointment between 1:00pm-4:00pm. Please bring a list of your current prescriptions to your appointment.

Medicare 101
Wednesday, June 7 & July 4th 12:00pm
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.

ASL with Deaf Literacy Center
Wednesdays, Jun - Jul | 6:00pm
Intermediate | 7:00pm
The beginner class covers vocabulary and short sentences. The intermediate class covers conversational phrases. Sessions also include in-group discussion and facts about the Deaf community and Deaf culture. For additional details, email seganovic@largo.k12.fl.us

Waking Up With the Library
Sat | Jun 1 & Jul 6 | 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.

Ukulele Strum Group
Tuesday, June 6 - July 11
Bring your ukulele & tuner and join our Ukule Strum group. This group is for anyone who has learned basic chords and strumming patterns and want to advance their skills with a little guidance.

Paint Along with Bob Ross
Tuesday, June 6 - July 11
Join us for another paint along 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.

Papier-mâché Golden Egg Bowl
Tuesday, June 12 & July 3
It’s no wonder that Willy Wonka mastered the art of combining science and confection, get your own taste of pure imagination with the flavors and textures of boho tea. Learn how to make 3 different types of boho pearls—popping, crystal, and the traditional tapioca boba—just don’t tell Slugworth!

Virtual Adult Trivia Night
Wednesday, June 7 & July 4 6:00pm
Calling all pop culture experts! Join us on Zoom to test your knowledge for a chance to win some awesome prizes! The first 15 participants to register may request a themed goodie bag to be picked up at the library prior to this virtual program.

Creating a Pollinator Garden
Monday, June 19 & July 17 2:00pm
Learn how you can create beautiful butterflies and their pollinator friends from Master Gardener Linda Smock.

Squirrel King Miniature Walnut House
Monday, July 18 & July 25 6:00pm
One of the lesser-known characters of Oz, the Squirrel King became quite angry when two children raidied his nut cache. Make him a home of his own inside a walnut.

Inventing Room Boba Tea
Wednesday, June 21 & July 19 6:00pm
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Sew a Candy Quilt Block
Thursday, June 22 & July 19 6:00pm
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Emerald City Gemstones
Tuesday, July 25 6:00pm
Paint your own raw emeralds, rubies, or sapphires using watercolors.

Papier-mâché Golden Egg Bowl
Tuesday, June 12 & July 3
Is it a good egg or a bad egg bowl? It’s easy to form with paper and glue. Though, like Veronica Salt you may “want it now,” paper mâché takes time to dry. Come back on June 25 to embellish, paint, and take home your bowls.

Sewing: Health Insurance Needs of Elders
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Papier-mâché Golden Egg Bowl
Tuesday, June 12 & July 3
Now that your egg bowl is dry, you are free to embellish, paint, and take home your creation.

Designing Your Kitchen Garden
Tuesday, June 19
Master Gardener Debbie Ingram will teach you how to plan a garden—including plant types, placement, and soil amendments—of herbs and vegetables to use in your kitchen.

Sew a Flower Bowl
Wednesday, July 20 & July 28 2:00pm
People will put themselves to sleep, but you can choose a flower to make this embellished bowl. Please bring 1 fat quarter (18” by 22”) of fabric.

Over the Rainbow Pasta
Monday, July 24 & July 21 6:00pm
Roll out and shape your own fresh pasta using fruits, vegetables, and even flowers to make it every color of the rainbow.

Free to Read Challenge
June 3 - August 3
Celebrate the freedom to read at your library with the Free to Read Adult Summer Reading Challenge!

For programs that require registration, please register online or call 727.587.6715.
Her work includes stained glass panels, windows, doors, and household decor. Loren has over forty years of experience in stained glass, having learned the trade from a young age, with her grandfather, a master artisan from Italy, as her teacher. Loren is also talented with pastels, pens, and ink and spent downtime while serving in the Navy designing tattoos, some of which are inked on celebrities. It is this trait of mastering multiple disciplines that has earned her the nickname “Renaissance Woman” or Renny for short. Loren accepts requests for commissions of custom pieces and also offers classes on a limited basis.

