

Pinellas Talking Book Library Annual Volunteer Recognition Event



In November, the Talking Book Library held its annual Volunteer Recognition Luncheon to honor the dedicated volunteers and book buddies for their service to our agency and library patrons. After a luncheon provided by the Pinellas Public Library Cooperative, each volunteer was recognized with a personal thank you for their support and commitment to the library. PPLC Board Members that were in attendance included Judi Burr, Chairperson; Gary Lewis; Janet O'Harrow; and Cecilia Burke. During the year, volunteers provided over 1600 hours to the library.

The Pinellas Talking Book Library provides Braille and recorded materials to print disabled residents of Pinellas and Sarasota Counties. To learn more about the TBL, or if you are interested in becoming a volunteer, please call us at (727) 441-9958.

Bank of America Funding in Pinellas Public Libraries

Through support from the Bank of America Foundation, our public libraries are able to meet the ever-increasing need for teen financial literacy. Students ranging in age from 12 – 18 receive valuable education that prepares them for their economic futures. Libraries support programming that includes information on interviewing skills, resume building, making a good impression with an employer and communicating value as teens seek employment. "Bank of America recognizes that jobs and education play a critical role in advancing economic development, and we continue to look for ways to support innovative programs that help unemployed, underemployed, veterans, youth, and those with disabilities connect with employment success," said Bill Goede, Tampa Bay market president, Bank of America. "The bank's investment in the Pinellas Public Library Cooperative is just one of the ways we are supporting education and workforce development organizations in our community and improving local economies across the country."



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Adult Programs

Clearwater Public Library System

Main Library

Astronomy for Everyone: Size & Scale of the Universe: Tuesday, January 22, 6:00-8:30 pm. Dr. Kevin Manning, astrophysicist & NASA consultant, will present a program on space with incredible footage and hands-on activities indoors. Following the formal presentation, everyone can go to the library rooftop to view celestial objects in the night sky through a powerful handcrafted telescope.

The Intrepid Pacific, a Travel Adventure: Monday, January 3, 3:00-4:30 pm. Travel writer Terry Ward shares adventures throughout the islands of the Pacific.

Films on the Bluff: Tuesday, January 8, 2:00-4:30 pm. Art house and independent films shown monthly.

Sunset on the Roof: Tuesdays, 30 minutes before sunset. Enjoy beautiful sunsets from the Main Library's rooftop terrace. Rooftop will open 30 minutes before sunset. Weather permitting. Meet at the grand staircase on the first floor.

Beach Branch

Rita Fabula Cooking Class: Tuesday, January 15, 1:30 pm. Everyone Kneads Bread – How To Make It Look Like You Spent All Day Making Baguettes, Cinnamon Rolls, Savory and Sweet Breads. Registration required.

Writer's Support Group: Wednesdays, January 2 & 16, 1:00-3:00 pm. A workshop for writers and would be writers led by journalist Ann Garris. Join us for help and encouragement.

Clearwater Beach Shell Crafters Club: Thursdays, January 10 & 24, 1:00 pm. Create shell crafts such as photo frames, wreaths, wall plaques, etc. using shells found on the beach. Sponsored in part by Beach Friends of the Library. To join, please call 447-5882.

Countryside Branch

Big Screen Biographies @ Countryside Library: Wednesdays, 2:00 pm. Join us for a weekly film. January 9: Salvador Dali; January 16: Martin Luther King Jr.; January 23: Jane Goodall; January 30: Lance Armstrong.

Your Health Is Your Wealth: Tuesday, January 22, 2:00 pm. Presented by Pamela Seefeld, R.Ph., Clinical Alternative Pharmacist

Shingles: Causes and Treatment: Wednesday, January 23, 12:00 pm. Learn about the treatment and prevention of shingles, including a vaccine that protects adults who may be at risk from Dr. Cynthia Miller.

Tim Dorsey Book Signing: Sunday, January 27, 2:00 pm. Come meet author Tim Dorsey who will be talking about his new book, *Riptide Ultralight*. Copies of the book and other merchandise for his main character, Serge Storms, will be available.

North Greenwood Branch

Thursday Afternoon @ the Movies: Thursday, January 3, 2:00-4:00 pm. Join us for an afternoon movie. Adults only please.

East Branch

ESOL Tutoring: Mondays, 4:00-6:00 pm. Literacy tutors and students practice Conversational English.

Stitch in Time Charity Stitching Group: Fridays, 2:00-4:30 pm. Join us at our weekly get-together to create items to donate for anyone in need.

Modeling Workshop: Saturday, January 12, 12:00 pm. Ro Martinez will discuss breaking into the modeling business and how to avoid the pitfalls of the business.

Three One-Act Plays: Thursday, January 17, 5:30 pm. The One-Act Players Association invites you to enjoy three original one-act plays.

Journaling With Linda Burhans: Wednesday, January 30, 2:00 pm. Join Linda Burhans for this monthly series exploring creative ways to keep a personal journal.

Yoga: Thursday, January 10, 3:00 pm. Practice Hatha Yoga with Luz. Wear comfortable clothing and bring a large towel.

Deaf Literacy Center

Largo Public Library

Adult Beginners Sign Language: Wednesday January 2, 16, & 30, 6:00 pm. ASL course that includes basic Sign Language vocabulary, daily phrases and facts about the Deaf community and culture.

Adult Intermediate Sign Language: Wednesday January 2, 16, & 30, 7:00 pm ASL course that includes basic Sign Language vocabulary, daily phrases and facts about the Deaf community and culture.

Palm Harbor Library

Individual Tutoring for the Deaf: Call for appointment.

Adult Beginners Sign Language: Tuesdays, January 15 – May 7, 6:00 pm. ASL course that includes basic Sign Language vocabulary, daily phrases and facts about the Deaf community and culture.

Adult Intermediate Sign Language: Tuesdays, January 15 – May 7, 7:00 pm. ASL course where you can learn daily phrases and facts about the Deaf community and culture.

Pinellas Park Public Library

Individual Tutoring for the Deaf: Thursdays, 2:00-4:00 pm. Call for appointment.

Adult Beginners Sign Language: Thursdays, January 17 – May 9, 6:00 pm. ASL course that includes basic Sign Language vocabulary, daily phrases and facts about the Deaf community and culture.

Adult Intermediate Sign Language: Thursdays, January 17 – May 9, 7:00 pm. ASL course that includes basic Sign Language vocabulary, daily phrases and facts about the Deaf community and culture.

Safety Harbor Library

Individual Tutoring for the Deaf: Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, call for appointment!

Basic Deaf Literacy: Includes reading, writing and computer skills. Call for appointment!

Adult Beginners Sign Language: Mondays, January 14 – May 6, 6:00 pm. ASL course that includes basic Sign Language vocabulary, daily phrases and facts about the Deaf community and culture.

Adult Intermediate Sign Language: Mondays, January 14 – May 6, 7:00 pm. ASL course that includes Conversational Sign Language, Stories, Songs and skits.

Dunedin Public Library

Tuesdays at Two Film Program: Movies are shown at 2:00 pm in the Community Meeting Room. (There will be no film on Tuesday, January 29.)

Downloading Overdrive ebooks for a Kindle: Saturday, January 5, 9:30 am.

Downloading Overdrive ebooks for a Nook: Saturday, January 5, 11:00 am.

Dunedin Garden Club: Saturday, January 5, 1:00 pm. For more information, please call (727) 447-6814.

Casual Scrabble Club: Monday, January 7, 6:30 pm. Bring your own board. Adults and teens, high school age and up are welcome to join us.

Learn How to Self-Publish: Saturday, January 12, 10:00 am-1:00 pm. Fund your novel with Kickstarter. Create a Kindle best-seller. Most novels fail. Make yours a success. Kindle best-selling author, Harry Steinman, will show you how to self-publish. Harry Steinman is the author of *Little Deadly Things*.

Digital Photography and Editing with Bill Smith: Saturday, January 19, 10:00 am.

Zora Neale Hurston: Tuesday, January 22, 7:00 pm. Florida Humanities Council scholar, Phyllis McEwen, will present a portrayal of Zora Neale Hurston. Zora's life and accomplishments truly illustrate a journey story.

Good Chi, the Sea and Me: Wednesday, January 23, 2:00 pm. Following the tragic death of her daughter over 3 years ago, Mary Orme discovered her journals...colorful pages of poetry, prose, sketches and storytelling. In a legacy of love to her daughter, Mary has transcribed the journal entries and created a book. In this afternoon's program, Mary will talk about journeys, her daughter's life and her own life after her daughter's death. Mary will be signing and selling the book following the program.

Native American Flute Music: Wednesday, January 23, 7:00 pm. A night of enchanting Native American flute music performed by seasoned multi-instrumentalist, Mark McGourley. Come experience an audio visual journey which stimulates the senses and evokes emotions that are sure to soothe the soul of young and old alike. This multi-media presentation features Mark's original compositions performed with a soundscape of instrumentation and synchronized to a backdrop of his own spectacular images of nature from our country's most beautiful National Parks and beyond. Mark's CDs will be for sale following the program.

SCORE Small Business Counseling: Free small business counseling is offered on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. The counseling is provided by a S.C.O.R.E. volunteer and is open to those starting up a small business or for existing businesses. Call for an appointment, or sign up at the Adult Information Desk. To learn more about S.C.O.R.E. visit their website at www.scorepinellas.org.

East Lake Community Library

ELCL Cinema: Come join us for our exciting new monthly program! Watching a movie is a great way to spend an afternoon. Donations are gratefully accepted. Call for details.

Friends of East Lake Library Board Meeting: Tuesday, January 8, 6:30 pm. The public is welcome to attend.

Investing 101: Thursday, January 10, 11:30 am. This month's topic will be Outlook & Opportunities: Current market conditions and how political, economic, & cultural forces can affect you as an investor. Lunch will be provided, please register to attend.

Sunday at the Library Concert Series: Sunday, January 13, 2:00-4:00 pm. Come spend a relaxing and enjoyable afternoon at the Library listening to the Gulf Coast Jazz Quartet. Refreshments will be provided. Tickets available for a \$10 donation in advance or at the door on the day of the concert.

Blood Mobile: Monday, January 14, 1:00-4:00 pm. Help others by donating blood. Offered by Florida Blood Services.

ELCL Authors Showcase: Tuesday, January 15, 6:30 pm. This month's featured author is Edid Shomer, who wrote the critically acclaimed historical fiction *The Twelve Rooms of the Nile*, which centers around the imagined meeting in 1850 of Florence Nightingale and Gustav Flaubert. Come join us for an interesting talk!

Sit and Sew: The third Wednesday of every month from 6:00-7:45 pm. Share your NEEDLE ARTS skills! Bring any projects you are working on. All needle crafts are encouraged. Enjoy quality time "stitched" with tips and new ideas. Sewing machines are welcome!

ELCL Quilters: The fourth Wednesday of every month from 6:00-7:45 pm. Get started on a lifetime of beautiful projects today! All skill levels welcome.

ELCL Writer's Critique Group: The 2nd & 4th Monday of each month from 6:00-7:45 pm. This is a workshop for writers of all levels. Read excerpts of your works in progress and receive helpful feedback.

Adult Programs

Gulf Beaches Public Library

Book Talk: Wednesday, January 23, 4:00 pm. New York Times bestselling author Tim Dorsey booktalking this year's megahit, *Riptide Ultralight*, and explaining just how Serge Storms does it.

Alcoholics Anonymous: Wednesdays, 8:00-9:00 pm. This group meets on the grounds of the library in the back patio.

International Film Movement: Tuesday, January 8, 4:00.

World of Humor Film: Tuesday, January 29.

Winter Film Series: Beginning January 16, every Wednesday @ 2:30 pm.

Investment Club: Thursdays, 2:30 pm. Join a group of experienced investors in an exchange of ideas about the current market and investment opportunities.

Scrabble: Fridays, 1:00-4:00 pm. Get a cerebral workout with these scrabble piranhas.

