Pinellas Library Cooperative Welcomes New 2005 – 2006 Board Members

The Pinellas Public Library Cooperative is pleased to announce its newly elected and appointed Board members for the 2005 – 2006 fiscal year. The Cooperative welcomes Board of County Commissioners appointment, Sara James of Clearwater, and elected members, Donald McGarigle of Treasure Island, and Laura Sargent of Seminole to their new Board positions. Ms. James is a Media Specialist with Pinellas County Schools. She brings her passion for children and education to the Board. Mr. McGarigle brings a background in mathematics and engineering and currently serves as the President for the Gulf Beaches Public Library Friends of the Library. Ms. Sargent is the Supervisor of Adult, Community, and Workforce Education for Pinellas County Schools. She brings over twenty years of experience in education and literacy services to the Board. These individuals will serve three year terms and be involved in decision making and planning on behalf of the public libraries in Pinellas County.

For more information, please contact the Pinellas Public Library Cooperative at (727) 441-8408.

Lion’s Club Donation Enhances Talking Book Library

The Pinellas Talking Book Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped received a generous donation of $2700 from the Florida Lions Foundation for the Blind and local area chapters of Pinellas County Lion’s Clubs, including Clearwater, Clearwater Evening, Largo, Seminole, and Palm Harbor. This fundraising effort was spearheaded by Lion Thomas Evans, the Secretary of The Lion’s Club of Clearwater. Marilyn Stevenson, the Talking Book Librarian and also a member of The Lion’s Club of Clearwater, expressed her gratitude for this support by proudly placing a plaque honoring this donation in the Volunteer Area. Through these funds, the Library will be able to assist volunteers that devote hours of time to book inspection, maintenance and repair by purchasing three 8-station rewinders. This enhancement directly benefits the service volunteers are able to provide to Talking Book Library patrons that rely on this valuable program.

For more information, please contact the Pinellas Talking Book Library at (727) 441-9958.

Clearwater Main Library – New WiFi Hotspot

Visitors to the Clearwater Main Library can now surf the Internet while sipping a latte in the café atrium. The Main Library, located at 100 N. Osceola Ave., downtown, features wi-fi accessibility throughout most of the building. The wireless network is available during library hours and is open to all visitors with wireless-enabled laptops or PDAs, free of charge.

Wireless Internet access (WiFi) is the ability to access the Internet with a portable computing device without having to plug into a wall outlet. Thus, users are free to move about the library and work from their own computers. WiFi access will be offered at the Clearwater East and Countryside Branch Libraries in 2006.

For more information, call (727) 562-4970 ext 5036 or e-mail your question to referencedesk@myclearwater.com. A “Wireless Internet Access @ the Clearwater Main Library FAQ” is posted on the library web site, www.myclearwater.com/cpl.

Read Around Pinellas (RAP) at the Times Festival of Reading

The Pinellas Public Library Cooperative launched the fourth annual Read Around Pinellas community reading initiative. This year’s selection, Hoot by Carl Hiaasen, was featured at a RAP Preview Session that included dramatic readings from POSH (Players of Safety Harbor), a teen drama group. The Cooperative staff, library directors and board members also distributed RAP kits for participants that included reader’s discussion guides, bookmarks, and information regarding upcoming programming. Please check your local library for book discussions and special programs throughout the months of November – February.

4th Annual Read Around Pinellas Hoot by Carl Hiaasen November 2005 – February 2006

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Main Library
Introduction to MS Windows: Wednesday, December 7, 10:00 am.
Introduction to MS Word: Tuesday, December 13, 3:00 pm.
Introduction to the Internet: Thursday, December 22, 4:00 pm.
Introduction to Email: Tuesday, December 27, 1:00 pm.
Register for the class of your choice on the Monday of the week of the class by calling 562-4970 ext. 5036.

Beach Branch
Internet or E-Mail: Tuesdays, 10 am and Thursdays, 4 pm. Call to register.

North Greenwood Branch
Beginning Internet Class: Wednesday, December 14, 10:00 am. Call 462-6895 to sign up.

Deaf Literacy Center
Safety Harbor Public Library
Computer skills for the Deaf: Monday December 5 and 12, 2:00-3:30 pm. Registration required.

Dunedin Public Library
Excel Basics, Part 1: Tuesday, December 6, 11:00 am.
Excel Basics, Part 2: Thursday, December 8, 11:00 am.
Working with Files: Tuesday, December 13, 11:00 am.
Working with Folders: Thursday, December 15, 11:00 am.
No Computer Classes December 20 through December 31.

East Lake Community Library
Email Basics: Thursday, December 1, 9:00 am. Registration is required and begins November 28.
One-on-One Computer Help: Friday, December 2, 9, & 16, 9:30 am.
Registration is required and begins November 28.
Creating Mailing Labels and Address Lists: Friday, December 2, 3:00 pm.
Wednesday, December 7, 9:00 am. Registration is required and begins November 28.
Introduction to Microsoft PowerPoint: Thursday, December 8, 9:00 am.
Learn to create basic presentations. Prerequisite: Intermediate computer skills. Registration is required and begins November 28.
Microsoft Word and Internet Combo: Thursday, December 15, 9:00 am.
Registration is required and begins November 28.

Gulf Beaches Public Library
Introduction to the Internet: Wednesday, December 14, 12:00 pm.
Learn To Use The Library Catalog: Monday, December 19, 11:30 am.
Free One On One Computer Training: (Internet, Word Processing and Spreadsheets) Please call Phil Chopan at 398-1217 to schedule an appointment.

Largo Library
Family Tree Maker Group: Saturday, December 3, 10:00 am-noon.
Pinellas Genealogy Society instructor Karen Keegan provides insight into using this popular genealogy software program. Anyone interested is welcome to attend and bring questions.
Computer Series for Seniors: Wednesday, December 14, 6:30-8:30 pm.
Join software engineer Jim Shimp as he discusses “Buying a Computer”. This series is presented every month sponsored by the Friends of the Largo Public Library.
Computers in Genealogy Group: Informal discussion group in a question and answer format on any topic related to genealogy and computers. Saturday, December 17, just before the regular Pinellas County Genealogy Society meeting at 9:45 am.

Palm Harbor Public Library
Designing Your Own Website: Saturday, December 17, 10:00 am-12:00 pm. Dave (“Doc”) Dockery will discuss how to rapidly build a business or personal website with Microsoft FrontPage.

Palm Harbor Computer Users’ Group: Monday, December 19, 6:30-8:00 pm. No membership fees – all levels of expertise (novice to expert) are welcome. Planned activities and question-and-answer sessions.
Hands-On Computer Training: “Word Processing” – Thursday, December 1, 12:00 noon. “Computer Basics” – Tuesday, December 6, 12:00 noon. “Windows I” – Thursday, December 8, 6:00 pm. “Computer Basics” – Tuesday, December 13, 12:00 noon. “Windows II” – Tuesday, December 20, 12:00 noon. “Computer Basics” – Thursday, December 22, 6:00 pm. “Computer Basics” – Tuesday, December 27, 12:00 noon. “Using the Internet” – Thursday, December 29, 6:00 pm. Stop by the Reference Desk or call 727/784-3332, Ext. 203, for further information or to register. Pre-registration is required.

Pinellas Park Public Library
Computer Class: Wednesday, December 14, 7:00 pm, instructor, Mark Opyd. Reservations not required. For information visit www.marcomp.com/sked.htm

Safety Harbor Public Library
Basic Skills Computer Classes: Fridays, December 2, 9, & 16, 9:30-10:30 am. Includes computer terminology, keyboarding and mouse skills, getting started with email, and internet searching and database searching.
Digital Photography: Thursday, December 1, 6:30-7:45 pm.
Computer Tutorials: One-on-one 15-minute hands-on computer tutorials covering basic computer skills or a focused task requiring staff assistance by appointment only. Call x233 to sign up.

