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Director's Column



Libraries celebrate the Freedom to Read every day we open our doors to the public.

As a reminder of all library's commitment to intellectual freedom, here is an excerpt from the American Library Association Freedom to Read Statement:

"We believe that free communication is essential to the preservation of a free society and a creative culture. We believe that these pressures toward conformity present the danger of limiting the range and variety of inquiry and expression on which our democracy and our culture depend. We believe that every American community must jealously guard the freedom to publish and to circulate, in order to preserve its own freedom to read. We believe that publishers and librarians have a profound responsibility to give validity to that freedom to read by making it possible for the readers to choose freely from a variety of offerings. The freedom to read is guaranteed by the Constitution. Those with faith in free people will stand firm on these constitutional guarantees of essential rights and will exercise the responsibilities that accompany these rights." (The complete statement was originally issued in May of 1953 by the Westchester Conference of the American Library Association and the American Book Publishers Council and can be found here: The Freedom to Read Statement | Advocacy, Legislation & Issues (ala.org))

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LIBRARY HOURS

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

Change to Hours for Staff Training

Fri | August 4 | 1:30pm - 6pm

Closed

Mon | September 4 | Labor Day

BE THE CHANGE

On June 13th, 2023, English Language Learning student Anjaliben Patel and her tutor Carolyn Kavunedus celebrated Anjali’s six months of learning with an achievement certificate recognizing her 40 hours of work in the ELL program. Anjali waited a long time for a tutor and she certainly “hit the jackpot” when she was matched. Carolyn Kavunedus has been with the library’s ELL program since it started, way back in 2011. She is the library’s longest serving ELL volunteer tutor. The recognition ceremony was bittersweet as Anjali and Carolyn also had to say goodbye, since Anjali and her family moved out of state later in June due to a job transfer.



Two other tutors have been with the library’s ELL program for more than eleven years each. Ann Vermillion has been involved with the ELL community beyond her work here in Largo. Ann worked with the St. Pete Literacy Council for three years and taught at Pinellas Park Elementary School. Tutor Susan Rossiter started out as a volunteer with the Seminole Library and then moved over to Largo in 2014.

Carolyn, Ann, and Susan combined have close to forty years of work dedicated to English language learners. Carolyn once stated that her motivation to be a volunteer ELL tutor was and is to give the gift of language to others. I think Ann and Susan are in step with Carolyn’s words, language learning is a gift. All of the library’s ELL tutors give of so much of themselves to our English learners and in return have experiences and friendships that last a lifetime.

If you would like to become a volunteer ELL tutor consider reaching out to Katherine Kelly, the Library’s Community Services Librarian by phone: (727) 587-6715 ext. 2547 or email: kkelly@largo.com.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Back-to-School FreeCycle
Wed | Aug 2 | 3pm-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.



Back to School 2023-2024
Thu | Aug 10 | 4pm
Tue | Aug 15 | 6pm
Pinellas County Public Schools (PCSB) ESOL Office will present to K-12 English Learner and Spanish-speaking families with information and resources to help prepare for the new school year. There will also be an opportunity to learn about the Largo Public Library’s English Language Learning Program and its Career Online High School Program. The Library’s Children’s Department will also offer crafts and games for children ages 5 and up.



Welcoming Week 2023 Launch Event & Basket Drive
Fri | Sep 8 | 3pm-5pm
Basket Drive: Sep 8-Oct 7
Welcoming Week is an annual campaign that celebrates the work in communities to become welcoming places for all, including immigrants. On Friday, September 8th from 3pm-5pm, connect with your local community; learn about the Welcoming Week household goods basket drive, meet representatives from local refugee service groups, and watch videos from previous Welcoming Weeks. Support local refugee families by donating new and unused household items to Largo, Palm Harbor or Pinellas Park Public Libraries from September 8 to October 7. All donations will be distributed to Pinellas County refugee families. You can donate both in-person or virtually. Please visit LargoPublicLibrary.org/WelcomingWeek for shopping wish lists and more information.



Book & Poetry Clubs

Poets Live!

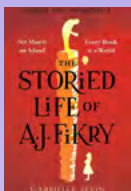
Mon | Aug 14 & Sep 11 | 6pm
Read your poetry and learn about noted poets during our biography segment.



Aug 14 – Ada Limon
Sep 11 – Robert Bly

Chapter Chat

Wed | Sep 13 | 5pm
All are welcome. We meet in the Adult Program Room. If you are interested in joining, please contact Ben Wiley: bwiley@tampabay.rr.com. Does not meet in August.



Sep 13 – *The Storied Life of A.J. Fikry*
by Gabrielle Zevin

R Adults Read YA Book Club

Wed | Aug 9 & Sep 13 | 6pm
Who says Young Adult books are just for teens? Join us on the second Wednesday of each month at 6pm for a YA Lit book club – for grown-ups! For our August & September meetings, copies of the books will be available to check out through PPLC as physical copies. E-books or e-audiobooks are also available through Hoopla or Libby. Ages 18+ are welcome, space is limited to 15.



Aug 9 – *This Poison Heart*
by Kalynn Bayron
Sep 13 – *Belladonna* by Adalyn Grace

R Shelf Indulgent Romance Book Club

Wed | Aug 23 & Sep 27 | 6pm
Join us for a book club built for hopeless romantics and cynics alike as we explore different tropes, sub-genres, and themes. As we read across the spectrum of the romance genre, our choices will reflect various books that may contain steamy scenes, various sexualities, experiences, and cultures. Everyone is welcome to respectfully attend.



