

LIBRARIES AND HISTORY PROGRAMS

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Englewood Charlotte Public Library

3450 N. Access Road, Englewood, FL 34224
941.681.3736

Mid-County Regional Library

2050 Forrest Nelson Blvd., Port Charlotte, FL 33952
General Information: 941.613.3161
Reference: 941.613.3166
Youth Services: 941.613.3170

Port Charlotte Public Library

2280 Aaron St., Port Charlotte, FL 33952
941.764.5562

Punta Gorda Charlotte Library

401 Shreve St., Punta Gorda, FL 33950
General Information/Reference: 941.833.5460
Youth Services: 941.833.5462

To register for a program please go to the Charlotte County Libraries & History Calendar of Events: tinyurl.com/CharCoLibraryCalendar

Punta Gorda Charlotte Library **ALL AGES IN-PERSON PROGRAMS**

Chalk Art Fundays

Any time
Free

Come one, come all to decorate our libraries with colored chalk! Each branch will have a designated chalk area to design, decorate, and create artwork in. Chalk is provided at each location.

Chess Group

Thursdays and Saturdays, 2 to 5 p.m.

Free

Please join us at the Punta Gorda Charlotte Library for our Chess Club.

All experience levels are welcome.

Good Bones

The Ice House Pub, 408 Tamiami Trail, Punta Gorda, FL 33950
Fridays, April 21 & May 19, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The city of Punta Gorda is full of amazing history and beautiful buildings that date back over 100 years. Come down to the Ice House Pub to learn about some of the history we live in. Get a half-priced appetizer with the purchase of a drink during the event!

Holocaust Memorial Exhibits

May

Free

History is all around us. Join the Punta Gorda Charlotte Library as we listen to the voices of the past through our Holocaust Exhibits. See The Boxcar Exhibit in the library parking lot on loan from the Holocaust Museum & Cohen Education Center and The Boxcar Foundation. Come inside the library to see the numerous displays on loan from The Florida Holocaust Museum. These include:

"Fragments: Portraits of Survivors Photography of Jason Schwartz was created and is circulated by The Florida Holocaust Museum, St. Petersburg, Florida."

"Witness to History: The Holocaust Remembered by Florida Survivors was created and is circulated by The Florida Holocaust Museum, St. Petersburg, Florida."

Free Comic Book Day

Saturday, May 6, 12 to 3 p.m.

Free

Come celebrate your love of the comic universe, anime, and all things make believe with us! We will have free comic books, crafts, Pokémon card trading, a superhero game tournament, princess storytime, an anime escape room, fandom trivia, and artist presentations. Don't forget to come in costume for our cosplay parade!

Explore the Library!

Wednesday, April 26, 4 to 6 p.m.

Free

Online, You're First in Line! Register at CharlotteCountyFL.gov using Get Active.

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See what the Charlotte County Library and History Division has to offer you, whether through our various electronic resources, in-person programs, technologies in our MakerSpace, historical resources, and more! Complete a library-wide scavenger hunt, experience our MakerSpace in action with live demonstrations, play video games on our Nintendo Switch and Xbox, or compete against a friend or family member with our many card and board games.

Mother's Day Craft and Coffee

Saturday, May 13, 2 to 3:30 p.m.

Free

Make some memories with us at the Punta Gorda Charlotte Library as we honor your journey of motherhood. Moms will enjoy some coffee, conversation, and finger foods, while the kids make fun Mother's Day cards and other crafts. Get a commemorative photo of you and your children to make the moment last forever. Registration required.

Mariachi Concert

Tuesday, June 27, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Free

It is summer reading at the library and our theme is All Together Now! Join us as we learn about cultures from around the world each week. Come to the library during the Mexico week to hear the musical stylings of Mariachi Guadalupano SWFL.

ADULT IN-PERSON PROGRAMS

Book Discussion

Thursday, April 20, 4 to 5 p.m.

Free

Join us to discuss the chosen book for the month. Participants are responsible for obtaining their own copy of the featured book.

April 20: *Lessons in Chemistry* by Bonnie Garmus

May 18: (either book or both) *How We Live is How We Die* by Pema Chodron and *When Breath Becomes Air* by Paul Kalanithi

June 15: *Horse* by Geraldine Brooks

Café Philo

Fridays, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Free

This group gathers to have stimulating dialog about the larger questions of life in an informal setting. For people who are seekers, wishing to share and learn from and with others. This is a partnership program with the Arts and Humanities Council of Charlotte County.

