Talking Book Library Recognizes Volunteers

The Pinellas Talking Book Library recently hosted a Volunteer Recognition Luncheon for their dedicated supporters. The annual luncheon provides an opportunity to show appreciation for the many ways the volunteers assist the daily operation of the library. As part of the event, volunteers received tote bags distributed by the Pinellas Public Library Cooperative Board Chairman, Michele Abramo. Ms. Abramo made a brief presentation during the luncheon to emphasize how important volunteerism is to an organization and how their dedication supports not only the library staff but also the blind and physically handicapped patrons that utilize the service.

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

Pinellas Public Library Cooperative Welcomes the New Year!

Upcoming Events and Programs @ your library® in 2006

The Pinellas Public Library Cooperative library directors and staff would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year! As a sneak preview of the great library programming coming in 2006, look for these upcoming events at your libraries:

Clearwater Public Library System will have Author/Screener Kirsten Smith visit area schools on March 1 to discuss her new book Geography of Girlhood. In the evening at 7 p.m., she will present an evening writers forum that is open to the public entitled “Legally Blonde”, a question & answer session where writers and screenwriters can ask questions about her work and how to break into writing for films. She has written the screenplays for Legally Blonde (2001 - starring Reese Witherspoon), Ella Enchanted (2004), and She’s the Man (release date is 2006). Dunedin Public Library proudly announces the 2nd Annual “Dunedin Books a Party” reading festival, scheduled for Saturday, April 22, 2006 from 10 am to 3 pm! The library will host forty authors for every interest, workshops, youth programs, music, food and fun.

East Lake Community Library will host a Shrek Fairy Tale Food Fear Factor on Saturday, February 11 at 6 pm as part of their new Winter Reading program. Be brave! Gulf Beaches Public Library will host a presentation on January 19, 2006 at 2 pm with St. Petersburg Times columnist Howard Troxler. Gulfport Public Library will celebrate the 10th anniversary year of CoffeeTalk, their monthly book discussion group. Largo Public Library will feature a monthly Computer Series for Seniors. Oldsmar Public Library will begin construction on a new library building in 2006. Palm Harbor Public Library will hold its Fifth Annual Women’s History Month Celebration on Sunday, March 5. The event will be highlighted by an operatic performance by Julia Coulmas. This program recognizes women whose contributions have made Palm Harbor a better place in which to live and grow. Safety Harbor Public Library will highlight a special outdoor music and spoken word performance in 2006 with the 3rd Annual Outdoor Library Festival. The event will feature music by Bayboro Trio and readings by area poets on Sunday, April 9 from 2 – 4 pm. St. Pete Beach Public Library will present “Our Town: St. Pete Beach on Stage,” a Florida Humanities Council-sponsored series, related to two nationally-produced plays set in St. Petersburg Beach. Florida Crackers by Bill Leavengood will be discussed on April 9; Six Dance Lessons in Six Weeks by Richard Alfieri will be discussed on May 9. Tarpon Springs Public Library will host “A Social History of Modern Florida” with presenter Gary Mormino, author of Land of Sunshine, State of Dreams on Tuesday, January 24, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. This program is presented in partnership with the Florida Humanities Council and the University Press of Florida. Join us for these great programs!

For more information, please contact the Pinellas Public Library Cooperative Library at (727) 441-9958.
Clearwater Public Library System

Main Library

Introduction to MS Windows: Wednesday, January 4, 10:00 am.
Introduction to MS Word: Tuesday, January 10, 3:00 pm.
Introduction to the Internet: Thursday, January 19, 4:00 pm.

Search the Internet: Tuesday, January 24, 1:00 pm.
Register for the class of your choice on the Monday of the week of the class by calling 562-8970 ext. 5036.

North Greenwood Branch

Internet or E-Mail for Beginners: Tuesdays, January 3, 10, 17, 24, and 31, 10:00 am. Thursdays, January 5, 12, 19, and 26, 4:00 pm. Call 462-6890 to register.

North Branch

Computer Series for Seniors: Introduction to Computers, Basic Internet & E-mail:
Tuesday, January 3, 9 am. Prerequisite: basic computer skills.

East Lake Community Library

Registration is required and begins January 3rd.

Largo Library

Family Tree Maker Group: Saturday, January 7, 10:00 am to 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. Topic this month is Scanning and Optical Character Recognition.

Computer Series for Seniors: Wednesday, December 14, 6:30 to 8:30 pm. Join software engineer Jim Shimp as he discusses the Internet and E-mail. This series is presented every month sponsored by the Friends of the Largo Public Library.

Computers in Genealogy:
Informal discussion group in a question and answer format on any topic related to genealogy and computers. January 21, before the Pinellas County Genealogy Society meeting at 9:45 am.

Oldsmar Public Library

Call the Reference Desk at 813-749-1181 to register for classes.

Basic Internet Class: Designed for newcomers to the Internet, this class will help you get started.

Internet Searching Class: For the more experienced Internet user this class will help you perform better searches and achieve more accurate results. Each class consists of a one-hour demonstration/discussion. Not hands-on.

Palm Harbor Public Library

Using Windows: Saturday, January 21, 10:00 am – 12:00 noon. Dave (“Doc”) Dockery will discuss the power and use of Microsoft Windows.
Palm Harbor Computer Users’ Group: Will NOT be meeting in January or February. Next meeting is Mon., March 20, from 6:30 – 8:00 pm.

Hands-On Computer Training: Computer classes are held on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Courses include “Computer Basics,” “Word Processing,” “Windows”, and “Using the Internet”. Pre-registration is required. Stop by the Reference Desk or call 727/784-3332, Ext. 203, for further information and to register.

Pinellas Park Public Library

Computer Class: Wednesday, January 11, 7:00 pm, instructor, Mark Opyd. Reservations not required. For more information visit www.marcomp.com/sked.htm

Safety Harbor Public Library

Basic Skills Computer Classes: Fridays, January 6, 13, 20, 27 from 9:30-10:30 am. Includes computer terminology, keyboarding and mouse skills, getting started with email, and Internet searching and database searching.

Word Processing with Word-Beginner: Thurs., Jan. 12, 6:30-7:45 pm.

Word Processing with Word-Intermediate: Thursday, January 26 at 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


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: Mon., 10:00 am, Tues., 6:00 pm, Thurs., 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, January 3, 3:30 pm

Internet Coaching: Thursdays, January 5, 12, 19 & 26, 3:00 pm.

Basic E-mail: Tuesday, January 10, 3:00 pm.

Basic Microsoft Word: Tuesday, January 17, 3:00 pm.

North Branch

One-on-One Internet Training: Tues., 4:00 & 7:00 pm. & Wed., 9 & 10 a.m. Virtual Library & book drop located at City Hall in the Mall at Tyrone Square Mall!

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

Intro to Computers, Basic Internet & E-Mail: (Group classes)

Tampa Bay Library

Get Comfortable with Your Computer!:
Wednesday January 21 and 28, 10:00 am – 12:00 noon. Thursdays, January 5, 12, 19, and 26, 4:00 pm. Call 462-6890 to register.

Dunedin Public Library

Using Windows: Tuesday, January 3, 11:00 am.
Introducing Windows: Wednesday, January 4, 7:00 pm.

Using Internet Explorer: Thursday, January 5, 11:00 am.

No classes scheduled for week of January 9.

Search Engines:

Specialty Databases:

Using Ancestry Plus:

Health Information OnLine:

Word Basics, Part 1:

Word Basics, Part 1:

Word Basics, Part 2:

East Lake Community Library

Registration is required and begins January 3rd.

Introduction to Computers:

Intro to Internet: Wednesday, January 5, 9 am.

Intro to Internet: Wednesday, January 11, 9 am. Prerequisite: basic computer skills.

Introduction to Word:

Thursday, January 19th, 9 am. Prerequisite: basic computer skills.

E-Mail Basics: Wed., Jan. 25, 9 am. Prerequisite: basic computer skills.

Gulf Beaches Public Library

Introduction to the Internet: Wednesday, January 11, 12:00 pm.

Learn To Use The Library Catalog: Monday, January 23, 11:30 am.

Free One On One Computer Training: (Internet, Word Processing, etc.) Please call Phil Chopan at 398-1217 to schedule an appointment.

Brown’s Public Library

Computers in Genealogy:
Informal discussion group in a question and answer format on any topic related to genealogy and computers. January 21, before the Pinellas County Genealogy Society meeting at 9:45 am.

Oldsmar Public Library

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Clearwater Public Library System

Main Library

Scholar's Choice: Lecture/discussion series exploring literary classics and popular works, presented by scholars from the University of South Florida. Limited copies of books available at the Main Library circulation desk. Call 562-4970 ext. 5284 for information.

Wednesday, January 4, 2:00 pm – Daisy Miller by Henry James. Presented by Dr. Maryhelen Harmon.

Wednesday, January 11, 2:00 pm – The Great Gatsby by F. Scott Fitzgerald. Presented by Dr. Phillip Sipiora.