Website: Lorengallery.com
Instagram: @artistloren
Facebook: Loren Marie Petroccia Art

Petroccia is a Service Disabled Retired Navy Veteran. She is an award-winning multidisciplinary artist, and her work has appeared in galleries throughout the United States and Europe.

**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

Learn basic computer skills, programs, and ways to connect through social media. Discover how to use the devices that make our everyday lives easier. Adults 18 & up.

**Tech Help Tuesdays**

June 11 & 25 | 1:00 – 2:00pm
July 9 & 23 | 1:00 – 2:00pm
Bring your technology questions and your device (or use one of our laptops) to connect with all kinds of help. All questions welcome! *Please remember to bring all necessary login information.

**E-BOOKS AND DIGITAL RESOURCES**

Have login information available. Registration required.

- **Learn Freegal**
  Mon | June 24th | 2:00pm
  Learn how to download and stream free music to your phone, tablet, or computer! This is only available to Largo Public Library card holders! Don’t forget your device and passwords.

- **Android 101**
  Mon | June 10th | 2:00pm
  Come in to learn basic Android tips! Brush up on your Android skills with this beginner level Android class. Bring your Android devices and any needed passwords!

**SMARTPHONES & TABLETS**

Have login information available. Registration required.

**Learn the Basics of AI**

Mon | July 8th | 2:00pm
Learn the basics of what AI is. What are some examples of AI? Do you need to use it? Learn all this and more at this entry to AI class!

**Library Databases You Didn't Know Existed**

Mon | July 22nd | 2:00pm
Learn all about the library databases you didn’t know you have access to with your library card! Bring a device and library card to follow along. Some databases are only available to Largo Public Library card holders.

**FREE TO READ KICKED OFF TO A GREAT START**

Our Free to Read campaign got off to a great start on Monday, April 8th with our first-ever Read-In! Readers were invited to join us in the community butterfly garden to win prizes, take home a free book, and relax with a pastry and beverage from Indian Shores Coffee Co. Book + Bottle, an independent bookstore located in downtown St. Petersburg, also joined us with a selection of books for sale and information about the book clubs and other events that they host in their space. Local poet Gio’s Typos was on hand, writing poems for attendees based on a prompt that they provided.

While the butterfly garden is always a lovely place to hang out with a good book, we gave it a cushy makeover for the Read-In, with plush pillows and cushions set up in the amphitheater. The comfortable space was a hit with the families in attendance! A wonderful time was had by all and the weather could not have been more perfect!

A big thank you to the vendors who joined us: Gio’s Typos, Book + Bottle, and Indian Shores Coffee Co!

And to the authors who provided signed copies of their books for the event: Lisa Unger, Tyler Gillespie, & Maria Ingrande Mora!

Many patrons have enjoyed checking out magazines on Libby, but did you know you can also access thousands of magazine articles through our database Popular Magazines?

Search by topic or publication, or browse the entire collection. Warning, be prepared to scroll for a while! Read articles on broad subjects like theatre, healthcare, and fashion or more narrow subjects like Scientific Policy in the United States!

**Database Spotlight: Popular Magazines**

To access library databases, please visit our eBranch! You can scan the QR code below or find it on largopubliclibrary.org. All you need to use the database is a valid library card!

Learn about this database and more in our program Library Databases You Didn’t Know Existed! *Registration required.

**2024 Hurricane Season**

It’s Hurricane season again, Largo! Be prepared and make sure you have all the essentials. Stop by the Largo Public Library to pick up your 2024 Pinellas County Emergency Management Hurricane guide. Guides are available in English, Spanish, and Vietnamese and forms for those requiring additional assistance in evacuating are available. Guides and assistance forms are available for pickup at the security desk - grab yours today!
Kids Love the Bookmobile!