Chess Group

Thursdays and Saturdays, 2 to 5 p.m.

Free

Please join us for our Chess Club. All experience levels are welcome.

Photo Tips and Tricks

Second & fourth Wednesdays, 2 to 3 p.m.

April 26, May 10 & 24, June 14 & 28

Free

Join this friendly group interested in enhancing their photographic skills. All levels of experience are welcome. Participants are encouraged to share their photos, how they edit their photos, and other techniques they use. Our goal is to educate, but most of all HAVE FUN! Various topics will be discussed.

Advice for Your Device

Every 3rd Wednesday, 4 to 6 p.m.

Free

If you have questions concerning your smartphone, tablets, laptops, or other devices. Visit the Punta Gorda Charlotte Library and we will find a member of staff who can help with your questions.

Jump Write In

Every 2nd Tuesday of the month, May 9 & June 13, 6 to 8 p.m.

Free

Have you ever wanted to be a writer? Are you just starting to write, been writing for years, hit writer's block, or don't have any idea where to start at all? This is the writers' group for you! Join us for monthly sessions that will explore creative writing with guided readings, exercises, and more! Whether you are interested in poetry or prose, we will cover it all. Find tips, new ideas, helpful hints, and most importantly have fun! Light refreshments will be provided. For ages 18 and older.

Learn Mahjong

Tuesdays, 6:30 to 8 p.m.

April 18 & 25, May 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30, June 6, 13, 20 & 27

Free

Learn to play American mahjong! Open to beginners or learned players.

Poet-Tea

Friday, April 28, 2 to 4 p.m.

Free

Celebrate National Poetry Month with Poetry and Tea! Join us at the Punta Gorda Charlotte Library for our Poet-Tea! A literary and culinary event where the pairings of tea and poetry will be explored with a guided program and discussion. Each of the teas to be sampled will be complimented by a corresponding poem and tasty treats! Whether

you are an avid poetry aficionado, have never picked up a book of poems but want to learn more, or have an interest somewhere in between, this program is sure to delight! Registration recommended. Teas and refreshments will showcase local businesses, including Punta Gorda Coffee & Tea!

Adult DIY Succulent Craft

Wednesday, May 31, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Free

Say goodbye to spring and aloha to summer with our adult succulent craft! Paint your own pot and prick your favorite succulent to take home. Learn how to keep your plant alive and create a craft that will never desert you. Registration required.

Adult Mandala Craft

Monday, June 12, 6 to 7 p.m.

Free

It is summer reading at the library and our theme is All Together Now! Join us as we learn about cultures from around the world each week. Come to the library during the India week and learn how to make dot mandalas in our adult mandala craft. Registration required.

Mariachi Concert

Tuesday, June 27, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Free

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Learn About the Emancipation Proclamation with Dr. Martha R. Bireda and the Blanchard House

Saturday, May 20, 2 p.m.

Free

Dr. Martha R. Bireda will give a reading of the Emancipation and then a short Living History skit of a WPA writer interviewing a newly freed enslaved woman.

After the Storm...Recovering from a Hurricane

Thursday, June 22, 5:30 to 7 p.m.

Free

A panel of experts including representatives from Charlotte County Emergency Management, a General Contractor, an arborist, a mental health care professional, an Animal Wildlife officer and other experts share their insights and experience about how to better survive a serious weather disruption with some tips of what they learned from our last hurricane.

Port Charlotte Public Library ALL AGES IN-PERSON PROGRAMS

Art for All Ages

Saturday, April 29, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Celebrate art in all its forms by viewing displays, presentations, and interactive workshops with community partners. Enjoy live music, learn a new craft, and more! Fun, engaging art education for any age, this program is part of the Suncoast Remake Learning Days Festival.

Get SMART (Saturday Morning Art)

Saturday, May 13, June 10, July 8, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Free

Join us every 2nd Saturday for a morning art session. We will explore various artists, including special guest artists, and techniques to create our own masterpieces using modern and classic mediums. All materials will be provided. Be sure to dress for a mess! Registration is required. Please register each participant separately online or call 941.764.5562.

Family Game Night

Friday, June 23 & July 7, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Free

Drop in to enjoy some classic board games and cards in the library! Play ours or bring your own! No registration required.