Wednesday, January 25, 2:00 pm – Jude the Obscure by Thomas Hardy. Presented by Dr. Nancy Jane Tyson.

Leadership Lunch Hour: Thursday, January 5, noon – 1:00 pm. Leadership Pinellas presents a lunchtime speakers' series featuring community leaders who will talk about books that have inspired personal and professional growth. Bring your lunch or pick up something at Joffrey’s Café in the library atrium.

Menus @ Main: Thursday, January 12, noon – 1:00 pm. Our own “Resident Chef” Bil Mitchell, from Publix Apron’s Cooking School, whips up recipes for a “Tailgate Party”: spicy chicken fingers, grilled potato and onion hobo packets, and classic baby back ribs. First 25 to arrive at the program will be given tickets to the sample table. Free, no registration.

Poetry Night: Thursday, January 19, 7:00 pm. Open mic with the Tampa Bay Poetry Foundation. Share your own works or read favorite poems. Poetry Night is held on the third Thursday of each month.

Films on the Bluff: Enjoy award winning foreign and independent films each month. Tuesday, January 10 at 6:00 pm, and Thursday, January 24 at 2:00 pm: Shattered Glass.

Old Time Comedy Festival: Saturday, January 28, 10:00 am – 4:00 pm. A day of family fun celebrating the great comedies of Laurel & Hardy, Harold Lloyd, Charlie Chaplin, the Little Rascals, and more! Stay for the whole day or just a part and enjoy these two-reelers with popcorn, prizes, and games! Free!

Gallery Displays: Contact 562-4970 ext. 5284 for sales information.

Osceola Gallery – Wild Horses, A Charity Photo Exhibition. Featuring the works of renowned equine photographer Katey Barrett. Sales benefit the Wild Horse Sanctuary. Please visit their website at www.wildhorsesanctuary.org


4th Floor Concours – Jewelry: Sterling Silver by Jan Wunsch; Slavonkic crystal creations, sterling silver, semiprecious stones with handblown glass – Designs by Tracie.

Throughout the library: The Outdoor Arts Foundation’s Manatee Menagerie.

Countrywide Branch

AARP Driver Safety Class: Monday, January 9 and Friday, January 13, 9:30 am – 1:30 pm. Class meets both days. Call Elise Schilling at 442-5776 to register.

Unlimited Designs: Improving Life with Art: Saturday, January 28, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm. The Tampa Bay Surface Design Guild will share design techniques from fabric printing, spinning, weaving, basketry, silk dyeing, and more! Fee for materials. Advance registration only for Hand Dyed Silk Workshop (noon-2:00 pm): call 669-1290 – limited to 20 students.

Armchair Traveler Series: Wednesdays, 2:00 pm. Featured destinations: January 4 – Quebec and the Atlantic provinces; January 11 – Portrait of America: Alabama; January 18 – Seattle & Vancouver; and January 25 – California.

On Display: Model Airplanes from the collection of Mike Wildfeuer.

North Greenwood Branch


On Display: Martin Luther King Jr. books and materials.

East Branch

Your Diet is Driving Me Crazy: Thursday, January 19, noon. Author Cynthia Sass will discuss our relationships with food, cholesterol, diabetes, obesity, and insurance issues. Copies of her book will be available for sale. Sass is senior dietitian and adjunct instructor at the University of South Florida, and a spokesperson for the American Dietetic Association.

Florida Mystery Writer Series: Tuesday, January 24, 2:00 pm. “Madcap Mystery with Bob Morris.” Join us each month as we host Florida’s best selling authors, and let them draw you into their world of crime and intrigue! Books will be available for sale. Author reception to follow each program, sponsored by the Friends of the Clearwater Library.

On Display: Three-Dimensional Art from the collection of Ray Raffzereder.

Dunedin Public Library

Tuesdays at Two Film Program: 2:00 pm.

January Theme: “Voices of Freedom”.


Malcolm X – Part 2: January 10.

Free At Last: January 17.

Underground Railroad: January 24.

Dr. Martin Luther King: The Man and the Dream: January 31.

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

Quilting Workshop: Saturday, January 14, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm. Presented by Melba Rilott. This workshop is open to anyone who wants to learn quilting basics. Participants will make a pillow or small wall hanging called Summer Morning. Project may be done by hand or machine. Bring a sack lunch. Sign up at the Adult Reference Desk. There is a $10 deposit required for sign-up, which is refunded upon arrival at the workshop.

Spiritual Renaissance Singers: Sunday, January 15, 4:00 pm at Andrews Memorial Chapel. Join us in celebrating Dunedin’s third annual Diversity Week with a performance by the Spiritual Renaissance Singers. There will be refreshments after the program. This program is funded by the Florida Humanities Council. Andrews Memorial Chapel is located at 1899 San Mateo Dr., at the entrance of Hammock park.

Unity Breakfast & Langston Hughes Portrayal: Wednesday, January 18, 8:30 am, at the Hale Activity Center. Actor Bob Devin Jones will perform as Langston Hughes, an African-American writer and poet in the 1930’s. This portrayal is sponsored by the Florida Humanities Council. Andrews Memorial Chapel is located at 1899 San Mateo Dr., at the entrance of Hammock park.

East Lake Community Library

ELCL Writer’s Critique Group: Monday, January 9 and January 23 at 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.

East Lake Author’s Showcase: Tuesday, January 17, 6:30 pm. Featured speaker will be Barbara Harrington, author of Give Him Back to God, a fictionalized account of a true murder story.

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

Advisory Board: Tuesday, January 3, 6:00 pm.

Friends of East Lake Community Library: Thursday, January 5, 6:30 pm.


Gulf Beaches Public Library

Introduction to Digital Photography: Friday, January 6, 1:00 pm. This is a six-week course that meets every Friday for two hours. Registration required.
Adult Programs

Saturday Movie Matinee Classics: Saturday, January 14, 1:30 pm. Join us for a showing of the 1939 film Mr. Smith Goes to Washington.

Travel Film: Wednesday, January 11, 2:00 pm. Join us in discovering Egypt.

St. Petersburg Times Columnist Howard Troxler: Thursday, January 19, 2:00 pm.

Richard Wagner Society of Tampa Bay (opera): Saturday, January 21, 2:00 pm.

Beginning Bridge: Monday, January 23, 12:30 pm. This is an eight-week course that meets every Monday for two hours. Registration required.

Intermediate Bridge: Monday, January 23, 2:30 pm. This is an eight-week course that meets every Monday for two hours. Registration required.

St. Petersburg Swing Traders Investment Group: Wednesday, January 18, 1:00 pm.

Creative Writing Group: Thursdays, 10:00 am.

Investment Club: Thursdays, 2:30 pm.

Conversational Spanish: Thursdays, 5:30 pm.

Gulfport Public Library

NEW! Writers’ Workshop with Rosalind Miller: Tuesdays at 6:00 pm, beginning January 3.

Scrapbookers Club for Adults and Teens: Saturday, January 14 at 1:00 pm. Bring your pictures, books and questions, and prepare to have a great time! Scrapbookers meet on the second Saturday of each month. Make beautiful pages of memories for yourself and your family. 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. Next meetings: Thursday, January 12 at 10:00 am, and Friday, January 27 at 6:00 pm.

Genealogy Discussion Group: Saturday, January 28 at 1:00 pm. This is not a formal class, just an opportunity to meet and share experiences and information with others interested in delving into their family history. For more information, call Kay Boatwright at the Library, 893-1074.

Study Groups: “Poets and their Poetry” with Ellen Hersh, Wednesday, January 11 at 1:00 pm; “Discovery” with Helene Ross, Tuesday, January 17 at 1:00 p.m.; The Law” with Leslie Kirsner, Friday, January 20 at 1:00 pm; “Short Stories,” Monday, January 23 at 1:00 pm. Sponsored by local chapter of Brandeis University National Women’s Committee.

Largo Library

Read Around Pinellas Program: Discovering Florida Birds - Thursday, January 5, 7:00 to 9:00 pm. Susan Sakal, Public Relations and Marketing Director from the Suncoast Seabird Sanctuary, will present a special family program on their mission to rescue and rehabilitate birds.

Cracker: Cracker Culture in Florida History: Tuesday, January 10, 7:00 to 9:00 pm. Join author Dana Ste. Claire as he explores the culture of the Florida frontier. Ste. Claire is the National Director of Museums for the Historic Tours of America, Inc. and a former feature columnist with the Orlando Sentinel. He hosted the PBS program, Florida Crackerbarel, and is the author of three books on Florida history including Cracker: The Cracker Culture in Florida History and Borders in Paradise. Sponsored by the Florida Humanities Council and locally by the Friends of the Largo Library.

The New Medicare Prescription Drug Plan (Part D): Thursday, January 19, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Registration Required. Florida’s Department of Elder Affairs SHINE Volunteers will be at the library to assist seniors in understanding the new Medicare Prescription Drug Plan (Part D). Call the library at 587-6748 to register, and a SHINE volunteer will return the call to schedule an individual appointment time on the 19th to discuss the plan and provide assistance with filling out forms.