Writer's Group: Mondays, 10:00 am-12:00 pm. We welcome all writers. Bring a few pages of your work in progress to be critiqued by the group.

Gulfport Public Library

Free Thinkers Open Twelve Step Meeting: Tuesdays, 5:45 pm, FMI, call (727) 360-9069.

Gulfport Prompt Short Story Writers: Wednesdays, 10:00 am-12:00 pm.

Beginning Spanish classes: Thursdays, 9:30-10:30 am. Free and open to the public.

Business Debtors Anonymous Meeting: Thursdays, 4:30 pm. FMI, call (727) 238-1688.

Real Estate News You Can Use Forum: Wednesday, January 2, 5:00-6:45 pm. FMI, call Stephanie Slavick at (727) 202-7011.

Free Family Movie Day: Saturday, January 19, two movies, starting at 10:30 am and 1:30 pm. Enjoy flicks with popcorn provided by the Circle of Friends of Gulfport Library.

SCORE Face-to-Face Counseling: Tuesday, January 22, get free and helpful business advice from locally based business mentors. Call for appointment.

An Evening of Orchids and Scandal with Craig Pittman: Thursday, January 24, 7:00 pm. Call to reserve a seat.

Largo Public Library

Doctor/Patient Communication: Wednesday, January 9, 3:00 pm. Sometimes talking to your doctor is hard, but the good news is that it doesn't have to be. Professor Eisenberg, author of *Prescriptive Communication for the Healthcare Provider*, understands doctor/patient relationships and is here to make sure that you do, too.

Story Circle Writer's Group: Wednesday, January 2, 6:00 pm. The Story Circle is a chance for writer's to share their stories and develop their skills. The group is facilitated by author and writing coach, Jan Golden.

Poets Live: Monday, January 14, 6:30 pm.

Socrates Cafe: Thursday, January 10, 1:00 pm. The Socrates Cafe is a volunteer-led program that allows people from all backgrounds to exchange ideas and opinions on a variety of topics in a fun, inclusive environment.

Pinellas Energy Efficiency Project 2.0: Tuesday, January 15, 6:00 pm. In this free class, learn how much energy is wasted in the home every day. Participants receive free materials to help cut energy costs and save money each month. Register by visiting <http://peep.largojan.eventbrite.com/>.

Family Tree Maker User Group: Saturday, January 5, 10:00 am. Questions & answers and a demonstration of how to use the Family Tree Maker genealogical database software.

Familysearch.org: Monday, January 7, 10:00 am. Get the most out of this huge, free database from the LDS Church.

Military Records: Tuesday, January 8, 6:00 pm. Types of records, where to find them, how to use them.

Genealogy Photos - Organizing, Managing and Enhancing: Wednesday, January 9, 10:00 am. This class will demonstrate how to organize and manage your digital genealogy photos so they can be easily found and how to enhance their appearance.

Family Tree Maker 2012 Basics - Part 1: Monday, January 14, 6:00 pm. A detailed explanation and demonstration of the many features of this most popular genealogy database program.

Library of Congress Website: Tuesday, January 15, 10:00 am. Investigate what genealogy help the site provides, including veterans' information, historic newspapers, digital collections, photographs, and use of the catalog.

Safeguarding Your Computer Genealogy: Wednesday, January 16, 10:00 am. Learn backup methods, virus and malware protection in your genealogy research.

Computers in Genealogy: Saturday January 19, 10:00 am. Question and answer session on the use of computers in genealogy research and record keeping.

Internet Site Exploration: Tuesday, January 22, 6:00 pm. A fun-filled look at some lesser known genealogy websites. Bring along some of your favorites.

Digital Cameras in Genealogy: Wednesday, January 23, 10:00 am. This class will discuss the important features of cameras, and demonstrate how to make the best use of the digital camera in your research.

Rootsmagic User Group: Saturday, January 26, 10:00 am. Questions and answers and demonstrations of how to use the RootsMagic genealogy database software program.

Family Tree Maker 2012 Basics - Part 2: Monday, January 28, 6:00 pm. A more advanced look at and in-depth demonstration for those using this most popular genealogy database program.

Genealogical Numbering Systems: Tuesday, January 29, 6:00 pm. Explore different ways of showing relationships in family histories, and understanding ancestor and descendant reports in your genealogy program.

Getting Started in Genealogy: Wednesday, January 30, 10:00 am. Learn what to do first and where to find information on your family.

Oldsmar Public Library

Movies & Popcorn: Friday, January 4, 1:00 pm. Join us for a movie on the big screen! Call the library for more information.

SCORE - Free Small Business Counseling: Tuesday, January 15, 10:00 am-12:00 pm & 1:00-3:00 pm, 1 hour one-on-one session with a SCORE business counselor (Pinellas County Chapter 115). Call for appointment.

Friends of the Library - Business meeting: Thursday, January 17, 11:30 am. Call the library for more information.

Preparing for Organic Gardening Success: Thursday, January 17, 6:30 pm. Join us as Jai Hambly from Organic Living Garden Center in Dunedin shows how to prepare Florida soil to successfully grow organic foods.

Sharing with Friends - Workshop for Friends of the Library Organizations: Friday, January 25, 9:30 am-12:30 pm. Group session led by facilitator Faye Roberts, Executive Director, Florida Library Association. Learn & share ideas and experiences used to support libraries. Refreshments provided. Cost: \$15.00. Register online at: <http://www.regonline.com/FLAworkshopsJan2013>

Oldsmar Library - Five Year Anniversary Celebration: Wednesday, January 30, we will be celebrating the 5 year anniversary of the opening of the new library along with Library Snapshot Day. Refreshments and giveaways are planned and we hope to catch it all in pictures for Library Snapshot Day. Come celebrate with us!

Palm Harbor Public Library

Thrilling Tales: A Story Time for Adults: Thursday, January 3, 1:00 pm. "A Winter Chill" seems to be in the air...*The Wind* by Ray Bradbury involves nature taking matters into her own hands! *Winter Run* by Edward D. Hoch is a nice little crime drama with a nasty twist! Just bring your imagination, sit back, and enjoy!

Exploring the Powers of Garlic: Thursday, January 8, 6:00 pm. Trina Clickner, author of the book *A Miscellany of GARLIC*, shares her knowledge on this remarkable herb. The presentation will be filled with facts, trivia, and recipes. Book signing will follow.

Foreign Film Fridays: Friday, January 11, 2:00 pm. Enjoy an award-winning film followed by a round table discussion. Light refreshments will be served. January's feature is the graphic story of twins who journey to the Middle East to discover their family's history and fulfill their mother's last wishes (Rated R).

Creative Edge Photography Workshops - Shooting & Photo Techniques: Tuesday, January 15, 6:30 pm. Learn all of the basics to shooting like a pro from local photographer, Paula Kreutzer. Registration is required (one month prior to each session).

Clam Bayou Jazz Band: Friday, January 18, 2:00 pm. A library favorite, this jazz group will present a medley of the band's favorites.

Chess Gathering: Thursdays, January 10 & 24, 12:30-2:30 pm. Chessboards and light refreshments will be provided. All ages and skill levels are welcome.

Tai Chi for Movement and Balance: Mondays and Wednesdays, 1:00-2:00 pm: Intermediate Level (No classes Jan. 2 & 21) and 2:00 pm-3:00 pm: Beginner Level (No classes Jan. 21, 30). Registration for Beginners takes place in-person on the day of the class. This is a fall-prevention program for seniors developed at the Oregon Research Institute.

Socrates Cafe: Thursday, January 3, 6:00 pm & Thursday, January 17, 1:00 pm. You don't need to know philosophy to join this discussion group. Stimulating conversations on a variety of subjects!

Suncoast Genealogy Society: Saturday, January 26. Roots Magic User's Group, 1:00 pm followed by the General Meeting at 2:00 pm. Discussions and special presentations on various topics in genealogy.

Genealogy Assistance: Genealogy volunteers are available at the library Tuesdays - Thursdays from 1:00-4:00 pm to help you with your genealogy questions.

American Stage Theater Workshops - Appreciating Dramatic Literary Work:

Sat., January 19, 10:00 am. Representatives of the American Stage Theatre Company in St. Pete highlight some of the most well-known and respected plays from the past as well as plays from up and coming playwrights. Anyone interested in American theater should not miss this interactive workshop! Registration required.

Conquer the Bullying Demon: Thursday, January 24, 6:30 pm. Dr. Richard Horowitz, of Growing Great Relationships, LLC, and his wife, Jane, a relationship coach for over 25 years, present an outstanding program for parents and caregivers that covers all aspects of bullying and ways to deal with this pervasive problem. Learn to recognize the signs and how to protect your children. Registration is required, beginning January 2.

Master Gardener Plant Clinics. Wednesdays, 10:00-2:00 pm. The Pinellas County Master Gardeners provide a weekly gardening help desk for the public. Bring your gardening and landscaping questions as well as plant samples.

Master Gardener Series - Vegetable Gardening. Thursday, January 10, 2:00 & 6:15 pm.

Gardening programs sponsored by the Pinellas County Master Gardeners. Admission is free but space is limited. Reserve a seat by calling the Pinellas County Extension Service at (727) 582-2603.

Adult Programs

Safety Harbor Public Library

Smarter Comedy with Robin Savage: (Ages 18 & up) Thursday, January 10, 6:30-8:30 pm. In this free comedy workshop, comedienne Robin Savage will teach about the different types of comedy, the structure of jokes and about the fundamental skills, principles, and techniques used by great stand-up comics. Learn about the essence of humor, hone your joke writing skills and try your hand at some improv exercises while having a side-splitting good time. Great for writers, actors, public speakers, and comedy fans.

Calm Parenting Workshop: Saturday, January 12 at 9:30 am. Join licensed clinical social worker and Palm Harbor Family Counselor, Diane Mandell for a free workshop on establishing a more peaceful approach to parenting. This workshop will feature tips on how to manage family stress, redirection without yelling, taking time out to unwind and hands-on solutions for parenting challenges. Registration required.

Universal Dance - Native American Flute Concert: Thursday, January 17, 6:30 pm. Join us for a night of enchanting Native American flute music performed by seasoned multi-instrumentalist, Mark McGourley. All ages welcome.

Marketing Your Business Online: Thursday, January 24, 6:00-8:00pm. Join web designer and communications specialist, Toby Martini of Pinellas County SCORE for a free, introductory workshop on how to make yourself and your business visible online. Martini will provide the steps necessary to help small business owners start marketing innovatively. Registration required.

How to Successfully Self-Publish a Book: Saturday, January 19, 1:00 pm. For writers, do-it-yourself is the new black, but self-publishing is expensive. Formatting, copy editing, cover and interior design, printing, shipping and marketing costs mount up. Kindle best-selling author, Harry Steinman, shows you how using the crowdsourcing platform, Kickstarter, to raise funds for publication and how to market your novel on Amazon. This program is free and open to the public and copies of Steinman's novel *Little Deadly Things* will be available for sale and signing.

The Rip Tide Ultra-Glide with Tim Dorsey: Tuesday, January 22, 7:00 pm. Meet local author, Tim Dorsey for the debut of his newest Serge Storms thriller. Copies of *The Rip Tide Ultra-Glide* will be available for sale and signing.

Astronomy for Everyone- Size & Scale of the Universe: (All ages) Thursday, January 31, 6:30 pm. Former NASA consultant and astrophysicist Kevin Manning will share his knowledge about the size and scale of the universe, the stars, and other celestial wonders. Following the presentation, weather permitting, a powerful telescope will be set up outdoors for viewing the beautiful objects of the night sky.

SCORE Small Business Counseling: Tuesdays, January 8 & 22, appointments from 10:00 am-2:00 pm. Free and confidential small business advice. Registration required.

Story Circle Network Writer's Group: Wednesday, January 16, 6:00 pm.

Join fellow writers for writing assistance, sharing, ideas, and guidance.