St. Pete Beach Public Library
Polaris PowerPAC: Tips for using the Library’s online catalog and related databases. Sign up at the Reference Desk.

St. Petersburg Public Library System
Main Library
Introduction to the Internet: One-on-One Sessions. Call Main Library Reference at 893-7928 to schedule a session.
Catalog Training: Mondays, 10:00 am, Tuesdays, 6:00 pm, Thursdays, 1:30 pm.
Database Training: Can’t find the magazine article you’re looking for? Learn how to search for articles using InfoTrak. Mondays, 11:00 am, Tuesdays, 7:00 pm, Thursdays, 2:30 pm.
Can’t locate the title you need? Try Alleycat or Interlibrary loan. For assistance call Main Library Reference 893-7928

Johnson Branch
Basic Internet & E-Mail: Mondays, 7:00 pm. 4-week series. New classes begin the first Monday of each month.
Microsoft Word: Tuesdays, 7:00 pm. 4-week series. New classes start each month. Please call 893-7113 for reservations. For all computer classes as seating is limited.

Mirror Lake Branch
Beginning Elementary Skills: Tuesday, December 6, 3:00 pm.
Internet Coaching: Thursdays, December 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 3:00 pm.
Basic E-mail: Tuesday, December 13, 3:00 pm.
Basic Microsoft Word: Tuesday, December 20, 3:00 pm.

South Branch
Basic Internet & E-mail: (Individual Classes) Every Wednesday, 11:30 am. Basic Internet class designed for adults with at least an introductory knowledge of computers.
Introduction to Computers, Basic Internet & E-mail: (Group classes) Every Friday, 10:00 am. Introduction to computers class is designed for adults with no knowledge of computers.

Seminole Community Library
Get Comfortable with your Computer! Saturday, December 3, 1:00-5:00 pm. $25.00 and SPC registration required.
Welcome to E-mail and the Internet: Saturday, December 10, 1:00-5:00 pm. $25.00 and SPC registration required.
Log on to www.spcollege.edu, keyword = lifelong learning or call 727-341-4441 to register.

Tarpon Springs Public Library
Registration is required for all computer classes due to limited seating. Please call 943-4922 ext. 11 to sign up.
Computer Basics: Tuesday, December 6, 1:00 pm.
Introduction to Microsoft Word: Tuesday, December 13, 1:00 pm.
Registration begins Monday, December 5.

Internet Basics: Wednesday, December 14, 3:00 pm. Registration begins Monday, December 5.
**Clearwater Public Library System**

**Main Library**

**Leadership Lunch Hour:** Thursday, December 1, noon-1 pm. Leadership Pinellas presents community leaders who talk about books that have inspired personal and professional growth. Bring your lunch or pick something up at Joffrey’s Café located in the library atrium.

**Holiday Cookie Ideas:** Thursday, December 8, noon-1:00 pm. Publix Apron’s Cooking School Chef Bil Mitchell presents a cooking demo with recipes. First 25 to arrive get a seat at the sample table.

**Poetry Night:** Thursday, December 15, 7:00 pm. Open mic with the Tampa Bay Poetry Foundation. Share your own work or read favorite poems by others. Poetry Night is held on the third Thursday of each month at 7 pm, in the Café Atrium.

**Osceola Gallery:** *Wild Horses*, photography by Katey Barrett.

**Carnegie Gallery:** *Focused Passion – Pursuit of the 2004 Stanley Cup*, photo display courtesy of Louis Buccino.

**Throughout the Library:** The Outdoor Art Foundation’s Manatee Menagerie.

**Countryside Branch**

**AARP Safe Driver Class:** Monday and Friday, December 19 & 23, 9:30 am-1:30 pm. Call Elise Schilling to register: 442-5776.

**Armchair Traveler Series:** Wednesdays, 2:00 pm. Featured destinations: December 7- *Tampa Before the Civil War*, Parts 1 and 2; December 14- *Tampa Before the Civil War*, Parts 3 and 4; December 21- *Sacred Sites of Europe*; December 28- *Everest*.

**On Display:** Butterfly Collection courtesy of Mary Napoli.

**North Greenwood Branch**

**Cup of Joe and a Show:** Monday, December 5, 1:00 pm. Bring your lunch and enjoy the holiday classic *It’s A Wonderful Life* and complimentary coffee, tea and popcorn.

**Holiday Cookie Recipe Exchange:** Tuesday, December 6, 11:00 am. Share your favorite recipes and gather new ones.

**John Moran's Journal of Light:** Thursday, December 8, 5:30 pm. Award-winning photographer presents narrated slide lecture of his stunning Florida photographs. Copies of his book, *Journal of Light* will be available for sale.

**On Display:** The Holiday Village.

**Deaf Literacy Center**

**Safety Harbor Public Library**

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

**Basic Deaf Literacy:** Wednesday December 7, 6:30-8:00 pm. Includes reading, writing and computer skills. Call for appointment!

**Adult Beginners Sign Language:** Monday December 5 and 12, 6:00 pm. These classes will include basic Sign Language vocabulary, daily phrases and facts about the Deaf community and culture. No registration required!

**Adult Intermediate Sign Language:** Mondays December 5 and 12, 7:00 pm. These classes will include Conversational Sign Language, Stories, Songs and skits! No registration required!

**St. Petersburg Library South Branch**

**Individual Tutoring for the Deaf:** Thursdays December 6, 3:00-5:00 pm. Call for an appointment.

**Adult Intermediate Sign Language:** Tuesdays December 6, 6:00 pm. These classes will include Conversational Sign Language, Stories, Songs and skits! No registration required!

**Adult Beginners Sign Language:** Tuesdays December 6, 7:00 pm. These classes will include basic Sign Language vocabulary, daily phrases and facts about the Deaf community and culture. No registration required!

**Palm Harbor Library**

**Individual Tutoring for the Deaf:** Tuesdays, 1:00-3:00 pm. Call for an appointment.

**Adult Beginners Sign Language:** Tuesdays December 6, 5:30 pm. These classes will include basic Sign Language vocabulary, daily phrases and facts about the Deaf community and culture. No registration required!

**Pinellas Park Public Library**

**Individual Tutoring for the Deaf:** Thursdays December 1 & 8, 1:00-4:00 pm. Call for appointment.

**Adult beginner Sign Language:** Thursdays, December 1 & 8, 5:00-6:00 pm. No registration required!

**Dunedin Public Library**

**Tuesdays at Two Film Program:** 2:00 pm. December Theme: “Authors”.

**Finding Neverland:** December 6. Feature Film - 2004. Rated PG.

**The McCourts of Limerick:** December 13.

**Shakespeare: Life in Drama:** December 20.

**The Magic Never Ends: The Life and Works of C.S. Lewis:** December 27.

**Genealogy Assistance:** Every Thursday, 1:00 to 3:00 pm. The Caladesi Chapter of the DAR will be here to assist you.

**The Holly Wreath Man:** Wednesday, December 7, 7:00 pm. Authors Christopher Scanlon and Katherine Fair will be on hand to read from and discuss their book *The Holly Wreath Man*. This program is holiday fun for the entire family.

**East Lake Community Library**

**AM Coffee Café:** Fridays, 10:00 am-noon. Enjoy coffee and a snack while browsing for your books.

**Sushi for Beginners:** Wednesday, December 7, 6:30 pm. Try something new for your holiday party! In this class you will learn how to roll sushi. Registration begins November 28.

**ELCL Writer’s Critique Group:** Monday, December 12, 6:30 pm. The objective of this critique group is for writers of all levels, published or not, to read parts of works in progress and receive objective comments from fellow writers to help fine tune their writing.