Aug 23 – *It Happened One Summer*
by Tessa Bailey
Sep 27 – *The Bromance Book Club*
by Lyssa Kay Adams

ADULT PROGRAMS

Ages 18 and Up

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

Adult Sign Language

Wed | Aug 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 | Sep 6, 13, 20, 27
Beginners | 6pm
Intermediate | 7pm
American Sign Language classes are presented by the PPLC Deaf Literacy Center. The beginner class covers vocabulary and short sentences. The intermediate class includes conversational phrases. Come build your vocabulary, grammar, and structure and learn facts about the Deaf community and Deaf culture. For additional information, email: sbeganovic@pplc.us.



R Medicare 101

Wed | Aug 2 & Sep 6 | 12pm
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 SHINE: Serving Health Insurance Needs of Elders

Wed | Aug 2 & Sep 6 | 1pm-4pm
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. *Please bring a list of your current prescriptions to your appointment.*

R Virtual Adult Trivia

Wed | Aug 2 & Sep 6 | 6pm
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!
Aug 2 – Pokémon
Sep 6 – Batman



R Wake Up with the Library

Sat | Aug 5 & Sep 2 | 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.



R Paint Along with Bob Ross

Mon | Aug 7 | 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 Florida Native Plant Gardening

Tue | Aug 8 | 2pm
Native plants bring life to the garden and are often more resilient in our harsh Florida conditions. Learn about plants to attract bees, butterflies and birds in your garden and other tips on growing native plants from Master Gardener Liza Ryan.



R Library Orientation

Sat | Aug 12 & Sep 9 | 9am
Register for this before hours class orienting you on what our library has to offer, including an in-depth training on our catalog, plus a whole lot more!



R Botanical Cyanotypes

Mon | Aug 14 | 6pm
Cyanotypes are an early cameraless photographic process that was invented in 1842. Make your own cyanotype on watercolor paper with flowers and leaves. Why stop with blue? Cyanotypes can also be golden yellow, aubergine, or a warm brown.



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

R EdTalks: Interviewing Skills

Fri | Aug 18 | 11am
EdTalks is a series of one-hour seminars led by Keiser University faculty. Dale Mihalko will describe how to ace your next job interview.



R Intro to 3D Printing

Tue | Aug 22 | 6pm
View a demonstration of the library's 3D printer and learn the basics of 3D printing.

R Painted Cyanotype

Mon | Aug 21 | 6pm
Bring back some color to your cyanotypes created on August 14th by painting them with transparent watercolor and opaque gouache. This process is inspired by the work of artist Julia Whitney Barnes who paints cyanotypes in the style of nineteenth-century Shaker 'gift' drawings.



R Sew a Minnesota State Quilt Block

Wed | Aug 30 | 6pm
Thu | Aug 31 | 3pm



Combining traditional piecing and paper piecing, the Minnesota State Quilt Block was originally published in the magazine *Hearth and Home* as part of their collection of 50 state quilt blocks. Supplies will be provided.

R Painting with Flowers

Tue | Sep 5 | 6pm
Discover the amazing colors hidden in the petals of some common flowers. We'll paint on watercolor paper to create a full palette of colors.



Ukulele Workshop - Beginner 1

Wed | Sep 6 | 6pm
Hosted by the Tampa Bay Ukulele Society, these free workshops provide an introduction to the ukulele. Bring your own ukulele or a limited number will be supplied by TBUS.



R Good-Bye Summer Cardmaking

Mon | Sep 11 | 6pm
Say farewell to summer with 3 cards celebrating the season: party balloons, zesty fruits, and tropical leaves.



R Sew a Mini Purse

Wed | Sep 13 | 6pm
Thu | Sep 14 | 3pm
This mini circle purse includes a zipper! Make your choice of 5" or 4" purse. Bring a fat quarter (22" by 18") or choose from our fabric stash.



R Container Gardening

Mon | Sep 18 | 2pm
Learn about growing herbs and flowers in containers from Master Gardener Patricia Burch.



R Book Page Roses – VIRTUAL

Mon | Sep 18 | 6pm
Learn how to make book page roses for decorations or gifts. Color your roses or add sparkle too! Kits will be ready for pick up Sept. 12–18th. Need: scissors; glue or glue stick. Optional: colored pencils or crayons. Online access information will be emailed to registered attendees by Sept. 14th.



R Make Agua Fresca

Tue | Sep 19 | 6pm
Learn about agua fresca, a refreshing drink from Mexico and Central America, that can be made from a variety of fruits, flowers, or fresh herbs.



WiFi Hotspots



WiFi hotspots are internet access points that allow you to connect to a WiFi network using your computer, smartphone or another device while away from your home or office network.

After surveying Largo residents in 2021 & 2022, the City of Largo determined that access/quality of broadband internet was a significant challenge in our community. The Largo Library was provided with these hotspots through an ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) grant in response to this need.

Interested in checking out one of our hotspots? Here's what you'll need to know:

- Hotspots are available to Pinellas County residents with a valid PPLC library card in good standing.
- They may be checked out for two weeks and a renewal can be granted based on availability.
- Hotspots must be picked up and returned to the Largo Public Library Circulation desk and be handed to a staff member.
- Hotspot reservations may not be made online. Same day reservations can be made for available hotspots by calling the Library. The hotspot will be held until the end of the day it is requested.
- Only one hotspot may be checked out per household.
- If the hotspot is not returned within four days of the due date service will be shut off and the library card will be charged with the replacement cost.

Gallery 120



Artists and Art-Lovers gather for the Third Annual ART HARVEST, a celebration of autumn and all we love about the fall season! Come be inspired by a beautiful assortment of autumn-themed artworks, by all local creators, assembled for your viewing pleasure, all available for purchase.