Ice Cream Social

Saturday, July 22, 1 to 2:30 p.m.

Free

It's hot out there! Come enjoy nice cold ice cream in the library (while supplies last)!

YOUTH IN-PERSON PROGRAMS

Tunes for Tots

Tuesdays in April and May, 11 to 11:45 a.m.

Free

Children ages 5 and under and their caregivers are invited to drop into our children's library for an interactive storytime every Tuesday morning. This program incorporates musical play to encourage early learning and group participation skills as well as sign language and fine motor skills for nonstop clapping, stomping, and wiggling fun!

Dog Tales After School

Saturday, May 3, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. (Summer hours TBD)

Free

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Children are invited to come read aloud to a therapy dog in the library! Each child can read on-on-one with their pet partner to build reading confidence and have fun while gaining literacy skills. Sign up for 20-minute reading slots or show up to partner with a reading buddy or group. Sign up by calling 941.764.5562.

Full S.T.E.A.M. Ahead!

Wednesdays, May 10, 5 to 6 p.m.

June 7, 1 to 2 p.m.

Free

Join for an hour of STEAM fun in the library! We'll explore new concepts each month in Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Mathematics! Registration is required. Register online or call 941.764.5562. Please register each child separately. Ages 7–12

Wild Weather

Saturday, April 15, 2 to 4 p.m.

Free

Get wild about weather with NBC2 First Alert Meteorologist Rob Dunn in this STEM-tastic workshop for kids! Learn about the tools used in forecasting and enjoy interactive weather experiments! Registration is required. Register online or call 941.764.5562. Please register each child separately. This program is part of the Remake Learning Days Festival. Ages 6–12.

Earth Day Birthday

Saturday, April 22, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Free

Come celebrate our home planet and discover the mysteries and wonder of nature through interactive S.T.E.A.M. activities for the whole family! This program is part of the Suncoast Campaign for Grade-level Reading Remake Learning Days Festival. Registration is required. Register online or call 941.764.5562. Please register each child separately. Ages 4–12.

Cinco de Mayo Crafts

Friday, May 5, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Free

Celebrate the 5th of May with fun crafts for the whole family! Learn about the history of this beloved holiday and make your own sombrero and colorful maracas. Registration is required. Register online or call 941.764.5562. Please register each child separately. Ages 4–12.

Mommy and Me Craft

Friday, May 12, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Free

Breakfast in bed has never been so sweet! This Mother's Day, give Mommy or Grandma a gift that lasts with personalized ceramic plates!

Don't let our alliteration fool you. Daddies and Grandpas are welcome too! Dress for a mess! Registration required. Register online or call 941.764.5562. Please register each child separately. Ages 4–12.

YOUTH SUMMER READING PROGRAMS

Summer Reading Kickoff: Taking Flight!

Saturday, June 3, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Free

Have Books, Will Travel. Get ready for take-off as we soar into a reading adventure around the world! Stop into your local library to pick up your summer reading bags and begin your journey with exciting activities for the whole family! Get glitter tattoos and balloon creations, explore a firetruck, meet firefighters, dance with Guitar Joe, make crafts, and more! No registration required! All ages welcome.

Sleepy Time Stories

Tuesdays, June & July, 5 to 5:30 p.m.

Free

Drop in for a special pajama storytime as we say goodbye to the excitement of the day and welcome the night with calm stories and soothing music for little ones. Wear your pajamas and bring a stuffed friend to cuddle! Ages 6 and under and their caregivers.

Didgeridoo Down Under

Friday, June 9, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Free

The Didgeridoo Show is an energetic fusion of Australian music, comedy, character building, storytelling and audience participation. You'll learn about Aussie animals, culture, unity and more... all while moving and grooving to the pulsing rhythms of the didgeridoo. It's interactive, educational, motivational, and super fun for all ages! Ages 4–12.

Coral Reef Quest with Mote Marine

Thursday, June 15, 4 to 5 p.m.

Free

Explore the wonders of the ocean with Mote Marine scientists as they take you on a quest through the world's coral reefs. How does pollution affect our local wildlife, and what can we do to help? Find out in this fun and interactive workshop for families! Registration required. Please register each child separately. Ages 4–12.

DIY Daddies

Saturday, June 17, 12 to 2 p.m.

