Directors 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
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.

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 | 10:30 AM
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
Maya Angelou
I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings

April 3rd
6:30 PM
Jodi Picoult
Mad Honey
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!

**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.

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**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!

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**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.

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**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!

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

SPRING S.T.R.E.A.M.
Science • Technology • Reading • Engineering • Arts • Math

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.

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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!
Embrace 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.

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• In-person at the Front Desk

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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.
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

CNCN
Pinellas County, FL
www.ccnpc.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.

Concert April 21st, 2 PM
at the Lutheran Church of the Resurrection
Palm Harbor
Mergiigiare String Quartet
Tickets: $30/1, $50/2
Call: 727.785.1117

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Cruisin’ the Park
Charity Car Show & Community Festival
100% Proceeds Benefit the Community & Beyond

Rain or Shine
Open to all Show Cars & Trucks
Free Spectator Parking & Admission

John Chesnut Sr. Park, Palm Harbor FL
www.EastLakeRotary.org
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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.

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.

What’s Your Story
ELCL Genealogy Podcast.
Scan the QR code with your camera to listen to the What’s Your Story ELCL Genealogy Podcast.

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

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.

THANK YOU COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Please consider these ELCL supporters for your needs.

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东湖图书馆工作人员今晚正在打破所有规则——迷你高尔夫在过道里，巨人的庭院游戏，寻宝游戏，等等，都是为了为青年项目筹集资金！

一定要穿上你最喜欢的书角色服装！

加入这个适合所有年龄的家庭活动吧；没有人会SHHH你！

报名请在3月23日开始的儿童服务台现场进行——每人5美元（2岁及以下免费）。

支持ELCL：春季筹款活动

3月8日 | 1:00 PM

无畏：为了确保没有男人被留在后面

ELCL请来作者和退伍美国海岸警卫队上尉Judy Silverstein-Gray讨论她的书《无畏：为了确保没有男人被留在后面》。Judy将讨论这部以女性为焦点的戏剧性故事，她们在越南期间为带回POW/MIs而战。

无需预注册。

3月10日 | 2:00 PM

SAFIA VALINES CONCERT: CELEBRATING WOMEN IN MUSIC

与才华横溢的年轻歌手Safia Valines一起庆祝女性在音乐领域的成就，她的节目将呈现一首首历经数年的历史歌曲。无需注册，适合所有年龄段。

支持ELCL：春季筹款活动

4月13日 | 5:00 PM

你不能在图书馆做那件事！

东湖图书馆工作人员今天晚上都在打破规则——迷你高尔夫在过道里，巨人的庭院游戏，寻宝游戏，而且要多花点钱来为青年项目筹集资金！

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4月1日开始的现场或电话报名。

空间有限！

3月10日 | 2:00 PM

SAFIA VALINES CONCERT: CELEBRATING WOMEN IN MUSIC

支持ELCL：春季筹款活动

5月11日 | 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

垃圾在车尾

不够物品举办自己的车库销售？报名并出售你车里的物品，或租用我们的一个，价格为每个停车位15美元。每个停车位必须提前预订。

图书馆将在大棚前提供免费点心。

报名及付款自4月1日起。现场或电话。

空间有限！

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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.

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.
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.

Want to learn more about volunteering? Have any questions? For more information or inquiries, please contact Mirant Vyas.

Izzy Cuomo

Connect With Us!

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