



EAST LAKE COMMUNITY LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

March-April 2024



Director's Corner

Serving the Community

The staff of East Lake Community Library has always viewed our library as a center for ALL our residents, which is reflected in its services, programs, and collections. During COVID, we felt the need to add a Food Pantry, stocked through the generosity of patrons, staff, and local organizations, to assist those struggling during the pandemic. I would like to say that this pantry is no longer needed, but, unfortunately, that is not the case. Although East Lake is perceived as a more affluent area, 2023 statistics indicate we have nearly 2,000 residents surviving below the poverty level and living paycheck to paycheck. We estimate nearly 150 individuals are accessing the pantry monthly. Thanks to The Friends of the Library, we have installed a permanent shed and refrigerator to better serve those in need. Thank you to all who contribute—it takes a village...

-Lois Eannel

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH AT ELCL



ELCL hosts two free programs to honor and celebrate women who impacted American history and the musical arts.

- **Author Event, 3/8 at 1 PM:** Judy Silverstein-Gray, *Unwavering: The Wives Who Fought to Ensure No Man Was Left Behind*
- **Concert, 3/10 at 2 PM:** Safia Valines-Celebrating Women in Music

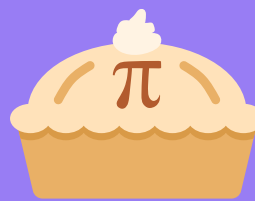
Read more about each event on pg 10.

You Can't Do THAT at the Library!

SAT, 4/13 AT 5 PM

**Fun for the whole family!
Mini-Golf, Giant Games,
Face Painting, Hula Hoop
Contest, Doodle Head,
Prizes, and More!**

Read more on page 10.



NATIONAL PI DAY

Check out a book and enjoy a slice of pie compliments of the ELCL staff on March 14th.

Hours of Operation

Mon-Wed: 10am-8pm
Thurs: 12pm-8pm
Fri: 10am-5pm
Sat: 10am-4pm
Sun: CLOSED

Ballot Drop-Off Information

ELCL is a ballot drop-off location. Learn more by scanning here or visiting votepinellas.gov



4125 EAST LAKE RD, PALM HARBOR FL 34685



727-773-2665
eastlakelibrary.org



Program Registration

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

Due to limited space, most programs require pre-registration unless otherwise noted.

Fiber Arts

1ST & 3RD MONDAY | 12:30 PM

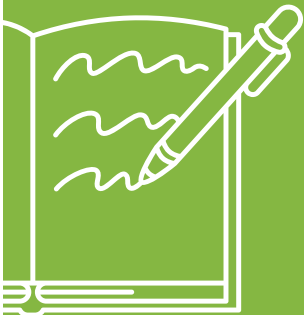
BYOP (Bring Your Own Project)
From beading to knitting to crocheting and spinning, come work on your craft and network with friendly, like-minded individuals!
No registration is required.



ELCL Writers Group

2ND & 4TH MONDAY | 2:00 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.
Registration is required.



Mah Jongg

MARCH 25TH & APRIL 29TH | 1:00 PM

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.



Spring Specials

National Consumer Protection



MARCH 4TH | 10:00 AM

Join us as Pinellas County Consumer Protection Investigator Anna Marie shares important information for residents. Be protected! Be knowledgeable!



Fifty Shades of Green: Making Your Own Pot O' Gold

MARCH 19TH | 6:00 PM

If you're still looking for your own Pot o' Gold and need a little guidance in finding it, join us as Gary Zino teaches us the basic points of financial literacy and prosperity.
Registration Required.

Fear of Falling? No More!

MARCH 21ST | 6:30 PM



This program provides resources that will keep you and your loved ones safe and fall-free! Presented by **Falls Free Florida.**
Registration Required.



Introduction To Hypnosis

APRIL 12TH | 11:00 AM

Hypnotist and Author Jan Rysdon will be here to share with us what hypnosis is and how you can benefit from it.
Registration Required.