New Homebuyer’s Seminar: Two-part seminar, on Mondays, January 23 and 30, 6:00 to 9:00 pm. This informative workshop is designed for first time homebuyers and is sponsored by the Consumer Credit Counseling Service of the Florida Suncoast and H.U.D. Individuals must attend both sessions to receive a homebuyer’s certificate that could help them qualify for a low down payment and other low cost programs. Call the library at 587-6748 to register.

The Magic of Reading with Ben Franklin. Tuesday, January 24. Two separate two-hour programs at 1:00 pm and 7:00 pm. Dr. Rich Davis has performed as Benjamin Franklin for the past twelve years appearing at libraries, schools and colleges across the Southeast. This is a family program designed to enlighten children and adults on the life of Benjamin Franklin and his love of knowledge and reading.

Evening with Soprano Opera Singer Erika Wueschner: Tuesday, January 31, 7:00 pm. Wueschner is a Piatigorsky Foundation featured performer. The mission of the Foundation is to bring live classical music to individuals who do not have the opportunity or means to attend concerts. Wueschner is a graduate of the Juilliard School and was a member of Juilliard’s Opera theatre. She has enjoyed early career success in the field of opera. She performed the role of Lucia in Hindemith’s The Long Christmas Dinner with the Lincoln Center Theatre Lab and has appeared as Mimi in Puccini’s La Boheme with both Opera of the Pacific and the Brevard Music Festival. The performance is sponsored locally by the Friends of the Largo Library.

Palm Harbor Public Library

Sunday Concert Series: The Clam Bayou Jazz Band, under the direction of Frank Greenstreet, will perform “Our Favorites” on Sunday, January 8, at 3:00 pm. Come early! These concerts, which are free, are very popular and seating is limited. Refreshments will be served.

The Sweet Adelines, who sing in barbershop harmony, will perform on Sunday, January 29, at 3:00 pm. The concert and refreshments are free.

Investment Series: Learn how to invest and allocate your assets wisely! Jamie L. Meyer, a financial consultant with Smith-Barney, will offer a free 5-week financial planning series focusing on investments: “Investing 101” will be on Wednesday, January 11, and “The Basics of Bonds” on Wednesday, January 25, from 6:00 – 8:00 pm. Call 727/784-3332, Ext. 203, to pre-register.

Writer’s Group: The Palm Harbor Writer’s Group, held every second and fourth Tuesday, will meet January 10 and 24, from 6:30 – 8:00 pm. All writers – new or experienced, published or aspiring – are welcome!

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: New Tutor Orientation – Thursday, January 19, 6:00 – 8:00 pm. New Tutor Training – Saturday, January 21, 9:00 am – 4:30 pm.
Adult Programs

The Literacy Book Club, which is open to all literacy students, will discuss Ernest Gaines’ A Lesson Before Dying on Thursday, January 26, at 7:00 pm.

The Palm Harbor Literacy Council badly needs new volunteer tutors. With over 100 certified tutors, there are still 40-50 students on their waiting list! The Council offers free one-on-one English language training (with pronunciation and grammar emphasis) to foreign-born adults, many with university degrees and a background in English. If you are interested, please call 727/784-3332, Ext. 211, or sign up at the Literacy Counter in the library.

Services for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing: In cooperation with the Deaf Literacy Center, the library offers basic English and Computer Literacy tutoring to deaf and hard-of-hearing adults. Sign language classes for adults, children, and babies are held on Tuesdays. For information, contact Rosa Rodriguez at 727/724-1525, Ext. 232 (voice) or 727/724-1529 (TDD).

Miscellaneous: Marlene Larmore’s watercolor landscapes will be featured in the center display case. The Quilter’s Crosswinds Group will present yet another beautiful quilt.

Pinellas Park Public Library

Deaf Literacy Classes: Thursdays, 2:00-4:00 pm. Contact Rosa Rodriguez at 724-1525, ext. 232.

American Sign Language Class for Beginners: Thursdays, 5:00-6:00 pm. Contact Rosa Rodriguez at 724-1525, ext. 232.

Safety Harbor Public Library

Author Talk: Thursday, January 5 from 6:30 to 7:45 pm. Tim Dorsey is a New York Times best-selling author and former Tampa Tribune reporter. Wacky villains and outrageous humor run through each of his eight novels.

Author Talk: Thursday, January 19 from 6:30 to 7:45 pm. Shirl Kennedy, motorcycle enthusiast and author of The Savvy Guide to Motorcycles, discusses getting started in motorcycling, including getting trained and licensed, choosing your first bike, riding etiquette and staying safe on the road.

Individual Pre-GED & Basic English Literacy Tutoring for the Deaf: Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, 1:00-4:00 pm. To schedule individual tutoring or schoolwork assistance, please call Rosa Rodriguez at x232.

Adult Sign Language Class: Mondays from 6:00-7:00 pm for beginners and 7:00-8:00 pm for advanced.

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.

St. Pete Beach Public Library

You Can Sell It on eBay!: Wednesday, January 25; 7:00 pm. Tips for success on the world’s largest online marketplace, by the manager of the St. Petersburg “I Sold It on eBay” store.

St. Petersburg Public Library System

Main Library

Writing for Fun & Profit: Every Saturday, January-February, (expect for Jan 21). 2 – 3:15 pm. Learn the basics of successful writing with instructor Rosalind Miller. Topics covered include research, creating good endings, grabbing your audience, proof-reading and marketing. Call 893-7193 to register.

Within Reach: The Billy Barty Story Saturday, January 21, 1:30 pm. Learn more about this legendary 3’9” actor who you might remember from Willow, Little House on the Prairie, and The Day of the Locust. Copies of his biography will be available for signing.

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 17-8 pm.

Family Story Time: Thursday, January 5, 12, 19, & 26 7:00 pm.

Craft Club (Family Program): Saturday, January 6, 2:00 pm Learn new crafts and share ideas.

West Community Library

Family Story Time: Storytelling for the entire family. Thursday, January 5, 7:00 pm.

Seminole Community Library

AARP Tax Assistance: Tuesday, January 31, 9:00 am.-8:00 pm.

Civitan: Tuesday, January 17, 6:00 pm.

Classic Movie Matinee: Thursdays, 2:00 pm.

January 5 – In the Heat of the Night
January 12 – Vice Versa
January 19 – The Big Sleep
January 26 – Brannigan

Conversational Spanish I: Thursdays, January 19 – March 30, 6-8 pm. SPC registration/85.00.

Conversational Spanish II: Thursdays, January 19 – March 30, 6-8 pm. SPC registration/85.00.

AARP Safe Driving: Wednesday, January 11 and Friday, Jan. 13, 9:00 am.

AAII: Wednesday, January 11, 6:00 pm.

Family Network on Disabilities: Saturday, January 7, 11:00 am.

Ikebana International: Friday, January 27, 10:00 am.

Suncoast Fibromyalgia Support Group: Saturday, January 21, 11:00 am.

Suicide Prevention: Wednesday, January 11, 7:00 pm.

Sunshine Stitches: Tuesday, January 10, 6:30 pm.

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.

United States Coast Guard Program: Wednesday, January 11, 7:00 pm. Please call the library for details and to register.

The Wonders of Weedon Island Preserve: Tuesday, January 17, 7:00 pm. Presented by Phyllis Kolianos. Come learn about this cultural and historical treasure. (Read Around Pinellas program.)

History Discussion Group: Wednesday, January 18, 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm. Hosted by Jerry Ciarcia. This month’s topic will be Thomas Paine and Samuel Adams.

Tarpon Springs Investment Group: Wednesday, January 18, 6:30 pm. Topic: Retirement Planning and Asset Allocation: Getting 2006 off to the right start.

Free Blood Pressure Screening: Thursday, January 19, 1:00 pm. – 3:00 pm. Provided by Helen Ellis Home Care. Screening available on a first-come, first-served basis.

A Social History of Modern Florida: Tuesday, January 24, 7:00 pm. Presented by Gary Mormino, author of Land of Sunshine, State of Dreams. This program is presented in partnership with the Florida Humanities Council and the University Press of Florida.

Ten Steps to Starting a Small Business: Wednesday, January 25, 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm. Free seminar presented by the Pinellas County Chapter of SCORE (The Service Corps of Retired Executives). Please call or stop by the library to register.

Oil Painting Demonstration: Thursday, January 26, 2:00 pm. Presented by George Konstantinidis. Program sponsored by Michaels, The Arts & Crafts Store. Please call or stop by the library to register.
East Lake Community Library
“Dragons, Dreams, and Daring Deeds” School age Reading Program: January 3 – February 28. Register for East Lake Community Library’s Winter Reading program and get a free bag. Keep track of the books you are reading and choose a prize from the King’s Treasure Chest! Be Brave—JOUST READ!

JOUST READ Teen Internet Scavenger Hunt: January 3 – February 24. Middle and High School students pick up a scavenger hunt form or go online to www.eastlakelibrary.org and print one out. Forms are due on February 24. There will be a raffle drawing on February 25 for two Target gift cards.