Support your local creative community and grab a one of kind work for your home or office. VOTE for your choice of BEST IN SHOW! The winning artist receives an award and a gift card to an area framer for his or her next masterpiece!

This exhibit is made possible by the collaboration of Largo Public Library Gallery 120, First Class Framing of Clearwater, and The Talentum Meritus Arts Foundation (TMAF), organizing public art exhibits for the benefit of local artists. Visit TMAF4ME.com to see our list of current and ongoing Calls to Artists.

Check out some pieces from last year's show!



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

R Email & Internet

Wed | Aug 9 | 2pm

Learn how to set up an email account, or learn more about the one you have, as well as acquiring the skill set that you need to comfortably cruise online.

R Intro to Zelle, Venmo & Apple Pay

Wed | Aug 16 | 2pm

Come and see how these financial apps work and how they might benefit you.



R Exploring Community Resources

Wed | Sep 20 | 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.

TECHNOLOGY

No prerequisite

Make sure to have your passwords.

R Tech Help Tuesdays

Tue | Aug 1 & 15 | Sep 5 & 19 | 1pm

Bring your technology questions and your device (or use one of our Chromebooks) to connect with all kinds of help. All questions welcome!

APPLE

Prerequisite: Have Apple ID and password

R Open House for iPhone Questions

Thu | Aug 3 | 3pm

There's a ton of great stuff we can use our iPhones for! Bring questions from previous classes and/or brand-new ones! This class is for your questions...the more the merrier!

R Intermediate iPads

Thu | Aug 10 | 3pm

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

R Advanced iPads

Thu | Aug 24 | 3pm

All-new tips for the Mail, Photos, and Notes Apps, plus a lot more! Questions encouraged!

R Intermediate iPhones

Thu | Aug 31 | 3pm

Learn new & fun iPhone tips! Bring your questions!

R Essential iPhone Tips

Thu | Sep 7 | 3pm

This class will cover iPhone tips for the Maps, Safari, Health Apps and much more! Come learn fun new ways to use your iPhone and your questions are welcome here!

R Getting 2 Know Your MacBook

Thu | Sep 28 | 3pm

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



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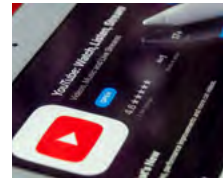
SOCIAL MEDIA

Prerequisite: Have active email account and password

R Getting Started with YouTube

Wed | Aug 2 | 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 | Sep 27 | 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.



MICROSOFT

No prerequisite

R Beginning Word

Wed | Aug 23 | 2pm

Create a document, copy & paste, change the font, save & print.

R Beginning PowerPoint

Wed | Aug 30 | 2pm

Create presentations for work or school, slideshows for special events.

R Beginning Excel

Wed | Sep 6 | 2pm

Basic introduction to spreadsheets and making a simple budget.

R Intermediate Excel

Wed | Sep 13 | 2pm

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

Library Card Sign-Up Month

September is Library Card Sign-up Month when libraries nationwide join the American Library Association (ALA) to remind parents, caregivers, and students that signing up for a library card is the first step on the path to academic achievement and lifelong learning. Pursue your passions through the library's resources from borrowing books, e-books and museum passes to streaming music and videos. Use your library card to spark your creativity by attending storytime or registering for a craft program. Get a library card and dive into a new hobby by exploring library databases.



A library card is the smartest card to carry! It's Elemental, really - and everyone should have one.

Register for a new library card in September to be eligible to win one of the fabulous prizes in our prize display case. Ask a staff member for details.

Database Updates

Hispanic Heritage Month! Check Out Hispanic Life in America Database

During Hispanic Heritage Month, learn about the experience and impact of Hispanic Americans. Browse and search through the Hispanic Life in America database, with coverage from 1704 til now. From the library website, choose eBranch then "Databases." Scroll down the alphabetized list and choose HLiA.



Libby App Update

- App Now Available for Kindle Fire Tablet Users! Install the Libby app to your tablet to borrow eBooks, eAudiobooks, and eMagazines.
- "Deep Search" option allows you to discover titles not yet in the countywide digital collection. You can then add "Notify Me" to have a hold placed on the item for you, when it is added to the collection.



Book Clubs

Attention readers! Sign up early in the Children's Department to receive your book and activity packet. Visit the library to discuss the book, learn about similar books, and complete an activity. The packets are available a month prior to the date listed to allow for enough time to read the book and work through the packet. Registrations must be made in-person at the Children's Service Desk. Additionally, if there are 2 no-show occasions without prior notification, future book club reservations will be canceled.

R Bookworms Book Club | Ages 6-8

Wed | Aug 9 & Sep 13 | 6pm



Aug 9 - *Back-to-School Fright From the Black Lagoon* by Mike Thaler

Sep 13 - *Bad Kitty Gets a Bath* by Nick Bruel

R Fiction Addiction Book Club | Ages 9-12

Wed | Aug 23 & Sep 27 | 6pm



Aug 23 - *Save Me a Seat* by Sarah Weeks and Gita Varadarajan

Sep 27 - *Millionaires for the Month* by Stacy McAnulty

Did You Know?

Did you know that you can check-out board games, puzzles, STEAM kits, and more with your library card? Visit the binders on the Children's Service Desk to browse through and take 2 items home with you for 4 weeks. We also have tablets with reading games on them that check-out for 2 weeks and craft kits that check-out for 1 week. Why buy these items when you could just check them out from us?

