The beginning of a new year appeals to me because it signifies all the possibilities to come—a fresh start and renewed energy! 2024 is a very significant year for me personally and professionally, but also for East Lake Community Library. In November, I will celebrate 25 years as a PHCSA employee, serving Palm Harbor Library and ELCL since 1999. It is also the 25th Anniversary of this library building! We recently received an update from Pinellas County that our Penny-for-Pinellas project, a much-needed building expansion, is still part of the county’s capital improvement plan. It is NOT too early to begin preparing for this project, and we need input from everyone in the months to come!

—Lois Eannel

PASSPORT FAIR
SAT, FEB 3RD | 10AM – 3PM
If your bucket list includes traveling to distant lands, you’ll need a passport. We can help! Extra staff will be on hand to assist first-time applicants. No appointment needed for this special event.

HOMEMADE SOUP DAY
TUES, FEB 6TH | 11AM – 4PM
Take home a container of your choice plus oyster crackers for only $5 or two containers for $8. Made by your favorite librarians!

BORROW IT, LOVE IT, RETURN IT! OVERDUE FINE FREE
Scan to learn more about getting your library card and other services ELCL offers.

Hours of Operation
Mon–Wed: 10am–8pm
Thurs: 12pm–8pm
Fri: 10am–5pm
Sat: 10am–4pm
Sun: CLOSED

Library Closed
Jan 15th – MLK Day
Feb 19th – Presidents Day

4125 EAST LAKE RD, PALM HARBOR FL 34685
727-773-2665
eastlakelibrary.org
Whether you are an experienced player or newbie, now is your chance to play Mah Jongg at the library. Experienced players will be on hand to teach those new to the game. 
Registration required.

Fiber Arts
Jan 2nd & 16th, Feb 5th | 12:30 pm
BYOP
(Bring Your Own Project)
From beading and knitting to crocheting and spinning, come work on your craft and network with friendly, like-minded individuals!
No registration is required.

Asian Tea Tastings
JAN 20TH | 11:00AM
Join others and learn about herbal and spice tea making in diverse Asian cultures. Make a personalized herbal tea blend and enjoy tasting it in class.
Registration required.

Surapsari Fujimaru, surapsari.com

Intro to Line Dance Steps
JAN 30TH & FEB 27TH | 6:30PM
In this new class taught by Line Dance Instructor, Brenda DeSousa, join us as we learn different line dance steps such as Jazz Box, Lindy, Step-Lock, Grapevine, etc. Dress comfortably and wear firm-fitting, smooth soled footwear. Registration required.

Mah Jongg
JAN 29TH & FEB 26TH | 1:00PM
Whether you are an experienced player or newbie, now is your chance to play Mah Jongg at the library. Experienced players will be on hand to teach those new to the game. Registration required.

ELCL Writer’s Group
Jan 8th & Feb 12th | 2 pm
Jan 22nd & Feb 26th | 6 pm
The ELCL Writers’ Group is a self-monitored creative writing group open to all those 18+ looking for a community of writers seeking to improve their writing skills. No registration is required.

After Dark Art:
Cardinal in the Snow
Feb 9th | 6:00pm
Join us as our favorite artist, Shawn Dell Joyce, returns to the library...after dark! We will be painting Cardinal in the Snow on canvas. Ages 15 years old and up. All supplies included even aprons! Registration required.
Qigong is an ancient Chinese practice that harnesses the power of breath, movement, and intention to create health and balance with the body, mind, and spirit. Registration is required.

Feeling stressed? Lack of energy? Is your mind constantly ruminating with thoughts? This program is for those who have a desire for improved sleep, peace and overall health! Registration is required.

Intro to Tai Chi
JAN 25TH, FEB 29TH | 6:30PM
FEB 12TH | 12:00PM
Join us as our instructor, Cathy Ordiway leads us through the slow, graceful movements of Tai Chi. Registration is required.

NEW: Intro to Qigong
JAN 26TH & FEB 23RD | 10:30AM
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Stretching: The Somatic Way
1ST & 3RD FRIDAY | 10:30AM
Somatic stretching is a gentle release practice that retrains the brain to allow the muscles to release tension and fully relax. Registration is required.

Book Club
Meetings are the 1st Wednesday of the month at 6:30pm. Copies will be behind the front desk one month prior. No registration is required.