Gulfport Public Library
Friends Room Gallery Walls: Paintings by Jim Joiner. Opens Friday, January 6 at 6:00 pm and continues through January.

Pinellas Park Public Library
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.

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

Safety Harbor Public Library
January Art Exhibits: “A Time Remembered” photographs by Herb Snitzer.

Seminole Community Library
The Seminole Community Library Art Gallery will feature the photographs by William & Heidi Haun beginning January 14. The Art Gallery is open Monday–Thursday from 10-7 pm., Friday 10-4 pm., Saturday 10 – 5pm & Sunday 1-5 pm.

January 3
Clearwater Public Library System
Girls & Boys at the Table: 3:30 – 4:30 pm. Classes in table manners, good behavior, and introduction to ballroom dancing. Ages 6-11. Presented by author/etiquette coach Teresa Kathryn Grisinger Reilly. Call 562-4970 ext. 5236 to register – space is limited.

January 4
Clearwater Public Library System
Scholar’s Choice: 2:00 pm – Daisy Miller by Henry James. Presented by Dr. Maryhelen Harmon. Lecture/discussion series exploring literary classics and popular works, presented by scholars from the University of South Florida. Limited copies of books available at the Main Library circulation desk. Call 562-4970 ext. 5284 for information.

January 5
Safety Harbor Public Library
Author Talk: 6:30 to 7:45 pm. Tim Dorsey is a New York Times best-selling author and former Tampa Tribune reporter. Wacky villains and outrageous humor run through each of his eight novels.

Tarpon Springs Public Library
Craft Club for Children: 4:30 pm – 5:30 pm. Program for ages 6-12. Registration is required.

January 7
Palm Harbor Public Library
A Real “Hoot”! In conjunction with Carl Hiaasen’s Hoot (chosen as “Read Around Pinellas” book of the year), The Suncoast Seabird Sanctuary will be here from noon to 2:00 pm. It’ll be a hoot to see what types of birds they bring -- maybe an owl!!?

Safety Harbor Public Library
Art Exhibit Reception: “A Time Remembered.” 2:00 – 4:00 pm. Meet Herb Snitzer, former Life Magazine photographer, and view his January library exhibit: “A Time Remembered.” This fourteen piece show includes portraits of Tennessee Williams, Bette Davis, Stuart Davis, John Cage, Louis Armstrong, and Lenny Bernstein as well as photographs of London, Upper West Side New York City and others from Snitzer’s “History Revisited Series.” Herb Snitzer’s photographs have been exhibited internationally and published in almost every major, national magazine and newspaper. They are also in the collections of many museums and private collectors such as Elton John, Bill Cosby and former President Bill Clinton.

January 10
Clearwater Public Library System
Main Library
Girls & Boys at the Table: 3:30 – 4:30 pm. Classes in table manners, good behavior, and introduction to ballroom dancing. Ages 6-11. Presented by author/etiquette coach Teresa Kathryn Grisinger Reilly. Call 562-4970 ext. 5236 to register – space is limited.

January 11
Clearwater Public Library System
Main Library
Scholar’s Choice: 2:00 pm – The Great Gatsby by F. Scott Fitzgerald. Presented by Dr. Phillip Sipiora. Lecture/discussion series exploring literary classics and popular works, presented by scholars from the University of South Florida. Limited copies of books available at the Main Library circulation desk. Call 562-4970 ext. 5284 for information.

Tarpon Springs Public Library
United States Coast Guard Program: 7:00 pm. Please call the library for details and to register.

January 12
Clearwater Public Library System
Main Library
Menus @ Main: Noon – 1:00 pm. Our own “Resident Chef” Bil Mitchell, from Publix Apron’s Cooking School, whips up recipes for a “Tailgate Party”: spicy chicken fingers, grilled potato and onion hobo packets, and classic baby back ribs. First 25 to arrive at the program will be given tickets to the sample table. Free, no registration.

Clearwater Public Library System
North Greenwood Branch
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Celebration: 3:00 pm. Celebrate with crafts, stories, and a movie. A Black History Month program.


Dunedin Public Library
Nifty Knitters Club: 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm. Do you like to knit? Do you want to meet others who like to knit & crochet? Check out our new knitting club. Bring your own supplies or use ours. Ages 10 and up.

East Lake Community Library
“Once Upon a Time” Magic Show: 7 pm. Razzmatazz presents this medieval magic show for all ages. Registration begins January 3.

January 13
Pinellas Park Public Library
American Girl Program–Kirsten (1854): (Ages 6 & older – Must read at least 1 book before registering) 7:00-9:00 pm. Travel back in time to meet the American Girls. Each program will focus on a specific girl & will include crafts, games & food. Registration required.
Special Events

January 14
Clearwater Public Library System
Main Library
The Champions Edge: 2:30 pm. Meet Jim Millns, former Olympic Champion skater and Medalist in Figure Skating. Sponsored by the Tampa Bay Skating Academy.

East Lake Community Library
Castle Craft: Noon. Like to draw? Create a stained glass window design while you’re listening to a book with a medieval theme. For ages 5 and up. Join us for a craft, a book, and a snack!

St. Petersburg Public Library System
Johnson Branch
Family Movie: 2:00 – 4:00 pm. Our Friend Martin.

January 15
Dunedin Public Library
Sunday Funday: 1:00 pm – 4:30 pm. Stop in the Youth Department for a special “make and take” craft. This month’s theme is “Winter Wonderland”.

January 16
Dunedin Public Library
Movie Matinee: 2:00 pm.

January 17
Clearwater Public Library System
Main Library
Girls & Boys at the Table: 3:30 – 4:30 pm. Classes in table manners, good behavior, and introduction to ballroom dancing. Ages 6-11. Presented by author/etiquette coach Teresa Kathryn Grisinger Reilly. Call 562-4970 ext. 5236 to register – space is limited.

Dunedin Public Library
Movement & Music: 10:00 am. Ages 2-5. Join us for a new class. We’ll move to the music with fingerplays, action rhymes & songs. Registration required.

Largo Library
Teen Film Club: (teens ages 13-19) Our Teen Library Council invites other teens, ages 13 - 19, to join them in the presentation of National Treasure. Have fun with movie trivia, contests, and other film-related activities. Registration required. Please call 587-6715 extension 2531 to register.

Seminole Community Library
Seminole-SPC Toastmasters Club #5899 invites you to an open house from 6-8 pm.

Tarpon Springs Public Library
The Wonders of Weedon Island Preserve: 7:00 pm. Presented by Phyllis Koliannos. Come learn about this cultural and historical treasure. Read Around Pinellas program.

January 18
Pinellas Park Public Library
American Girl Program-Kirsten (1854): (Ages 6 & older – Must read at least 1 book before registering) 11:30am-1:30 pm. Travel back in time to meet the American Girls. Each program will focus on a specific girl & will include crafts, games & food. Registration required.

Teen Book Discussion-Hoot: (Middle-High School Students) Registration required. Call 541-0716 for more information.

Tarpon Springs Public Library
History Discussion Group: 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm. Hosted by Jerry Ciarcia. This month’s topic will be Thomas Paine and Samuel Adams.

January 19
Clearwater Public Library System
North Greenwood Branch
Chinese New Year Celebration: 2:30 pm. Presenting Chinese folktales and crafts.

East Branch
Your Diet is Driving Me Crazy: Noon. Author Cynthia Sass will discuss our relationships with food, cholesterol, diabetes, obesity, and insurance issues. Copies of her book will be available for sale. Sass is senior dietician and adjunct instructor at the University of South Florida, and a spokesperson for the American Dietetic Association.

Gulf Beaches Public Library
St. Petersburg Times Columnist Howard Troxler: 2:00 pm.

Largo Library
Tween Talk: 4:30 to 5:30 pm. If you are between the ages of 9 and 12 years and would like the library to have some programs that are of interest to you, then please join us. Come with your ideas and help create programs.

Safety Harbor Public Library
Let’s Talk Motorcycles: 6:30 to 7:45 pm. Shirl Kennedy, motorcycle enthusiast and author of The Savvy Guide to Motorcycles, discusses getting started in motorcycling, including getting trained and licensed, choosing your first bike, riding etiquette and staying safe on the road.

Tarpon Springs Public Library
Read Around Pinellas (RAP) Book Discussion: 4:30 pm. County wide book discussion of Hoot by Carl Hiaasen. Hosted by the Youth Services Head Librarian, Joy Herrera. All ages welcome.

January 21
Clearwater Public Library System
Countryside Branch
The Champions Edge: 2:30 pm. Meet Jim Millns, former Olympic Champion skater and Medalist in Figure Skating. Sponsored by Tampa Bay Skating Academy.

Dunedin Public Library
Small Folk Quilters - Quilting Workshop: 10:00 am – 12:00 pm for ages 6-8. Registration required.

Quilting Sew Friendly - Quilting Workshop: 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm for ages 9-12. Registration required.

East Lake Community Library
Dragon Chalk Art: 10 am – 12 pm. Dragons, knights, wizards, oh my! Show off your creative talents by drawing Medieval figures on our sidewalk. Registration is requested and begins January 3rd. A limited supply of chalk will be available.