Reviews Needed

If you've ever checked-out a toy, puzzle, storytime backpack, or other items from our binders at the Children's Service Desk, we'd like to hear from you! Email your reviews (and pictures) to libraryyouth@largo.com and we might include your review on our Youth Services Facebook group page. All reviews will be entered into a monthly prize drawing.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Ages 12 and Under

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

Contest

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

School Funnies

Aug 1-Sep 30

There are school supplies hiding around the Children's Department. Grab an entry form and fill in the letters found near the supplies to answer a riddle. Place it in the box for a chance to win a prize! There will be different riddles to solve each month.

Specialty Programming

Literary Lottery

Aug 1-Sep 30

Ages 8-12

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.

Library Scavenger Hunt

Sep 1-Sep 30

September is Library Card Sign-Up Month! Whether you already have a library card or not, come on into the Children's Department to complete a scavenger hunt and be entered to win a library-themed prize! Winners will be contacted by phone. Good luck!

Weekly & Specialty Programs

R Making Ukulele Music:

Kids Summer Camp | Ages 7-12

Mon-Fri | Jul 31 – Aug 4 | 3:30-5pm
Learn to play a musical instrument! This week-long ukulele workshop for kids ages 7-12 meets each day for 90 minutes. We'll begin with the ukulele basics, and you can borrow a ukulele or bring your own. Learn to play and sing lots of fun songs with just a few simple chords. You'll get to show off your skills on Friday, August 4th, with a MUM-FEST (Making Ukulele Music FESTival) for friends and family.

Back-to-School FreeCycle | All Ages

Wed | Aug 2 | 3-7pm

Jenkins Community Wing Room C

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.

Life-Size Candy Land® and Crafts

Ages 5-12

Mon | Aug 7 | 4-7pm

Tue | Aug 8 | 2-7pm

Our last Life-Sized Candy Land® was a hit, so it is back with a mouse-tastic twist! You'll spot some familiar faces as you discover what secrets and mischief the princesses and villains of Mouseville have in store for you. Families will take turns playing our game, as space allows. While you wait to play, you'll get to make some exciting crafts. Come join in on the fun!



Play Chess! | Ages 6-12

Sat | Aug 12 & Sep 9 | 10am-1pm



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

Library Legos | Ages 5-12

Sat | Aug 12 & Sep 9, 23 | 2-4pm

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

Paws Up for Mental Health | Ages 2-11

Mon | Aug 14 & Sep 11 | 10:30am

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

Games Galore | Ages 3-12

Wed | Aug 16 | 5-7pm

Don't sit at home being bored when you could come to the library and play games with us! Board games, puzzles, and other challenges will be available. Come join in on the fun!

R Tween Time: Yarn-Wrapped Letters

Ages 8-12

Fri | Aug 18 | 4pm

While I Love Yarn Day is actually in October, we'll be celebrating a little early in this program where you can use a single color or a variety of colored yarn to decorate a wall hanging for your room, or to give to a friend or other loved one.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Ages 12 and Under

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

R Lego Constructors | Ages 8-12

Tue | Aug 22, 29 | 4pm

Fri | Sep 22, 29 | 4pm

STEAM Spot

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

Beach Bingo | Ages 5-12

Fri | Aug 25 | 4pm

National Beach Day isn't until the 30th but we have fun playing bingo with sandcastles, sunscreen, shovels, and more! Join us for bingo, prizes, and maybe even make a new friend or two!

R Cook-a-Book | Ages 5-12

Wed | Aug 30 & Sep 20 | 6pm

Following recipes helps to build a child's reading comprehension and vocabulary.

Join us as we read a few stories, followed by a specially-themed snack. It's fun for the whole family!



R Elementary Explorations | Ages 5-7

Tue | Sep 5, 12, 19, 26 | 6pm

Join your young explorers as we investigate a variety of scientific phenomena from the everyday to the unexpected. Parent participation is strongly recommended.
Sep 5 – Greater Than Gravity
Sep 12 – Start Your Engines
Sep 19 – Science and Magic
Sep 29 – Glowing Monsters

R Gotta Love Crafts: Colorful Critters Ages 5-12

Wed | Sep 6 | 6pm

Use paint or paint pens to add color to your new ceramic critter. Give it a name and treasure it forever, or give it to a friend or family member.

R Hour of Code

Thu | Sep 7, 21 | 4pm

Sep 7: Ages 5-7 with Adult Helper

Sep 21: 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 | Ages 8-12

Thu | Sep 7, 14 | 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.

Sep 7 – No Peeking!

Sep 14 – Balance Bot

R Tween Time: Back-to-School Decor Ages 8-12

Fri | Sep 8 | 4pm

As you head back to school, do you wish your backpack, lanyard, or keychain had some personalization? Use a variety of materials to make some unique creations for you or a friend!

R Monday Night Mayhem | Ages 5-12

Mon | Sep 11, 18 | 6pm

Join us on select Monday nights for creative fun! Some crafts will get messy (and/or stain) so please dress accordingly.

Sep 11 – Decorate a Notebook

Sep 18 – Spin Art

R Code Squad

Thu | Sep 14, 28 | 4pm

Sep 14: Ages 5-7 with Adult Helper

Sep 28: 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.

School Bingo | Ages 5-12

Fri | Sep 15 | 4pm

Buses, books, pencils, and more! Join us for bingo, prizes, and maybe even make a new friend or two!

R Pup Pals Reading Dogs | Ages 5-12

Sat | Sep 23 | 10am-Noon

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

R Wings & Things | Ages 5-12

Mon | Sep 25 | 6pm

Join us as we learn about Florida butterflies from our friends at WEDU PBS! Identify butterfly species and body parts, learn about the butterfly life cycle with a read-aloud of *Waiting for Wings*, by Lois Ehlert, and create colorful art in this hands-on workshop focused on your favorite winged insects.