**Advisory Board:** Tuesday, December 6, 6:00 pm. The public is welcome to attend.
**Adult Programs**

**Friends of East Lake Community Library:** Thursday, December 1, 6:30 pm. All friends old and new are encouraged to join us!

**Gulf Beaches Public Library**

**Holiday Craftmaking:** Friday, December 2, 1:00 pm. Registration is required.

**Saturday Movie Matinee Classics:** Saturday, December 10, 1:30 pm. Join us for a showing of the 1954 film *We’re No Angels*.

**Travel Film:** Wednesday, December 14, 2:00 pm. Join us for a tour of Mexico.

**Richard Wagner Society of Tampa Bay (opera):** Saturday, December 17, 2:00 pm.

**St. Petersburg Swing Traders Investment Group:** Wednesday, December 21, 1:00 pm.

**Creative Writing Group:** Thursdays, 10:00 am.

**Investment Club:** Thursdays, 2:30 pm.

**Spanish Language Classes:** Thursdays, 5:30 pm.

**Gulfport Public Library**

**Scrapbookers Club for Adults and Teens:** Saturday, December 10, 1:00 pm. Scrapbookers meet on the second Saturday of each month. Some scrapbooking supplies available, but you need to furnish your own 12x12 scrapbook album. For more information, call Kay Boatwright at the Library, 893-1074.

**Socrates Café:** Now there are two chances to participate! The morning session of Socrates Café meets on the second Thursday of each month, from 10:00 am-noon. The evening Socrates Café meets on the last Friday of the month 6:00 pm. Socrates Café monthly discussion groups were inspired by the book The Six Questions of Socrates. The Café will not meet in December. Next meetings: Thursday, January 12 at 10:00 a.m., and Friday, January 27 at 6:00 p.m.

**Study Groups:** *Poets and their Poetry* with Ellen Hersh, Wednesday, December 7 at 1:00 pm; *The Law* with Leslie Kirsner, Friday, December 16 at 1:00 pm. Sponsored by local chapter of Brandeis University National Women’s Committee.

**Largo Library**

**Who Wants to Meet a Millionaire - the Life of Henry Plant, re-enactment by Kelly Reynolds, Ph.D:** Tuesday, December 13, 7:00 pm. Meet Florida’s legendary steamboat, railroad and luxury hotel king. Sponsored by the Friends of the Largo Public Library.

**Palm Harbor Public Library**

**Sunday Concert Series:** The Clam Bayou Jazz Band, under the direction of Frank Greenstreet, will perform “Christmas in New Orleans” on Sunday, December 11 at 3:00 pm. Refreshments will be served, and there is no charge.

**The Florida Fanfare Brass** will perform holiday music on Sunday, December 18 at 3:00 pm. Refreshments will be served, and there is no charge.

**Medicare Part D:** A local pharmacist will be conducting a seminar on the new Medicare Part D plan (the government’s prescription drug benefit program). For dates and times of this informative discussion, contact the Reference Desk at 727/784-3332, Ext. 203.

**Genealogy:** The Suncoast Genealogy Society meets every fourth Monday at 7:00 pm. Genealogy enthusiasts are welcome!

**Genealogy help** is available in the Reference Department on Mondays through Fridays from 1:00 – 4:00 pm. This service is provided by volunteers from the Suncoast Genealogy Society.

**Literacy:** We are in need of new literacy tutors and new volunteers to join the staff of our Literacy Program. If you are interested, please call 727/784-3332, Ext. 211.

**Art Work** in the Adult Services Area will feature a Christmas art display by the Tarpon Springs Art Association. The center display case will have craftwork by the “Creative Artists” Group. A new quilt prepared by the Quilter’s Crossing Group will be on display.

**New Services Being Offered:**

**TDD:** A new telecommunications device for the deaf and hard-of-hearing individuals (known as “TDD”) is now available for public use. Stop by the Reference Desk or call 727/784-3332, Ext. 203, for information.

**Wireless Internet Access:** The Palm Harbor Library now offers free wireless internet access. Stop by the Reference Desk for information on how to use this new feature and to pick up a copy of the library’s “Wireless Internet Policy.” Patrons are encouraged to have up-to-date virus protection installed on their computers.

**CD/MP3 Players:** To enjoy the library’s large collection of audio CD books and music CD’s, patrons can now check out CD/MP3 players that come with an accompanying carrying case. Batteries are included, and headphones are sold for $2.00 each.

**Boom Boxes:** The library also loans out “boom boxes” for use by its audio patrons. These can be used to play both CD’s and cassette tapes.

**Umbrellas:** We've got you covered – rain or shine! Folding umbrellas imprinted with the library’s logo are now available for check-out.

**Safety Harbor Public Library**

**Author Talk:** Lisa Miscione will discuss her newest book *Smoke* Thursday, December 8, 6:30-7:45 pm.

**Altered Book Demonstration:** Wednesday, December 14, 7:00-8:00 pm. Learn ways that books may be altered into art or unique memorabilia. Suncoast Information Specialists meeting 5:30-8:00 pm in the library meeting room is open to the public. Registration requested. Fee for food, if you wish to eat prior to brief business meeting. For further information, http://www.tblc.org/sis/

**Friends of the Library:** The Friends meet the first Wednesday of the month at 7:30 pm. The Friends welcome new members.

**Call for African American Artists and Poets:** Please contact Robin at x233 to add your art work to library display for Black History Month in February. Poets call to register to read poetry.
Adult Programs

St. Petersburg Public Library System
Main Library

Drawing Class: Thursdays, December 1, 8, & 15, Fundamentals of drawing. All levels welcome. $60 series fee. Participants must supply their own paper, pencils & erasers.

Meet the Author: Marshall Frank, Tuesday, December 6, 7:00 pm. A 30-year veteran
Marshall Frank’s latest book Call Me Mommy is a crime drama set in southeast Florida and partially inspired by true events.

Mirror Lake Branch
Holiday/Bargain Book Sale: Saturday, December 3, 10:00 am-3:00 pm.
First Night @Mirror Lake: Saturday, December 31, 7:00 pm-11:30 pm. Mirror Lake Library will present story telling for all ages during the city’s First Night celebration.

North Branch
Conversational English Class: Wednesdays, 3:30-5:00 pm. For new speakers of English all nationalities & fluency levels are welcome. Free class no registration.

South Branch
Deaf Literacy Center: (All Ages) Every Tuesday, 4-8 pm, American Sign Language Classes. Children 4-5 pm, Adults ASL II 6-7 pm, Adults ASL I 7-8 pm.
Family Story Time: Thursday, December, 7:00 pm.
Craft Club: (Family Program) Saturday, December 3, 2:00 pm Learn new crafts and share ideas.

Introduction to Drawing Series: Fridays, December 2, 9 & 16 1:30 pm. The classes will be structured for adults, from beginner to more experienced artists. We will review And practice a verity of elements of art such as line, shape and value. $30 series fee must be paid in advance.

West Community Library
Family Story Time: Thursday, December 1, 7:00 pm. Holiday Tales

Seminole Community Library
Classic Movie Matinee: Thursdays, 2:00 pm. Free popcorn and soda.
    December 1 – The Awful Truth
    December 8 – The Grass is Greener
    December 15 – Libeled Lady
    December 22 – Christmas in Connecticut
    December 29 – White Christmas

Market Your Business: Wednesday, December 14, 6:00 pm.
AARP Safe Driving: Wednesday, December 28 and Friday, December 30, 9:00 am.
Christian Bk. Group: Mondays, 7:00 pm.
Richard Wagner Society: Saturday, December 17, 1:00 pm.
Suicide Prevention Education: Monday, December 12, 6:00 pm.

Sundays:
Sunday Musicale: Christopher Morgan, Vocalist & Guitarist. Sunday, December 11, 3:00 pm.

