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Free, Fun, and Full of Discovery: Hillsborough Libraries Roll Out May Programs

A diverse lineup of hands-on classes, educational workshops, and live events invites residents of all ages to learn, create, and connect

Hillsborough County, Fla. (May 4, 2026) - Join the Hillsborough County Public Library Cooperative for engaging, entertaining, and informative free programs for the entire family in May. The events listed below are only a sampling of the many scheduled. Find more listings under the "[Events & Classes](#)" tab at [HCPLC.org](https://www.hcplc.org).

The views expressed in these programs are those of the presenters and do not necessarily reflect the official policies, positions, or opinions of Hillsborough County, Tampa-Hillsborough County Public Libraries, or the Friends of the Library of Tampa-Hillsborough County, Inc., which do not endorse the presenters. For more information about these and the many other programs at your library, call (813) 273-3652 or visit [HCPLC.org](https://www.hcplc.org).

Be social! Like the Tampa-Hillsborough County Public Library System on Facebook and follow @TampaHillsLib on Instagram, X, and YouTube.

Brick Building

Tuesday, May 5, 4-5 p.m.

Maureen B. Gauzza Public Library, 11211 Countryway Blvd., Tampa, FL 33626

Explore creativity and problem-solving with colorful building blocks in this guided activity. Recommended for children ages 6-12. Registration recommended.

A Bottle of Calm

Wednesday, May 6, 4-5 p.m.

Austin Davis Public Library, 17808 Wayne Rd., Odessa, FL 33556

Create a calming bottle and learn techniques for managing stress. Recommended for teens. Registration recommended.

Handsewn Buddies

Thursday, May 7, 2-3 p.m.

Ruskin Branch Library, 26 Dickman Dr. S.E., Ruskin, FL 33570

Learn hand-sewing basics while creating a plush toy. Recommended for adults. Registration recommended.

Keeping Houseplants Happy

Friday, May 8, 2-3 p.m.

West Tampa Branch Library, 2312 W. Union St., Tampa, FL 33607

Discover tips to maintain healthy indoor plants. Recommended for adults. Registration recommended.

Here There Be Dragons – Make Your Own Dragon Egg

Saturday, May 9, 3-4 p.m.

Thonotosassa Branch Library, 10715 Main St., Thonotosassa, FL 33592

Learn about dragons in folklore and create your own dragon egg. Recommended for teens. Registration recommended.

Jawsome Sharks

Monday, May 11, 4-5 p.m.

C. Blythe Andrews, Jr. Public Library, 2607 E. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Tampa, FL 33610

Explore shark species, their history, and research tools like the OCEARCH tracker. Recommended for children ages 6-12. Registration recommended.

Making Stickers with the Silhouette

Monday, May 11, 5-6 p.m.

New Tampa Regional Library, 10001 Cross Creek Blvd., Tampa, FL 33647

Create custom vinyl stickers using the Silhouette Cameo. Recommended for teens ages 13-17. Registration recommended.

Master Gardener – Managing Beneficial Insects in the Landscape

Tuesday, May 12, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Jimmie B. Keel Regional Library, 2902 W. Bearss Ave., Tampa, FL 33618

Learn how beneficial insects support healthy landscapes and how to identify them. Recommended for adults. Registration recommended.

- **Master Gardener – Managing Beneficial Insects in the Landscape**
Tuesday, May 19, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
North Tampa Branch Library, 8916 N. Boulevard, Tampa, FL 33604
- **Master Gardener – Managing Beneficial Insects in the Landscape**
Saturday, May 23, 11 a.m.-noon
Seminole Heights Branch Library, 4711 N. Central Ave., Tampa, FL 33603

How to Crochet

Wednesday, May 13, 4-5:30 p.m.

Arthenia L. Joyner University Area Community Library, 13619 N. 22nd St., Tampa, FL 33613

Learn beginner crochet techniques and patterns. Recommended for teens. Registration recommended.

3D Printing Workshop

Friday, May 15, 3-4:30 p.m.

Riverview Public Library, 9951 Balm Riverview Rd., Riverview, FL 33569

Learn how to create and render a print-ready design using Blender. Recommended for adults. Registration recommended.

Meditation with Gabrielle

Monday, May 18, 6-7 p.m.

Charles J. Fendig Public Library, 3909 W. Neptune St., Tampa, FL 33629

Relax and learn meditation techniques in a group setting. Recommended for adults. Registration recommended.

Tampa Taiko Japanese Drumming

Saturday, May 23, 11 a.m.-noon

Riverview Public Library, 9951 Balm Riverview Rd., Riverview, FL 33569

Experience Japanese culture through interactive drumming performances. Recommended for children ages 6-12. Tickets available 15 minutes prior on a first-come, first-served basis.

- **Tampa Taiko Japanese Drumming**
Saturday, May 30, 11 a.m.-noon
SouthShore Regional Library, 15816 Beth Shields Way, Ruskin, FL 33573

Bookbinding for Teens

Wednesday, May 27, 4-5:30 p.m.

Town 'N Country Regional Public Library, 7606 Paula Dr., Tampa, FL 33615

Learn the history of books and create your own hand-bound book. Recommended for teens. Registration recommended.

Tony the Balloon Guy

Saturday, May 30, 3-4 p.m.

Jan Kaminis Platt Regional Library, 3910 S. Manhattan Ave., Tampa, FL 33611

Enjoy an interactive show featuring balloon art and humor that promotes reading and creativity. Recommended for children ages 6-12. Tickets available 15 minutes prior on a first-come, first-served basis.