

Highland Beach Library

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Hours

Mon - Thu	10 am - 8 pm
Friday	10 am - 4:30 pm
Saturday	9 am - 1 pm

Beginning May 7, the Library is pleased to again show movies!

Showtime is 5:30 pm 1st and 3rd Tuesdays.

See the back page for upcoming shows.



Book Discussion Group Coordinators Needed

Are you looking to get more involved with the library and your community? We are looking for one or two volunteers to organize monthly book discussion meetings at the library.

Duties include sending out email communications to remind people of the meetings, leading meetings or coordinating rotating discussion leaders, and communicating with library staff to order the books that members select. Optional: if you would like to continue hybrid meetings, scheduling and running the online meeting.

The Book Discussion Group meets on the third Wednesday of each month at 5:30 pm. Note: the group will be on hiatus until Fall.

Please contact staff if interested in volunteering.

Art Exhibit

Jake Packard - Photography



Sandra Swill
Repurposed Cardboard Sculptures





PROGRAMS FOR KIDS



Small Fry Story Time plus Crafts

Wednesdays at 4:30, Ages 4 and up

Create a love of reading with stories that captivate the imagination
followed by crafts that encourage originality and help develop fine motor skills.

Toddler Time: Stories and Rhymes

Saturdays at 10:30, Ages 2 and 3

Introducing stories that open windows to the world along with new and classic songs.

Take home craft available upon request: Sunflower



Registration for programs is appreciated. Email lladner@highlandbeach.us

YA Book Review : *The Lunar Chronicles* by Marissa Meyer

by Annelise Driscoll, Highland Beach Resident, 11th grade, Pine Crest School

One of my fondest childhood memories was discovering *The Lunar Chronicles* by Marissa Meyer in middle school. I remember staying up hours into the night just to read them, often having to make promises to myself like “one more page and then I’ll go to sleep,” (spoiler, I never did!). *The Lunar Chronicles* series are composed of four main novels titled “Cinder”, “Scarlet”, “Cress”, and “Winter”, and two companion books “Fairest”, and “Stars Above.” The series are captivating stories that blend science fiction with classic fairy tales. Set in a dystopian world, Earth is threatened by political strife and a deadly pandemic. The series follows the growing group of characters as they fight for those they love and strive for freedom against the tyrannical Queen Luna. Each title in the series is a rewrite of well known fairy tales, starting with “Cinder,” a twist on Cinderella. Cinder, a talented mechanic and cyborg, is an adopted girl who is unknowingly the lost princess of the throne. Throughout the books, Cinder’s story becomes intertwined with others such as Scarlet, Cress, and Winter, throughout their respective books. One of *The Lunar Chronicles*’ strengths lies in its character development. With each protagonist facing their own

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American Sycamore, by Boston and Delray Beach resident Charles Kenney, was a perfect 10 in my reading experience—if we graded books like ice skating competitions. It is a tale of three highly successful, intelligent people dealing with life's contemporary issues. Kenney has crafted the characters, Rob and Julia and their longtime friend and neighbor, Ray, so convincingly that it seems to make the reader grapple with the existential issues and events and decisions as if in real life.

Sometimes I like a little humor with my *whodunits*. **The Mystery Writer**, by Australian author Sulari Gentill, was one in which I found humor in the campiness of the major characters' backgrounds, the far out minor characters, as well as the gradual crescendo into implausibility as the action gathered speed, landing on a final conclusion. Don't get me wrong; I found it a fun page-turner of a fun read, in which the task was to figure out why people were murdered as well as by whom.

Hell of a Book, a novel by Jason Mott; who can resist a title like that? Or character descriptions like that? It follows a fictional author on his first book tour promoting his novel called—Hell Of A Book. People keep asking him, “What is your book about?”, but he has trouble remembering what he's told them. Mott does let us, the readers, know the profound and philosophical reasons he wrote it, along with posing questions for us to untangle—like what is his *condition*, who is ‘The Kid’, and is this a love story in the end?

Mostly What God Does— reflections on Seeking and Finding His Love Everywhere, by Savannah Guthrie, best known as *Today Show* anchor person, was succinct, heartfelt, relatable and a refreshing, brave accounting of her truths.

I have been a fan of political and social satire since my junior high days, and semantics was my favorite college course, so was delighted to find **Mania** a novel by Lionel Shriver among the latest batch of new books. Her premise was an alternate spin on American society from 2011-2027, with an explanatory sidebar explaining the family history of Pearson Converse, the driving character. No matter your politics, religion, education or view of raising and nurturing a family; I expect you will, as I did, find yourself laughing out loud, bristling at the very ideas of some sections, and realizing that she has thrown in bits of actual history totally out of order and context. For me, it was a day's reading well worth my time.

MOVIES — MAY 2024 — Showtime 5:30 PM

Tuesday MAY 7	 80 for Brady [PG-13] 98 min 2023 Director: Kyle Marvin With Lily Tomlin, Jane Fonda, Rita Moreno	Comedy/Sport
Tuesday MAY 21	 Priscilla [R] 113 min 2023 Director: Sofia Coppola With Cailee Spaeny, Jacob Elordi, Ari Cohen	Biography

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struggles throughout plotlines, they are forced to adapt and grow from past experiences. Each book keeps you on your toes, hiding twists, turns, and unexpected alliances throughout every page. Overall, *The Lunar Chronicles* is a must-read for fans of both science fiction and fairy tales.

Concerts 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm

May 2	Steven Mento - classical piano
Jun 6	Midnight Sun - pop tunes of 50s, 60s
Jul 11	Heart & Soul Duo - piano & vocal

Activities Schedule

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Book Discussion	on hiatus until Fall
Concerts	selected Thursdays
Current Events Discussion	Saturdays 10:30 am