Medieval Manga: 4-6 pm. Anthony from MOSI returns to teach more drawing techniques. If you love Lord of the Rings you’ll love to learn how to draw medieval wizards, kings, knights and more Manga style. Registration is required and begins January 3rd. Grade 4 and up.

January 22
Pinellas Park Public Library
Prince and Princess Party: (Ages 2-8 years) 2:00 pm. All princes and princesses throughout the kingdom are cordially invited to attend a royal party. This magical event will include enchanting stories, sparkling crafts and divine refreshments. Costume attire is encouraged. Reservations are required.

January 23
Dunedin Public Library
Teen Writing Workshop: 6:30 pm. Ages 12-18. Join us once a month for a writing workshop. We’ll explore our creativity through writing exercises. Pre-registration required.

January 24
Clearwater Public Library System
Main Library
Girls & Boys at the Table: 3:30 – 4:30 pm. Classes in table manners, good behavior, and introduction to ballroom dancing. Ages 6-11. Presented by author/etiquette coach Teresa Kathryn Grisinger Reilly. Call 562-4970 ext. 5236 to register – space is limited.
Library closings for the month of January are as follows:

**January 1**
All libraries closed.

**January 2**
All libraries closed.

**January 6**
Tarpon Springs Public Library

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Special Events

**January 16**
Clearwater Public Library System
East Lake Community Library
Gulf Beaches Public Library
Gulfport Public Library
Largo Public Library
Oldsmar Public Library
Palm Harbor Library

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**January 16 (cont.)**
Pinellas Park Public Library
Safety Harbor Public Library
St. Pete Beach Public Library
St. Petersburg Public Library System
Seminole Community Library
Tarpon Springs Public Library

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Clearwater Public Library System
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**January 16 (cont.)**
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**Special Events**

**East Branch**
**Florida Mystery Writer Series**: 2:00 pm. “Madcap Mystery with Bob Morris.” Join us each month as we host Florida’s best selling authors, and let them draw you into their world of crime and intrigue! Books will be available for sale. Author reception to follow each program, sponsored by the Friends of the Clearwater Library.

**Tarpon Springs Public Library**
**A Social History of Modern Florida**: 7:00 pm. Presented by Gary Mormino, author of *Land of Sunshine, State of Dreams*. This program is presented in partnership with the Florida Humanities Council and the University Press of Florida.

**January 25**
Clearwater Public Library System
**Main Library**
**Scholar’s Choice**: 2:00 pm – *Jude the Obscure* by Thomas Hardy. Presented by Dr. Nancy Jane Tyson. Lecture/discussion series exploring literary classics and popular works, presented by scholars from the University of South Florida. Limited copies of books available at the Main Library circulation desk. Call 562-4970 ext. 5284 for information.

**East Lake Community Library**
**Knight’s Reading Vigil**: 3:00-6:00 pm. Middle and High school students join us as we read the afternoon away. Prizes, food, and drinks provided. No registration required.

**Tarpon Springs Public Library**
**Ten Steps to Starting a Small Business**: 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm. Free seminar presented by the Pinellas County Chapter of SCORE (The Service Corps of Retired Executives). Please call or stop by the library to register.

**January 26**
Clearwater Public Library System
**North Greenwood Branch**
**Wheels & Deals**: 4:30 pm. A panel of experts shows you how to buy and maintain your first car.

**Dunedin Public Library**
**Hoot Book Discussion**: 4:00 pm. Join us for a Read Around Pinellas discussion. Read the book, *Hoot*, and share your thoughts. Open to teens and adults.

**Tarpon Springs Public Library**
**Oil Painting Demonstration**: 2:00 pm. Presented by George Konstantinidis. Program sponsored by Michaels, The Arts & Crafts Store. Please call or stop by the library to register.

**January 27**
St. Petersburg Public Library System
**South Branch**
**Winter Book Sale**: 9:00 – 5:00 pm, Sponsored by the Friends of South Branch.

**January 28**
Clearwater Public Library System
**Countrywide Branch**
**Unlimited Designs: Improving Life with Art**: 10:00 am – 2:00 pm. The Tampa Bay Surface Design Guild will share design techniques from fabric painting, spinning, weaving, basketry, silk dyeing, and more! Fee for materials. Advance registration only for Hand Dyed Silk Workshop (noon – 2:00 pm): call 669-1290 – limited to 20 students.

**Dunedin Public Library**
**Owl Pellet Program**: 2:00 pm. Ages 5-12. Come and dissect an owl pellet. Registration required.

**Palm Harbor Public Library**
**Early Childhood Fair**: 11:00 am – 1:00 pm. Come to a wonderful gathering of local preschools and organizations that focus on programs and services for young children. Meet with representatives and learn what they have to offer your children!

**Safety Harbor Public Library**
**Art Workshop**: Ages 5 and up with Betty Valare at 1:00 pm.

**St. Petersburg Public Library System**
**South Branch**
**Winter Book Sale**: 9:00 – 5:00 pm, Sponsored by the Friends of South Branch.

**January 29**
St. Pete Beach Public Library
**A Sunday to Die For III**: 1:00 pm. Mystery authors and high tea. Annual fundraiser for the Friends of the Library. Tickets must be purchased in advance.

**January 30**
Palm Harbor Public Library
**Public Forum on Proposed Library Expansion Project**: 6:30 pm. Library Director Gene Coppola will host a Community Meeting to discuss the library’s proposed tax increase referendum. The public is invited to come and learn about the library’s proposed building and program expansion plans.

**January 31**
Clearwater Public Library System
**Main Library**
**Girls & Boys at the Table**: 3:30 – 4:30 pm.Classes in table manners, good behavior, and introduction to ballroom dancing. Ages 6-11. Presented by author/etiquette coach Teresa Kathryn Grisinger Reilly. Call 562-4970 ext. 5236 to register – space is limited.
Clearwater Public Library System

Main Library

**Book Lovers Bistro**: Tuesday, January 3, noon – 1:00 pm. Meet over lunch to discuss *Cast of Shadows* by Kevin Guilfoile. “Brown bag” it or pick up something at Joffrey’s Café. Books available at the Main Library circulation desk.

**Circulo de Lectura**: Wednesday, January 25, 1:00 – 2:00 pm. Spanish language book discussion group. Title to be discussed: *Sopa de caracol* by Arturo Arias. Books available at the Main Library circulation desk. Call 562-4970 ext. 5284 for more information.

**East Branch**

**Mystery Readers Club**: Tuesday, January 24, 9:30 am. “Mystery Anthologies.” No reservations needed.

**Dunedin Public Library**

**Contemporary Books Discussion Group**: Tuesday, January 3, 7:00 pm. Topic: *Three Junes*, (a novel), by Julia Glass.

**Great Decisions Discussion Group**: Tuesday, January 10, 7:30 pm. Topic: Freshwater and foreign policy: new challenges.

**Great Books Discussion Group**: Tuesday, January 17, 7:00 pm. Topic: *Letters from Birmingham Jail – Martin Luther King, Jr.*

**Contemporary Books Discussion Group**: Tuesday, January 24, 7:00 pm. Topic: *Aloft*, (a novel), by Chang-rae Lee.

**Gulf Beaches Public Library**

**Book Discussion**: Tuesday, January 17, 10:30 am. Join us for a discussion of *In the Heart of the Sea* by Nathaniel Philbrick.

**Gulfport Public Library**

**CoffeeTalk**: Our fall series of monthly book discussions continues this month with *As Hot as It Was You Ought to Thank Me*, by Nanci Kincaid. Join us for coffee, light refreshments, and lively conversation on Thursday, January 19. Coffee is ready at 9:30 am, discussion starts at 10 o’clock. Copies of the book may be reserved at the Reference Desk.

**Largo Library**

**Between the Covers Book Club**: Wednesday, January 11, 7:00 to 8:30 pm. Selected novel is *The Bell Jar* by Sylvia Plath.

**Oldsmar Public Library**

**Lunch Time Book Discussion**: Thursday, January 12, 12:00 pm. Book for discussion will be *Condominium*, written by John D. MacDonald. Dessert will be provided. New members are welcome. Please call the Library for more information.

**Palm Harbor Public Library**

**PHiL’s Book Club**: Monday, January 9, 11:00 am and 7:00 pm. This month’s selection is *The Crucible* by Arthur Miller. Refreshments will be served.

**Pinellas Park Public Library**


**Safety Harbor Public Library**

**Book Discussion**: Tuesday, January 17 from 2:00-3:00 pm. *Atonement* by Ian McEwan. An engaging novel of love and war, childhood and class, guilt and forgiveness. Call x233 to register or for further information.

**St. Pete Beach Public Library**

**Book Discussion**: Tuesday, January 10; 10:30 am and Wednesday, January 11; 7:00 pm – *The Devil in the White City* by Erik Larson. The true tale of the brilliant architect behind the 1893 Chicago World’s Fair and the cunning serial killer who used the Fair to lure victims to their death.