Relax & Renew

3/5 & 3/26, 4/9 & 4/23
2:00 PM

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

3/11 & 3/28 | 6:30 PM
4/8 | 12:00 PM

Join us as our instructor, Cathy Ordiway leads us through the slow, graceful movements of Tai Chi.
Registration is required.



Intro to Qigong

3/22 & 4/26 | 10:30 AM

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.

Stretching: The Somatic Way

3/1, 3/29, 4/5, 4/19 | 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.

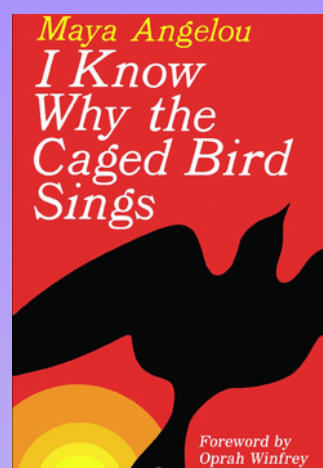


Book Club

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.

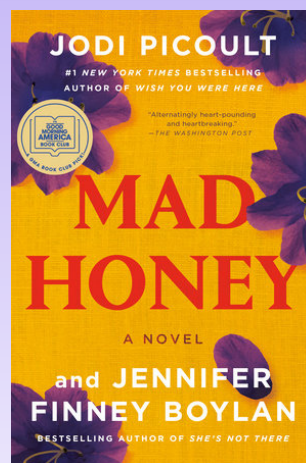
March 6th

6:30 PM



April 3rd

6:30 PM



Program Registration

- eastlakelibrary.org, Events Calendar
- Call: 727-773-2665 x2
- In-person at the Youth Services Desk

ALL youth programs require pre-registration due to limited space. Please respect age restrictions.



Pokémon Trade-A-Thon (K-5)

MARCH 1, 22 & APRIL 5, 19

Welcome to ELCL's world of Pokémon! Trade your Pokémon at our trading post, and with other Pokémon masters, sit and watch Pokémon episodes, and win prizes with our mini games!

Baby Beats

MARCH 4, 18, 25 & APRIL 8, 15, 22 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

MARCH 6, 20, 27 & APRIL 3, 10, 17, 24 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

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WILD THINGS

AT BROOKER CREEK PRESERVE

MARCH 8 & APRIL 12 | 10:00 AM

Children ages 0-5 and their caregivers are invited to join us for stories, songs, and natural science fun with our friends at Brooker Creek Preserve!

**Family Program
ALL AGES**



Pet-I-Gree: Become An Animal Advocate

APRIL 26TH | 1:00 PM

Families with children of **ALL AGES** are invited to visit the library from 1 to 3 PM to learn how to become an animal advocate and earn their Pet-i-gree Diploma. Visit each station to learn about the science of animal care and local rescue organizations and meet some special animal ambassadors!

Youth Programs

MARCH/APRIL 2024



ADVENTURE AWAITS

is a partnership between ELCL,
Jill Kavanagh,
and Waterford Press emphasizing
Literacy and Science Education.

SPRING S.T.R.E.A.M.



SATURDAY
APRIL 27TH
1:00 PM



Grades K-5 can explore
Science, Technology, Reading,
Engineering, Arts, and Math
stations--including DIY Animal
Tracks, Beneficial Insects and
Pests, Grow-Your-Own Herb
Garden, Crafty Suncatchers,
Pressed Flower Bookmarks,
Wildlife Feeders, and more!



The Craft Corner (K-5)

MARCH 8TH & APRIL 12

Welcome to the Craft
Corner! Children in Grades
K-5 get to color, glue, and
create their own crafts, and
learn about the process of
becoming an artist!



Happy Days at Market Street

MARCH 26TH & APRIL 30 | 10:00AM

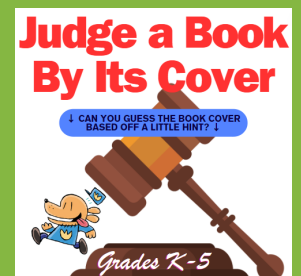
Children ages 0-5 and their
caretakers are invited to meet
us at Market Street Memory
Care Residence (833 East Lake
Rd N, Tarpon Springs, FL 34688)
for some intergenerational fun!