Family Services Center: 21500 Gibraltar Dr., Port Charlotte

Free

Enjoy a special lunch provided by Baylor Southern BBQ and celebrate

Father's Day with a fun DIY activity with or for Daddy! Don't let our alliteration fool you! Mommies, grandmas, and aunties are welcome too! Registration required. Please register each child separately. Ages 7–12.

Continental Crafts: Travel the world and experience new cultures through fun crafts for the whole family!

Free

Registration is required for each craft listed below. Please register each child separately. Ages 4–12.

Holi Fest Color Pop Craft

Tuesday, June 13, 1 to 2 p.m.

Dress for a mess and join us on the sidewalks in front of the library to make some colorful creations as we learn about the ancient Hindu tradition of Holi Fest! This is a process art activity that will change the colors of any clothing involved and is in fact intended to do so! Wear white and get ready to be splashed with vibrant fun!

African Kente Cloth Craft

Wednesday, June 21, 1 to 2 p.m.

Explore printmaking, geometric patterns, and paper weaving with this fun craft that teaches kids about the traditional meanings behind the West African Kente cloth.

Taco Tuesday Crafts

Tuesday, June 27, 1 to 2 p.m.

Experience the delicious sights, sounds, smells, and tastes of Mexico with fun activities for the whole family! Dress for a mess and get ready to salsa your way to fun!

Magnificent Monuments S.T.E.A.M. Crafts

Wednesday, July 5, 1 to 2 p.m.

Take on two S.T.E.A.M challenges as we stop in France for some engineering fun! The country is known for its iconic Eiffel Tower. But did you know that our own Statue of Liberty was a gift from France? Explore the history behind these magnificent monuments and create your own engineering masterpieces!

Ukrainian Pysanky Eggs Craft and Storytime

Wednesday, July 19, 1 to 2 p.m.

Experience the beauty of Ukrainian art as we craft watercolor and pastel Pysanky eggs with our special guests! Plus, enjoy a traditional story sure to warm the heart!

Happy in Hawaii Crafts

Wednesday, July 26, 1 to 2 p.m.

The End of Summer Reading Luau is almost here! Get hula ready with these fun crafts for the whole family! Make your own lei, grass crown, and Tiki mask!

Radical Reptiles

Wednesday, June 28, 1 to 2 p.m.

Free

Come meet and learn all about the radical reptiles that live in Florida in this exciting interactive presentation by Iguana Land! Stay for a scaley craft after! Registration is required. Please register each child separately. Ages 4–12

Ice Cream Social

Saturday, July 22, 1 to 2:30 p.m.

Free

It's hot out there! Come enjoy nice cold ice cream in the library (while supplies last)!

End of Summer Reading Luau in the Park

Saturday, July 29, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

McGuire Park, 21125 McGuire Ave., Port Charlotte

Free

Our journey around the world is almost complete! Join us as we make our final stop in sunny Hawaii to dance, craft, splash, and play our way to fun! Don't forget your swimsuit and water shoes!

TEEN IN-PERSON PROGRAMS

Blah Blah Book Club

Wednesdays, 5 to 6 p.m.

April 26, May 24, June 28, July 26

Free

Looking for your next favorite teen reads? Come to Blah Blah Book Club where we blab about our favorite things—BOOKS! Join us every 4th Wednesday for random reads, round table discussions, book challenges, and more! Enjoy a snack and share your latest literary obsession with other ravenous readers. Ages 12–18.

Teen Tumblers

Thursday, June 22, 12 to 2 p.m.

Free

Make a statement with custom tumblers! Join us for this fun craft for teens to design your own tumbler to keep! Registration required. Ages 12–18.

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Escape the Everglades!

Saturday, July 1, 2 to 6 p.m.

Free

Beware the allure of the Everglades! Nature kills in this high-tension reptilian escape room based on the popular novel where danger and mystery lurk in every shadowy pool! Read the book, and team up with friends or family to discover clues, solve riddles, and escape from the everglades before time runs out! Registration for a 30 minute window is required. Ages 12–18.

Minute-to-Win-It Teen Challenge

Thursday, July 20, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Free

Drop in to play some quirky party games, win prizes, eat snacks, and make new friends! Ages 12–18.

Ice Cream Social

Saturday, July 22, 1 to 2:30 p.m.

Free

It's hot out there! Come enjoy nice cold ice cream in the library (while supplies last)!

