



Fall 2022

Friends Newsletter

Updates from Your Libraries



Starkey Ranch TLC Friends of the Library is Official

It's official! The Friends of the Starkey Ranch Theatre Library and Cultural Center are now fully incorporated and up and running. Please welcome President David Dellinger, Secretary Connie Szuch, and Treasurer Tim Darley to our Friends family.

There is still a lot to do, but the officers are working tirelessly to move things forward. They have already scheduled two concerts at Starkey Ranch TLC coming up in October. Plus, they will be working in the near future on various projects including a membership drive and a sponsorship drive. Almost ready to go: The Friends Book Sale. The group is truly energized, and we are grateful to the officers for their dedication and support. So stop by to see the beautiful Starkey Ranch Library and support the Friends!

FRIEND SPOTLIGHT

Elaine Sedlak



The Centennial Park Friends of the Library are working on finding ways to recruit new members. Their President, Elaine Sedlak, has been leading this charge with presenting ideas for new ways to connect in the community including visiting community club houses and fairs. She is well known for inviting anyone she crosses paths with to join the Friends and learn more about the library and what the Friends do to help. She has been diligent with ensuring the Centennial Park Libraries team get everything they need to serve the community. Elaine is a champion for implementing new offerings such as making bike locks available for the community to secure their bikes during library visits.

News from the Branches

Centennial Park/ South Holiday

South Holiday staff wrapped up their final Community Resource Fair in August, which was held at the Centennial Park Library. This collaboration with other social services resources was a great success and has helped many community members find the assistance they need.



Hudson

Hudson staff members recently painted and decorated a Little Free Library in cooperation with the Friends of the Hudson Library. This library was celebrated and installed at the Hudson Hills neighborhood with a gathering of community members. Staff brought crafts/games for all ages, did a storytime for the younger attendees, brought bubbles, and gave residents information about the Pasco County Library System. There were items in the Little Free Library donated by the Friends, so the community has a fresh set of books ready for them to explore. Stop by and check it out!



Hugh Embry

In cooperation with New River Library, Hugh Embry recently offered a Mobile Makerspace gardening program to patrons of all ages in Lacochee. Our staff provided the materials and facilitated the program; local residents will continue maintaining the garden and harvesting the produce. Also, we thank our stewards for maintaining the new Little Free Library in the Cypress Villas community. It is already a very popular service among the locals. Many thanks to the Pasco Housing Authority for a successful partnership.



Land O' Lakes

The Land O'Lakes Library Branch remodel is getting close to completion. In the meantime, we have been offering our sewing classes at other branches. Some of the projects we have offered at Centennial Park & Starkey Ranch TLC Branches include a basic sewing class which introduces new sewers to threading and using a machine. Our beginning sewers then moved on to making pillows, cloth napkins, cloth envelopes, cards, and book marks. Most recently they created pincushions and needle books so each beginning sewer can start their own collection of materials for hand and machine sewing.



New River

The Discovery Gardens at New River Library is now officially a Monarch Butterfly Waystation. To celebrate, we will be having a Dedication Ceremony and a fun - filled Family Day on September 24, Saturday from 10:30 AM to 1:00 PM. We all hope to see you there!



Starkey Ranch TLC



We are proud to announce that the Starkey Ranch TLC branch is featured in the *American Libraries* 2022 *Library Design Showcase*. *American Libraries* is published by the American Library Association. Starkey Ranch TLC was praised for its *Biophilic design*, which is the practice of connecting people with nature in built environments. This inspired idea was designed by the FleischmanGarciaMaslowski Architecture firm from Tampa, FL.

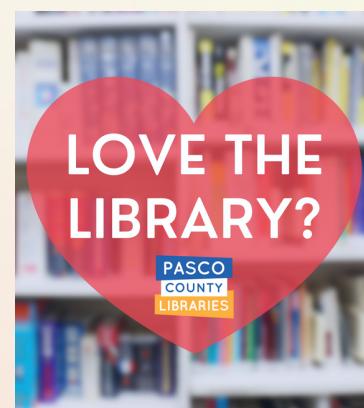
Starkey Ranch TLC has been previously featured in *Library Journal's "Year in Architecture"* 2021 issue. Congratulations!

Regency Park

At Regency Park, we have been working with Mike Legg, one of the library's videographers, to create videos promoting the Friends' cookbook *Recipes between Friends*. Several Friends, library staff, and other Pasco department staff who submitted recipes for the cookbook have come to use the Regency Fresh Maker Space and be filmed making their recipe. Watch for those videos to be released on our YouTube channel and social media pages soon! If you're interested in obtaining a copy of *Recipes between Friends*, contact your local branch.

Events Calendar

[Click here](#) for the latest events & programs!



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