**Book Discussion**: Thursday, January 26: 2:00 pm – *Eats, Shoots and Leaves* by Lynne Truss. A former literary editor makes the case for proper punctuation.

**St. Petersburg Public Library System**

**Main Library**

**Mother/Daughter Book Discussion Groups**, Tuesday, January 17, 7:00 pm. For girls ages 7 and up and their moms. Great discussion, share excellent books and meet new friends! Advance registration required call Sharon 893-7085.

**Between Covers Book Club**: Wednesday, January 18, 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, January 19, 10:30 am. Call 893-7193 for latest title.

**Mirror Lake Branch**

**Mystery Book Club**: Monday, January 9, 1:00 pm. Bring your lunch and discuss!

**Classic Up Close**: Tuesday, January 24, 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**: January 5, 10:00 am. *Change Me Into Zeus’s Daughter* by Barbara Robinette Moss.

**Jung Society Reading Group**: Saturday, January 14, 10:00 am. Discussing works by and about philosopher Carl Jung.

**South Branch**

**Book Club**: Thursday, January 12, 2:00 pm. *Title TBA*

**Mahogany Book Club**: Saturday, January 21, 10:00 am. Read and discuss the works of African American writers.

**West Community Library**

**Mother/Daughter Book Discussion Groups**: Thursday, 7:00 pm. For girls ages 8-12 and their moms. Great discussion, share excellent books and meet new friends! Advance registration required call Donarita 341-7199.

**Book Club**: Wednesday, January 25, 1:30 pm. Call 341- 7199, for the latest selection. (Meeting @ Panera Bread 1914 Fourth Street North)

**Tarpon Springs Public Library**

**Read Around Pinellas (RAP) Book Discussion**: Thursday, January 19, 4:30 pm. County wide book discussion of *Hoot* by Carl Hiaasen. Hosted by the Youth Services Head Librarian, Joy Herrera. All ages welcome.

**Book Discussion Group**: Thursday, January 26, 12:00 pm. Hosted by Becky Heffner. This month’s selection is: *The Children’s Blizzard* by David Laskin.
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.
## Administrative Office
**Pinellas Public Library Cooperative**
1330 Cleveland Street
Clearwater, FL 33755
Phone: 441-8408
Fax: 441-8938
www.pplc.us
Mon - Fri 8:30am - 5pm

## North Greenwood Branch
905 N. Martin Luther King, Jr. Ave.
Clearwater, FL 33755
Phone: 642-6895
Mon, Wed, Fri 9am - 5pm
Tue, Thu 10am:30 - 7pm

## Dunedin Library
223 Douglas Avenue
Dunedin, FL 34698
Phone: 928-3080
http://www.dunedingov.com
Mon - Wed 9:30am - 6pm
Thu - Fri 9:30am - 6pm
Sat 9am - 3pm
Sat 1pm - 5pm

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

## Gulf Beaches Library
200 Municipal Drive
Madeira Beach, FL 33708
Phone: 391-2828
http://www.tblc.org/gulfbeaches
Mon, Wed, Fri 9am - 6pm
Tue, Thu 9am - 9pm
Sat 10am - 5pm

## Gulfport Library
5501 28th Avenue S.
Gulfport, FL 33707
Phone: 893-1074
http://tblc.org/gpl/
Mon - Thu 9am - 8pm
Fri 9am - 9pm
Sat 9am - 5pm

## Largo Public Library
120 Central Park Dr.
Largo, FL 33771
Phone: 587-6715
Reference: 587-6748
TDD: 587-6778
Mon - Thu 9:30am - 9pm
Fri - Sat 9:30am - 5pm
Sun 1:00pm - 5pm

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

## James Weldon Johnson Branch
1059 18th Avenue South
St. Petersburg, FL 33705
Phone: 893-7113
Mon, Tue, Wed 9am - 9pm
Thu, Fri 9am - 6pm

## Mirror Lake Branch
280 5th Street North
St. Petersburg, FL 33701
Phone: 893-7268
Mon - Fri 9am - 6pm
Sat 9am - 6pm

## North Branch
861 70th Avenue North
St. Petersburg, FL 33702
Phone: 893-7214
Mon, Wed, Fri 9am - 6pm
Tue, Thu 9am - 9pm

## South Branch
2300 Roy Hanna Drive S.
St. Petersburg, FL 33712
Phone: 893-7244
Mon, Wed, Fri 9am - 6pm
Tue, Thu 9am - 9pm

## West Community Library @ SPC Gibbs Campus
750 66th St. N.
St. Petersburg, FL 33710
Phone: 341-7199
Mon - Thu 7:30am - 9pm
Fri 7:30am - 4pm
Sat 10am - 5pm

## Seminole Community Library @ St. Petersburg College
9200 113th Street North
Seminole, FL 33722-2800
Phone: 394-6905
http://www.spcollege.edu/SCL/

## Tarpon Springs Library
138 E. Lemon Street
Tarpon Springs, FL 34689
Phone: 943-4922
http://www.tblc.org/tarpon
Mon - Wed 10am - 9pm
Thu - Fri 10am - 6pm
Sat 10am - 5pm

## Deaf Literacy Center
101 Second Street North
Safety Harbor, FL 34695
Phone: (727) 724-1525 x232
Fax: (727) 724-1533
TDD: (727) 724-1529
www.tblc.org/shpl/deaf_services.html
Mon - Thurs 9am - 8pm

## Talking Book Library
1330 Cleveland Street
Clearwater, FL 33755-5103
Phone: (727) 441-9958
Fax: (727) 441-3168
www.pplc.us/tbl
Mon - Fri 9am - 6pm

## Clearwater System
Main Library & Offices
100 N. Osceola Avenue
Clearwater, FL 33755
Phone: 562-4970
http://myclearwater.com/cpl
Mon - Thu 9am - 9pm
Fri - Sat 9am - 5pm

## Beach Branch
483 Mandalay Avenue
Clearwater, FL 33767
Phone: 462-6890
Mon - Wed 9am - 5pm
Thursday 11am - 7pm
Friday 9am - 5pm

## Countryside Branch
2741 State Road 580
Clearwater, FL 33761
Phone: 699-1290
Mon - Thu 9am - 9pm
Fri - Sat 9am - 5pm
Sun 1pm - 5pm

## Oldsmar Library
101 State Street West
Oldsmar, FL 34677
Phone: (813) 749-1178
http://www.tblc.org/opl/
E-mail: fvuweb@tblc.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 - Thu 10am - 8pm
Fri - Sat 10am - 5pm

## Pinellas Park Library
7770 52nd Street
Pinellas Park, FL 33781
Phone: 541-0718
Reference: 541-0719
http://pplc.tblc.lib.fl.us/
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
TDD: 724-1529
http://www.tblc.org/spb
Mon, Wed, Fri 9am - 5pm
Tue, Thu 9am - 9pm

## St. Pete Beach Library
365 73rd Avenue
St. Pete Beach, FL 33706
Phone: 363-9238
http://www.tblc.org/shpl/
Mon, Wed 10am - 9pm
Tue, Thu, Fri 10am - 6pm
Sat 10am - 5pm

## Tarpon Springs Library
138 E. Lemon Street
Tarpon Springs, FL 34689
Phone: 943-4922
http://www.tblc.org/tarpon
Mon - Wed 10am - 9pm
Thu - Fri 10am - 6pm
Sat 10am - 5pm

## St. Petersburg System
Main Library
3745 Ninth Avenue North
St. Petersburg, FL 33713
Phone: 893-7724
Reference: 893-7928
http://www.spcollege.edu/SPL/
Mon - Thu 9am - 6pm
Fri - Sat 9am - 6pm
Sun 10am - 5pm

## St. Pete Beach Library
365 73rd Avenue
St. Pete Beach, FL 33706
Phone: 363-9238
http://www.tblc.org/spb
Mon, Wed 10am - 9pm
Tue, Thu, Fri 10am - 6pm
Sat 10am - 5pm

## St. Petersburg System
Main Library
3745 Ninth Avenue North
St. Petersburg, FL 33713
Phone: 893-7724
Reference: 893-7928
http://www.spcollege.edu/SPL/
Mon - Thu 9am - 6pm
Fri - Sat 9am - 6pm
Sun 10am - 5pm

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Sat 10am - 5pm
Clearwater Public Library System

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. Children ages 12-24 months are invited to a classic story time with books and music.

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


First Friday Fun: January 6, 3:30 pm. Fun crafts after school. For ages 5-8.

It's All Relative: Wednesday, January 11, 3:30 pm. Grandparents and children are invited to share favorite books and book-themed crafts.

R.E.A.D.* Dogs: Saturday, January 14, 10:00 am – noon. Sign up your child to practice reading aloud to a furry listener. Call 562-4970 ext. 5236 for a reading time. (*Reading Education Assistance Dogs. Mission: To improve the literacy skills of children through the assistance of registered Pet Partners.)

The Champions Edge: Saturday, January 14, 2:30 pm. Meet Jim Millns, former Olympic Champion skater and Medalist in Figure Skating. Sponsored by Tampa Bay Skating Academy.