ADULT IN-PERSON PROGRAMS

Advice for Your Device

By Appointment

Free

Get one on one help with learning how to use your phone, tablet, or laptop. Call 941.764.5562 to make a 30-minute appointment.

What's Cooking?

First Saturday of each month, 12 to 1 p.m.

Family Services Center, 21500 Gibraltar Dr., Port Charlotte

Free

We invite people who enjoy cooking, eating, and fellowship to join us as we enjoy delicious samples, share recipes and cooking tips, and make new friends. Participants are welcome to cook a dish at home based on our monthly theme and bring it in to share, but this isn't a requirement to attend! If you are interested in joining us, please register by emailing PortCharlottelibrary@CharlotteCountyFl.gov, or by calling us at 941.764.5562.

May 6: Brunch

June 3: Bread

July 1: Ice Cream

Independent Quilters

Most Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Free

Drop in and work on your quilting project in a social setting. The group members assist each other and share supplies.

Mahjong

Thursdays in April and May, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Free

We are looking for players with working knowledge of the game as there will be no instruction. Registration encouraged for table and set count. Please call 239.565.5804 to register. Spectators welcome, too!

Master Gardeners

Every Thursday, 1 to 3 p.m.

Free

Master Gardeners are available to answer questions on gardening, tree and shrub care, lawn care and household pests.

Genealogy Discussion

Second and fourth Tuesday, 1 to 4 p.m.

Free

Join us twice a month for fellowship, education, and support in your genealogical research!

Café Socrates

Fridays, 2 to 4 p.m.

Free

People from different backgrounds get together and exchange philosophical perspectives based on their experiences.

Café Theo

Saturdays, 2 to 4 p.m.

Free

The cafes are philosophical discussion groups that meet weekly at various times and at many locations around the county. The goal is to provide a forum to bring together people who seek knowledge through intelligent conversation and exchange of thoughts in a welcoming environment.

Improv Florida

Saturday, May 13, 1 to 2:30 p.m.

Free

Do you have a good imagination? Do you think fast on your feet?

Join us and gain improv experience in a low-pressure environment! Expand your acting or comedy interests and improve your communication skills--and have fun, too! For more information, please email Scott at ImprovFlorida@yahoo.com or contact the library at 941.764.5562.

Photo Phactory

Fridays, April 21, May 5 & 19, June 2 & 16th, 12 to 2 p.m.

Free

Each date will be a different topic to help improve your photography skills. All experience levels are welcome! For more information, visit our event calendar online or call 941.764.5562.

Port Charlotte Writer's Club

Fourth Wednesday each month, 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Free

If you have been thinking about putting pen to paper or fingers to keyboard and would like to join a group that is positive and supportive in the craft of writing, come and join us on the fourth Wednesday of each month. Published and unpublished writers are welcome. Bring your writing if you would like to read and get feedback. If you have any questions, please call 239.565.5804.

Holistic Wellness Talk with Dr. Angie

Fourth Friday, April 28, 1 to 2 p.m. ; May 26, 4 to 5 p.m.

Free

Want to learn more about how acupuncture and holistic medicine can help you? Dr. Angie talks about various common health concerns, focusing on holistic treatment approaches and home care so you can live your best life now!

Classic Car Show and Friends of the Library Book Sale

Saturday, April 22, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Free

Port Charlotte Library and the Florida West Coast Car Club are partnering up to host a Classic Car Show. Come out and enjoy this exhibition of classic automobiles. There will be raffles, food trucks, and trophies for 10 winning cars plus Best in Show. The Friends of the Port Charlotte Library are also going to have a huge book sale, so come and find some old favorites or new-to-you titles for your bookshelf at bargain prices. For general information, please call 941.764.5562. For car participation, please call 941.497.4995. \$10 entry donation for car participation requested to benefit the Friends of the Port Charlotte Library. Free admission for spectators and to peruse the book sale – everyone is invited!

Crafter's Collective

Fourth Saturday, April 22, May 27, 3 to 5 p.m.

Free

Do you love to craft and be creative? Ever wanted to try a crafting project but not sure where to begin? Join us and other fellow crafters for our monthly crafting class. Inspire your creativity as you learn a variety of crafting techniques and projects. All levels are welcome, no experience necessary.