Heart & Soul Cinema: Sunday, January 20, 1:30 pm. Join us for a screening of a comedic, modern retelling of the story of Cyrano de Bergerac starring Steve Martin and Daryl Hannah. There will be an introduction and light refreshments served prior to the movie. The MPAA rating for this film is PG.

St. Pete Beach Public Library

D-Day: Monday, January 14, 2:30 pm. Special presentation by Ray Kulla of Eckerd College ASPEC.

Local author Tim Dorsey: Wednesday, January 23, 7:00 pm. Presentation, and signing of his new book *The Riptide Ultra-Glide*.

Modern Russia: Saturday, January 26, 10:30 am. Special presentation by Sofia Barinova.

Made by Hand: Monday, January 28, 1:00-2:30 pm. Create a message board.

Commissioner Jim Parent: Wednesday, January 30, 6:30 pm. Roundtable discussion of local issues, concerns.

St. Petersburg Public Library System

Main Library

Author Talk: Saturday, January 26, 2:00 pm. Eric Deggans, TV & Media Critic for the Tampa Bay Times discusses his new book *Race-Baiter: How the Media Wields Dangerous Words to Divide a Nation*. Hosted by the Friends of Main Library.

Mirror Lake Branch

Needle Craft Club: 2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month, 1:00-3:00 pm. Needle crafts include knitting, crocheting, needlepoint, embroidery and quilting. All skill levels are welcome.

South Branch

Knitting Class: Thursdays, 11:00 am. Free knitting class for knitting novices. Join us to learn or just to knit with the group. Registration required.

The Family Yarn Crafters: (Age 8 & up) Saturday, January 12 & 26, 12:00-2:00 pm. Please bring your own supplies & creative ideas.

Reading Buddies: Our Reading Buddies program matches elementary age kids with adult Reading Buddies. Kids practice their reading skills by reading out loud to their Buddies. To register your child for the program or volunteer to be a Buddy, call branch.

West Community Library

Author Talk: Saturday, January 26, 10:30 am. The Florida VIVA 500 series of Pinellas County Library Programming, author Tonya Clayton, will discuss her book *How to Read a Florida Gulf Coast Beach: A Guide to Shadow Dunes, Ghost Forests & other Telltale Clues from an Ever-Changing Coast*. All are welcome to attend.

Seminole Community Library

Based on the Book Cinema: Sunday, January 27, 2:00 pm. *Emma* (1996). Free popcorn and soda courtesy of the Friends of the Seminole Library.

Cinema at Sundown: Thursday, January 10, 6:30 pm. *Alive* (1993)—rated R for crash scenes too intense for unaccompanied children. Thursday, January 24, 6:30 pm. *The Avengers* (2012). Free popcorn and soda courtesy of the Friends of the Seminole Library.

Classic Movie Matinee: Fridays, 1:00 pm. January 4: *Calamity Jane* (1953). January 11: *The Taming of the Shrew* (1967). January 18: *I Want to Live!* (1958). January 25: *Princess O'Rourke* (1943). Free popcorn and soda courtesy of the Friends of the Seminole Library.

Pause for Poetry: Wednesday, January 16, 7:00 pm. Calling all bards! Enjoy a supportive atmosphere where lovers of poetry share their works and/or read favorite selections aloud. Spoken word encouraged. Writers and non-writers welcome.

Socrates Café: Monday, January 14, 1:00 pm.

Seminole Chess Club: Wednesdays, 6:30-8:30 pm, for intermediate and advanced players only.

The Stone Soup Group/Coupon Exchange: Wednesday, January 2 & 16, 3:30 pm. Bring your extra coupons, low/no cost activities, recipes, how-to solutions or other special offers to our exchange program. LEGOs @ the Library program will be available at the same time!

Sunday Musicales: Sunday, January 13, 3:00 pm. "Toy Boat Band, Featuring Linda Janee"—vocalist and band.

Thrilling Tales! Thursday, January 3. Enjoy hearing entertaining stories read aloud by a skilled reader.

Two Towers Chess Club: Monday, January 14 & 28, 3:30-5:30 pm, for all skill levels.

SPC Toastmasters: Tuesday, January 8, 15, 22, & 29, 6:15 pm.

Florida Bibliophile Society: Sunday, January 20, 1:30 pm.

H.E.A.L.: Wednesday, January 9, 1:00 pm.

Hidden Stitches: Monday, January 7, 6:00 pm.

Recycling & Sustainability: Monday, January 7, 10:00 am.

SHINE: Wednesday, January 9 & 16, 10:00 am.

Tampa Bay Hepatitis Support Group: Wednesday, January 23, 6:00 pm.

Tarpon Springs Public Library

One-On-One Genealogy Assistance: Tuesday afternoons. Call or stop by the library, no appointment necessary.

Writers Group: Fridays, 10:00 am-1:00 pm. Bring your manuscript to read and have critiqued. Contact Lloyd Wilson at (727) 267-5612 for more information.

One-on-One E-Book Training: Call or stop by the library to schedule an appointment. Learn how to download free e-books from the library to your Kindle, Nook, iPad or Smartphone.

Viva Florida 500 Film Festival: Join us the first Saturday of each month at 11:00 am for the screening of a theatrical release or documentary film featuring Florida as a topic or locale.

History Discussion Group: Wednesday, January 9, 2:30 pm. Topic for discussion: "The Three Century Clash between Islam and Modernity." Come be a part of the discussion.

Tarpon Springs Library Needlecraft Group: Monday, January 14, 6:30-8:30 pm. Open to anyone who knits, crochets, embroiders, or does any other needlecraft. Bring your projects, share ideas, or ask questions. All skill levels welcome.

Fiction into Film Series: Tuesdays, January 15, 22, & 29, 2:30 pm. Join us for a discussion on selected short stories followed by a free showing of their film versions led by Charles Shaffert. Weekly titles:

Barn Burning by William Faulkner; *The Displaced Person* by Flannery O'Connor; *The Greatest Man in the World* by James Thurber. Pick up a copy of each story weekly at the Reference desk.

History Discussion Group: Wednesday, January 23, 2:30 pm. Topic for discussion: "Washington's Indispensable Partner." Come be a part of the discussion.

Tarpon Springs Library Needlecraft Group: Wednesday, January 23, 6:30-8:30 pm.

ESOL Conversation: Mondays starting January 28, 4:00-6:00 pm. Literacy tutors and students practice conversational English.

Tarpon Springs Public Library Genealogy Research Group: Monday, January 28, 6:30 pm. A free casual exchange of genealogy research methods and tips for online and traditional searching. We welcome beginners and advanced researchers. Please bring your own laptop or call the library to reserve one.

Business Start-Up Basics: Tuesday, January 29, 7:00 pm. Free seminar presented by the Pinellas County chapter of SCORE. Registration required.

Tarpon Springs by the Decades: A Stroll through our History: Wednesday, January 30, 7:00 pm. James Schnur will tell the story of northern Pinellas County in words and images.

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Teen Programs

Clearwater Public Library System

Main Library

Winter Art Showcase: (All branches) Submit one piece of original two-dimensional art to any Clearwater Library Branch by January 25. All art will be showcased at the Clearwater Main Library Gallery from February 1 - 22. One person will win a grand prize by random selection. Open to students in grades K - 12. Entry forms available at all branches.

Teen Poetry Contest: (All branches) Submit one original poem to any Clearwater library branch by March 31. There will be a first and second place winner for both middle and high school. Visit <http://myclearwater.com/spl/teens/contests.asp> for rules and entry forms. To enter electronically, fill out an entry form and e-mail it, along with your poem, to mllib.youthref@myclearwater.com.

Club Steampunk: Sunday, January 13, 3:00 pm. Design gear, gadgets, and gizmos that combine the past with the future.

Countryside Branch

Research Skills-Ya Need 'Em: Saturday, January 12, 2:00 pm. Information literacy is a skill all students need in today's tech world. Learn how to evaluate sources and Internet sites and access primary information on the Internet.

North Greenwood Branch

Teen Club: Wednesday, January 2, 4:30-5:45 pm. Enjoy gaming, music and more with other teens who share your interests.

East Branch

Bilingual Homework Help: Tuesdays, 4:00-6:00 pm. Bilingual homework help for kids in elementary and middle school.

Dunedin Public Library

Dunedin Youth Volunteers: Monday, January 14, 6:30 pm. Our teen volunteer group meets once a month to plan, assist and create programs for the youth of the community.

Teen Movie – *Men in Black III*: (Teens) Monday, January 7, 5:00 pm. Snacks provided.

Teen Movie – *Step up Revolution*: (Teens) Monday, January 14, 5:00 pm. Snacks provided.

Teen Paranormal Activity for VIVA Florida: (Ages 12-18) Wednesday, January 16, 6:00 pm. AURA Paranormal investigator, Bonnie Korniak, will share her experiences with us and maybe find a ghost or spirit in the Library. Registration required.

Teen Movie – *Transformers-Dark of the Moon*: (Teens) Monday, January 28, 5:00 pm. Snacks provided.

East Lake Community Library

Teen Tutors: (All ages) Free assistance with Math, English, Reading, and Biology! Call for times. Registration required.

Teen Council: Gather with the ELCL Teen council to help coordinate events for the teens in our community. Bring a friend!

Gulfport Public Library

Teen Game Zone: Wednesdays, 3:00-4:00 pm. Challenge your friends on the latest XBOX 360 games or just hangout. Free refreshments provided.

Free Family Movie Day: Saturday, January 19, two movies, starting at 10:30 am and 1:30 pm. Enjoy flicks with popcorn provided by the Circle of Friends of Gulfport Library.

Largo Public Library

Loungin' at the Library: Wednesdays, 1:00 pm - High School, 3:30 pm - Middle School. January 9: Pictionary; January 16: Movie (TBA); January 23: Jenga Competition; January 30: Apples to Apples.

TLC (Teen Library Council): Monday, January 7, 5:00 pm. Need volunteer hours? Join the Teen Library Council to participate in teen programming and other library activities. Pick up an application in the Teen Room.

The Teen Scene: Monday, January 14, 5:00 pm. It's all about you! Join other kids in a fun enrichment program with a different theme each month. This month, participate in all things pirate-related.

Oldsmar Public Library

Battle of the Books Training: (Grades 3-8) Mondays, 6:00 pm. Prepare and train for the Battle of the Books.

OTAB/Teen Coffee House: Tuesday, January 15, 6:00 pm. Oldsmar Teen Advisory Board meeting.

Palm Harbor Public Library

Drop-By Game Play: (Ages 10-16) Thursday, January 10, 4:00 pm. Board games, role-playing games, Nintendo...and more! You never know what games you'll find at this drop-by program (offered by the Youth Advisory Board).

Palm Harbor Library Youth Advisory Board: (Ages 13-18) Thursdays, 5:00-6:00 pm. The Youth Advisory Board (YAB) strives to serve the library and community by

planning relevant programs and completing volunteer projects. Membership is open to all teens, that complete a YAB application. Attendance at weekly meetings and participation in various service activities and programs is expected.

Pinellas Park Public Library

Origami Workshop: Tuesday, January 8, 6:30 pm. Registration required.

Safety Harbor Public Library

Teen Library Advisory Board: (Ages 15-18) Thursdays, January 10, 17, 24, & 31, 5:00 -6:00 pm. Join TLAB and participate in planning and implementing programs for teens!

Preventing Teen Dating Violence: (Ages 13-18) Monday, January 7, 5:30-7:00 pm. Did you know that 1 in 3 teenagers report knowing a friend who has been hit, punched, kicked, slapped, choked or physically hurt by their partner? Come to this informative program to learn the signs of abuse and, more importantly, how to prevent it from happening to you and your friends. Please call the library to register.

Harry Potter Trivia Contest - Teen Book Club: (Ages 13-18) Friday, January 25, 3:30 pm. Teens, test your knowledge of the *Harry Potter* series with a trivia contest. Pick up one of the books at the library to brush up for your O.W.L.s. Five points automatically to the House with the most costumes! Please call the library to register.

St. Petersburg Public Library System

Main Library

Knights of the Square Table Chess Club: Monday, January 14, 3:30-5:30 pm. Join the fun – challenge others. All ages are welcome.