Our Bookmobile, LYN, is all geared up for summer reading! It will spend the summer visiting day camps to bring books out to young readers in our community! While kids look forward to taking a break from learning during the summer, caregivers and educators know that it leads to the dreaded ‘summer slide,’ where students tend to lose some of the progress they have made during the previous school year. Summer reading is fundamental to combating the slide and ensuring students start school on the right foot in August.

Kids can browse through books for a wide range of reading abilities and on a ton of different topics! The collection includes reader favorites like Dogman and Diary of a Wimpy Kid and holds plenty of other titles for kids to learn more about new topics.

The Bookmobile is staffed by a dedicated outreach team that facilitates these visits, helping students select and check out their books. When it pulls up at the various stops, kids line up with their caregivers and eagerly wait their turn to board the bus, knowing what new adventures await them in the pages of its books!

ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNING

**Adult English Classes**

- Mon - Wed | 9:30am - 2:30pm
- Thu | 9:00am - 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 727.587.6715.

**Citizenship and Naturalization Preparation Classes**

- Mon & Wed | 6:00pm
- No Classes Jun 23 - Jul 2
- Next Term: Jul 18 - Sep 18

Legal, permanent residents of the U.S. can prepare for the naturalization process and practice for the Citizenship Interview during this 11 week class with Learning Empowered Citizenship instructors. For more information, please call 727.244.0301 or email citizen.shiprogram@largo.gov.

**One-on-One English Tutoring**

Applications are available at the library or by going to www.langpublibrary.org/lt. 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 | Jul 27 | 9:30am - 4:30pm

ELL tutors at the library commit to two hours per week of teaching and mentoring a neighbor or a friend in improving their English. Becoming an ELL tutor is a great way to make friends and give back to your community. Registration is required as well as an online application. Questions? call 727.587.6715 Ext. 2547.

**PCSB Workshop: The Transition from Middle to High School**

Tuesday | Jun 11 & Jul 16 | 4:30 - 5:30pm

English Learner and Spanish-Speaking families will learn about middle school academic courses, high school courses academic courses, class selection, and available resources for student success.

**PCSB Workshop: Back to School 2024-25 School Year**

Tuesday | Jul 25 & Aug 8 | 4:30 - 5:30pm

English Learner and Spanish-Speaking families will learn about back-to-school forms and clinics, bus information, breakfast and lunch programs, student code of conduct, FOCUS student information systems, and available resources to support students and families.

**Teen Summer Reading Challenge**

Jun - Jul 27

Log your reading, complete activities and submit book reviews to earn prizes! Download the Beanstack Tracker app to make an account, then look for available challenges. Once registered, stop by the Teen Program Room to pick a free book! Free book photo links are available by request.

**Teen Program Room**

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**Contests**  
The following contests are open to all children ages 12 and under, but we ask that you only enter once a day. Winners will be contacted by phone.

**Summer Seek and Find**  
Jun 1 - Jul 31  
All summer long there will be themed objects around the Children’s Department. Count how many of each object you can find and place your answer sheet in the box for a chance to win a prize! There will be different objects to search for each month.

**Book Character Scavenger Hunt**  
Jun 1 - Jun 29  
Help us find our favorite children’s book characters have jumped out of their books and are hiding around the Children’s Department. Hunt around the area and write down the number they are found near to be entered to win a prize.

**Paws Up for Mental Health**  
Jun 10 & Jul 8 | 10:30am  
Join us for a special event led by Nannette Prevost of Remember Me NFP, a local nonprofit dedicated to educating our community about suicide prevention. Using the book, Gizmo’s Pawsome Guide to Mental Health, program attendees will engage in activities, share feelings about feelings, and establish their own mental health pledge.

**Booktastic Summer Kick-Off**  
Mon | Jun 3 | 5:30-7:30pm  
Ages 3 - 5  
Join us for your family to enjoy bookish-themed crafts, a snack, and games inspired by your favorite children’s book characters! There will even be a chance to win some book-themed prizes. It’s fun for the whole family!

**SENSEExploration**  
Fri | Jun 21 & Jul 19 | 10:30am  
Ages 5 & under  
Enjoy this interactive program for littles to learn through exploration. Encourage curiosity, problem-solving, and open-ended sensory play opportunities. 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!