Storytimes, Play, and More

Join us for these special storytimes and programs designed for your little ones.

Little's Chill & Chat | Ages 24 months & under

Fri | Aug 11 & Sep 1 | 10:30am

Come hang out with your littles and socialize with other adults on a select Friday each month. This self-led program allows parents and caregivers of little ones to chat with each other while kiddos play and have fun.

Toddler Tales | Ages 24-36 months

Tue | Sep 5, 12, 19, 26 | 10:30am

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

Baby Bookworms | Ages 12-24 months

Wed | Sep 6, 13, 20, 27 | 10:30am

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

Pre-K Pals | Ages 3-5

Thu | Sep 7, 14, 21, 28 | 10:30am

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

R SENSEploration | Ages 5 & under

Fri | Sep 8 | 10:30am

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

R Grow, Learn, and Play | Ages 3-5

Fri | Aug 18 & Sep 15 | 10:30am

Chat with other parents and caregivers while the children explore blocks, puzzles, sensory toys, and other hands-on activities. This special self-led, play-based program will help your child socialize with other children, develop problem-solving skills, and learn through play.



Career Online High School

Earn a High School Diploma for FREE!



The beginning of the traditional school year is upon us, this is a great time to think about your future. Are you an adult 19 years and older who never earned your high school diploma? Did you know that the library offers scholarships for individuals to earn an accredited diploma from Career Online High School?

Complete courses on your time and earn your accredited high school diploma with 1-on-1 support from an Academic Coach. You'll also take skills-based elective courses to prepare you for your future, and career portfolio lessons that teach business writing and help you create resumes and cover letters



The library still has many scholarships available to residents who are 19-years-old or older and able to pass a 2-week prerequisite course with a grade of 70% or higher.



Don't miss out on the chance to get the diploma you always dreamed about. More information can be found on the library's website, or you can contact the Community Services Librarian, Katherine Kelly, kkelly@largo.com

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.

High Point Family Center
5812 150th Ave N, Clearwater
Tue | Sep 5 & 19

High Point Youth Empowerment Center
5343 Laurel Pl, Clearwater
Tue | Sep 5 & 19

The Barrington Senior Living
901 Seminole Blvd, Largo
Wed | Aug 9, 23 & Sep 6 & 20

Oak Manor
3600 Oak Manor Lane, Largo
Wed | Aug 9, 23 & Sep 6 & 20

Heather Haven
10476 131th St, Largo
Wed | Aug 9, 23 & Sep 6 & 20

Paradise Island
1001 Starkey Rd, Largo
Thu | Aug 10, 24 & Sep 7 & 21

Holiday Belleair Towers
1100 Ponce De Leon Blvd, Clearwater
Fri | Aug 4, 18 & Sep 1, 15, & 29

Sodalis Senior Living
333 16th Ave SE, Largo
Thu | Aug 10, 24 & Sep 7 & 21

Imperial Palms
4711 Imperial Palm Dr, Largo
Tue | Aug 1, 15, 29 & Sep 12 & 26

St Patrick's Catholic School
1501 Trotter Rd, Largo
Wed | Sep 13 & 27

Royal Palms
200 Lake Ave NE, Largo
Thu | Aug 3, 17, 31 & Sep 14 & 28

Elison of Pinecrest
1150 8th Ave SW, Largo
Fri | Aug 4, 18 & Sep 1, 15, & 29

Plato Academy
10888 126th Ave N, Largo
Tue | Sep 5 & 19

ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNING

Adult English Classes

Mon - Wed | 9:30am - 2:30pm
Thu - Fri | 10am - 3pm
In collaboration with Pinellas County Schools, this program will help adults speak, write and read English in a classroom setting. Registration is required and continuous throughout the semester. There is a \$45 fee for each six-month term of enrollment. For more information, please call 727.942.9146.

Citizenship and Naturalization Preparation Classes

Mon & Wed | 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

Thu | Aug 17, 24, 31 & Sep 7, 14, 21, 28
2:15pm-3:30pm
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.

Back to School 2023-2024

Thu | August 10 | 4pm
Tue | August 15 | 6pm
Pinellas County Public Schools ESOL Office will present to K-12 English Learner and Spanish-speaking families with information and resources to help prepare for the new school year. There will also be an opportunity to learn about the Largo Public Library's English Language Learning Program and its Career Online High School Program. There will be crafts and games for children ages 5 and up.

One-on-One English Tutoring

Applications are available at the library or by going to www.largopubliclibrary.org/ell. Individuals are matched according to the availability of volunteers, mutual scheduling preferences, and waiting list order. Instruction is based on each 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.

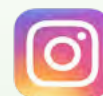
Rosetta Stone

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

TEEN PROGRAMS

Ages 12-18

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



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Special Programs & Contests

Back-to-School FreeCycle

Wed | Aug 2 | 3pm-7pm

Jenkins Community Wing Room C



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.

Volunteers Wanted!

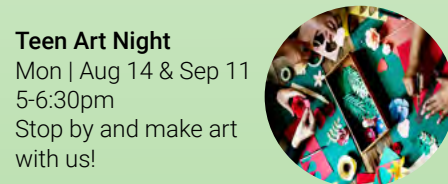
Apply starting Aug 7
We're looking for motivated teen volunteers to help our Youth Services team this school year! Volunteers earn community service hours by assisting with events, shelving, and more. Must be ages 12-18. To apply, visit us online at LargoPublicLibrary.org/Teens and select Volunteer.



Teen Events

Teen Art Night

Mon | Aug 14 & Sep 11
5-6:30pm
Stop by and make art with us!