The Hobbit Book Bash: (All ages) Saturday, January 12, 3:00 pm. Join us for games, crafts & prizes celebrating all things Hobbit.

West Community Library

Teen Nights: (Ages 13-19) Thursday, January 10, 6:30-8:00 pm. New Books, New Year! Games & fun.

Seminole Community Library

Library Youth Advisory Board Meeting: (Grades 6-12) Monday, January 14 & 28, 7:00 pm. LYAB members get to meet new people, help choose materials for the YA collection and earn volunteer credits. Snacks are served at every meeting!

Tween Thursday: (Grades 5-7) Thursday, January 3, 7:00 pm. Play board games and the Wii. Enjoy crafts and chitchat. Snacks will be served. Bring a friend, and make new ones!

Two Towers Chess Club: (All ages) Monday, January 14 & 28, 3:30-5:30 pm. All skill levels welcome.

Seminole Chess Club: (All ages) Wednesdays, 6:30-8:30 pm. For novice, intermediate and advanced players. Basic instruction not available at the meetings. Players should already know the moves, rules and etiquette of chess.

Pause for Poetry: (All ages) Wednesday, January 16, 7:00 pm. Enjoy a supportive atmosphere where lovers of poetry share their own poems and/or read favorite selections.

Tarpon Springs Public Library

S.A.T. Free Practice Exam: Saturday, January 19, 11:00 am. Students are invited to participate in a free, full-length, proctored SAT test. This is a great chance to see how you will do on the SAT without paying the registration fees or having your scores submitted to colleges. Administered by Princeton Review. Registration required: PrincetonReview.com/Events or 800-273-8439.

Manga Book Club: (Ages 12 & up) Monday, January 14 & 28, 6:30 pm. If you like manga, graphic novels and anime, then this new club is the place for you! Come hang out and discuss manga and anime and meet other teens who share your interests. Each month new titles and series will be selected to read and discuss. Members will also enjoy watching popular anime episodes.

LIBRARY CLOSINGS FOR JANUARY 2013

January 1

All libraries closed.

January 2

Safety Harbor Public Library

January 7

Tarpon Springs Public Library

January 21

All libraries closed.

PPLC Member Library Policies & Services

MISSION STATEMENT

PPLC provides leadership, resources and opportunities to enhance the quality, value, and availability of library services to members.

VISION STATEMENT

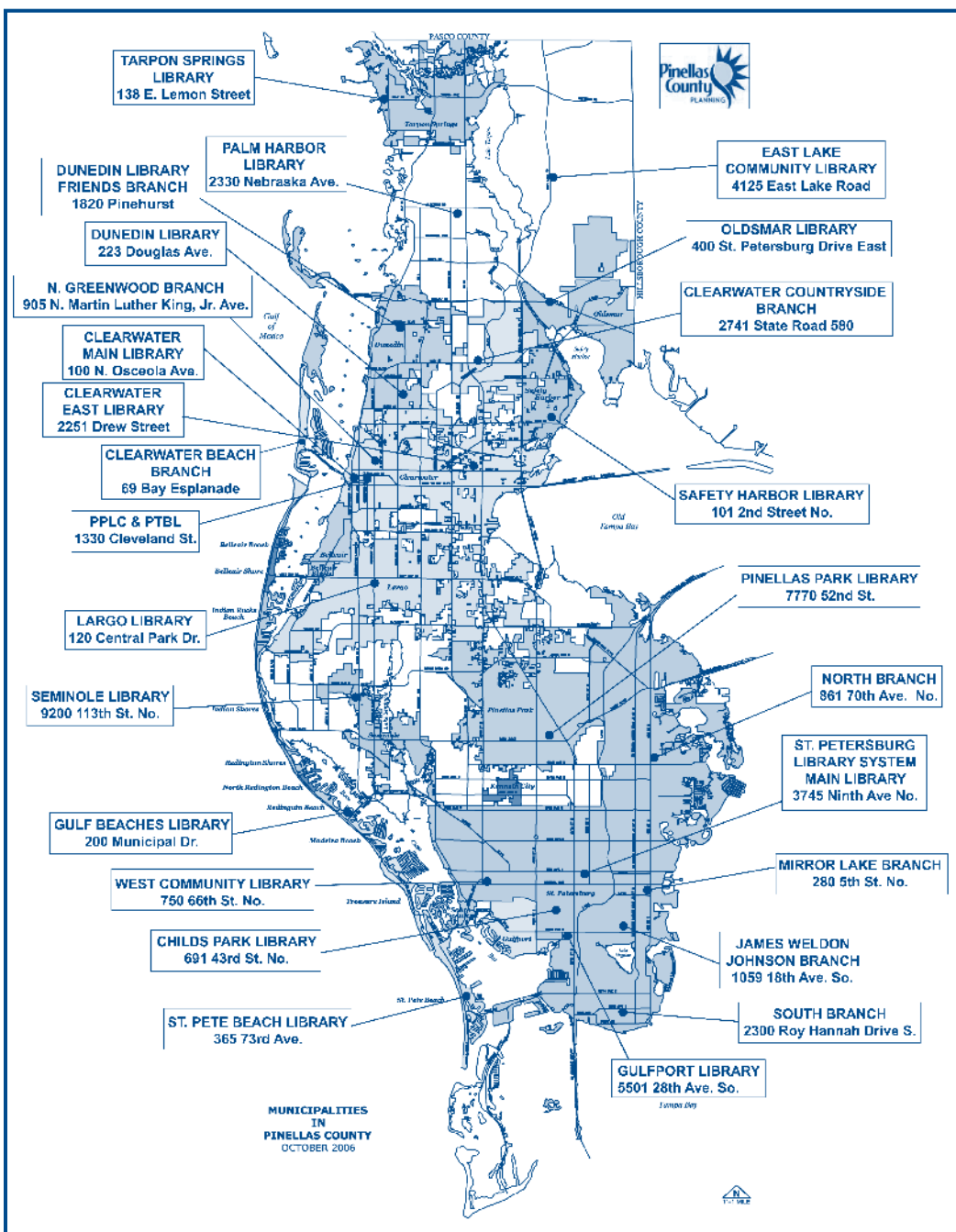
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SERVICES

- Book discussions and reviews
- Books, CDs, DVDs, and magazines for checkout
- Computer classes
- Downloadable audiobooks & eBooks
- Downloadable music
- Countywide automation system and book delivery and return
- Friends of the Library and volunteer groups
- Internet access
- Interlibrary loan
- Literacy classes and tutoring
- Programs for adults and young adults
- Reference assistance and reader's advisory
- Story hours and children's activities

POLICIES

- A resident of the unincorporated areas of Pinellas County or one of the member cities is entitled to a free library card.
- Residents of non-member cities may receive a card valid for one year upon payment of \$100. Note: Some cities reimburse all or part of this fee.
- One Cooperative card is good at all Cooperative libraries.
- Cards issued to residents are valid for three years.
- Cards issued to non-residents are valid for one year.
- Register for a card at any Cooperative member library.

Cooperative Libraries

Administrative Office Pinellas Public Library Cooperative

1330 Cleveland Street
Clearwater, FL 33755
Phone: 441-8408
Fax: 441-8938
www.pplc.us
Mon - Fri 9am - 4pm

Born to Read

1330 Cleveland Street
Clearwater, FL 33755-5103
Phone: (727) 449-2861
Fax: (727) 441-8938
Mon - Fri 9:30am - 4pm

Deaf Literacy Center

101 Second Street North
Safety Harbor, FL 34695
Phone: (727) 724-1525 x232
Fax: (727) 724-1533
TDD: (727) 724-1529
http://deafliteracycenter.org
Mon - Thurs 9am - 8pm

Talking Book Library

1330 Cleveland Street
Clearwater, FL 33755-5103
Phone: (727) 441-9958
TDD: (727) 441-3168
www.pplc.us/tbl
Mon - Fri 9am - 4:30pm

Clearwater System

Main Library & Offices

100 N. Osceola Avenue
Clearwater, FL 33755
Phone: 562-4970
http://myclearwater.com/cpl
Mon - Thur 10am - 7pm
Fri 12pm - 5pm
Sat-Sun 12pm - 5pm

Beach Branch

69 Bay Esplanade
Clearwater, FL 33767
Phone: 562-4970
Sat & Sun Closed
Mon - Fri 1pm - 5pm

Countryside Branch

2741 State Road 580
Clearwater, FL 33761
Phone: 562-4970
Mon - Thur 10am - 7pm
Fri Closed
Sat - Sun 12pm - 5pm

East Branch

2251 Drew Street
Clearwater, FL 33765
Phone: 562-4970
Sun Closed
Mon - Thur 10am - 7pm
Fri - Sat 12pm - 5pm

North Greenwood Branch

905 N. Martin Luther King, Jr. Ave.
Clearwater, FL 33755
Phone: 562-4970
Sat - Sun Closed
Mon - Thur 10am - 7pm
Fri 12pm - 5pm

Dunedin Library

223 Douglas Avenue
Dunedin, FL 34698
Phone: 298-3080
http://www.dunedingov.com
Mon - Wed 9:30am - 8pm
Thu - Fri 9:30am - 6pm
Sat 9:30am - 5pm
Sun 1pm - 5pm

Friends Branch

1920 Pinehurst
Dunedin, FL 34698
Phone: 812-4548
Mon 9am - 1pm
Wed 3pm - 7pm
Tues & Thur 2pm - 6pm

East Lake Community Library

4125 East Lake Road
Palm Harbor, FL 34685
Phone: 773-2665
http://www.eastlakelibrary.org
Mon 10am - 5pm
Tues - Wed 10am - 8pm
Thu - Fri 10am - 5pm
Sat 10am - 4pm

Gulf Beaches Library

200 Municipal Drive
Madeira Beach, FL 33708
Phone: 391-2828
http://www.gulfbeacheslib.org
Mon, Wed - Fri 10am - 6pm
Tue 10am - 8pm
Sat 10am - 5pm

Gulfport Library

5501 28th Avenue South
Gulfport, FL 33707
Phone: 893-1074
Fax: 344-6386
Reference: 893-1073
http://www.mygulfport.us/gpl
Mon - Fri 10am - 7pm
Saturday 10am - 4pm

Largo Library

120 Central Park Drive
Largo, FL 33771
Phone: 587-6715
Reference: 587-6715
TDD: 587-6778
http://www.largopubliclibrary.org
Sunday Closed
Mon-Wed 9am - 8pm
Thurs & Fri 10am - 6pm
Saturday 10am - 5pm

Oldsmar Library

400 St. Petersburg Drive East
Oldsmar, FL 34677
Phone: (813) 749-1178
http://www.oldsmarlibrary.org
E-mail: information@oldsmarlibrary.org
Mon - Thu 9am - 8pm
Fri - Sat 9am - 5pm

Palm Harbor Library

2330 Nebraska Avenue
Palm Harbor, FL 34683
Phone: 784-3332
http://www.palmharborlibrary.org
Mon & Wed 10am - 6pm
Tues & Thurs 12 noon - 8pm
Fri 12pm - 5pm
Sat 10am - 5pm

Pinellas Park Library

7770 52nd Street
Pinellas Park, FL 33781
Phone: 541-0718
Reference: 541-0719
http://www.pinellas-park.com/library
Mon - Thu 9am - 8:30pm
Fri - Sat 9am - 5pm
Sun 1pm - 5pm

Safety Harbor Library

101 2nd Street North
Safety Harbor, FL 34695
Phone: 724-1525
http://www.cityofsafetyharbor.com/library.
Mon - Thu 9:30am - 8pm
Fri 9:30am - 6pm
Sat 9:30am - 5pm
Sun 1pm - 5pm

St. Pete Beach Library

365 73rd Avenue
St. Pete Beach, FL 33706
Phone: 363-9238
http://www.stpetebeach.org
Sun Closed
Mon. & Wed 10am - 8 pm
Tues - 10am - 6pm
Thur - Fri 10am - 6pm
Sat 10am - 2pm

