

KEYNOTES

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Local artist **Jenny Odom** leads a workshop in collage window art at the Apalachicola Margaret Key Public Library for an interested group of students on their spring break.

Library Art Week

Local artists, guest presenters, and volunteers came together to give Apalachicola school children a Spring Break to remember. Called Library Art Week by Library Director **Lucy Carter**, this week's activities included something for everyone: Chalk Art, tie dying t-shirts, jewelry making with **Kristin Anderson**, Window Art with **Jenny Odom**, songwriting with

Michael Anderson, an outdoor 'Plein Air' Paint Out, STEAM Club with **Richard Lenhart**, and even an opportunity to take the Junior Ranger pledge with Florida State Parks Ranger **Margaret Obear!** Our wonderful library volunteers helped with these events, making sure every child had the assistance they needed.

Plans are already in the works for next year's event.



Happening around the Library

Digital books are here!

Thanks to a generous donation from the **Billings Family** of Apalachicola, we now offer free digital books, audiobooks, e-magazines, and virtual classes for patrons of our library. By downloading the Libby app, adding our Library, and entering your account number and password (the last four digits on your library card), you can now now access an additional 27,000+ items for free from our library. Neat!



A few of our most devoted Book Club friends with author **Mary T. Bell** Zooming in behind.

Library programs for all ages

Our library services for adults seek to foster personal enrichment through lifelong learning. We daily help patrons with basics such as reading, writing, and how to use computers. We also offer a variety of stimulating activities that bring people together to discuss a book or practice a craft. The library **Book Club** meets on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays at 6:30 pm and new members are always welcome. **Master Gardener Helen Gologowski** is available on Sundays from 1-3 pm to answer your gardening questions. A new **Writer's Group** is getting started and our **Author Series** remains popular. Quilting, knitting, and genealogy classes are coming soon.



Author and journalist **Sue Cronkite** told HERstory in a March event honoring Women's History Month.

PALS stays busy

PALS, our library's friends group, is closing out a busy spring season with a final book sale on Saturday, May 7, from 12-3 pm. Thus far in 2022, with the support of **Dale Julian** and Downtown Books and Purl, PALS has hosted three noteworthy authors — **Terry Lewis**, **Sue Cronkite**, and **Marie Bostwick** — and held a successful February book sale to benefit the library. PALS members also have volunteered numerous hours to the library.

Membership in PALS financially supports a variety of library activities, from equipment and materials for the library to youth programs like Summer Reading. PALS membership forms are available in the library or may be downloaded from the library's website at <https://www.Apalachicola.library.com/pals/>. **Libraries need friends; won't you be ours?**



NYT bestselling author **Marie Bostwick** shares secrets of how to convincingly situate a novel in a particular place.



Apalachicola Police Officer **Ashley Webb** delighted young readers as one of our First Friday 'Celebrity Readers' in March.

A world of activities for kids

From Pre-K through High School, the Apalachicola Margaret Key Public Library has a wide range of creative and challenging activities for young people.

We continue to enjoy our partnership with **Bring Me a Book Franklin**, which hosts Books for Babies at 10:30 am and Sunset Stories at 5:30 pm every Tuesday, led by **Karen Kessel**.

For the young set, Library Assistant **Isel Sánchez-Whiteley** hosts **LEGO Club** every Thursday at 3 pm. 'Celebrity Readers' visit the library on the first Friday of every month to introduce kids to some of the special people in our community. Seasonal activities such as making Valentines or a visit from the Easter Bunny help celebrate the seasons.



(L) LEGO Club members working on their build-outs. (R) Library Assistant **Isel Sánchez-Whiteley** checks out books for young patrons.

For kids and teens, we hold a monthly **STEAM Club**, which explores everything tech in the library. Classes in **Beginning Songwriting**, **arts and crafts**, **Creative Writing**, and other special topics are held regularly. A 'community build' puzzle is always up and you can easily find cosy spaces for homework, board games, or just visiting.

Meeting community needs

Have you ever wondered why the library is hosting a Blood Drive? Did you know that 29 Franklin County residents had their taxes done for free at the library this spring? These are examples of non-traditional library outreach services that make the Apalachicola Margaret Key Public Library an engaged community partner.

We sincerely thank **Legal Services of North Florida**, **One Blood Blood Drive**, and **Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) from United Way of the Big Bend** for helping us meet our diverse community's needs.



(L) Library Director **Lucy Carter** shares a favorite book.

Summer preview

Summertime means **Summer Reading Program**! This year's theme is 'Oceans of Possibilities' and it will offer children opportunities for fun ways to learn. Stay tuned!

New for this summer: **Family Movie Nights**. PALS, our library friends group, has purchased a large screen and a new digital projector for the library. Movies with popcorn in Apalachicola? Yes, please!!!



Support Your Library

You can support the Apalachicola Margaret Key Public Library by becoming a volunteer, or by becoming a member of PALS, Patrons of Apalachicola Library Society. Memberships start at \$25. More information on our website, apalachicolalibrary.com