Judge A Book By It's Cover (K-5)

APRIL 2 | 3:30 PM

Can you guess the book based off
just a small part of the cover? Our
favorite children's books come to
ELCL to see if you can pick them out.
Play as a family team or join new
friends to work together to uncover
all the mystery book covers.



Teen Programs

Walt Quizney: Pixar Edition

MARCH 5TH | 6:00 PM

Embark on an epic adventure at Walt Quizney, the ultimate **middle school** event! Dive into the enchanting world of Pixar as you answer thrilling trivia questions about your favorite movies. Join us for an evening of excitement, laughter, and Pixar magic.

Brush Masters!

MARCH 15TH | 6:00 PM

Middle School and High School Students!

Embark on a vibrant journey of self-expression with Brush Masters. Express your artistic creativity with the guidance of experienced instructors from **Brush Tips Studio!**

Harry Potter Trivia Night!

MARCH 19TH | 6:00 PM

Join in the Teen Room for a Harry Potter Trivia Night tailored for **Teens and Tweens!** Immerse yourself in the wizarding world as we challenge your knowledge with 80 captivating questions.

Game-a-Palooza Bash: A Middle

School Roundup Up

APRIL 5TH | 6:00 PM

Celebrate the end of the school year at The East Lake Community Library! Join us for an afternoon filled with exciting board games and video games tailored just for **middle school students**. It's the ultimate party where the games never stop, and the laughter is endless.



Spellbound Duels: Magic

The Gathering Night for

Teens and Tweens

APRIL 23RD | 6:00 PM

Meet at the library for a night of strategic gameplay, where spells are cast, creatures summoned, and battles unfold. Whether you're a seasoned player or new to the game, dive into the world of MTG, where strategy meets fantasy. Bring your decks or borrow one of ours to duel against your fellow players.



Meetings

Teen Advisory Board

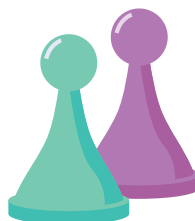
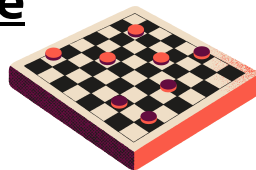
March 14th & 28th, April 11th & 25th @ 5:30

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

March 1st @ 6 PM

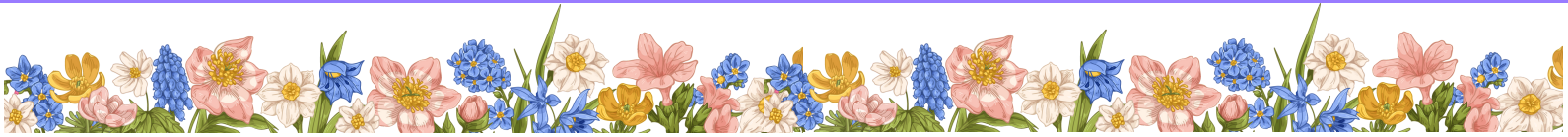
Students entering 6th-8th grade can be part of our Middle School Advisory Board (MSAB) to help create, plan, and implement all after-hours activities for our middle school aged patrons.



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Medicare Enrollment Counseling
2nd Tuesday Monthly, 1 HR
Call ELCL at 727-773-2665
to schedule this
FREE service!



Saturday, 4/20
9 AM-3:30 PM
at ELCL
Learn more and register:
727.773.2665



Concert
April 21st,
2 PM

at the Lutheran Church
of the Resurrection
Palm Harbor
Merigiare String Quartet
Tickets: \$30/1, \$50/2
Call: 727.785.1117



Council of North County Neighborhoods, Inc.

CNCN Pinellas County, FL
www.cncnpc.org
Neighborhood Advocates

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TOWN HALL

3/18 7:00 pm
at ELCL

The Council of North County Neighborhoods (CNCN) hosts a public forum featuring the county administrator and several County Commissioners, followed by a Q&A with audience members.