St. Petersburg System

Administrative Offices

280 5th Street North
St. Petersburg, FL 33701
Phone: 893-7318

Main Library

3745 Ninth Avenue North
St. Petersburg, FL 33713
Phone 893-7724
Reference: 893-7928
http://www.splibraries.org
Mon, Wed, Fri 10am - 6pm
Tue, Thu 10am - 8pm
Sat 10am - 6pm
Sun 12pm - 6pm

Childs Park Branch

691 43rd Street South
St. Petersburg, FL 33711
Phone: 893-7714
Mon & Thu 10am - 7pm
Tues, Wed, Fri 10am - 5:30pm
Sat 10am - 2pm

James Weldon Johnson Branch

1059 18th Avenue South
St. Petersburg, FL 33705
Phone: 893-7113
Mon & Wed 10am - 8pm
Tues, Thur, Fri 10am - 6pm
Sat 12pm - 6pm

Mirror Lake Branch

280 5th Street North
St. Petersburg, FL 33701
Phone: 893-7268
Mon & Wed 10am - 7pm
Tues, Thur, Fri 10am - 6pm
Sat 9am - 5pm

North Branch

861 70th Avenue North
St. Petersburg, FL 33702
Phone: 893-7214
Mon, Wed, Fri - Sat 10am - 6pm
Tues & Thur 10am - 8pm
Sat 10am - 6pm

South Branch

2300 Roy Hanna Drive S.
St. Petersburg, FL 33712
Phone: 893-7244
Mon, Wed, Fri 10am - 6pm
Tues & Thur 10am - 8pm
Sat 12pm - 6pm

West Community Library

@ SPC Gibbs Campus
6700 8th Ave. North
St. Petersburg, FL 33710
Phone: 341-7199
Mon - Thu 7:30am - 9pm
Fri 7:30am - 4pm
Sat 10am - 5pm
(Reduced hours when classes not in session)

Seminole Library

9200 113th Street North
Seminole, FL 33772-2800
Phone: 394-6905
http://www.spcollege.edu/scl
Mon - Thu 7:30am - 9pm
Fri 7:30am - 6pm
Sat 10am - 5pm
Sun 1pm - 5pm
(Reduced hours when SPC classes not in session)

Tarpon Springs Library

138 E. Lemon Street
Tarpon Springs, FL 34689
Phone: 943-4922
http://tarponspringslibrary.org
Email: tslibrary@pplc.us
Mon - Wed 10am - 9pm
Thu - Fri 10am - 6pm
Sat 10am - 5pm

Computer Classes

Clearwater Public Library System

Main Library

Entrepreneurship Tech Summit: Blogging for Business: Computer Lab 3rd Floor Reference Dept., 4:00 pm. to 6:00 pm. January 14, February 11: Learn how to make a free website for your business on WordPress. Participants must have an existing business and be computer literate. Please bring related content to upload to your new site. This class is part of the Entrepreneurship Tech Summit series.

Help! I Got an E-Reader for the Holidays – Now What? Wednesdays, 10:00 am-7:00 pm. Our computer techs will be here all day to help you download books or help you get started with your new e-reader.

Computer Help: Wednesdays, 10:30 am-12:30 pm. Meet with library computer techs for assistance using e-readers, computers, or the Internet. You can use library laptops or bring your own. Main Library, 3rd floor. No registration required.

Beach Branch

Computer Help with Ray: Mondays, 1:00-3:00 pm. All types of computer help provided by Ray Pedersen, former IBM employee.

Countryside Branch

Computer Help: Thursdays, 12:30-3:30 pm. Meet with computer techs in the library for assistance using e-readers, computers, or the Internet. You can use library laptops or bring your own. Sundays, 12:00-2:00 pm. Get help with eReaders and tablet computers.

North Greenwood Branch

Computer Help: Mondays, 4:00-6:00 pm. Meet with our computer techs for assistance using e-readers, computers, or the Internet. You can use the library's laptops or bring your own.

East Branch

Computer Help: Tuesdays, 2:00-5:00 pm. Meet with library computer techs for assistance using e-readers, computers, or the Internet. You can use library laptops or bring your own.

Deaf Literacy Center

Safety Harbor Library

Computer Skills for the Deaf: Individualized tutorials, as well as small group instruction is offered on an as needed basis. Call for appointment.

Dunedin Public Library

Downloading Overdrive ebooks for a Kindle: Saturday, January 5, 9:30 am.

Downloading Overdrive ebooks for a Nook: Saturday, January 5, 11:00 am.

Word 2010 Basics, Part 1: Tuesday, January 8, 11:00 am.

Word 2010 Basics, Part 2: Thursday, January 10, 11:00 am.

Creating a Simple Flyer in Word 2010: Tuesday, January 15, 11:00 am.

Tables, Bullets, Numbering and Cut Copy and Paste in Word 2010: Thursday, January 17, 11:00 am.

Digital Photography and Editing with Bill Smith: Saturday, January 19, 10:00 am.

Excel 2010 Basics, Part 1: Tuesday, January 22, 11:00 am.

Excel 2010 Basics, Part 2: Thursday, January 24, 11:00 am.

East Lake Community Library

Lego Robotics Tutoring: Please call for details of times and dates that a tutor will be available. This program is for tutoring only, it is not an East Lake Library sponsored team. Ages: Middle School and up. Registration required.

Computer Boot Camp: Please call for your one-on-one session with our teen computer experts. Registration required.

Master Computer Class: Saturdays. All skill levels will benefit from this one-on-one assistance. Word, Excel, and more! Registration required.

Gulf Beaches Public Library

E-mail Class: Wednesday, January 9, 1:00 pm.

Open Forum: Monday, January 14, 1:00 pm.

Internet Class: Wednesday, January 16, 1:00 pm.

Facebook: Monday, January 28, 1:00 pm.

Gulfport Public Library

One-on-One Computer Instruction: Mondays & Wednesdays, 10:30 am-1:00 pm. First come, first served.

eSalon: Tuesdays, 3:00-5:00 pm. Meet informally with others to discover new ways of using your eReader, tablet, and/or mp3 player.

Largo Public Library

Library eBooks on Your Kindle: Monday, January 7 & Tuesday, January 29, 3:00 pm. Learn how to download library books to your Kindle or by using the Kindle app. This class is specifically for Kindles and mobile device owners using a Kindle app.

Library eBooks on Your eReader: Monday, January 14 & Thursday, January 31, 3:00 pm. Learn how to browse for eBooks, place a hold, and check out eBooks from the library's digital catalog. This class is not intended for Kindle owners.

iPads for Beginners: Thursday, January 10, 3:00 pm. Are you baffled by your iPad? Can't figure out how to get an app or how to erase a photo? This is the class for you! This beginners class is meant to make you more familiar and comfortable with your device.

iPads for Beginners 2: Wednesday, January 16, 3:00 pm. Join this class if you'd like to learn app organization, navigation tips, and how to use some of the apps that came with the device, like Calendar and Contacts.

Any Interest in Pinterest? Friday, January 4, 3:00 pm. Everybody's talking about it and you've seen the "pin it" logo all over the web. You think you might try it, but you don't know where to start...or if you should start. If this sounds like you, come to this class to see how easy *Pinterest* is and why it's the hottest, new social medium on the web.

Become a Google Master: Tuesday, January 8, 3:00 pm. This class will help you increase your Google search skills and take those first steps toward becoming a Google ninja master.

Blogging with Tumblr: Friday, January 25, 3:00 pm. Blogging is a fun way to share your ideas and opinions with others. Tumblr is an easy to use and attractive platform that can have you blogging away in no time. This class will teach you the basics of creating your Tumblr blog.

Oldsmar Public Library

Drop-in Computer Help: Wednesday, January 2 & 16, 3:00-5:00 pm. Need individual help with the computer or the Internet? We will have teen volunteers available to assist you one-on-one or in a small group. First come first served.

Computer Class - Windows 8: Tuesday, January 8, 2:00 pm. A look at Microsoft's newest addition to the Windows operating system, see how it works and what the differences are from previous versions of Windows. Class is lecture/discussion followed by Q. & A.

Palm Harbor Public Library

Introductory Computer Classes: Call for class schedule, registration required.

Safety Harbor Public Library

Create a Stunning Slideshow Using Microsoft Photostory: Tuesday, January 29, 5:30-7:30pm. Turn your digital photos into a video slideshow that you can share with friends and family using this free Microsoft application.

Participants should bring digital photos to class on a flashdrive that they wish to use for the project. Call to register.

Kindle E-Reader Class: Saturday, January 12, 1:00pm. Bring your Kindle and learn how to download free library books. USB data cable may be necessary for some devices and should also be brought with participants to class. Call to register and for more information.

Nook E-Reader Class: Saturday, January 26, 1:00 pm. Bring your Nook and learn how to download free library books. USB data cable may be necessary for some devices and should also be brought with participants to class. Call to register and for more information.

Intergenerational Computer Tutoring: Sundays, 1:00-4:00 pm. Call for information and to schedule an appointment, or go to <http://computer-class.webs.com/>

Beginning Computer Series: Wednesdays, January 9, 16, 23 & 30. A beginner's series consisting of four classes for learning the basics about the parts of your computer, protecting your computer with anti-virus software, email and internet browsing. Registration required, please register before the first class.

One-on-One Computer Tutoring with Dan: Available Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday evenings by appointment. Let Dan help you with your computer questions. Call for information and to schedule an appointment.

St. Pete Beach Public Library

e-Reader Hour: Mondays, January 7 & 28, 3:00-4:00 pm. Help with downloading library books to your e-reader. Bring Apple and Amazon user names and passwords along with e-reader, or try ours.

iPad for Beginners: Tuesday, January 8, 10:30 am & Tuesday, January 15, 2:30 pm. Learn to download e-books, other tips and tricks. Registration required.

iPad Advanced Users Group: Thursday, January 17, 2:30 pm. Share e-book, app and other experiences. Registration required.

Introduction to Facebook: Thursday, January 24, 2:00 pm. New monthly feature presented by Lauren Phillips.

St. Petersburg Public Library System

Registration required for all computer classes.

Main Library

Facebook for Beginners: Tuesday, January 8, 1:00 pm. Learn how to create your own Facebook account & manage your friends, messages, photos & privacy settings.

Introduction to Word 2007: Wednesday, January 9, 10:00 am. Use Microsoft Word to write letters & papers, create resumes, flyers, and much more.

E-Books: Overdrive Library: Monday, January 14, 10:00 am & 4:30 pm. Learn how to borrow free e-books through the library for your Kindle, Nook, iPad or other e-reader.

Johnson Branch

One-on-One Internet Training: Thursdays, 10:30-11:30 am. Registration required.

Mirror Lake Branch

Basic Computing: Tuesday, January 8, 2:00 pm. All registrants must have valid PPLC library card. Registration required.

West Community Library

Supervised Lab Time: Fridays, 1:30-3:30 pm. Get help with all your computer issues.

Internet Basics: Thursday, January 3, 12:30 pm. Learn the first steps to getting around on the Internet.

Angel Workshop: Tuesday, January 8 & 15, 6:00 pm. Learn the ins & outs of the SPC online learning system *ANGEL*.

Power Point Basics: Thursday, January 10, 12:30 pm. Learn the first steps to using Microsoft Power Point.

Foundation Directory Training: Thursday, January 17, 12:30 pm. Learn to use our FCCC foundation directory database to find grant funding.

Microsoft Excel Basics: Thursday, January 22, 6:00 pm. Learn the first steps to working with Microsoft Excel.

Advanced Word Topics: Thursday, January 24, 12:30 pm & January 29, 6:00 pm. For more experienced Microsoft Word users.

E-Readers: Thursday, January 31, 12:30 pm. Learn about the different types of e-Readers & what the library can offer.

Tarpon Springs Public Library

Mouse Training and Practice: Call or stop by for an appointment anytime.

One-on-One Computer Training: By appointment only. Free one hour training with a volunteer. Registration required.

