

Author Chris Baumann hosts book launch event at Royal Poinciana Plaza

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Author and Palm Beach resident Chris Baumann celebrated the launch of her new illustrated children's book with a recent event at The Royal Poinciana Plaza.

Nearly 150 people attended the Palm Beach event in the plaza's west courtyard, which featured music, interactive activities, a book signing and refresh-



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Baumann's book, "Alyxander: Defender of Humanity," from independent publisher Nico 11 Publishing & Design, follows a small dog with a big heart whose adventures take place around the oceanfront clock tower at the end of Palm Beach's Worth Avenue, according to a release. The story highlights themes of kindness, courage and empathy in a playful style aimed at



Guests attend a March 21 event at The Royal Poinciana Plaza in Palm Beach celebrating the launch of Chris Baumann's new children's book. PROVIDED BY CAPEHART

young readers.

Many children took part in activities tied to the story, with some dressed as characters from Alyxander's world.

Alyxander, Baumann's real-life Jack Russell ter-

rier who inspired the book, made a special appearance at the March 21 celebration.

The event also included support from Palm Beach businesses Roller Rabbit and ScandyCan-

dy, which helped provide family-friendly programming and activities.

Baumann donated books to the Cancer Alliance of Help & Hope, where they will be distributed to children im-

pacted by cancer. A portion of proceeds from the event will also benefit the Palm Beach-based organization.

"Alyxander: Defender of Humanity" is available through online retailers.