Tabletop Tuesday

Tue | Aug 15 & Sep 5 3-5pm
Swing by and play some tabletop and board games with us in the Teen Room!



Rainbow Social

Wed | Aug 16, 30 & Sep 13, 27
3-5pm

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

Anime & Manga Club

Mon | Aug 21 & Sep 18
5-6pm
Hang out and talk about anime and manga!



Teen Trivia Night

Mon | Aug 28
5:30-6:30pm
Want to show off your trivia skills? Come hang out with us and test your knowledge for a chance to win some fun themed prizes! Please bring a phone or wifi-enabled device to participate.
August - Studio Ghibli



Special Kits & Collections

Check out to enjoy at home! All kits located at the Teen Desk. Loan time is 4 weeks and check outs are limited to one per card at a time.

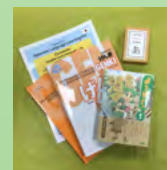
Games2Go

Each kit contains 3-4 different games. Includes specialty and tabletop options.



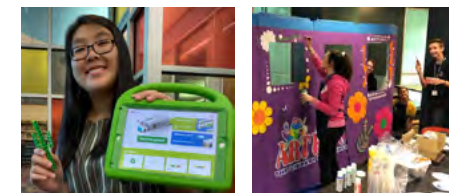
Language Learning Kits

Choose from Spanish, French, Japanese, and Korean. Kits contain workbooks and flashcards to help you learn.

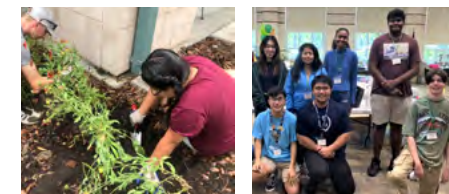


Teen Volunteers

The Largo Library Teen Volunteer Program has year-round opportunities to get involved and earn service hours. Teens can apply for summer and/or school year seasons based on availability. Volunteers help with events, shelving, and creative projects and have opportunities to grow in leadership roles through community service.



Volunteers can grow leadership skills by joining the Teen Library Council (TLC). This group of teen volunteers is committed to providing feedback on library services for teens, identifying community issues, and planning service projects to raise awareness and give back at the local level.



Some TLC projects have included a Youth Climate Action Day, day of service at Hope Villages of America food distribution center, Senior Sunrise handmade holiday cards for assisted living facility residents, day of service with Largo Parks staff landscaping with native plants, as well as awareness campaigns and donation drives in collaboration with other student led projects.



Volunteering is a great way to give back to your community! Learn how to apply by checking out Volunteers Wanted! in this page's Special Programs & Contests section.

GENEALOGY CLASSES & GROUPS

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



Special Events

Don't Make Your Descendants Research You

Sat | Aug 19 | 11am | Hybrid
As genealogists, many of us focus all our time and energy on research and collecting data about our ancestors and neglect to record our own lives. This forces our descendants to research us! But there's a better way. Give the generations that come after you the gift of your life story with the details research can't provide. Be inspired and guided in writing your life story in this hands-on workshop that shows you how fun it can be to walk down memory lane and write the story only you can. After all, the only way to do this wrong is to not do it at all! This free Summer Workshop is hands on training for up to two hours. You are welcome to bring and eat your lunch as you write your story.

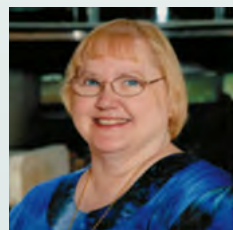


Patricia Charpentier, author of the multi-award-winning book, *Eating an Elephant: Write Your Life One Bite at a Time*, teaches, writes, edits, ghostwrites, and publishes personal

and family history and life-based stories. Patricia has coauthored, edited, and published more than 70 personal and family histories. Her belief about capturing life stories is, "The only way to do this wrong is to not do it at all!" Patricia founded the Life Writers membership in 2020. Life Writers combines three components, which she believes are necessary for success—community, instruction, and accountability—and brings people together online from across the US, Canada, Mexico, and Jamaica. Learn more at LifeWriters.us. To encourage writing, Patricia offers free, virtual First Tuesday Write and Read sessions every month where people from across the globe come together to write in response to prompts and share their writing in small groups. Visit Patricia at WritingYourLife.org.

The Importance of Belonging: the Role of Genealogical Societies in Your Research

Sat | Sep 16 | 11am | Hybrid
Genealogy societies are not only a great place to interact with other like-minded family researchers, but they are also a place to learn, see other perspectives, and even find ways to break through those brick walls! They can provide you with leadership opportunities and chances to hone your speaking skills. Meeting with other genealogists, whether in person or virtually, can help you build a sense of belonging, plus so much more.



Diana Crisman Smith has been researching her ancestry since age 10, speaking since 1980, and writing, teaching, and researching for clients since the late

1980s. She has enjoyed speaking live and virtually at conferences around the country (and at sea) since the 1980s (always looking for some new audiences and topics). She has written for numerous genealogical publications, including a regular column in the *NGS NewsMagazine* and the *APG Quarterly*. Diana wrote *Finding Your Danish Ancestors: A Primer for Research & History* published by Heritage Productions. She is past board member of the Association of Professional Genealogists, Florida State Genealogical Society, Genealogical Speakers Guild, and the International Society of Family History Writers and Editors. Since her career in software consulting, she has sought new opportunities to learn (including GRIP 2020 week-long sessions: Law School for Genealogists; Hands-On Forensic Genealogy; and Workshop on Land and Property Records), and to teach.

Genealogy Classes



DNA Basics IV

Thu | Aug 3 | 7pm | Virtual
This class will be an overview of Mitochondrial DNA, Y DNA and X DNA.