Children's Programs

Clearwater Public Library System

Main Library

Winter Art Showcase: (All branches) Submit one piece of original two-dimensional art to any Clearwater Library Branch by January 25. All art will be showcased at the Clearwater Main Library Gallery from February 1 to 22. One person will win a grand prize by random selection. Open to students in grades K - 12. Entry forms available at all branches.

Doggone Reading Fun: Saturday, January 19, 12:00 pm. Paws for Friendship Inc. will bring four therapy trained dogs to the library for preregistered 20 minute reading sessions. Reluctant readers, or children who might not enjoy reading aloud, are often eager to read in the presence of an adoring and nonjudgmental pup. Call to reserve a session for your young reader.

Let's Go, Baby-o! (Ages up to 18 months) Mondays, January 7, 14, & 28, 10:30 am. A gentle and fun introduction to literacy through stories, songs and finger plays. Please bring a blanket for baby to sit on. Stay for play and social time after the program.

Jump, Jive & Jam! (Ages 3-6) Tuesdays, January 8 & 22, 10:30 am. A specialized dance based fitness class.

Little Ones Music & Stories: (12-36 mos) Tuesdays, January 15, 10:30-11:10 am. A program designed for toddlers filled with fun music, movement, and exciting stories.

Bright Minds Preschool Storytime: (Ages 3-6) Wednesdays, January 9, 16, 23, & 30, 10:30-11:45 am. Children and caregivers will enjoy participating in age-appropriate literacy activities including stories, songs, and a craft. Younger siblings welcome.

Discovery Stations: Thursdays, January 10 & 24, 10:30-11:15 am. Children will experience hands-on fun while exploring, playing, and learning at activity centers using objects they can play with and art materials. Adult participation required.

Family Storytime: (All ages) Mondays, January 7, 14, & 28, 5:30 pm. Story time for the whole family. Stories, music and themed crafts.

Celebrate Birds and Owls: Saturday, January 5, 2:00 pm. January 5 is National Bird Day. Enjoy crafts and fun as Moccasin Lake Park's Roving Naturalist visits to explain the world of birds and owls. Suitable for children of all ages.

Astronomy for Everyone-Size & Scale of the Universe: Tuesday, January 22, 6:00-8:30 pm. Dr. Kevin Manning, astrophysicist & NASA consultant, will present a program on space with incredible footage and hands-on activities indoors. Following the formal presentation, everyone can go to the library rooftop to view celestial objects in the night sky through a powerful handcrafted telescope.

Valentine's Day Party: Wednesday, February 13, 3:00 pm. Make Valentines for the special people in your life, create a Sidewalk Chalk Valentine, and enjoy Valentine's Day crafts and goodies.

Captain Underpants Party: (Ages 6-11) Monday, April 29, 2:00 pm. Registration required. A program for fans of the superhero, Captain Underpants, featured in the books by Dav Pilkey. Look forward to games, crafts, snacks and other super activities.

Create Your Own READ Poster: Monday, February 25, 3:00-5:00 pm. Grab your favorite book and smile big. For one week you'll have the chance to be a READING Star. Your poster will be displayed at your library. Everyone gets a prize.

Viva Florida 500 Trivia Trail: Follow a Florida Trivia Trail through the youth Department and gather clues for a prize. Trail is open the entire month of March. Stop at the Youth Service Desk for more information.

Down to Earth Family Fun Day: Saturday, April 20, 1:00 pm. Enjoy environmental fun at our open house featuring interactive stations, crafts from recycled materials, games, earth-friendly presentations, and giveaways.

Countryside Branch

Baby Tuesdays: Tuesdays, 10:30 am. January 8: *Yoga for Little Ones*. Babies and Toddlers, (and parents) have fun with Lucky Cat Yoga. January 15: *Signing for Little Ones*. Babies and toddlers sing and sign ASL - great for enhancing early communication skills. January 22: *You and Me and Music Together*; music for babies and toddlers. January 17: a special edition of *Little Ones Music and Stories* Join Mr. David for exciting stories, fun songs, movement and dance, and an introduction to very basic musical building blocks.

After School Special: Tuesday, January 8, 4:00 pm. Afterschool Art, Art project geared for elementary age children.

Homework Help: Wednesdays, December 5, 12; 3:00-5:00 pm. Teen volunteers help elementary age students with their homework. Sundays, 12:00-2:00 pm. Sunday help also includes assistance with e-readers and tablets.

The Preschool Place/After Hours Book Club: Thursdays, 10:30-11:15 am. Traditional pre-school storytime followed by the "After Hours Book Club" for older participants. Stories and crafts.

North Greenwood Branch

DIY Crafts: Wednesday, January 30, 4:30-6:00 pm. Come to the library and make a crafty masterpiece in a fun atmosphere.

Reading Rules Poster Project: Tuesday, February 26, 5:00-6:30 pm. Show your love for reading and art with a cool poster design. For grades K through 12.

East Branch

Bi-lingual Homework Help: Tuesdays, 4:00-6:00 pm. Bilingual homework help for kids in elementary and middle school.

Homework Help: Wednesdays, 3:00-5:00 pm. Bright futures scholars are available to tutor elementary school children in various subjects.

Doggone Reading Fun: Monday, January 7, 4:30 pm. Paws for Friendship, Inc., will bring trained therapy dogs to the library for pre-registered 20-minute reading sessions. Reluctant readers, or children who might not enjoy reading aloud, are often eager to read in the presence of an adoring and nonjudgmental pup. Call to reserve a session.

Mother Goose on the Loose: Thursdays, 11:00-11:30 am. (No story time January 31) Infants and toddlers ages up to three years with their caregivers have rollicking fun with traditional nursery rhymes and songs in this multi-sensory early literacy program.

Viva Saturdays: Saturdays, 12:00-1:00 pm. Enjoy the fun of sharing stories in English and Spanish with all the family while making crafts.

Lego Club: Saturday, January 12, 2:00-3:30 pm. Use library Legos or bring your own.

Deaf Literacy Center

Countryside Library

Infant/Toddler Sign Language: (Ages 5 & under) Tuesday, January 15, 10:30 am. This fun and interactive signing class will teach you how to include signs naturally while interacting with your child through daily routines, playtime, storytime and music.

Largo Public Library

Infant/Toddler Sign Language: (Ages 5 & under) Tuesdays, 9:30 am. This fun and interactive signing class will teach you how to include signs naturally while interacting with your child through daily routines, playtime, storytime and music.

Palm Harbor Library

Baby Sign Language: (Ages 3-5) Mondays, January 14 – February 18, 10:45 am. Our fun and interactive signing classes will teach you how to include signs naturally while interacting with your child through daily routines, playtime, storytime and music. Registration required.

School Age Children's Sign Language: (Ages 6-12) Tuesdays, January 15 – May 7, 4:15 pm. Come and learn basic Sign Language vocabulary, stories, songs and activities in a fun way! Registration required.

Safety Harbor Library

Children's Sign Language: (Ages 5-12) Mondays, January 15 – May 6, 4:30 pm. ASL course that includes Sign Language vocabulary, stories and crafts or activities for children.

Infant/Toddler Sign Language : (Ages 3 & under) Thursdays, January 10 – February 14, 10:30 am. This fun and interactive signing classes will teach you how to include signs naturally while interacting with your child through daily routines, playtime, storytime and music. Registration required.

Dunedin Public Library

Baby & Me Story Time: (18 mos & under) Mondays, 10:00 am. Join us for an introduction to stories, rhymes and songs. We're focusing on steps to early literacy to encourage baby to reach milestones.

Music Mash: (Ages 5 & under) Mondays, 3:30 pm. Join us for a mix of music and movement using some expressive props.

Toddler Time: (18-36 mos) Wednesdays, 10:00 am or 11:00 am. Utilizing early literacy skills, toddlers will experience the exciting world of reading with books, songs, finger plays, short literature based video and a craft. (No Story Time on January 2.)

Preschool Story Time: (Ages 3-5) Thursdays, 10:00 am or 11:00 am. Join us for a fun time as we enjoy thematic books, songs, finger plays, literature-based videos and crafts. Each week we'll focus on early literacy skills important to reading development. (No Story Time on Thursday, January 3.)

Homework Help: (Elementary and Middle School Age) Tuesdays & Thursdays, 3:00-5:00 pm. Need some help? Come to the Library and have our teen volunteers help you.

LEGO Club: (Ages 5-12) Wednesday, January 2, 4:00 pm. Join us for an hour of creativity and building fun. Bring your imagination.

Leah's Cartooning: (Ages 4-teen) Friday, January 4, 2:00 pm. Come and explore your drawing creativity. Leah will share her secrets to drawing cartoon characters and show you some neat ways to expand your drawing potential. Registration required.

Sunday Stories – Happy New Year! (Families) Sunday, January 6, 2:00 pm. Bring the whole family to enjoy a special story time with books, music and a movie. Everyone is invited.

Walter Evans Martial Arts Class: (All ages) Sunday, January 6, 2:00 pm. Take a class in martial arts from an expert.

Tiny Tales @ the Dunedin Community Center: (Ages 5 & under) Tuesday, January 8, 11:00 am. Join us for a special story time at the Dunedin Community Center. Theme this month is "Snowmen".

Night Owls Family Story Time: (Ages 3 & up) Tuesday, January 8, 7:00 pm. An evening story time for the entire family. Includes stories, songs, literature based movie and a special craft. Pajamas optional.

Sunday Fun Day: (All ages) Sunday, January 13, 1:00-4:30 pm. Stop in the Youth Department for a special make & take craft. This month's theme is "Frosty Times".

Movie - "ParaNorman": Friday, January 18, 2:00 pm. Snacks provided.

Children's Programs

East Lake Community Library

Read to Shorty: Wednesday, January 16, 3:15 pm, after Lego Club. Children can read to Shorty, a wonderful therapy dog who can help you improve your reading skills. Come join the Tail-Wagging Tutor!

Art Class with Lauren: Enjoy a day of Christmas crafts and creativity! There will be an art show at the end of the class. You must register in order to attend.

Saturday Matinee: Donations are gratefully accepted. Call for details.

Lego Club: (All ages) Wednesdays, 2:15 pm. Join your friends and make new creations at this popular offering!

Teen Tutors: Free assistance with Math, English, and Reading! Call for times. Registration required.

Toddler Story Time: (Ages 3 & under) Tuesdays, 10:15 am. Children enjoy stories and songs while sitting with their favorite grown-up.

Preschool Story Time: (Ages 3-5) Tuesdays, 11:00 am. Come join Miss Cheryl for a story and a craft!

Yoga Story Time: First Tuesday of the month, 11:00-12:00. A popular program at East Lake Community Library! Bring the whole family for a special story intertwined with fun and healthy yoga postures!

Gulf Beaches Public Library

Baby & Me Storytime: (Ages 2 & under) Wednesdays, 10:30 am. Short stories, puppets, songs and fingerplay followed by a play session.

Wild Things Storytime & Art Class: (Ages 2-4) Fridays, 10:30 am. Stories, puppets, songs, fingerplays, followed by an art/craft class at 11:00 am.

First Friday @ 4:00 (School ages) Friday, January 4. Read to a Book Buddy dog, play games, do a craft, and celebrate bookdom with us.

Gulfport Public Library

Reading Assistance Dog Maya: Thursday, January 10, 3:30-4:30 pm. Call to schedule an appointment.

Crafts with Cailey: Saturday, January 12, 11:00 am-12:00 pm.

Free Family Movie Day: Saturday, January 19, two movies, starting at 10:30 am and 1:30 pm. Enjoy flicks with popcorn provided by the Circle of Friends of Gulfport Library.

Story Time: Thursdays, 10:30-11:00 am. Stories & activities selected for preschoolers.

Largo Public Library

Sunset Stories: Mondays, January 7, 14, & 28, 6:00 pm. Relax and enjoy tales and activities. Join us at this story experience for the whole family!