Mom’s Club of Seminole: Sunday, December 4, 1:00 pm.
Mom’s Club or Largo: Saturday, December 10, 10:00 am.
Medicaid Seminar: Tuesday, December 6, 2:00 pm.
Toastmasters: Tuesdays, 6:15 pm.
Sunshine Stitchers: Tuesday, December 13, 6:30 pm.
Parkinson’s Support: Wednesday, December 14, 6:30 pm.
Rotary Club: Wednesday, December 21, 6:00 pm.
Gift of Life: Wednesday, December 7, 9:30 am.
Victorian Christmas Stroll: Historic Ybor City & Victorian Christmas Stroll. Friday, December 9, 8-5 pm. $59.99 (includes admissions, lunch and transportation) Bus leaves from Caruth Health Center/Pinellas Park. For more information call 727-341-4441.

Tarpon Springs Public Library
Genealogy Assistance with John Kiwala: Mondays, 10:00 am-4:00 pm.
Genealogy Assistance with Ken Nichol: Tuesdays, 10:00 am-4:00 pm.

Writers Group: Fridays, 10:00 am.
First-Time Home Buying and Refinancing Seminar: Saturday, December 3, 1:00 pm. Presented by Barbara Perry of 1st Choice Realty Services, Inc. Please stop by or call the library to register.

Accessories for Success: Tuesday, December 6, 7:00 pm. Free financial planning and education seminars designed especially for women. Seminar topic: Planning ahead for Your Future. Our host, Candice Looney, Financial Planner for Smith Barney, will help you understand comprehensive financial planning such as retirement, education, estate, debt, asset allocation, charitable giving, insurance and net worth. Please contact the library to sign up.

History Discussion Group: Wednesday, December 7, 2:00 pm. Hosted by Jerry Ciarcia. Topic to be announced. Please call the library for this month’s topic.

Introduction to Using Digital Cameras and Photo Printers: Wednesday, December 7, 6:30 pm-8:30 pm. Presented by Staples. Please stop by or call the library to register.

Sol Peska Film Series: Thursday, December 8, 2:00 pm. Free film showing of Sophocles’ Antigone, starring Irene Papas. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

Accessories for Success: Tuesday, December 13, 7:00 pm. Free financial planning and education seminars designed especially for women. Hosted by Candice Looney, Financial Planner for Smith Barney. Seminar topic: Great Accessories for the Future: Ideas of gifting to children, grandchildren and others both now and in the future. Please contact the library to sign up.

Free Blood Pressure Screening: Thursday, December 15, 1:00 pm-3:00 pm. Provided by Helen Ellis Home Care. Screening available on a first-come, first-served basis.
Palm Harbor Public Library
The Giving Tree: Help a local child enjoy the holidays by selecting an “ornament” from the Giving Tree in our lobby. Donate new toys, gift cards or money for young victims of domestic abuse. Co-sponsored by the Haven of RCS. Donations accepted until December 17.

Pinellas Park Public Library
1980’s Week: December 5-9. Celebrate the fun, food, fashion, games and music of the 1980’s. Festivities will include 80’s movies during the week.

Holiday Teen Photo Contest: (Grades 6-12) Take pictures of your winter holiday celebrations and create a poster board. Include a picture of you with your favorite book or movie. Entries will be displayed in the library and prizes will be awarded. Entries must be submitted by January 6, 2006.

Pinellas Park Public Library
Art Exhibit: Ongoing exhibit in Library Meeting Room courtesy of Pinellas Park Arts Society.

Safety Harbor Public Library
Exhibits: Mei-Ling St. Leger will display her hand dyed fabric art and Joan Willies is displaying her miniatures.

December 2
Gulf Beaches Public Library
Holiday Craftmaking: 1:00 pm. Registration is required.

Gulfport Public Library
Friends Room Gallery Walls and Library Atrium: Fabric and other works by Marlene Glickman and friends. Opens Friday, December 2 at 6:00 pm and continues through December.

Pinellas Park Public Library
Holiday Fun Night: (Grades 4-5) 7:00-9:00 pm. Join us for an evening of Holiday magic. Registration required.

December 3
Clearwater Public Library System
Hello, Dalí: 1 pm. Learn about the life and surrealist art of Salvador Dalí with staff from St. Petersburg’s Dali Museum. Ages 8 & up.

East Lake Community Library
Christmas Kids Crafts: Noon. The Teen Library Council will assist kids in making ornaments and other Christmas crafts. Registration is required and begins November 28.

Play ‘N Around Theater presents The Elves and the Shoemaker: 2:00 pm. Assorted views of the 1980’s. Festivities will include 80’s games and music of the 1980’s. Festivities will include 80’s games and music of the 1980’s. Registration Required.

December 5
Clearwater Public Library System
Main Library
Duct Tape Gifts*: 6-8 pm. You won’t believe your eyes! Teens are invited to make cool holiday gifts entirely out of duct tape!

Tarpon Springs Public Library
Accessories for Success: 7:00 pm. Free financial planning and education seminars designed especially for women. Seminar topic: Planning ahead for Your Future.

December 7
Dunedin Public Library
Santa Visit: 10:00 am. Santa is coming to the Library. Come and make your Christmas wish. Open to youth of all ages.

The Holly Wreath Man: 7:00 pm. Authors Christopher Scanlon and Katherine Fair will be on hand to read from and discuss their book, The Holly Wreath Man. This program is holiday fun for the entire family.

East Lake Community Library
Sushi for Beginners: 6:30 pm. Try something new for your holiday party! In this class you will learn how to roll sushi. Registration begins November 28.

Tarpon Springs Public Library
History Discussion Group: 2:00 pm. Hosted by Jerry Ciarcia.
Introduction to Using Digital Cameras and Photo Printers: 6:30 pm-8:30 pm. Presented by Staples. Please stop by or call the library to register.

December 8
Clearwater Public Library System
Main Library
Holiday Cookie Ideas: Noon-1:00 pm. Publix Apron’s Cooking School Chef Bil Mitchell presents a cooking demo with recipes. First 25 to arrive get a seat at the sample table.

North Greenwood Branch

Safety Harbor Public Library
Author Talk: 6:30-7:45 pm. Lisa Miscione will sign and discuss her newest book Smoke.

St. Pete Beach Public Library
Bah, Humbug! It’s (Howard) Troxler: 2:00 pm. Assorted views by the popular St. Petersburg Times columnist. *At the Don Vista Cultural Center, 3300 Pass-a-Grille Way.

Tarpon Springs Public Library
Sol Peska Film Series: 2:00 pm. Free film showing of Sophocles’ Antigone, starring Irene Papas. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

December 9
Dunedin Public Library
Giggles, Goodies and Good Times with Grandma and Grandpa: 9:30 am. Bring your favorite older person to the Library for a morning of crafts, activities, breakfast and lots of fun. Registration Required.

Pinellas Park Public Library
Victorian Christmas Stroll: 8-5 pm. Historic Ybor City & Victorian Christmas Stroll. $59.99 (includes admissions, lunch and transportation) Bus leaves from Caruth Health Center/ Pinellas Park. For more information call 727-341-4441.
Special Events

December 10
St. Pete Beach Public Library
Meet the Authors of The Holly Wreath Man: 12:00 pm. (following the City of St. Pete Beach Holiday Land Parade) – Reading and signing by Pass-a-Grille residents, Chip Scanlan and Kathy Fair.
St. Petersburg Public Library System
Johnson Branch
Agape Players Holiday Concert: 3:00 pm.

December 11
Seminole Community Library
Sunday Musicale: 3:00 pm. Christopher Morgan, Vocalist & Guitarist.
Tarpon Springs Public Library
Holiday Party: 2:00 pm. The Elves and the Shoemaker performed by the Play ‘n Around Children’s Theater followed by crafts and an appearance by a special guest! All ages welcome to attend.