LEGISLATIVE FORUM

4/15 7:00 pm
at ELCL

The Council of North County Neighborhoods (CNCN) is hosting a public forum with Senator Ed Hooper and Rep. Adam Anderson to discuss the legislative session, answer your questions, and address your concerns.

17th Annual
Rotary Club of East Lake Sunrise
CRUISIN' THE PARK
Charity Car Show & Community Festival
100% Proceeds Benefit The Community & Beyond

Car Registration - 9:00am-11:00am
\$20 Day Of Show / \$15 before 4/16

Rain or Shine
Open to all Show Cars & Trucks

Over 60 Trophies Awarded

Free Spectator Parking & Admission

DJ & Live Entertainment

Food & Drink Available

April 20
2024
10 am - 3 pm

John Chesnut Sr. Park, Palm Harbor FL
2200 East Lake Road, Palm Harbor, Florida 34685
www.EastLakeRotary.org info@EastLakeRotary.org

Logos for sponsors: the Y, EASTLAKELIBRARY, Pinellas County Sheriff's Office, Gas, and others.

WE ARE A FAMILYSEARCH AFFILIATE LIBRARY!



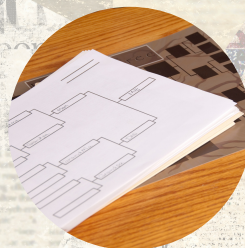
All serious family history researchers know the frustration of finally finding the record you need and seeing the dreaded "not available" icon on FamilySearch.

Many of those records can be accessed at ELCL because we are the only North Pinellas FamilySearch affiliate library and have privileges to limited-access databases. The next time you can't access a record you need, stop by and see if it can be obtained through ELCL!

Research Time!

Wednesday, April 10th | 1:00 PM
Registration is required.

Family History enthusiasts can join genealogists Lois Powell and Susan Schuler for research time in this open workshop.



Bring your questions and we can help you discover the answers. Bring your laptop and latest project to research.



GENEALOGY RESEARCH ASSISTANCE

March 6th, 20th, 27th & April 3rd, 10th, 17th.
@ 10:00 AM or 10:45 AM

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.




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.





The Book Nook MARCH



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50%

**Gardening, Humor, Sports & Games,
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FLASH SALE: David Baldacci
50c-\$1.50

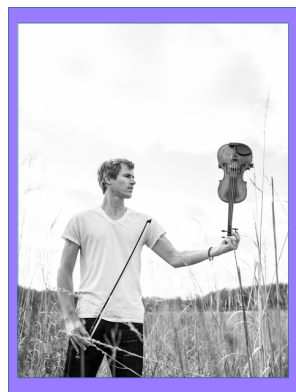


FRIENDS SUNDAY CONCERT SERIES





Steve Walker
March 25 | 2 pm

Dive back in time with popular 60s, 70s, and 80s tunes sung by a superb stylist and vocalist.



Cal Morris
April 28 | 2 pm

Enjoy heavenly sounds and symphony standards to current tunes played by a classically trained violinist.

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



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Please consider these ELCL supporters for your needs.

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Special Events

Celebrating Women's History Month

SAFIA VALINES CONCERT: CELEBRATING WOMEN IN MUSIC

March 10th | 2:00 PM



In celebration of Women's History Month, join us for a FREE concert by talented young singer, Safia Valines, celebrating women in music with a historical perspective of songs throughout the years. No registration is necessary, and the program is suitable for all ages.

UNWAVERING: THE WIVES WHO FOUGHT TO ENSURE NO MAN WAS LEFT BEHIND

March 8th | 1:00 PM



ELCL hosts author and retired US Coast Guard chief petty officer Judy Silverstein-Gray on her book *Unwaving: The Wives Who Fought to Ensure No Man Was Left Behind*. Judy will talk about the remarkable book that chronicles the dramatic story of women who fought to bring POW/MIAs back from Vietnam. No pre-registration required.

Support ELCL: Spring FUN-Raisers



YOU CAN'T DO THAT AT THE LIBRARY!