Family Tree Maker User Group

Sat | Aug 5 & Sep 2 | 10am | Virtual
Questions & Answers and Demonstration of how to use the Family Tree Maker genealogical database software.



Online Book Websites for Genealogy

Fri | Aug 11 | 1pm | Hybrid
A wealth of genealogical information has been published in books over the years. Luckily, many of these resources, especially those that have entered the public domain, have been made available in digital format on a variety of websites. This presentation will introduce you to some of the most popular online resources for digital books to broaden your genealogical research.



DNA Interest Group

Tue | Aug 22 & Sep 26 | 1pm | Virtual
Learn how to interpret your DNA test results, and apply those results to your current family history research. Join our casual group as we research and learn together.

RootsMagic User Group

Sat | Aug 26 & Sep 23 | 10am | Virtual
Questions and answers and demonstrations of how to use the RootsMagic genealogy software program.



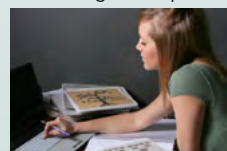
The CCC History and Records

Mon | Aug 28 | 1pm | Hybrid
They were the young men of the Civilian Conservation Corps far from home in the nation's publicly owned forests and parks. Earning money to send back to their needy families, they contributed to the renewal and beautification of the country. First, we explain the history that led to the need for this mammoth government project and what was accomplished. And then we'll show you the records and how you can find your own CCCer.



DNA for Adoptees: Strategies to Find Birth Families

Tue | Aug 29 | 1pm | Virtual



This class is for those that have taken the DNA Basic class and are ready to explore ways to use DNA to help find birth families. You need to have a good understanding of general genealogical research strategies and databases such as Familysearch.org and Ancestry.com search engines and be familiar with your DNA testing company's products and tools.

GENEALOGY CLASSES & GROUPS

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Local and County Histories

Thu | Aug 31 | 1pm | Hybrid
Local and county histories are often overlooked resources that can contain a wealth of resources on your ancestors and the places that they lived. This presentation explores the background of local and county history books; what information can be found in them; and, where to find them, both in print and online.

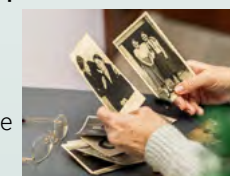


DNA Basics I: Ethnicity

Thu | Sep 7 | 7pm | Virtual
This one hour class defines DNA, gives examples of DNA inheritance patterns and discusses the different types of DNA tests and the companies that provide them. It gives ideas for the best ways to make the most of your DNA dollars and how you might want to "target test" some of your relatives. In addition, the class provides information on the ethnicity estimates provided by each company and how you might use them in your research.

Skeletons in the Family Closet: Dealing with the Unexpected

Thu | Sep 14 | 1pm | Hybrid
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.



The Witches of 1692

Tue | Sep 19 | 1pm | Hybrid
The women of the new colonies didn't just have to survive the normal hardships of every pioneer, they had to face being accused of witchcraft. Often their accusers were young girls and sometimes family members, but they were always judged by male religious leaders. In this eye-opening presentation, we not only understand the Salem witch trials, but the history of how these persecutions evolved and are still happening today.



Using U. S. Land Records in Genealogy

Thu | Sep 28 | 1pm | Hybrid
Land records are an important part of your genealogical toolkit. This presentation will provide an overview of common terms and concepts, explore how land records can help your research, and assist you in locating these valuable resources. The presentation will also share examples showing how to go from finding a deed to finding the land described in it on the modern landscape.



For all the latest information about PGS activities be sure to check out the blog at flpgs.org and the website at pinellaskenealogysociety.com

You'll find the monthly newsletter, current class lists and news about upcoming events.



FRIENDS OF THE LARGO LIBRARY

For inquiries, please email the Friends of Largo Public Library at lpfriends@gmail.com

Spring Volunteer Luncheon

The Historic Feed Store & Museum was the site of our annual Volunteer Luncheon, this time guided by Jackie Guthrie and her dedicated team. They planned, organized, decorated and hosted the event honoring the 40 in attendance. The catered box lunches were provided by Indian Rocks Eats, a community outreach program of Indian Rocks Baptist Church based on the notion that "building community through the comfort of food is the best way to bring people together." Bookstore volunteers certainly like the comfort of food and being together!! We were happy to recognize Library Directors Casey McPhee and Geri Remming for their ongoing support of the Friends. And very happy to congratulate **Bonnie Chamberlain** and **Ellen Thornycroft** as our 2023 Volunteers of the Year.



I Stand with Banned Books

The Friends Bookstore continues to feature our very well-received READ BANNED BOOKS display, complete with caution crime-scene tape. We've added a broadsheet printed by Kaitlin Crockett at Print St. Pete that features a line from poet Tyler Gillespie, "I Stand with Banned Books." Books that are often challenged or banned in various classrooms or libraries end up donated to the bookstore, and we like to highlight them and make them available for purchase. We seem not to be able to keep the display filled. Once we put banned books there, patrons stop by and buy them, often in disbelief that a favorite book of theirs has been challenged or banned somewhere! What?! Even *The Kite Runner*? Even *To Kill a Mockingbird*?! Ironically, there seems to be a never-ending supply of titles to highlight in the display. Recently a high school teacher dropped off whole bookcase of novels that she no longer feels safe in having in her classroom, not as required reading, but available for students to make their own choices. Titles included banned and challenged books *Crank* (drugs, rape, language) by Ellen Hopkins, *A Thousand Splendid Suns* (violence, abuse against women) by Khaled Hosseini, *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest* (criminal activity, violence, profanity) by Ken Kesey, even *To Kill a Mockingbird* (racist language, rape) by Harper Lee. Another broadside designed and printed by Kaitlin Crockett at Print St. Pete is a poster that appears throughout the St. Petersburg business district, **All are Welcome**. Likewise, all are welcome in the Friends Bookstore to browse, read, buy and resist.