December 12
Safety Harbor Public Library
Holiday Family Story Time: 7:00-8:00 pm for all ages.

December 13
Dunedin Public Library

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Seminole Community Library
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Dunedin Public Library
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December 17
Deaf Literacy Center
Safety Harbor Public Library
Sign and Sign with Deaf Santa: 6:00 pm. No registration required.
Largo Library
Teens Film Club: (ages 13-19) Our Teen Library Council invites teens to join them in the presentation of The Pirates of the Caribbean. Have fun with movie trivia, contests, and other film-related activities. Registration required. Please call 587-6715 extension 2531 to register.

December 18
Dunedin Public Library
Sunday Funday: 1:00-4:30 pm. Stop in the Youth Department for a special “make and take” craft. This month’s theme is Happy Holidays.

Pinellas Park Public Library
Snack with Santa: (All Ages) 2:00 pm. Share stories and a snack with Santa. Registration required.

Safety Harbor Public Library
Family Talent Show: 2:00-4:00 pm.

December 19
Largo Library
Holiday Crafts: (Grades K-4) 1:00 to 3:00 pm. Come and visit the different craft stations. Registration is required. Please call 587-6715 extension 2503 to register, or you may register by e-mail at libraryyouth@largo.com

Safety Harbor Public Library
“Timeless Tales Theatre” Presents Frosty the Snowman: 1:00 pm.

December 20
Dunedin Public Library
Movie Matinee: 2:00 pm. Join us for a polar adventure. No registration required. Open to all ages.

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Seminole Community Library
Holiday Storytime: 11:00 am. Holidays stories for children of all ages presented by the Teen Advisory Board.

December 21
Clearwater Public Library System
Main Library
Miyazaki-Sama-Rama: 4-8 pm. Join un the Teen Room for Anime movies, crafts and more!

East Lake Community Library
Special Santa Storytime: 11:00 am. Holidays stories for children of all ages presented by the Teen Advisory Board.

December 22
Clearwater Public Library System
Main Library
Folktale Fanfare: 2:00-4:00 pm. How many folktale heroes do you know? Keep an American tradition alive with activities, stories and music.

Seminole Community Library
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Clearwater Public Library System

Main Library

Book Lover’s Bistro: Tuesday, December 6, noon-1:00 pm. Meet over lunch to discuss recent or past best sellers. "Brown bag" it or pick up something at Joffrey’s Café.

Great Books Discussion: Thursday, December 8, 1:30 pm. *The Value of Science* by Henri Poincare. Call (727) 725-1415 for more information.

Circulo de Lectura: Wednesday, December 28, 1:00 pm. Spanish language book discussion group. Call 562-4970 ext. 5284 for more information.

East Branch

Mystery Readers’ Club: Tuesday, December 20, 9:30 am. Theme: *Your Favorite Mystery.*

Dunedin Public Library

Great Decisions Discussion Group: No meeting this month.

Great Books Discussion Group: Tuesday, December 20, 7:00 pm. Topic: Universal Declaration of Human Rights; *Harlem* (2) – Langston Hughes; *Survival in Auschwitz* – Primo Levi; *Defending Freedom of Speech* – Luis Aguilar.

Contemporary Books Discussion Group: No meeting this month.

Gulf Beaches Public Library

Book Discussion: Tuesday, December 20, 10:30 am. Join us for a discussion of *She’s Come Undone* by Wally Lamb.

Gulfport Public Library

CoffeeTalk: Our fall series of monthly book discussions continues this month with *Daughter of Fortune,* by Isabel Allende. Join us for coffee, light refreshments, and lively conversation on Thursday, December 15. Coffee is ready at 9:30 am, discussion starts at 10:00. Copies of the book may be reserved at the Reference Desk.

Largo Library

Between the Covers Book Club: Wednesday, December 14, 7:00-8:30 pm. Selected novel is *The Kite Runner* by Khaled Hosseini.

Palm Harbor Public Library

PHIL’s Book Club: Monday, December 19, 11:00 am and 7:00 pm. This month’s selection is *Palace Walk* by Naguib Mahfouz. Refreshments will be served.

Pinellas Park Public Library

Book Discussion: Thursday, December 18, 2:00 pm. *Anna in the Tropics,* by Nilo Cruz. Contact Gary Bogart, Assistant Library Director at 541-0718, ext. 1402 for more information.

Safety Harbor Public Library

Book Discussion & Holiday Cookie Exchange: Tuesday, December 20, 2:00-3:00 pm. Discuss John Grisham’s humorous novel, *Skipping Christmas.* Cookie exchange is optional. Call x233 to register.

St. Pete Beach Public Library

Book Discussion: Tuesday, December 13, 10:30 am. *A Christmas Memory* by Truman Capote. A seven year old boy and his 60-ish “cousin” get ready for the holidays.

Book Discussion: Thursday, December 29, 2:00 pm. *The Virgin’s Lover* by Philippa Gregory. Queen Elizabeth I’s court---and personal---favorite is her very married Master of Horse.

St. Petersburg Public Library System

Main Library

Mother/Daughter Book Discussion Groups: Tuesday, December 20, 7:00 pm. For girls ages 7 and up and their moms. Pre-registration required call Sharon 893-7085.

Between Covers Book Club: Wednesday, December 21, 7:00 pm. Call 893-7193 for latest title or check the library’s web site for the latest selection. (Meeting @ Panera Bread 1914 Fourth Street North)

The Bookers’ Club: Thursday, December 15, 10:30 am. Call 893-7193 for latest title.

We are seeking a few good men to round out our group.

Mirror Lake Branch

Mystery Book Club: Monday, December 6, 1:00 pm. Bring your lunch and discuss!

Classic Up Close: Tuesday, December 27, 2:00 pm. Read the biography of a famous author one month and one of his/her classics the next!

North Branch

Thursday Morning Group: December 1, 10:00 am. *Title TBA*

Jung Society Reading Group: Saturday, December 10, 10:00 am. Discussing works by and about philosopher Carl Jung.

South Branch

Book Club: Thursday, December 8, 2:00 pm. *Gallileo’s Daughter* by Dava Sobel

Mahogany Book Club: Saturday, December 17, 10:00 am. Read and discuss the works of African American writers.

West Community Library

Mother/Daughter Book Discussion Groups: Thursday, December 15, 7:00 pm. For girls ages 8-12 and their moms. Pre-registration required call Donarita 341-7199

Book Club: Wednesday, December 14, 1:30 pm. *A Highland Christmas* by M.C. Beaton.

Seminole Community Library

The Barefoot Mailman by Theodore Pratt: Wednesday, December 7, 2:00 pm.

Great Books Discussion Group: Wednesday, December 21, 2:00 and 7:00 pm. Read & discuss great works of literature.

Tarpon Springs Public Library

Book Discussion Group: No meeting scheduled for December, will resume January 26th.
Teen Programs

Clearwater Public Library System

Main Library
Youth Advisory Committee (YAC): (ages 12-18) Help develop ideas to bring more teens into the library. Call 562-4970 ext. 5244 for more information.

Duct Tape Gifts*: Monday, December 5, 6-8 pm. You won’t believe your eyes! Teens are invited to make cool holiday gifts entirely out of duct tape! *This program will be held at the Clearwater High School Media Center.

Miyazaki-Sama-Rama: Wednesday, December 21, 4-8 pm. Join us in the Teen Room for Anime movies, crafts and more!

CountrySide Branch

Check Out TDI: “...try denting it...” teen group. Call the library for information.

North Greenwood Branch

Read and Recreate Book Club: Teens are invited to read three age appropriate books and earn a free day pass to the North Greenwood Recreation Center. Pick up a book report log at the North Greenwood Library, fill it out, and bring it back to receive your pass. Read & Recreate is cosponsored by the Clearwater Parks & Recreation Dept. and the Clearwater Public Library System.