Alzheimer's Association Brain Bus

Tuesday, April 25, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Free

The Brain Bus raises awareness of Alzheimer's and related dementias and addresses the benefits of early detection. It is visiting Port Charlotte Library. Do you know anyone affected by Alzheimer's? Find out the warning signs and how to get an accurate diagnosis.

Port Charlotte Book Discussion

Thursday, May 4, 5 p.m.

Free

We will be discussing Anne Tyler's *Redhead by the Side of the Road*.

The Barbara Mackle Kidnapping – The Whole Story

Thursday, May 25, 5 p.m.

Free

This power point presentation will explore the infamous 1968 kidnapping of Barbara Mackle, including its connection to Charlotte County.

Peace River Trio Concert

Thursday, June 22, 4:40 p.m. & 5:45 p.m. (date not confirmed, check the event calendar online for updated)

Free

Two 45-minute concerts by the popular folk music group. Please select one showing only. Registration required.

The Dude Abides

Saturday, June 24, 2 p.m.

Free

This program celebrates all things, Dude. Including trivia about the film, a costume contest, group discussions, and of course, a screening of our friends—Dude, Walter, and Donnie, in the movie *The Big Lebowski*. If you don't think that's an interesting program, well, like, that's your opinion, man. Registration required.

Englewood Charlotte Public Library**ALL AGES IN-PERSON PROGRAMS****Chess Club**

Tuesdays, 4 to 5:30 p.m.

Free

All ages and experience levels are invited to drop in for a game of chess. No experience necessary.

Weather & Hurricane Forecasting for Kids! with NBC2 Rob Duns

Saturday, May 6, 1 to 2 p.m.

Free

Join NBC2 First Alert Meteorologist Rob Duns for a lesson in the tools used in weather forecasting and the upcoming hurricane season. All ages are welcome; program is geared toward kids grades 3 through 6.

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Make Your Own Superhero – 3D Printing

Saturday, May 20, 2 to 3 p.m.

Free

Design your own superhero, princess, monster or whatever you can think of using the 3D printer. Designs will be printed after the program for distribution. Registration is required, please call 941.681.3736 or go to our online calendar to register.

Summer Reading All Together Now Summer Reading Kick-Off

Saturday, June 3, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Tringali Community Center beside Englewood Charlotte Public Library
Free

Join us as we get the summer off to a fantastic start! The theme for this summer is "All Together Now". We will have lots of special guests and country themed activities. Fun for the whole family! Hot dogs, crafts, and more. Don't forget to get your READING LOGS!

Summer Reading Program - Digeridoo

Saturday, June 10, 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Tringali Community Center beside Englewood Charlotte Public Library
Free

Come join us for an interactive program about the digeridoo.

YOUTH IN-PERSON PROGRAMS

Family Story Time

Thursdays, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.

April 20 & 27, May 4, 11, 18 & 25, June 1

Free

Children ages 5 and under and their caregivers are invited to drop into our children's library for an interactive story time. This program incorporates musical play to encourage early learning and group participation skills as well as sign language and gross and fine motor skills for nonstop clapping, stomping, and wiggling fun!

Dog Tales

Fourth Saturday of each month, 12 to 2 p.m.

April 22, May 27, June 24

Free

Readers of all ages are invited to come read aloud to a therapy dog in the library! Each child can read one-on-one with their pet partner to build reading confidence and have fun while gaining literacy skills. Sign up for 20-minute reading slots or drop in to join with a reading buddy or group. Sign up by calling 941.681.3736.

Full STEAM Ahead

Friday, April 14 & May 12, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Free

Children ages 7–12 are invited to join us for an hour of STEAM-tastic fun in the library! We'll explore a new concept every month! Registration is required. Register online or call 941.681.3736. Please register each child separately.

Kids Craft

Friday, April 28 & May 26, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Free

Children ages 7–12 are invited to join us for fun craft. Registration is required. Register online or call 941.681.3736. Please register each child separately.

Kids Craft– Summer Reading

Friday, June 9, 23 & 30, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Free

Children ages 5–12 are invited to join us for fun craft traveling around the globe with summer reading! Registration is required. Register online or call 941.681.3736. Please register each child separately.

Storytime –Summer Reading "All Together Now"

Thursday, June 8, 22 & 29, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Free

Children ages 12 and under and their caregivers are invited to drop into our children's library for an interactive story time. The story times will have a variety books and songs to celebrate our summer reading theme!