Chinese New Year: Thursday, January 26, 2:00 – 3:00 pm. Bow Wow! 2006 is the Chinese Year of the Dog. Celebrate with books about China and make fun crafts. For ages 4-12.

Guys Read: Friday, January 27, 3:00 pm. Read and talk about interesting guy-type books in a guy-type way, with a game or activity to follow. Call 562-4970 ext. 5236 to sign up. For ages 8-12.

Countryside Branch

The Champions Edge: Saturday, January 21, 2:30 pm. Meet Jim Millns, former Olympic Champion skater and Medalist in Figure Skating. Sponsored by Tampa Bay Skating Academy.

North Greenwood Branch

Preschool Story Time: Mondays, January 9, 23, and 30, 10:30 am. Enjoy stories, finger plays, flannel boards, puppets, and movies with your preschoolers.

Tutoring Tuesdays: January 3, 10, 17, 24, and 31, 5:30 p.m. Homework and reading help for kindergarten through third grade with the Ivey Reading Academy. Presented by Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Nu Beta Omega chapter.

Legal Eagles Homework Help: Wednesdays, January 4, 11, 18, and 25, 2:30 – 4:30 pm. Attorneys from the Clearwater Bar Association will be available to help with homework.

Chess Club: Wednesdays, January 4, 11, 18, and 25, 3:30 pm. All ages and levels are welcome. Instruction and chessboards are provided.

Craft Corner: Thursdays, January 5, 12, 19, and 26, 2:00 – 4:00 pm. Drop in to create crafts and enjoy a variety of other activities. Check the calendar for special programs.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Celebration: Thursday, January 12, 3:00 pm. Celebrate with crafts, stories and a movie. A Black History Month program.

Children's Programs

Chinese New Year Celebration: Thursday, January 19, 2:30 pm. Presenting Chinese folktales and crafts.

East Branch

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

Toddler Story Time: Wednesdays, 11:00 am. Story time fun for ages 24-36 months.

After School Crafts: Wednesday, January 11, 3:30 – 4:30 pm. “It’s Snowing up North!”

Dunedin Public Library

(No storytimes from January 1-January 16)

Baby & Me Storytime: (Birth to 18 mos), Wednesdays, January 18 & 25, 10:00 am. A special time for caregivers and little ones to enjoy stories, songs and fingerplays.

Toddler Time: (18 mos to 36 mos), Wednesdays, January 18 & 25, 10:30 am. A special time for tots and caregivers to enjoy music, fingerplays, stories and a craft.

Preschool Storytime: (3-5 yrs.), Thursdays, January 19 & 26, 10:30 am. A time for preschoolers to enjoy books, songs, fingerplays, literature-based videos and crafts.

Chess Club: Thursdays, 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm. Join us for an afternoon of Chess. Open to all ages - an Intergenerational Program. No registration required.

Sunday Funday: Sunday, January 15, 1:00 pm – 4:30 pm. Stop in the Youth Department for a special “make and take” craft. This month’s theme is “Winter Wonderland”.

East Lake Community Library

“Dragons, Dreams, and Daring Deeds” School-Age Reading Program: January 3 – February 28. Register for East Lake Community Library’s Winter Reading program and get a free bag. Keep track of the books you are reading and choose a prize from the King’s Treasure Chest! Be Brave—Joust Read! Medieval Chocolate Bingo: Mondays and Thursdays, after the puppet show. Play Medieval Chocolate Bingo where chocolate is the game piece and you could win a treasure from the King’s Treasure Chest.

Dragons & Deeds Magical Library Lessons: Saturdays, January 4, 11, and 18 at 6 pm. The Queen teaches library skills using Harry Potter, the Baudelaire orphans, Redwall Abbey, and others. Grades 4-8.

Wednesday Knights: Wednesdays, 7:00 pm. For all ages. A craft and story before bedtime with a "casual" dress-code – pajamas!

Shrek Fairy Tale Food Fear Factor: Saturday, February 11, 6:00 pm. Be brave! Join us for Shrek’s Fairy Tale Food Fear Factor. Complete the five challenges and win glory for your kingdom! Grades 2 - 5 are welcome.
Children's Programs

Gulf Beaches Public Library
There is no storytime during the month of January.

Gulfport Public Library
Family Craft Club: Saturdays, January 7 and 21 at 2:00 pm.
After School Fun with Crafts: Wednesdays, January 4 and 18 at 4:30 pm.

Largo Library
Toddler Storytime: Enjoy age appropriate stories, songs, puppet shows, and music. Every Tuesday and Thursday at 10:00 am. Children 18 months to 3 years and their caregivers.
Preschool Storytime: Enhance your child’s love for books through age appropriate stories, songs, and activities. Every Tuesday and Thursday at 11:00 am. Children 3 to 5 years old and their caregivers.

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

Darling Dreamers: Stories, songs, easy crafts and more. Monday, January 9 and January 23 at 7:00 pm. Children 3 to 7 years old and their caregivers. Pajamas are encouraged and don’t forget your Teddy bear!

Evening Mother Goose: Activities may include rhymes, finger plays, stories & songs. Every Tuesday and Thursday at 11:00 am. Children 3 to 5 years old. (Parent and child, 18 months – age 3).

Palm Harbor Public Library
First Steps Parent/Child Workshops*: (For parent and toddler, ages 1-3. Siblings to age 4 are welcome to attend.) Choose Winter I or Winter II Sessions: Winter I – Fridays, January 13 – February 3. Winter II – Fridays, February 17 – March 10. 10:00-11:00 am or 11:30-12:30. A four-week series of parent/child workshops that feature toy and play areas, craft activities, community professionals and a parent resource center. First Steps is a grant-funded project from the CitiGroup Foundation.

Mother Goose: (Parent and child, birth – age 2). Saturdays, January 14 and 28, 10:00 am. Nursery rhymes and fingerplays for our youngest patrons!

Toddler Story Time: (Parent and child, 18 months – age 3). Mondays, January 9, 23 and 30 at 10:00 and 11:00 am. Join Miss Lois for her zany stories, songs and fingerplays.

Teddy Time Tales: (Children ages 3 and up). Mondays, January 9, 23 and 30 at 7:00 pm. Bring your teddy bears and enjoy some bedtime stories with Miss Lisa. (Pajamas permitted!)

Page Turner, The Family Storyteller: Thursdays, January 12, 19 and 26 at 7:00 pm. An evening family story time for all ages.

Infant Time to Sign*: (Parent and child, ages 6 months – 18 months). Tuesdays, January 10 – February 14, at 10:30 am. Learn sign language with your child through stories and songs!

Flashing Fingers*: (Students only, ages 7-12). Tuesdays, beginning January 10, at 4:15 pm. Sign language classes for beginners as well as those with experience presented by instructors from the Deaf Literacy Center.

Winter Art Happening*: (Children only, ages 4-8). Saturday, January 14, 1:30-2:30 pm. Join us for some CHILLY winter crafts and fun!

Brown Bag Lunch*: (For homeschoolers, ages 7-10). Tuesday, January 17, 12:00-1:00 pm. A monthly book discussion and library skills program. You bring your lunch and we’ll supply the rest!

Pot Luck Tuesday: (Kids only, K – 3rd grade). Tuesday, January 17, at 7:00 pm. Join Miss Chris for a story and a craft. No pre-registration necessary!

American Girls – Meet Samantha*: (Ages 7-12). Saturday, January 21, 1:30-3:00 pm. Join Samantha, our Victorian American Girl, for turn-of-the-century crafts, games, food and fun!

On Our Own – A Little Monkey Business!* (Children only, ages 3-5). Monday, January 24, 1:30-2:30 pm. Let’s monkey around with some stories, activities and crafts!

* 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.

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 7 & under) Tuesdays, 10:00-10:30 am. 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: Saturday, January 7, 9:00 am. First Saturday of every month. Registration required and begins at 9 a.m. Prizes awarded. Co-sponsored by Wal-Mart.

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

Children's regularly scheduled programming will resume the week of January 23.

Baby and Me: Birth to 18 months. Mondays at 9:45. Enjoy sharing songs, stories and action rhymes with your baby.

Toddle Time: Ages 18 months to 2 ½ years. Mondays at 10:30 am. Enjoy stories, puppets and songs.

Family Signing Time: All ages. Mondays, 6:30 pm. Enjoy an evening of signed stories and music.

Family Story Time: All ages. Mondays, 7:00 pm. Enjoy an evening of stories, music, puppets and crafts.

Young Story Timers: Birth to 5 years. Tuesdays at 10:30 am. Enjoy stories, puppets, music and crafts.
Children's Programs

Preschool Story Time: Birth to 5 years. Wednesday at 1:30 pm. Enjoy stories, puppets, music and crafts.
Preschool Time To Sign: Ages 2-5 Thursdays at 10:30-11:00 am. Learn to sign with signed stories and music.
School-Age Children's Sign Language Classes: Mondays, 3:30-4:30 pm. Learn songs, stories and short performances in ASL. Call 727-724-1525 x232 to register. Space is limited.
Art Workshop: Ages 5 and up with Betty Valare Saturday, January 28 at 1:00 pm.
Family Story Time for Spanish Speakers: Ages 3 to 7 yrs. 2nd & 4th Saturdays 10:30 am. Presented by Liliana Apfelbaum.