Teen Volunteers: 4th Thursday monthly at 5:30 pm. Help plan future library programs.

Dunedin Public Library

Dunedin Youth Volunteers Holiday Party: Monday, December 5, 5:00-8:00 pm. Join us for our holiday craft party. Enjoy an evening of making crafts you can use as holiday gifts, games and lots of snacks. Registration required.

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Chess Club: Thursdays, 4:00 pm-6:00 pm. Open to Chess Players of all ages and skill levels. An Intergenerational Program. No Chess Club December 22 and December 29.

Gulf Beaches Public Library

Spanish Language Classes: Thursdays, 5:30 pm.

Gulfport Public Library

Scrapbookers Club for Adults and Teens: Saturday, December 10, 1:00 pm. Scrapbookers meet on the second Saturday of each month. Some scrapbooking supplies available, but you need to furnish you own 12x12 scrapbook album. For more information, call Kay Boatwright at the Library, 893-1074.

Largo Library

Teen Club Center: Want to start a teen club at Largo Public Library? Does your teen club need a place to meet? Meet in the library’s Teen Room! Available every Saturday from 11:30 am to 4:30 pm. We have writing boards, a podium, audiovisual equipment, a large work area and staff to help.

Teen Homework Center: Every Sunday and Wednesday, 1:30-4:30 pm. Join us if you have a group project, need a place to do research, need help or just want to make homework fun. We have teen tutors and library staff to help you.

Creative Writers Ink: Monday, December 5, 7:00-8:30 pm. This program is designed for fiction writers interested in writing short stories, novelettes, novellas, or novels. Join other writers and share your work. Meet experience and published writers. Learn how to use software to help you develop your story line and characters.

Tarpon Springs Public Library

Teen Crafts and Cookies: Saturday, December 10, 2:00 pm. (Ages 13-18) Create your own unique holiday crafts. Registration is required.

Teen News Team: We’re looking for writers, reporters, graphic artists, marketers, and publishers to create a monthly Teen newsletter. Learn and develop your skills with others. Meet experienced and local professionals. Next meeting is Tuesday, December 6, 5:30-7:30 pm.

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Palm Harbor Public Library

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The Chronicles of Narnia Program: (Ages 6 – teens). Monday, December 5, 2:00-4:00 pm. Join us to celebrate the release of the new movie, The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe, based on the popular The Chronicles of Narnia series by C.S. Lewis. Crafts, a costume contest with prizes, snow cones, and other surprises!

Pinellas Park Public Library

1980’s Week: December 5-9. (Grades 6-12) Celebrate the fun, food, fashion, games and music of the 1980’s. Festivities will include 80’s movies during the week and …… Lock-In on Friday, December 9, 7:00-10:00 pm. Registration required for lock-in.

Teen Holiday Photo Contest: (Grades 6-12) Take pictures of your winter holiday celebrations and create a poster board. Include a picture of you with your favorite book or movie. Entries will be displayed in the library and prizes will be awarded. Entries must be submitted by January 6, 2006.

Safety Harbor Public Library

Polar Ball Dance: Thursday, December 1, 4:00-6:00 pm.

Teen Library Advisory Meeting (TLAB): Middle School and up. Mondays, 4:30-5:30 pm.

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St. Pete Beach Public Library

Scappy Teens: Saturday, December 17; 10:30 am. Scrapbooking materials, tools provided. Don’t forget to bring your photos!

St. Petersburg Public Library System

Main Library

Time TBA (Ages 13-18) Call Paul at 892-5296

Johnson Branch

Movies for Teens: Friday, December 9, 4:30 pm. For more information call 893-7244.

South Branch

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PPLC Member Library
Policies & Services

Mission

The Pinellas Public Library Cooperative serves Pinellas County residents in member cities and the unincorporated county. The Cooperative office provides coordination of activities and funding as well as marketing services for member libraries.

The Cooperative Libraries feature current high-demand, high interest materials in a variety of formats; actively provide timely, accurate and useful information; and encourage young children to develop an interest in reading and learning through services for children and for parents and children together.

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Services

- Book discussions and reviews
- Books, tapes, CDs, videos, and magazines for checkout
- Community rooms
- Computer classes
- Countywide book delivery and return
- Deaf Literacy Center
- Friends of the Library and volunteer groups
- Internet access
- Interlibrary loan
- Library service for the blind and physically handicapped
- 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.
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  - 2365 55th Avenue
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  - 138 E. Lemon Street
- **West Community Library**
  - 750 66th St. S.
Clearwater Public Library System

PLEASE NOTE: No storytimes will be held Dec. 19 – Dec. 31.

Main Library

Twilight Tales: Tuesdays, 7:00 pm. Encourage a love of books and reading with stories, finger plays and more.

Bright Minds: Wednesdays, 10:00 am. Preschoolers and their caregivers participate in stories, learning activities, book-related films and crafts.

Mother Goose Time: Thursdays, 10:00 am. For ages 12-24 months. Enjoy a classic storytelling with books and music.

Family Storytime: Saturdays, 11:00 am. Fun for all ages with a variety of storytelling, activities, short films and more!

1st Friday Fun: December 2, 3:30 pm. Join us for fun crafts after school! (ages 5 - 8).

Hello, Dalí!: December 3, 1 pm. Learn about the life and surrealistic art of Salvador Dali with staff from St. Petersburg’s Dali Museum. Ages 8 & up.

R.E.A.D. (Reading Education Assistance Dogs): Saturday, December 10, 10:00 am – noon. This program is designed to improve literacy skills by giving children the opportunity to read aloud to specially trained dogs through the assistance of registered Pet Partner® therapy teams. Call 562-4970 ext. 5236 to sign up for a 20-minute session.

“It’s All Relative!”: Tuesday, December 13, 3:30 pm. Grandparents and children are invited to come together and share favorite books and related crafts.

Folktale Fanfare: Thursday, December 29, 2:00-4:00 pm. How many folktale heroes do you know? Keep an American tradition alive with activities, stories and music.

Guys Read: Friday, December 30, 3:00 pm. For boys ages 8-12. Not only do we read and talk about interesting guy-type books in a guy-type way, but we also have a game or activity. Call for information and signup.

Countryside Branch

Preschool Story Time: Wednesdays, 10:00 am.

Mother Goose Time: Thursdays, 10:00 am.

North Greenwood Branch

Preschool Storytime: Mondays, 10:30 am. Enjoy stories, finger plays, flannel boards, puppets and movies with your preschoolers.

Signing Preschool Storytime: 3rd Monday of each month, 10:30 am. Learn words in American Sign Language with your preschoolers.

Tutoring Tuesdays: 5:30 pm. with the Ivey Reading Academy. Homework and reading help for kindergarten through third grade students. Presented by the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Nu Beta Omega Chapter.

Legal Eagles Homework Help: Wednesdays, 2:30-4:30 pm. Attorneys from the Clearwater Bar Association will be available to help with homework.

Chess Club: Wednesdays, 3:30 pm. All ages and levels all welcome to join. Instruction and chessboards are provided.

Craft Corner: Thursdays, 2:00 – 4:00 pm. Drop in anytime to enjoy crafts and other activities.

Trim the Tree Party: Thursday, December 8, 3:00 pm. Help trim the library’s holiday tree and enjoy stories, songs, crafts, and cookies.

Holiday Crafts: Thursday, December 15, 2:00 pm. Make special crafts to give as holiday gifts.

Kwanzaa Time: Thursday, December 29, 3:00 pm. Enjoy special stories, activities and crafts to celebrate Kwanzaa.

East Branch

Preschool Storytime: Wednesdays, 10:00 am. Join us for stories, songs, finger plays, films and more! For ages 3-5.

After-School Crafts: Wednesday, December 14, 3:30 pm. Gifts and cards.