Read and Feed – Summer Reading

June 13–16, 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

Free

Children ages 5–12 are invited to join us for lunch. Registration is required. Register online or call 941.681.3736. Servings are limited to the first 20 children, please register each child separately.

ADULT IN-PERSON PROGRAMS

Third Wednesday Book Discussion

Third Wednesday of each month, 5 to 6 p.m.

Free

Come prepared to join in a discussion of the chosen title. Participants are responsible for obtaining their own copy of the featured book.

April 19	<i>One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest</i> by Ken Kesey
May 17	<i>It Starts with Us</i> by Colleen Hoover
June 21	<i>The Last Resort</i> by Sarah Stodola

Hooked on Books

Thursday, May 11 & June 8, 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Free

We will provide a selection of books and a reading list based on a monthly theme and participants will review their book choices at the following month's meeting.

Fiction Writers Group

Saturdays, April 22, May 13 & 27, June 10 & 24, 10:45 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Free

Join our volunteer Tammie for a discussion about writing fiction. For more information, please contact Tammie Diehl at tamiamifl@comcast.net.

Literary Discussion Group

First Thursday of each month, May 4, June 1, 2 to 3:15 p.m.
Free

Join our volunteer Tammie for a literary discussion - not a book discussion. This group discusses short stories from five to fifteen pages. No literary background is needed. We spend time looking at what the characters do and why along with personal observation of life. Tammie provides reading material prior to each meeting. For more information, please contact Tammie Diehl at tamiamifl@comcast.net or call the library at 941.681.3736.

Café Philo

Every other Wednesday, April 19, May 3 & 17, June 17 & 21, 3 to 5 p.m.
Free

This group gathers to discuss the larger questions of life in an informal setting. For people who are seekers, wishing to share and learn from and with others.

Charlotte County Master Gardeners

Tuesdays (until Memorial weekend), 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Free

Have a gardening question? Master Gardeners are available to answer questions on gardening, tree and shrub care, lawn care and household pests.

Drop in Sewing Class

Tuesdays, 2 to 4 p.m.
Free

Drop in Sewing invites everyone from beginners to those retuning to sewing who want to learn the basics of sewing or re-sharpen their skills including how to sew on a button, sew in a zipper, repair a rip in clothing, sew in a straight line, or use a sewing machine - you can even bring your own sewing machine in and learn on yours!

Advice for Your Device

By Appointment
Free

Make an appointment for tech help with one of our expert staff. Call the library at 941.681.3736.

Windows & Word Tips & Tricks

Friday, April 21, 2 to 3 p.m.
Free

Learn some basic tips and tricks about how to navigate through Microsoft Windows and Word. Please register for the program at our online calendar or by calling 941.681.3736.

VIRTUAL PROGRAMS

Programs are posted on YouTube (<http://bit.ly/CCLSYoutube>) on the date listed. Programs can continue to be viewed on demand, any time after the posting date.

Rapid Reviews

April through June

Tune in as Charlotte County Libraries and History staff make short and sweet recommendations on our favorite books, movies, tv and music—all available for checkout in our system. Reviews air on our YouTube channel approximately twice a month.

5-Minute Stories

April through June

Join Miss Ashley for some weekly storytime fun onscreen! Sing songs, learn sign language, and listen to stories each week. New videos published on Mondays. Follow us on YouTube and Facebook for weekly updates! Ages 2–6.

OUT AND ABOUT**Geocaching and History Quest**

Free

Join the hunt for local treasures using geocaching and questing and earn rewards! Geocaching is a family friendly outdoor game that helps you see and enjoy your local community. For more information about geocaching, visit <https://www.geocaching.com/play> All geocaches and quests are available online at: Tours & Exhibits (sirsi.net) New caches are being added, so be sure to check for updates!

Traveling Library

Free

You may see us around Charlotte County in our Traveling Library. We'll have a small assortment of books to check out and we can set you up new library accounts, too. Stop and say hi if you see us around town! In January, you can find us at Bit.ly/travelinglibrary

LIBRARIES AND HISTORY PROGRAMS

Library Home Delivery Service

Free

We now offer home delivery of library materials. Any Charlotte County resident who is temporarily or permanently housebound is welcome to join the home delivery program. Some restrictions may apply. Contact your local library for more information.

Englewood Charlotte Public Library	941.681.3736
Port Charlotte Public Library	941.764.5561
Punta Gorda Charlotte Library	941.833.5461