April 13th | 5:00 PM

East Lake Library Staff are breaking all the rules tonight--mini-golf in the aisles, giant yard games, a scavenger hunt, and much more to raise money for youth programs!

Be sure to wear your favorite book character costume!

Join us for this All Ages Family Event; no one will SHHH you!

Registration is requested in-person at the youth services desk starting March 23rd--\$5 per person (ages two and under free).

JUNK IN THE TRUNK!

May 11th | 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

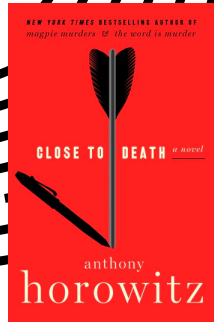
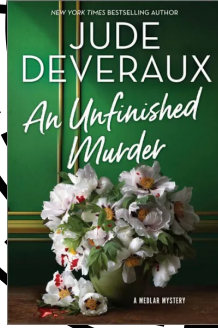
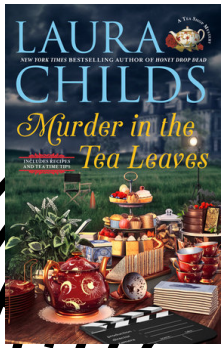
Not enough items to hold your own garage sale? Register and sell your items out of the trunk of your car, bring a table, or rent one of ours for \$10. Each parking space reservation is \$15 and must be reserved in advance.

The Library will provide complimentary refreshments under the canopy in front of the big shed.

Registration and payment begins April 1st (in-person or by phone).

Space is limited!





Coming Soon:

New Mysteries to Solve

***Murder in the Tea Leaves* By Lara Childs**

Savannah, Georgia, tea and murder—what's not to love?

***Finlay Donovan Rolls the Dice* By Elle Cosimano**

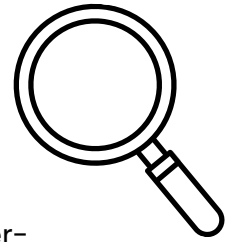
Get ready to laugh out loud at Finlay's adventures.

***An Unfinished Murder* by Jude Deveraux**

Sarah Medlar's career as an amateur detective faces one final mystery

***Close to Death* By Anthony Horowitz**

Detective Hawthorne is once again called upon to solve an unsolvable case.



Receive personalized book recommendations from Denise, ELCL's Collection Development Librarian. Just ask about *Perfect Picks* at the Front Desk or scan here:



MICHELLE CALICCHIO
2/5/2024- 3/30/2024



Clearwater-based artist Michelle Calicchio has been honing her mixed-media, abstract expressionist skills over the last several years. Originally dabbling in semi-realistic portraiture and photography, Michelle currently combines her love of nature and dance with the emotional embodiment of life's fluxes and flows.

ART SHOWCASE AT THE LIBRARY

CONI MINNECI
4/1/2024-5/8/2024



Coni Minneci is an award-winning artist known for her creative concepts in painting from miniature to oversize 4 x 6' panels, in both oil and acrylic. Coni is a retired art instructor from Western New York area. Her passion for art led her to achieve college degrees in both Graphic Design and Studio arts painting.

Special Services & Volunteers



ELCL IS A PASSPORT ACCEPTANCE FACILITY

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

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

Scan the QR code for more information!




ELCL FOOD PANTRY

Take what you need, Donate what you can!

Our library food pantry is now open for those in need. It is located just outside our building for 24/7 access. For those who can, please help by restocking it with non-perishable foods, paper products, and personal items. Thank you for helping your neighbors!

Volunteer Spotlight



As a circulation volunteer, Izzy goes above and beyond her normal duties to help keep our shelves in order. She is also an important member of our Teen Tech Team and uses her artistic eye and graphic design skills to create some of our wonderful flyers.

Check out our museum pass flyer; it's some of her best work!
Izzy likes to hang out with friends and draw when she's not volunteering.



Izzy Cuomo

Want to learn more about volunteering? Have any questions?
For more information or inquiries, please contact Mirant Vyas.
mirant-v@eastlakelibrary.org



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