**Boys & Girls Club of Pinellas**  
Jun 6 - Mouse Trap Car  
July 11 - Secret Pencil Box

**Weekly and Specialty Programs**

**Booktastic Summer Kick-Off**  
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**Read Incentive Programs**

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**Guide to Mental Health**  
Wed | Jun 5, 12, 19, 26 & Jul 3, 10, 17, 24 | 10:30am  
Ages 4 - 7  
It’s summer! Come make some fun for children ages 24 to 36 months with an adult helper.

**Sensing & Exploring**  
Wed | Jun 5, 12, 19, 26 & Jul 3, 10, 17, 24 | 10:30am  
Ages 4 - 7  
It’s summer! Come make some fun for children ages 24 to 36 months with an adult helper.

**Pre-K Pal**  
Thu | Jun 6, 13, 20, 27 & Jul 11, 18, 25 | 10:30am  
Ages 3 - 5  
Join us for 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 | Jun 7 & Jul 5 | 10:30am  
Ages 5 & under  
Join us 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**  
Jul 16-22 | Ages 5 - 12  
Join us for a special event led by Nannette Prevost of Remember Me NFP, a local nonprofit dedicated to educating our community about suicide prevention. Using the book, Gizmo’s Pawsome Guide to Mental Health, program attendees will engage in activities, share feelings about feelings, and establish their own mental health pledge.

**Elementary Explorations**  
Tue | Jun 4, 11, 18, 25 & Jul 2, 9, 16, 23 | 5:00pm  
Ages 4 - 7  
Check out our brand new summer Read to the Beat and help get your child ready for school this fall! Call the Beat to get the following six week-long programs to enjoy stories and activities designed to engage the whole family in new learning practices. Exploring literacy, science, math, and more, you’ll find an activity for parents and children alike.

**STEAM Spot**  
Ages 8 - 12  
Fri | Jun 6, 13 & Jul 11 | 4:00pm  
Ages 8 - 12  
Join us as we read a few stories, fol- lowed by a Pokémon-themed craft. It’s a fantas- tic way to help your child connect, trade, play, and craft their way through our summer join us as we do different fun activities, ranging from slime, to painting, and so much more!  

**Jenkins Wing**  
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**Pups Reading Dogs**  
Mon | Jun 20, 27 | 10:00am - 12:00pm  
Ages 5 - 12  
Improve your reading skills and make a new furry friend by trying to reada- tively-trained dogs.

**Summer Reading Challenge for Pre-Readers**

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Children’s Programs

Ages 12 and Under

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

Ž Robot Invasion
Fri | Jun 28 & Jul 26 | 12:30pm - 3:30pm

Ages 5 - 12

Robots are invading the library! Learn basic coding skills using Dash and Dot**, K.Dot, and Osmo**, and much more.

Ž Gotta Love Crafts: Red, White, Blue, and You
Wed | Jul 3 | 3:00pm

Ages 5 - 12

With fireworks on our minds, we will create crafts using the colors red, white, and blue.

Ž Beach Bingo
Fri | Jul 12 | 4:00pm

Ages 5 - 12

Chances are pretty good that you’ve been to the beach at least once this summer, but have you played Bingo with a beach theme? Our specially-themed Bingo game includes spaces that leave sand toys, a lifeguard, a crab, and much more. Have fun and win a prize for yourself or a friend!

Ž Tween Time: Beachy Book Hedgehog
Fri | Jul 19 | 4:00pm

Ages 8 - 12

Would you like to learn more about the beach, we’ll be creating a hedgehog for yourself! Join us for the fun and we will make sure that you have enough supplies for everyone.

Featured Summer Programming

Ž Community Literacy Event
Mon | Jul 29 | 5:30pm

Join adult helper Jenkins Wing

The Suncoast YMCA, in partnership with New World Reading, is hosting a community event where you can come read aloud with a child.