American Red Cross-Sponsored Babysitting Class: Tuesday, December 20, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm. Ages 11 & up. Cost: $40. Group rates and scholarships available. To register, call the Red Cross at 727-446-2359 (Clearwater) or 1-877-741-1444 ext. 850 (Central).

Deaf Literacy Center

Safety Harbor Public Library

Children’s Sign Language Class: (Ages 5-12) Mondays December 5 & 8, 3:30-4:30. Sign Language vocabulary, stories and crafts or activities for children. No registration required!

Palm Harbor Library

Children’s Sign Language Class: (Ages 5-12) Tuesday, December 6, 4:15 pm. Come and learn basic Sign Language vocabulary, stories, songs and activities in a fun way! Registration required!

St. Petersburg Library South Branch

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Dunedin Public Library

Santa Visit: Wednesday, December 7, 10:00 am. Santa is coming to the Library. Come and make your Christmas wish. Open to youth of all ages.

Baby & Me Storytime: (Birth-18 mos.), Wednesday, December 14, 10:00 am. A special time for caregivers and little ones to enjoy stories, songs, fingerplays. No Storytimes on December 7, 21, and 28.

Toddler Time: (18-36 mos.), Wednesday, December 14, 10:30 am. A special time for tots and caregivers to enjoy music, fingerplays, stories and a craft. No Storytime on December 7, 21, and 28.

Preschool StoryTime: (3-5 yrs.), Thursdays, 10:30 am. A time for preschoolers to enjoy books, songs, fingerplays, literature-based videos and crafts. No Storytime on December 22 and 29.
Children’s Programs

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Create-A-Calendar: Tuesday, December 13, 6:30 pm. Get ready for the New Year by creating your own calendar. Suitable for ages 5–12. Registration required.

“Sweet Treats” Winter Reading Club: Registration begins Friday, December 16. Stop in the Library and join our “Sweet Treats” Winter Reading Club. See how much you can read over the winter break. Open to all ages.

Sunday Funday: Sunday, December 18, 1:00 – 4:30 pm. Stop in the Youth Department for a special “make and take” craft. This month’s theme is “Happy Holidays”.

Movie Matinee: Tuesday, December 20, 2:00 pm. Join us for a polar adventure. No registration required. Open to all ages.

East Lake Community Library

The Puppet-Teens: Monday, Dec 5 & 12, 7:00 pm. Thursday, Dec 1, 8 & 15. Come see our new and improved puppet shows in January.

Little Lords and Ladies: (Birth-3 yrs.) Tuesdays, 10:15 am. Children enjoy finger plays, songs and flannel board stories while sitting with their favorite grown-up.

Preschool Princes and Princesses: (3-5 yrs.) Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 11:00 am. Interactive stories, songs and finger-plays – a “royal” good time!

Wednesday Knights: (All ages) Wednesdays, 7:00 pm. A craft and story before bedtime with a “casual” dress-code – pajamas!

Christmas Kids Crafts: (Ages 4 and up) Saturday, December 3, noon. The Teen Library Council will assist kids in making ornaments and other Christmas crafts. Registration is required and begins November 28.

Play ‘N Around Theater presents The Elves and the Shoemaker: (All ages) Saturday, December 3, 2 pm. Registration is required and begins November 28.

Special Santa Storytime: Santa and Mrs. Claus will visit East Lake Community Library on the following dates and times and will give out a special treat. Tuesday, December 20 at 10:15 am & 11:00 am and Wednesday, December 21 at 11:00 am & 7:00 pm.

Gulf Beaches Public Library

Holiday Preschool Storytime: Wednesday, December 21, 10:30 am. Join us for a morning of picturebook stories, fingerplays and crafts. Snacks and refreshments will be provided.

Gulfport Public Library

Toddler Storytime and Craft: Tuesday, December 6, 11:30 pm.

Fun with Crafts: Saturdays, December 3 and 17, 2:00 pm.

After School Crafts and Book Time: Tuesday, December 14, 4:00 pm.

Largo Library

Toddler Storytime: (18 mos-3 yrs.) Enjoy age appropriate stories, songs, puppet shows, and music. Every Tuesday and Thursday at 10:00 am.

Preschool Storytime: (3-5 yrs.) Enhance your child’s love for books through age appropriate stories, songs, and activities. Every Tuesday and Thursday at 11:00 am.

Baby Time: Interact with your baby with songs, finger-plays, nursery rhymes, and time with others. Wednesday, December 7 and December 14, 10:00 am. Program for babies not yet walking and their caregivers.

Darling Dreamers: (3-7 yrs.) Stories, songs, easy crafts and more. Monday, December 5 and December 19, 7:00 pm. Pajamas are encouraged and don’t forget your Teddy bear!

Tween Games: Enjoy some fun competition with chess, checkers, and assorted board games. For students in grades 4, 5, and 6 every Wednesday from 3:00-5:00 pm. You can bring your own games along!

Oldsmar Public Library

Preschool Story Time: (3-5 yrs.) Thursday, December 1, 8 & 15, 10:00 am. Stories, songs, filmstrips and crafts. Attendance is limited, please bring your library card for admission, Oldsmar resident have first priority.

Palm Harbor Public Library

Mother Goose: (Birth-2 yrs.) Saturdays, December 3, 17 & 31, 10:00 am. A first story time complete with nursery rhymes and fingerplays!

Toddler Story Time: (18 mos-3 yrs.) Mondays, December 5 & 12 at 10:00 am. Monday, December 19 at 10:00 am only – Santa Claus will visit! Join Miss Lois for her zany stories, songs and fingerplays.

Teddy Time Tales: (Children only-ages 3 & up) Mondays, December 5, 12 & 19 at 7:00 pm. Bring your teddy bears and enjoy some bedtime stories with Miss Lisa. (Pajamas permitted!)

Page Turner, The Family Storyteller: Thursdays, December 1, 8 & 15 at 7:00 pm. An evening family story time for all ages with Miss Hilary as “Page Turner, the Storyteller.”

Creative Ceramics*: (Ages 3-8, children only) Saturday, December 3, 11:00 am. Decorate ceramic ornaments and gifts. $6.00 non-refundable materials fee payable at time of pre-registration.

Holiday Art Happening*: (Ages 3-5) Friday, December 9, 11:30 am. Holiday crafts for the preschool set!
Children’s Programs

**Holiday Card Creations**: (Ages 7-12) Saturday, December 10, 10:30 am. Create unique holiday greeting cards with Miss Marlies.

**Breakfast with Santa**: (Ages 2-5) Friday, December 16, 10:00 am. Join Santa for breakfast and a songfest, courtesy of the Palm Harbor Friends of the Library. Space is limited!

**The Chronicles of Narnia Program**: (Ages 6-teens) Monday, December 19, 2:00-4:00 pm. Join us to celebrate the release of the new movie, *The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe*, based on the popular *The Chronicles of Narnia* series by C.S. Lewis. Crafts, a costume contest with prizes, snow cones, and other surprises!

**Imagination Express**: (Ages 6-10) Tuesday, December 20, 10:30 am. We supply the materials, you supply the imagination – let’s see what you can create!

**Polar Express – The Movie**: (Children under age 7 must be accompanied by an adult) Wednesday, December 21, 1:30 pm. Come enjoy this holiday classic by Chris Van Allsburg. No pre-registration required.

**Pot Luck Tuesday**: (K-3rd grade) Tuesday, December 27, 7:00 pm. Join Miss Chris for a story and a craft! No pre-registration necessary.

* These programs require in-person pre-registration. Please call the Youth Services Department (727/784-3332, Ext. 206) for registration dates or further information.