I'll have a Quesadilla please

As I worked the Largo Library bookstore one afternoon, a grade school boy and his grandmother came into the library. I see them there all the time, and he reminds me so much of myself at that age. Before coming to the Friends Bookstore, they were down at R.G.'s, the atrium cafe, where he was reading the menu out loud to his grandmother. From the bookstore, I could hear it all as he was very distinct and precise. When they came on into the bookstore, I complimented him on his excellent reading skills. He smiled and matter-of-factly acknowledged it, telling me he was in the 3rd grade and had even taught himself to read! The grandmother said nothing one way or the other but beamed proudly. I said to him, "You even said that big word 'Quesadilla' correctly with the Spanish double L pronounced like a Y." He smiled, as if to say, "Of course I did," then turned to his granny and said, "You know, lots of 3rd graders say that word wrong. They say it like it's quesadILLA." I laughed knowingly, recognizing myself in him, for as a third grader, I was just as language-precocious, and just as smug and self-satisfied about it. It's a wonderful thing when youngsters come into the Friends Bookstore for they find shelf after shelf of books to browse where they discover new words to make their own.



Book Covers with Red Lips—Scream out Buy This Book!

Though loose lips sink ships, we find that red lips sell books! So many book covers—fiction and nonfiction, romance and adventure, contemporary novels and redesigned classics—feature a woman's brightly lipstickied mouth. Looking at the bookstore's paperback display and hardcover offerings, you begin to notice how many books are marketed with the punch of painted lips. A woman's full-frontal mouth in bold and rich color on the cover—pleased, panting, pained, pouting, pleased—screams out Buy This Book! In Diane Ackerman's riveting book, *A Natural History of the Senses*, she posits that red lips denote arousal and availability. Jessica Rabbit, with her pouty red lips, has been voted Sexiest Cartoon Character. Rosie the Riveter, even as she flexed her biceps for the war effort, wore bright red lipstick to convey her strength and full-throated feminine determination. Red lipstick on a man's collar is an immediate meme for adultery. Red lips catch your attention and compel you to buy and read!



GREATER LARGO LIBRARY FOUNDATION

Graduates Receive Foundation Scholarships

Graduates of Largo Public Library's Career Online High School each received a \$1,000 grant from the Greater Largo Library Foundation. Students who enroll in an accredited 2 or 4 year college or trade school are eligible to receive the grants from the Foundation. For more information about Career Online High School please contact Katherine Kelly, Community Services Librarian at 727-587-6715, ext. 2547.



Nan Colton Presents: Agatha Christie – "It's All A Mystery" – Bringing History to Life Through Theatrical Performance

The Greater Largo Library Foundation is proud to present a performance by Nan Colton on Thursday, October 12, 2023, at 6:00 PM in Jenkins Room B. Nan is an accomplished playwright, director, storyteller, actress and arts educator who has performed and lectured professionally on stages throughout South Africa, Great Britain, and the United States. Nan's portrayal of one of literature's most famous mavens of murder mysteries, Agatha Christie, will bring to life a passionate portrait of this remarkable woman. A must see for mystery enthusiasts.

Tickets are \$20.00 each and are available at the circulation desk in the library. Pick up yours today; seats are limited. The event is sponsored by Royal Palms and proceeds from the event will benefit the programs and services of the Largo Public Library.

For additional information please contact the Foundation office at (727) 586-7398 or visit our website at www.gllf.org

Watercolor in the Community Butterfly Garden

The second watercolor *en plein air* was held on May 1st in the Community Butterfly Garden. The outdoor class hosted 19 attendees each creating their own masterpieces, including advocate for the Largo Public Library, Bonnie Starr. Adult Services Librarian Sarah Haney led the class. The evening was beautiful, and the ambience of the surroundings added to the creative process.



Donation from the Rotary Club of Largo Benefits English Language Learners

In May Community Services Librarian Katherine Kelly presented to the Rotary Club of Largo all about the library's English Language Learning program. At the end of the presentation, Katherine was surprised with a \$500 check for the library. Library Director Casey McPhee decided that the donation from Rotary should go to the Foundation. It was further decided that it should be used to help re-energize the library's English Conversation Club. This would include new conversational enhancement tools and a grant for a facilitator for the Fall of 2023. The new conversation club will kick off on Thursdays beginning August 17th, 2:15 to 3:30 pm. The library is grateful to Rotary for the start-up funds along with an additional monetary boost from the Foundation to make these improvements possible.

Upcoming Career Online High School Graduation Celebration

Every other year Largo Public Library honors its recent Career Online High School (COHS) graduates. This is an important recognition from the Largo community, as well as the library, and includes a guest speaker. The dedication and commitment our graduates made to themselves, and their future will be on display on Thursday, August 24th, when the library celebrates eight students who have earned their diplomas in 2022 and 2023. Also in attendance will be family and friends of the graduates, who will get to see their loved one be a part of the procession of graduates into the library's Jenkins Wing to Pomp and Circumstance. The sense of empowerment that COHS provides Largo residents from all walks of life is fantastic. The Greater Largo Library Foundation is proud to fund these scholarships so this program can continue to enrich lives.

Keep Up-to-Date & Get Involved!

Visit the Greater Largo Library Foundation website and follow us on Facebook for all the latest news and to find out ways to support the library. Your support provides improved access to library services for the community's educational and social enrichment.





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