Alphabet Kids: (Ages 3-5) Tuesdays, 10:30 am. Enjoy themed stories, songs, and more in this program designed to help prepare your child to attend school.

Wobbly Walkers: Wednesdays, January 9, 16, 23, & 30, 9:00 am. Join us for stories, fingerplays, music, and movement activities. For walking children ages 12 to 18 months with an adult helper.

Toddler Tales: (18-36 mos) Wednesdays, January 9, 16, 23, & 30, 10:30 am. This program includes themed stories, music, and extended story activities that encourage early literacy.

First Steps: Thursdays, January 10, 17, 24, & 31 10:30 am. Join us in this lap-sit program for an introduction to stories, songs, and fingerplays. For babies who are not yet walking and their parents/caregivers. We recommend one baby per lap.

Family Storystop: Wednesday, January 16 & 30, 6:00 pm. Bring the whole family to an interactive evening storytime. This program will feature stories, songs, and other creative activities.

Early Release Day Movies: Wednesdays, January 9, 16, 23, & 30, 2:30 pm.

Library Legos: (Ages 5-12) Wednesdays, January 9 & 23, 6:00 pm. Whether you are new to LEGOs, or have been building for years, the Largo Public Library has a program for you! At each program meeting, you will be presented with a themed building challenge and books to help inspire your creativity. All materials are provided for this hour-long program.

Character Bingo: Thursday, January 3, 4:00 pm. Learn about historical figures, famous people, or book characters in this program that combines interesting stories and trivia with a bingo game of the same theme.

Pup Pals Reading Dogs: Saturday, January 12 & 26, 10:00 am-12:00 pm. Improve your reading skills and make a new furry friend by reading to therapy-trained dogs. Register in the Children's Department.

All Booked Up: (Ages 6-12) Saturday, January 12: *Cam Jansen: The Snowy Day Mystery* by David Adler, 2:00 pm; Saturday, January 26: *I'm Still Scared* by Tomie dePaola, 2:00 pm. So many books, so little time. Join us to read, discuss, share, and have fun! Please register at the Children's Desk.

Puppets Aplenty: Friday, January 18, 11:00 am. Listen to stories and watch a puppet show during this 30-minute program for all ages with a different theme each month.

Oldsmar Public Library

Toddler Time: (18 mos-3 yrs) Mondays & Tuesdays, 10:00 am. Program includes short stories, songs, and activities to encourage early literacy.

Preschool Storytime: (Ages 3-5) Thursdays, 10:00 am. Program includes stories and a simple craft and lasts about ½ hour.

Battle of the Books Training: (Grades 3-8) Mondays, 6:00 pm. Prepare and train for the Battle of the Books.

LEGO Club: (All ages) Wednesday, January 9 & Saturday, January 12, 3:00 pm. Get creative with our LEGO & DUPLO blocks – kids of all ages are encouraged to stop by & play. Program sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

Netsmartz Internet Safety Program: (Grades K-12) Complete the Netsmartz Internet Safety program at the library and receive a free kid's meal at Pollo Tropical.

Palm Harbor Public Library

Mother Goose Rhyme Time: (Ages 2 & under) Wednesdays, 10:00 am. Your child's first library program – nursery rhymes, songs, and fingerplays!

Toddler Time: (18 mos-3 yrs) Mondays, 10:00 am. Stories and songs for toddlers to enjoy!

Starbucks Story Time: January 8, 10:30 am. Take a coffee break and meet Miss Chris at Palm Harbor Starbucks, US Hwy 19 & Nebraska Ave., for some yummy seasonal and holiday stories!

Leap Into Art at Leepa-Rattner: Wednesday, January 30, 3:00 pm. Families with children - Ages 3 & up. Join Miss Lois for an hour of art-related stories and an art activity. The program is free for children and museum members (Others - \$5.00 admission to the museum). The museum is on the campus of St. Pete College at 600 Klosterman Road (access from Belcher Road).

Parents As Reading Partners: "Warm Up To A Good Book" Family Winter Reading Club.

Online and in-person registration begins January 2. Family read-at-home program for ages 3 & up. Read aloud at home with your family, write reviews of the books you've read, and receive prizes and an invitation to a special program ("Jiggelman!") JUST FOR YOU! Stop in for your book bag of activity sheets and "freebies" once you've registered.

Lego Necklace Craft Workshop: (Ages 9-12) Wednesday, January 9, 3:30 pm. Cute Lego necklaces are a new fashion trend! Make one for yourself or a friend. NOTE: Epoxy glue has fumes that may affect some users. Registration begins December 3.

Early Childhood Fair: Saturday, January 12, 10:30-12:30 pm. Meet with representatives from local preschools, county agencies, and early childhood programs to learn what is available for your preschooler - one-stop shopping for parents!

Gasparilla Pirate Fest! (Ages 3 & up) Wednesday, January 16, 2:00-4:00 pm. As part of the Florida Viva 500 Kids series, stop in the Children's Room for pirate games, activities and fun in celebration of Gasparilla Day!

Conquer The Bullying Demon: Thursday, January 24, 6:30 pm. Dr. Richard Horowitz, of Growing Great Relationships, LLC, and his wife, Jane, a relationship coach for over 25 years, will present an outstanding program for parents that cover all aspects of bullying and ways to deal with this pervasive problem. Learn to recognize the signs and how to protect your children. Registration is requested (begins January 2) since space is limited.

American Girls Winter Celebration: (Ages 7-12) Saturday, January 26, 10:30-11:30 am. Join us for games, crafts and fun as we celebrate the eight original American Girls as well as newer friends in the book series: Marie-Grace, Cecile, Caroline, Rebecca & Julie. Registration is required and begins January 2.

Winter Art Happening: (Ages 5-9) Wednesday, January 30, 4:00-5:00 pm. Crafts to celebrate winter holidays and special events – something for everyone! Registration required and begins January 2.

First Steps Parent/Child Workshop Series: Wednesdays, January 30 – February 20, 10:30-11:30 am. For parent and child, Ages 1 – 3 (Siblings to Age 4 are welcome)

A four-week series of parent/child workshops that includes play, community resource professionals, parenting materials, and an opportunity to have fun with your child. Required in-person registration begins January 2.

Pinellas Park Public Library

Story Time: (Ages 3-5) Tuesdays, 10:00-10:30 am. Program may include stories, rhymes, finger plays and crafts.

Mother Goose: (Ages 3 & under) Tuesdays, 10:45-11:05 am & Wednesdays, 10:30-10:50 am. Program may include rhymes, finger plays, stories and songs.

Evening Mother Goose: (Younger Children) Thursdays, 7:00-7:30 pm. This program is for younger children and an adult and may include short stories, songs, creative movement, and a simple craft. The last Thursday of the month is our Pajama Party.

Reading Patch Club: (Elementary School) 1st and 3rd Wednesdays, 2:30-3:00 pm. This is a reading incentive program for elementary school students. Children hear about great books and earn stickers and patches for reading.

Tail Waggin' Tutors: 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month, 3:00-5:00 pm.

15-minute scheduled sessions that allow children to read aloud to a therapy dog.

Call for more information and registration.

Origami Workshop: Tuesday, January 8, 6:30 pm. Learn the art of paper folding. Paper is provided. Registration required.

Adventures in Art: (Grades 3-6) Wednesday, January 9, 3:00 pm. Registration begins December 26.

Sunday Spectacular: January 20, 2:00 pm. Registration begins January 2. Call for information.

Safety Harbor Public Library

Tail-Waggin' Tutors – A Dog is a READER'S Best Friend: Saturday, January 5, 11:00 am & Thursday, January 17, 6:30-7:30 pm. Is your child nervous about reading? Tail-Waggin' Tutors may be the perfect answer. These dogs are specially trained to listen patiently while a child practices reading and gains more confidence. Sessions are held the first Saturday and the third Thursday of the month. For more information, please call the library.

Children's Programs

LEGO League: (Ages 4 & up) Wednesday, January 23, 3:00-4:30 pm and Saturdays, 3:00 - 4:30 pm. Bring your friends and join us for an hour of creative building with LEGOS.

Baby & Me: (18 mos & under) Fridays, January 11, 18, & 25, 10:00-10:30am. Come and listen to a few stories, songs, and fingerplays followed by a play session.

Books & Blankets Story Time: Tuesday, January 29, 6:30-7:00 pm. Come in your pajamas and snuggle down with your favorite blanket or stuffed animal for 30 minutes of sleepytime stories.

Preschool Story Time: (Ages 2-6) Wednesdays, January 9, 16, 23, & 30, 10:30 - 11:15 am. Read stories, sing songs, do a craft, and participate in other fun literary activities.

Toddler Time: (19 mos-3 yrs) Mondays, January 7, 14, & 28, 10:30-11:15 am. Bring your young one to the library to listen to stories, sing songs, dance, and do fingerplays.

Children's Chess: Wednesday, January 2, 3:30 pm. Learn how to play chess at the library!

Craft – Penguins: (Ages 3-12) Tuesday, January 15, 3:30 pm. Make a cute little penguin with an egg carton and paint!

Early Release Movie: Wednesday, January 9, 2:30 pm. Watch a movie at the library! See the movie of four animals who are still trying to get back to New York City. On their way home they stop in Europe for a fun circus adventure! Please call the library for more information.

Homework Help: (Grades 2-12) Mondays & Thursdays, 4:00-6:00 pm. *Bright Futures Scholarship* students will be at the library to tutor and assist students who are struggling with their homework.

Sign up at the Children's Reference desk when you get here. First come, first served; no reservations. Tutors will be here when school is in session, but not during school breaks/vacations.

Timeless Tales Theatre Presents *Snow White*: (All ages) Friday, January 18, 1:00 pm. A classic fairy tale performed by the talented actors of Timeless Tales Theatre.

Pirates and Princesses Invasion! (Ages 2-6) Wednesday, January 23, 10:30 am. Avast, me hearties! Get into the spirit of Gasparilla with this special Pirates and Princesses themed party! The kids will hear fun stories about pirates and princesses, play games, make a craft and enjoy tasty snacks. Don't miss this event or ye will walk the plank!

Wii Wednesday @ the Library: (Ages 5-12) Wednesday, January 16, 2:30-4:30 pm. Join your friends for fun Wii Games. Enjoy the following games: *Just Dance*, *Wii Resort Sports*, *Mario Kart*, *Boom Blox*, *Dance Party*, or bring your own!

Kids Yoga & Story Time: (Ages 3-10) Friday, January 11, 3:30 pm. Enjoy a fun total mind and body workout with basic yoga and interactive stories for children.

St. Pete Beach Public Library

Mother Goose Story Time: (Ages 3 & under) Thursdays, 11:00 am.

Lego Club: Monday, January 7, 4:00-5:00 pm. Designed to inspire, entertain, and stimulate your elementary-aged child's creativity.

St. Petersburg Public Library System

No Story Times January 2-6, 2013.

Main Library

After School Story Time: (Ages 5-10) Tuesdays, 4:00 pm. Stories, music & craft.

Craft Corner: Wednesdays, January 9 & 23, 2:30 pm. Make & Take Crafts.

Family Story Time: (All ages) Thursdays, 6:30 pm. Stories, Music & Crafts.

Library LEGO Mania: Wednesday, January 16, 3:30-4:30 pm. Come build with us!

Humpty Dumpty: (Infants & Crawlers) Thursdays, 10:15 & 11:00 am. Come join us for movement music & fun with rhymes & puppets.

Mother Goose Story Time: (Ages 3 & under) Thursdays, 3:00 pm, Fridays 10:15 & 11:00 am. Songs, puppets, finger-plays and stories.

Preschool Story Time: (Ages 3-5) Wednesdays, 10:15 am & Thursdays, 2:00 pm. Stories & songs.

The Pout-Pout Fish Puppet Show: Monday, January 14 & 28, 10:30 am. Performed by Junior League of St. Petersburg. Groups of 10 or more, please call 892.5296 to reserve a spot.

Roll Over & Read: Monday, January 7, 3:30-4:30 pm. Practice reading with one of our reading therapy dogs. Call to register for a reading session.