West Community Library
Preschool Story Time: (Ages 3-5 years) Tuesdays and Wednesdays 10:00 a.m.
Mother Goose: (Infant-3 years) Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 11:00 a.m.
After-School Program (Ages 5-10) Stories, songs, puppets, poetry & activities, 3:30 - 4:30 pm. Call 341-7199 for details.

Seminole Community Library
Toddler Storytime: (Ages 18-36 months) Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10:30 am. A 20-minute program of brief picture books, fingerplays and puppet shows.
Pre-School Storytime: (Ages 3-5) Tuesday, 11:00 am. A 30-minute program of picture books, action rhymes, fingerplays and puppet shows.
Twilight Tales: (Pre-school-2nd grade) Mondays, 6:30 pm. (Except January 1 &16) A 30-minute program featuring stories, songs and other fun activities.
Family Movie: Saturdays, 2:00 pm. Films for all ages—free popcorn and sodas.
January 7 – The Jungle Book
January 14 – No movie today
January 21 – The Adventures of Winnie the Pooh
January 28 – Snow Day

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.
Mother Goose Toddler Time: (Ages 1-3) Fridays, 10:15 am. Toddlers will enjoy nursery rhymes, finger plays, flannel stories and musical instruments. Registration is required to attend. *Please note that there will be no Toddler Time on January 6.
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: Thursday, January 5, 4:30 pm – 5:30 pm. Program for ages 6-12. Registration is required.
Reading Club: Saturday, January 28, 2:00 pm. Program for ages 9-12. Please contact the library for book topic and to register.

St. Pete Beach Public Library
Mother Goose Time: Tuesday, January 3, 17, 24 and 31; 10:30 or 11:30 am, up to age 3. Coloring, crawling and scampering practice—along with stories.
Dolphin Club: Tuesday, January 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31; 4:00 pm, ages 3 and up. Longer stories and sometimes crafts to do, too.
Library in the Park: Thursday, January 12; 4:00 pm. Stories, a craft and outdoor play. At Ron McKenney Park, 9300 Blind Pass Road.
Blues Clues: Saturday, January 14; 10:00 am. Stories and games based on Nickelodeon Jr.’s popular interactive program for preschoolers.

St. Petersburg Public Library System
Main Library
Mother Goose: (infant-3 years) Fridays, 9:30 am and 10:30 am.
Preschool Story Time: (3-5 years) Wednesdays, 10:00 am.
After-School Story Time: (6-12 yrs) Tuesday, January 3, 10, 17, 24 & 27 4:00 pm.
Junior League Puppet Show: Tuesdays, January 3 & 17, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m. 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 years) Saturday, January 7, 10:00 am. Learn the art of illusion from a professional magician!
Saturday Puppet Shows: (All ages) January 21, 2:00 pm. Call 893-7724 for details.

Johnson Branch
Preschool Story Time: (3-5 years) Fridays, at 10:00 am.
Mirror Lake Branch
Humpty Dumpty: (infants-crawlers) Mondays, 10:30 am and Wednesdays, 3:30 pm.
Jack & Jill: (walkers-3 years) Mondays, 9:45 am and Wednesdays, 4:15 pm.
Preschool: (3-5 years) Tuesdays, 4:15 pm.

North Branch
Mother Goose: (birth-3 years) Mondays 11:00 am & Wednesdays 10:00 am.
Preschool Storytime: (3-5 years) Wednesdays 11:00 am.

South Branch
Mother Goose: (Infant-3 years) Thursdays, 10:00 am.
Preschool Story Time: (Ages 3-5) Wednesdays, 10:30 am.
The Newberry Book Club: Ages 8-12, Tuesday, January 10, 4:00 pm.
**Teen Programs**

**Clearwater Public Library System**

**Main Library**

**Etiquette Lessons:** “Teens at the Table”. Thursdays, January 5, 12, 19, and 26. For ages 12-19. Space is limited. Call 562-4970 ext. 5236 for reservations. Sponsored by the Friends of the Clearwater Library.

**Shakespeare in the Dark:** Thursday, January 28, 6:00 pm. *Hamlet*, starring Ethan Hawke and Julia Stiles.

**Countrywide Branch**

**Check out TDI – Try Denting It teen group!** Call the library for information.

**North Greenwood Branch**

**Read & Recreate Library Book Club:** A joint program between the Library and the Parks & Recreation Department. Read three age appropriate books and earn a free day pass to the North Greenwood Recreation Center. Pick up a book and report log at the library and bring it back to receive your pass. For information, call 462-6895.

**Wheels & Deals:** Thursday, January 26, 4-30 pm. A panel of experts shows you how to buy and maintain your first car.

**Teen Volunteers:** Thursday, January 26, 5:30 pm. Join us to help plan future programs for North Greenwood.

**Dunedin Public Library**

**Dunedin Youth Volunteers Meeting:** Monday, January 9, 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm. Our teen volunteer group meets once a month to plan, assist and create programs for the youth of the community.

**Teen Writing Workshop:** Monday, January 23, 6:30 pm. Join us once a month for a writing workshop. We’ll explore our creativity through writing exercises. Ages 12-18. Pre-registration required.

**Hoot Book Discussion:** Thursday, January 26, 4:00 pm. Join us for a Read Around Pinellas discussion. Read the book, *Hoot*, and share your thoughts. Open to teens and adults.

**Chess Club:** Thursday, January 19, 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm. Open to chess players of all ages and skill levels. An Intergenerational Program.

**East Lake Community Library**

**Teen Library Council meetings:** First and third Mondays of the month at 5 pm.

**JOUST READ Teen Internet Scavenger Hunt:** January 3-February 24. Middle and High School students pick up a scavenger hunt form or go online to www.eastlakelibrary.org and print one out. Forms are due on February 24. There will be a raffle drawing on February 25 for two Target gift cards.

**Medieval Manga:** Saturday, January 21, 4-6 pm. Anthony from MOSI returns to teach more drawing techniques. If you love *Lord of the Rings* you’ll love to learn how to draw medieval wizards, kings, knights and more Manga style. Registration is required and begins January 3. Grade 4 and up.

**Knight’s Reading Vigil:** Wednesday, January 25, 3-6 pm. Middle and High school students join us as we read the afternoon away. Prizes, food, and drinks provided. No registration required.

**Gulf Beaches Public Library**

**Conversational Spanish:** Thursdays, 5:30 pm.

**Gulfport Public Library**

**Scrapbookers Club for Adults and Teens:** Saturday, January 14 at 1:00 pm. Bring your pictures, books and questions, and prepare to have a great time! Scrapbookers meet on the second Saturday of each month. Make beautiful pages of memories for yourself and your family. 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 from 1:30 to 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, January 9, 7:00 to 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. Join the new *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. Meetings in January are scheduled for Tuesday, January 3 and January 17, 5:30 to 7:30 pm.

**Teen Library Council:** Meeting is on Tuesday, January 31, 6:00 to 8:00 pm. Be a voice for teens in the library! Provide ideas, feedback and recommendations on teen programs, services and materials. E-mail the council at libraryyouth@largo.com

**Poetry and Music:** Monday, January 23, 7:00 to 8:30 pm. Bring your poetry and short stories to read or your songs to sing. We encourage you to bring your own music instruments.

**Palm Harbor Public Library**

**Youth Advisory Board:** Teens are invited to join the Youth Advisory Board (YAB), which meets each Wednesday afternoon from 3:30 – 4:30 pm.

**College & Career Planning:** Join us for a series of college and career planning seminars from 2:00 – 4:00 pm on Saturdays, January 28, February 18, March 11 and April 22. Call 727/784-3332, Ext. 203, for further details and to register.

**Pinellas Park Public Library**

**Teen Book Discussion-Hoot:** (Middle-High school students) Wednesday, January 18. Registration required. Call 541-0716 for more information.

**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**

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

**Free Saturday Tutoring for Teens:** Math 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. Tutor: Vinay. Contact him in advance at 727-726-3386.

**St. Petersburg Public Library System**

**Main Library**

**Youth Newsletter:** Time TBA (Ages 13-19) Call Paul at 892-5296

**Movies for Teens:** Every month on the 2nd and 4th Fridays at 2:30 pm.

**South Branch**

**Teen Book Club:** (Grades 9-12) Friday, January 13, 4:30 pm. For more information call 893-7244.

**West Community Library**

**Teen Scene:** 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm.

**Seminole Community Library**

**Library Youth Advisory Board:** Thursdays, January 5, 7:00 pm.

**Tarpon Springs Public Library**

**SAT Practice Exam:** Saturday, January 21, 12:00 pm. Wonder how you will score on the SAT? Find out by taking a free Kaplan practice test. Registration is required. Please call 1-800-KAP-TEST (1-800-527-8378) or www.kaptest.com to sign up.
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