**Pinellas Park Public Library**

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

**Mother Goose**: (Ages Birth-3) Tuesdays, 10:45-11:05 am. Activities may include rhymes, finger plays, stories & songs.

**Reading Patch Club**: (School Age) Tuesdays, 3:00-3:30 pm. A reading incentive program for elementary school children that encourages reading books on their own level. They will hear about great books & earn stickers & patches for reading. Attendance is encouraged but not required to receive incentives. Pick up folders at Youth Services.

**Story Time Celebration**: (Ages 3-8) Tuesdays, 7:00-7:30 pm. Activities may include stories, music, games & craft.

**Mother Goose**: (Ages Birth-6) Wednesdays, 10:30-10:50 am. Activities may include rhymes, finger plays, stories & songs.

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**Evening Mother Goose**: (Ages Birth-3) Thursdays, 7:00-7:30 pm. Activities may include short stories, songs, finger plays & a simple craft.

**Chess Club**: (Ages 17 & under) Wednesdays, 3:00-4:45 pm. Call Youth Services at 541-0716 for more information. Free instruction & friendly competition for players of all levels. Bring your friends & join the fun.

**YU-GI-OH Tournament**: Will NOT be held in December.

**Safety Harbor Public Library**

Contact Mary Kay Smith or Cloyce Martens for details at 727-724-1525 x223.

Children’s regularly scheduled programs will resume in January. Call for information.

**Holiday Family Story Time**: Monday, December 12, 7:00-8:00 pm for all ages and Tuesday, December 13 at 10:30 for preschool age.

**Family Talent Show**: All ages. Sunday, December 18 from 2:00 to 4:00 pm.

“Timeless Tales Theatre” Presents *Frosty the Snowman*: Monday, December 19, 1:00 pm.

**St. Pete Beach Public Library**

**Mother Goose Time**: Tuesday, December 6, 20 & 27, 10:30 or 11:30 am, up to age 3. Coloring, crawling and scampering practice---along with stories.

**Dolphin Club**: Tuesday, November 6, 13, 20 & 27, 4:00 pm, ages 3 and up. Longer stories and sometimes crafts to do, too.

**Holiday Ornament Workshops**: Wednesdays, December 7 and 14, 4:00 pm – Make-and-take decorations for the Christmas tree. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

**Library in the Park**: Thursday, December 8, 4:00 pm. Stories, a craft and outdoor play. At Vina del Mar Neighborhood Park, 302 South Isle Drive.

**St. Petersburg Public Library System**

**Main Library**

**Mother Goose**: (infant-3 yrs) Fridays, 9:30 am and 10:30 am.

**Preschool Story Time**: (3-5 yrs) Wednesdays, 10:00 am.

**After-School Story Time**: (6-12 yrs) Tuesday, December 6, 13, 20 & 27 4:00 pm.

**Junior League Puppet Show**: Tuesdays, December 6 & 13, 9:30 & 10:30 am. *Hubert’s Hair-Raising Adventure* Based on a book by Bill Peet. *Groups must pre-register with the Youth Services Department 892-5296, Individual & walk-ins are welcome.

**Family Story & Craft**: (3-8 yrs) Families welcome Thursdays, 7:00 pm.

**Young Magicians**: (7-16 yrs) Saturday, December 3, 10:00 am. Learn the art of illusion from a professional magician!

**Saturday Puppet Shows**: (All ages) December 17, 2:00 pm. Call 893-7724 for details.

**Movies for Kids**: Holiday Movie Marathon, Friday, December 23, All day & Saturday, December 24, All day.

**Johnson Branch**

**Preschool Story Time**: (3-5 yrs) Fridays, 10:00 am.

**Movies for Kids**: Friday, December 16, 2:30 pm *Madagascar.*

**Mirror Lake Branch**

**Humpty Dumpty**: (infants-crawlers) Mondays, 10:30 am and Wednesdays, 3:30 pm.
**Children’s Programs**

**Jack & Jill:** (walkers-3 yrs) Mondays, 9:45 am and Wednesdays, 4:15 pm.  
**Preschool:** (3-5 yrs) Tuesdays, 4:15 pm.  
**North Branch**  
**Baby and Me:** (birth-1yr) Mondays, 10:00 am.  
**Toddler Time:** (2-3 yrs) Mondays, 11:00 am.  
**Mother Goose:** (1-3 yrs) Thursdays 10:00 am.  
**Preschool Storytime:** (3-5 yrs) Fridays 10:00 am.  
**South Branch**  
**Mother Goose:** (Infant-3 yrs) Thursdays, 10:00 am.  
**Preschool Story Time:** (Ages 3-5) Wednesdays, 10:30 am.  
**The Newberry Book Club:** (Ages 8-12) Tuesday, December 13, 4:00 pm.  
**West Community Library**  
**Preschool Story Time:** (Ages 3-5) Tuesdays and Wednesdays 10:00 am.  
**Mother Goose:** (Infant-3 yrs) Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 11:00 am.  
**After-School Program** (Ages 5-10) Stories, songs, puppets, poetry & activities, Thursday, December 8, 3:30 pm.  
**Seminole Community Library**  
No children’s programs from December 18 to January 2.  
**Toddler Storytime:** (18-36 mos.) Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10:30 am. A 20-minute program of brief picture books, fingerplays.  
**Pre-School Storytime:** (Ages 3-5) Tuesday, 11:00 am. A 30-minute program of picture books, action rhymes, fingerplays.  
**Twilight Tales:** (Preschool-2nd Grade) Mondays, 6:30 pm. A 30-minute program featuring stories, songs & other fun activities. Wear you slippers and bring your favorite stuffed animal.  
**Family Movies:** Saturdays, 2:00 pm. Films for all ages—Free popcorn and sodas.  
December 3 – *The Mighty Ducks*  
December 10 – *Peter Pan*  
December 17 – *One Magic Christmas*  
December 24 – *Beauty & the Beast: The Enchanted Christmas*  
December 31 – *Black Beauty*  

**Holiday Storytime:** Holidays stories for children of all ages presented by the Teen Advisory Board. Tuesday, December 20, 11:00 am.  
**Katie Adams Puppet Show—the Peacock’s Gift:** (3 yrs. & up) Puppets, shadow puppets, storytelling and more. Thursday, December 29, 11:00 am.  
**Tarpon Springs Public Library**  
**Preschool Story Time:** (Ages 3-5) Thursdays, 10:15 am. Story time will include picture books, flannel stories and action rhymes. *Please note that there will be no Story Time on December 22 and 29.**  
**Mother Goose Toddler Time:** (Ages 1-3) Fridays, 10:15 am. Toddlers will enjoy nursery rhymes, finger plays, flannel stories and musical instruments. *Please note that there will be no Toddler Time on December 2, 16, 23, and 30.**  
**Craft Saturdays:** Saturdays, 10:00 am-3:00 pm. A different craft each week. Come to the library and make your masterpiece.  
**Craft Club for Children:** Friday, December 2, 4:30 pm-5:30 pm. Program for ages 6-12. Registration is required.  
**Holiday Party:** Sunday, December 11, 2:00 pm. *The Elves and the Shoemaker* performed by the Play ’n Around Children’s Theater followed by crafts and an appearance by a special guest! All ages welcome to attend.  

**Library closings for the month of December are as follows:**

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| **December 25** | All libraries are closed. |
| **December 26** | All libraries are closed. |
| **December 31** | Gulf Beaches Public Library  
St. Pete Beach Public Library |
Discover A New Christmas Classic!

A heartwarming story of the true spirit of the holidays, originally published as a serial in newspapers, is now a hardcover book. The authors live in St. Pete Beach.

Chip Scanlan and Kathy Fair will be reading from and signing copies of The Holly Wreath Man at

- **Dunedin Public Library**
  Wednesday, December 7 at 7:00 pm

- **St. Pete Beach Public Library**
  Saturday, December 10 at 12 noon
  (following the City Parade)