The purpose of the event is for you to have a chance to volunteer for a family in need of a mini canvas as age-appropriate artwork. After the event you can sign up to work with families along with painting supplies. If you wish to bring some of your own supplies to add to your creation, you are welcome to do so, but all supplies must fit on a mini canvas. Each mini masterpiece will have a page for you to write your name and be photographed for an entry into our Facebook contest. Winners will be notified by phone.

Ž Summer Entertainment Series

The following family programs will be located in the Jenkins Wing.

Reactory Factory Rocks: The Sound of Science
Wed | Jun 12 | 2:00pm

Science sure sounds good, and especially when it’s rock’n roll! Melt beads, games on musical rocks, and stickering activities.

Summer Science Spectacular
Tue | Jun 21, 25 & Jul 2, 16 | 2:00pm

Ages 12 - 15

Join us each week for science, crafts, and other surprising activities.

Out of My Hands Juggling & Illusion Show
Wed | Jun 26 | 2:00pm

Join us as we launch our new weekly program to find out if we can create things like mosaics, mashups, concerts, and more.

Ž Literary Mini Masterpieces
Wed | Jul 24 | 1:00 - 3:00pm

Come create a mini masterpiece inspired by your favorite author’s work using materials relevant to his or her literature. You and your family will get a chance to interact with the world of a variety of authors from past and present, and gain an entry into the world of the imagination.

Ž Art Antics
Tue | Jun 4 & 18 | 2:00pm

Ages 5 - 12

Join us each week for a selection of crafts using different mediums.

Ž Making Ukulele Music: Kids Summer Camp
Mon - Fri | Jul 29 - Aug 2 | 2:00 - 3:00pm

Ages 8 - 12

Learn to play a musical instrument! This week-long ukulele workshop for kids ages 7-10 will meet each day for 90 minutes. We will learn the basics, and you can borrow a ukulele or bring your own. Learn to play and sing lots of songs. You will need to bring a few simple chords. You’ll get to show off your skills at the end of the week in a MUM-FEST (Making Ukulele Music Festival) for friends and family.

Ž Back-to-School Bash
10:00am to 1:00pm

All Ages: Family Event
Jenkins Wing & Children’s room

It’s almost time for school! Join us for this special event to meet with various local community agencies and learn about resources for your school-age child.

Ž Storybook Creations
Tue | Jul 9 & 23 | 2:00pm

Ages 3 - 5

What can be made from the extra dust covers of books and clothing that you no longer love and discarded books? Come to our programming to find out as we create things like mosaic, mashups, concerts, and more.

Ž Book Hedgehog Party
Wed | Jul 10 | 2:00pm

Join us for a book hedgehog party as each child plays on their own instrument while learning about music.

Ž DNA Basics II – Shared Matches
Mon | Jun 3 & Jul 1 | 1:00pm

Ages 12 and Under

DNA Basics II – Shared Matches is an introduction on the content of proper source citation. Using modern genealogy software and databases, you will learn how to find your ancestors. We will use the genealogical database program Ancestry.com to cover the basics of initial entry of family information to more complex topics. Ancestry.com is a commonly used genealogy database program.

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Wed | Jun 12 | 1:00pm

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DNA Basics II – Basic Genealogy provides a review of all of the previous lessons. We will cover formatting, headline and subheads which are also the key to navigating through your data. Then we will cover how to update your online resources for digital files to broaden your genealogical research for free.

Ž DNA Basics III – Ancestry.com
Thu | Jun 20 | 1:00pm

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DNA Basics III – Ancestry.com will cover how the DNA search engines and helping you navigate the unique challenges of researching your German ancestors. We will work through the basic search engine features and how to find the Haplogroup which will help you trace your German family. Hugger

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Genealogy Lectures

Ž Art Genealogy: A Genealogist's Basics and a Bit Beyond!
Wed | Jul 14 | 1:00pm

Hybrid – Jenkins & Jenkins

Art Genealogy: A Genealogist’s Basics and a Bit Beyond! Becoming an art genealogist is a field that is growing and is a great way to merge arts and genealogy. In this class you will learn how to find images in your family database, use genealogy software to look at images and learn some basic tips about finding and analyzing art in your family数据库. The course will be held virtually. Details will be sent to all who register.