Super Saturday Puppet Show & Craft: (All ages) Saturday, January 19, 11:00 am.

Childs Park Branch

After School Story Time: (Ages 5-10) Fridays, 4:30 pm. Stories & music.

Johnson Branch

Preschool Story Time: (Ages 3-5) Tuesdays, 10:15 am. Stories & songs.

Library LEGO Mania: Wednesday, January 23, 3:30-4:30 pm. Come build with us!

Puppet Show: (All ages) Wednesday, January 30, 3:30 pm.

Mirror Lake Branch

Mother Goose Story Time: (Ages 3 & under) Mondays, 11:00 am. Songs, puppets, finger-plays & stories.

Preschool Story Time: (Ages 3-5) Mondays, 10:15 am. Stories & songs.

Roll Over & Read: Wednesday, January 16, 3:30-4:30 pm. Practice reading with one of our reading therapy dogs. Call to register for a reading session.

North Branch

Family Story Time: Tuesdays, 6:30 pm. Stories, Music & Crafts.

Mother Goose Story Time: (Ages 3 & under) Wednesdays, 10:15 am. Songs, puppets, finger-plays & stories.

Preschool Story Time: (Ages 3-5) Wednesdays, 11:00 am. Stories & songs.

Library LEGO Mania: Wednesday, January 2, 3:30-4:30 pm. Come build with us!

Puppet Show & Craft: (All ages) Saturday, January 19, 3:00 pm.

South Branch

After School Story Time: (Ages 5-10) Mondays, 4:00 pm. Stories, music & craft.

Library LEGO Mania: Wednesday, January 9, 3:30-4:30 pm. Come build with us!

Mother Goose Story Time: (Ages 3 & under) Thursdays, 10:15 am. Songs, puppets, finger-plays & stories.

Preschool Story Time: (Ages 3-5) Thursdays, 11:00 am. Stories & songs.

Superstar Readers Book Club: (Ages 8-12) Tuesday, January 8, 4:30 pm.

West Community Library

After School Story Time: (Ages 6-12) Thursday, January 3, 3:30 pm. After-school games & fun.

Read Dog Program: Tuesday, January 8, 3:00-5:00 pm. Be the first to sign up for this special reading event. For more information or to sign up to participate, call 341.7185.

Mother Goose Story Time: (Ages 3 & under) Tuesdays, 9:30 am. Songs, puppets, finger-plays & stories.

Preschool Story Time: (Ages 3-5) Tuesdays, 10:30 am. Stories & songs.

Seminole Community Library

Family Movie Matinee: (All ages) Saturdays, 2:00 pm. Free popcorn and soda provided by The Friends of the Library! Please call for movie titles and additional information.

LEGOs @ the Library: (All ages) Wednesday, January 2 & 16, 3:30 pm. Open to all elementary aged children, with a play area provided for younger siblings. LEGOs will be supplied, so bring your imagination and share your building ideas.

Two Towers Chess Club: (All ages) Monday, January 14 & 28, 3:30-5:30 pm. All skill levels welcome.

Seminole Chess Club: (All ages) Wednesdays, 6:30-8:30 pm. For novice, intermediate and advanced players. Basic instruction not available at the meetings. Players should already know the moves, rules and etiquette of chess.

Night Owls: (Elementary age and family) Tuesdays, 6:30 pm. A program of books, games, science projects, crafts and more! Geared toward elementary ages, but all ages are welcome.

Wiggle, Giggle and Sing (Ages 5 & under) Thursdays, 10:30 am. Shake a parachute, toss a bean bag, and other "wiggly, giggly" musical activities.

Toddler Story Time: (18-36 mos) Tuesdays, 10:30 am. 20 minutes of short stories, songs, and movement activities based on a weekly theme.

Preschool Story Time: (Ages 3-5) Tuesdays, 11:30 am. 30 minutes of stories, songs, and movement activities based on a weekly theme.

Baby Steps Story Time: (18 mos & under) Wednesdays, 10:00 am. A lap sit program featuring finger plays, music, nursery rhymes and a playtime.

"A Walk in the Park" with Professor Maura Scanlon: (Toddler and preschool ages) January date to be determined, 11:00 am. Join a SPC biology professor on a 30 minute nature walk on the grounds of the library/college campus to see local wildlife. Space is limited. 20 tickets will be available at the Youth Services desk 30 minutes before the walk begins. Please call the Youth Services Department for the date.

Pause for Poetry: (All ages) Wednesday, January 16, 7:00 pm. Enjoy a supportive atmosphere where lovers of poetry share their own poems and/or read favorite selections.

Homeschool Nature Club: (PK-5) Thursday, January 10, 2:00 pm. Join area homeschooling families for nature story time, discussion and activities in the library, followed by outside observation, journaling and drawing of local wildlife on the library/college campus grounds.

Tween Thursday: (Grades 5-7) Thursday, January 3, 7:00 pm. Play board games and the Wii. Enjoy crafts and chitchat. Snacks will be served. Bring a friend, and make new ones!

Tarpon Springs Public Library

Preschool Storytime: (Ages 3-5) Thursdays, 10:15 am. Themed Storytime with fingerplays, books, music and puppet show followed by a craft. No Storytime on January 3.

Mother Goose Toddler Time: (Ages 1-3) Early literacy fun with music, stories, fingerplays and activities. Registration required. No Toddler Time on January 4.

Craft Club: (Ages 6-12) Friday, January 11, 4:30-5:30 pm. Create a masterpiece. Registration required.

Make 'n Take Craft: (All ages) Saturday, January 12, 10:00 am-3:00 pm. Stop in Youth Services department to make a Snow Man Door Hanger.

Greek/English Bilingual Storytime: (All ages welcome but program geared to preschool and elementary ages) Monday, January 14, 1:00 pm. Join us for an interactive storytime for speakers of Greek, English or both.

Spanish/English Bilingual Storytime with Mrs. Music: (All ages) Monday, January 28, 10:30 am. Spanish and English songs, rhymes and fun. For the whole family.

Early Release Day Movie: (All ages) Wednesday, January 30, 3:00 pm. Call for this month's movie title.

After School Craft: Wednesday, January 30, 2:00-6:00 pm. Stop by and make a special Groundhog Dog craft.

Book Discussions

Clearwater Public Library System

Main Library

Circulo de Lectura: Fourth Wednesday of each month, 1:00-2:30 pm. Spanish language book discussion group.

Book Lover's Bistro: Tuesday, January 8, 12:00-1:30 pm. Book discussion group meets over lunch to discuss past best sellers and popular titles.

Countryside Branch

The Book Club @ Countryside: January 17, 2:30 pm. Join us for an interesting reading each month.

East Branch

Mystery Reader's Club: Tuesday, January 15, 12:00 pm. Join our lively discussion of books covering a new theme each month.

Dunedin Public Library

Great Books Discussion Group: Wednesday, January 2, 2:00 pm.

Contemporary Books Discussion Group: Tuesday, January 8, 7:00 pm. *The Yacoubian Building* by Alaa Al Aswany.

Contemporary Books Discussion Group: Tuesday, January 29, 7:00 pm. *The Disappeared* by Kim Echlin.

East Lake Community Library

Book Club: The first Wednesday of every month from 6:30-7:45 pm. This month's selection will be *Caleb's Crossing* by Geraldine Brooks. This novel depicts the story of the first Native American to graduate from Harvard. Come and join in our lively discussion.

Gulf Beaches Public Library

Chatterbooks: Tuesdays, 10:30 am. January 15: *Snow Child* by Eowyn Ivey.

Gulfport Public Library

Coffee/Talk Book Club: Thursday, January 17, 10:30 am. *Other Voices, Other Rooms*, by Truman Capote; discussion with coffee & light refreshments. Stop by the Circulation Desk to pick up a copy. Sponsored by the Circle of Friends of Gulfport Library.

Largo Public Library

Last Word Book Discussion Group: Wednesday, January 2, 6:00 pm. *In Other Rooms, Other Wonders* by Daniyal Mueenuddin.

Booktalking with Iris: Wednesday, January 9, 12:00 pm.

Oldsmar Public Library

Books & Brews Book Discussion Group: (Age 21 & up) Tuesday, January 8, 6:30 pm, Oldsmar Tap House, 300 State Street East. *Unbroken: A World War II Story of Survival, Resilience and Redemption* by Lauren Hillenbrand.

Oldsmar Book Club: Thursday, January 24, 12:00 pm. *Creek Mary's Blood* by Dee Brown.

Palm Harbor Public Library

PHil's Book Club: Tuesday, January 8, 7:00 pm or Monday, January 14, 11:00 am. *The Yearling* by Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings. Library Director Gene Coppola leads this lively book discussion group. Copies of the book are available at the library.

Pinellas Park Public Library

Book Discussions: Thursday, January 17, 2:00 pm. *Caleb's Crossing*: by Geraldine Brooks.

Safety Harbor Public Library

Words & Wine Book Club: Monday, January 21, 6:30 pm. Join us for our book club held at Whistle Stop Bar and Grill, 915 Main Street. January's title is *Life of Pi* by Yan Martel. Limited copies of the books are available at the library. (Please note the offsite location of this event.)

St. Pete Beach Public Library

Book Discussion: Tuesday, January 15, 10:30 am. *The No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency* by Alexander McCall Smith.

Book Discussion Film: Tuesday, January 22, 10:30 am. *The No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency*.

St. Petersburg Public Library System

Main Library

Murder by the Book Mystery Book Club: Thursday, January 3, 6:30 pm. Mirror Lake Branch

Classics Up Close: Tuesday, January 22, 2:00 pm.

North Branch

Thursday Morning Group: Thursday, January 3, 11:00 am.

The Real Deal: Thursday, January 31, 6:30 pm. *Wild: From Lost to Found on the Pacific Crest Trail* by Cheryl Strayed.

Carl G. Jung Society Reading Group: Saturday, January 12, 10:00 am.

South Branch

Book Club: Wednesday, January 9, 2:00 pm. *The Dovekeepers* by Alice Hoffman.

Mahogany Book Club: Saturday, January 19, 10:00 am.

Johnson Branch

Seminole Community Library

Backward Travelers Historical Fiction Book Discussion: Tuesday, January 15, 2:00 pm. *Deep Creek* by Dana Hand.

Booktalkers: Wednesday, January 2, 2:00 pm. *Animal, Vegetable, Miracle* by Barbara Kingsolver.

Great Books Reading and Discussion Group: Wednesday, January 16, 2:00 pm. *King Lear* [complete work] by Shakespeare.

Super Novels: Thursday, January 24, 2:00 pm. *Justine* by Laurence Durrell.

Tarpon Springs Public Library

Expand Your Horizons Book Club: Wednesday, January 9, 3:30 pm.

Mystery, Murder and Mayhem Book Club: Wednesday, January 16, 7:00 pm. *The Sweetness at the Bottom of the Pie* by Alan C. Bradley.

Books and Beyond Discussion Group: Thursday, January 24, 12:00 pm. *Extremely Loud & Incredibly Close* by Jonathan Safran Foer.

READ Pinellas Supports Born to Read

The Pinellas Public Library Cooperative's Born to Read program was recently awarded a grant from READ Pinellas to support family literacy programming and materials. READ Pinellas is a literacy organization that strives to assist programs such as Born to Read, and enable families to break the chronic cycle of illiteracy and poverty. These grant funds will support Born to Read families throughout Pinellas County through their public libraries.

The Born to Read program is designed to inform parents about the benefits of reading; to encourage reading by distributing developmentally appropriate books; and to invite families to use their local library and attend a story time with their family. The Born to Read Consultant also provides community outreach programs at health agencies, community partners, and teen parenting classes at local public schools.

Through the support of community partners, Born to Read is able to reach its goal of providing literacy services essential to achievement and success for all members of the family. Children's books, parenting guides and other literacy resources will be purchased with these funds to benefit participating families in the Pinellas community.



Deborah Cooney, BTR Coordinator at a community partner outreach