Jan 3rd
6:30 pm

Jan/Feb 2024
StarBooks Family Program

JAN 6TH | 10:00AM
Coffee, Hot Chocolate, Books, and More!
Visit the library’s community room for some chill coffee shop vibes with books to sample and sweet treats to enjoy. Grades K-5.

Baby Beats
JAN 8, 22, 29 & FEB 5, 12, 26
10:00 AM
Baby Beats is a program for our youngest patrons (ages 0–2yrs) and their caregivers. Our time together will include stories, songs, sensory exploration and social time.

Preschool Stories and Songs
JAN 10, 17, 24, 31 & FEB 7, 14, 21, 28
10:00 AM
Children 3–5 years and their caregivers are invited to join Miss Nicole to read, learn, sing, and dance together!
ADVENTURE AWAITS
is a partnership between ELCL, Jill Kavanagh, and Waterford Press emphasizing Literacy and Science Education.

Star Wars Origami Craft
FEB 9TH | 3:30PM
Join us for an out-of-this-world origami mission! Learn to master and create the famous characters from the Star Wars Universe, with just paper! Grades K-5.

Star Wars Character Family Bingo
JAN 27TH | 4:00PM
Are you going to be the next lucky winner in our Star Wars themed Bingo session? Win prizes, team up against other competitors, and have an out-of-this-world experience with the whole family!

Happy Days at Market Street
JAN 30TH & FEB 27TH | 10:00AM
Children ages 0-5 and their caretakers are invited to meet us at Market Street Memory Care Residence (833 East Lake Rd N, Tarpon Springs, FL 34688) for some intergenerational fun!
Teen Programs

Walt Quizney: Pixar Edition

**JAN 10TH | 6:00PM**
Get ready for a fantastic journey into the world of Pixar at Walt Quizney! **Middle school students**, it’s your chance to show off your knowledge of beloved characters, heartwarming stories, and unforgettable adventures.

Gamers Unplugged

**JAN 17TH & FEB 21ST | 6:00PM**
**Middle School and High School Students!** Dive into a world of analog excitement at Gamers Unplugged, where the thrill of board games, tabletop adventures, and card battles collide!

Strike and Spare: Teen Bowling

**JAN 19TH | 6:00PM**
Break out your bowling skills in this night out with ELCL Teen Services! Get as many strikes as you can to get a prize. **High School Students Only!**

 Tween Groove: A Just Dance Showdown

**FEB 2ND | 6:00PM**
Get ready to show off your dance moves and be part of the ultimate groove showdown at the East Lake Community Library! This exhilarating event is exclusively designed for **middle school students**, where the dance floor becomes your battleground.

Speed Date With A Book

**FEB 6TH | 6:00PM**
Are you tired of spending Valentine’s Day without a literary companion? Look no further! This February, join us for an evening full of love, literature, and the sweet taste of Cookie Pops!

Teen Movie Night!

**FEB 16TH | 6:00PM**
Dive into the magic of cinema with popcorn, sodas, and the inspiring film *Remember the Titans*. **High School Students only.**

Meetings

**Teen Advisory Board**
Jan 18th & Feb 1st, 15th & 29th | 5:30pm
Students in 9th-12th grade can join this teen-governed, teen-driven advisory board where we will plan and create the implementation of our high school events as well as community service projects.

**Middle School Advisory Board**
Jan 5th | 6:00pm
Students entering 6th-8th grade can be part of our Middle School Advisory Board (MSAB) to help create, plan, and implement all after-hours activities for our middle school aged patrons.

Program Registration

- eastlakelibrary.org, Events Calendar
- Call: 727-773-2665
- In-person at the Front Desk

Most programs require pre-registration unless otherwise noted due to limited space.
Hosted by the YMCA, this FREE class at the library for adults aged 65 & older helps prevent falls at home and provides safety measures and techniques to keep safe. Includes Fall Risk Screening! 2 hour workshop. Call 727-379-2473 to register.

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Monday, February 19th, 7:00 pm
The Council of North County Neighborhoods (CNCN) is sponsoring an Education Forum with some of your Pinellas School board members and local administrators to discuss issues and answer questions. The library is closed for Presidents' Day so please enter through the side Community Room door.