Ž The Pilgrims They Left Behind
Tue | Jul 16 | 1:00pm

Local History Room & Zoom

The Pilgrims They Left Behind is a class that takes a look at the people who got us all here in America. It is a class that explores the lineage of the people who our ancestors. It is a class that explores the history of the people, the resources of information they provide, and who to find the resources. Style
The Friends of Largo Library Honor Student Authors

Every year since 1984 the Friends of Largo Library has encouraged students to become authors by hosting a competition tailored for young writers. 2024 marks the 40th anniversary of the Stanley and Iris Shalit Short Story Competition and on Saturday, April 27, 2024, we gathered at the library to acknowledge these masterful writers.

Writers took the prompt—The Five Senses—and constructed stories that explored how we use touch, sight, hearing, smell, and taste to experience the world. The winning stories were provocative, meditative, reflective, brooding, musing, funny, bizarre, entertaining, and more. Over 250 stories were submitted by Pinellas County students. The competition was open to public, private, parochial, and home-schooled children. Each of the entries was read and reviewed by the Short Story Committee made up of Ben Wiley, Candy Mela, and Amy Titus. The Friends would like to thank our competition’s namesake, Iris Shalit, for helping us celebrate these talented young authors, as she presented each of them with their certificates and prizes. Awards were presented to the top three writers in each category, as well as honorable mentions. The competition was open to students in grades 4-12 and was broken up into groups based on grade level.

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**ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (Grades 4 & 5)**
1. Sammy Saccente, Gr. 5, homeschooled
2. Vlada Kozehevniya, Gr. 5, Pinellas Academy of Math & Science
3. Madeline Harrison, Gr. 5, Ridgecrest Elementary

Honorable Mentions: Grace Zheng and Lidia Esquilat

**MIDDLE SCHOOL (Grades 6, 7, & 8)**
1. Adara McGowan, Gr. 6, Clearwater Fundamental Middle School
2. Sophia Saccente, Gr. 7, homeschooled
3. Josephine Mendiola, Gr. 7, St. John Vianney Catholic School

Honorable Mentions: Menaal Ali, Caleb Blum, Ethan Carmelin, Braelyn Fahey, Jude Hill, Nathaniel Lowe, Madison Metts, Camila Montero, Maryam Owais, and Jaelyn Tran.

**HIGH SCHOOL (Grades 9, 10, 11, & 12)**
1. Kimora Jones, Gr. 12, Northeast H.S.
2. Britney Ganey, Gr. 10, Clearwater H.S.
3. Naveen Yengera, Gr. 10, Palm Harbor University H.S.

Honorable Mentions: Sameer Alshaer, Morgan Barber, Clare Blum, Lejla Colic, Patricia Crews, Brianna Davidson, Even Dumont, Katelyn Fast, Kristopher Foote, Jackson Fuller, Jackson Read, Daniella Smith, and Abigail Stevens.

The Greater Largo Library Foundation sponsored an encore performance by Nan Colton at the Largo Public Library on Thursday, April 18th. Nan brings history to life through theatrical performances and has lectured and performed professionally on stages throughout the world. She brings to life passionate, live portraits of remarkable women and unforgettable tales of fact and fiction.

Nan wowed a packed house with her portrayal of Harriet Beecher Stowe. The audience also enjoyed light bites that were included in the admission price. Three lucky audience members took home a copy of Harriet Beecher Stowe’s book *Uncle Tom's Cabin*. After Nan’s performance, Ben Wiley, Foundation Board member and President of the Friends of the Largo Library, moderated a lively Q&A session. Several Greater Largo Library Foundation Board members were in attendance, including Laurie Bunce and Andrea Hartmann who assisted with collecting the tickets. Nan’s next performance at Largo Public Library will be in the fall of 2024, so stay tuned for further details!
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