ONE BLOOD Community Blood Drive
SATURDAY, JANUARY 6TH | 10:00AM - 3:30PM
Let’s celebrate a new year! Help your community today by donating blood here at the library! No appointment needed!

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Genealogy

RESEARCHING FEMALE ANCESTORS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 13TH 10 AM

Registration is required.
Finding the women in your family tree can be challenging for many reasons. Join Lois Powell and Susan Schuler for strategies to help you find your female ancestors.

GENEALOGY RESEARCH ASSISTANCE

Wednesdays, 10:00am or 10:45am
Jan 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, and 31st;
February 7th, 14th, 21st, and 28th

Need help with your genealogy project?
Genealogist Lois Powell is here to help you master Ancestry, FamilySearch, and more. Beginners are always welcome. Please make a reservation by calling the library or visiting our online calendar.

Read All About It! Using Newspapers in Your Genealogy Research
Saturday, February 17th, 10:00 am
Registration is required.
Historic newspapers are vital for learning about your ancestors and contextualizing their lives. Join us and discover something new about your family!

Want to learn more about genealogy? Looking for military records? Planning a trip to ancestral grounds? Scan the QR code with your camera to listen to the What’s Your Story ELCL Genealogy Podcast.

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BOOK NOOK SALE

JANUARY
DOLLAR DAYS – $1.00 SELECTIONS
BIOGRAPHIES, HUMOR, CRAFTS & TRAVEL
DVD’S – 4 FOR $1.00
JAMES PATTERSON – 50 CENTS & $1.00

FEBRUARY
LOVE OUR LIBRARY – 50% OFF
WOMEN’S PAPERBACK ROMANCE,
YOUNG ADULT, BIOGRAPHIES &
FAMILY-LIFE BOOKS!

CONCERT SERIES

Featured Artists

After Five Jazz Trio
Jan 28th | 2pm
Get in the swing with an array of jazz standards spanning a range from cool to hot, bebop to blues.

February – St. Pete Baroque
Feb 25th | 2pm
Be enchanted as virtuoso musicians give new life to old masterpieces and new classics!

Tickets are $15 each and sold at the front desk. Call 727-773-2665 for more information.
Volunteering

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Max D.
Online Sales Volunteer

Each month we like to highlight a particular volunteer who has gone above and beyond in their work.

Max, as part of our online sales team works to research and list donated items for resale online.

When he’s not volunteering, Max likes to listen to Jimmy Buffett and go yardsaling.

VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

Looking to help out your community? Need Bright Futures hours? Look no further!

We have one of the most diverse volunteer programs in the county.
- Like to shelve books? We have that!
- Want to use graphic design? You can do that here!
- Want to run an ecommerce business? You’re in the right spot!

What are you waiting for? Apply today!

Have any questions?
For more information or inquiries please contact
Mirant Vyas
mirant-v@eastlakelibrary.org
Jan Wojcik, a native of Virginia, moved to Michigan at age eleven. After graduation from high school she attended The Art University of Michigan. Jan moved to Florida in 1988 and has exhibited her oils in exhibits at the Dunedin Fine Art Center, of which she is a member. Her media also include pastels, water colors, and clay, but her first love is oil.
**LOCKER PICKUP**

Our 24/7 hold-it lockers allow you to pick up hold items when it’s convenient for you!

Simply select **East Lake Library Lockers** as your pickup location when you place your holds.

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**COLLECTION CONNECTION**

Open to all ages in the East Lake Fire District, our free delivery service ensures our community gets the material they want. Email **elclcc@eastlakelibrary.org** for more info.

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**PASSPORT ACCEPTANCE FACILITY**

We can process new applications (DS-11) and take passport photos ($10).

Walk In on Thursdays from 12:30pm – 3:30pm, or make an appointment on our events calendar.

Scan the QR code for more information!

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**MORNINGS WITH MATT**

Free one-on-one tech help with Matt, our IT specialist.

Available Monday to Friday from Open – 5pm. Please call ahead to check availability.

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**NOTARY SERVICES**

For $8 a stamp, have your legal documents notarized. We can certify a copy, affirm an oath and/or verify a signature. No appointment needed, just call ahead to make sure we have a notary available.

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**Connect With Us!**

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