Talking Book Library Volunteers Receive Special Recognition

The Pinellas Talking Book Library hosted their annual Volunteer Recognition Luncheon in November. This year, the luncheon program focused on the essential service each volunteer provides to the library and its patrons on a daily basis. Through the support of the volunteer group, the library is able to provide the highest quality service to its blind and physically handicapped patrons throughout the year. After she thanked the volunteers for the hard work and devotion to the organization, Pinellas Public Library Cooperative Board Chairman, Michele Abramo presented the volunteers with tokens of appreciation to recognize their efforts. Also in attendance were board members Maxine Terry and Sara James who also took the opportunity to share their appreciation for the Talking Book Volunteers and their dedication to the library.

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

Healthy Living Series at Clearwater Libraries

Clearwater Libraries focus on healthy living this winter. East Library will host Your Diet Is Driving Me Crazy on January 23, 7:00 pm. Cynthia Sass, senior dietitian and adjunct instructor at the University of South Florida and spokesperson for the American Dietetic Association, will explore our relationships with food and discuss the hot topics of cholesterol, diabetes, obesity, and insurance issues. Copies of her book will be available for sale. Also at East, Staywell/Healthbase representatives present Informed Health Care to discuss health care options and answer questions about recent changes to Medicaid for individuals and families who qualify through the Department of Children and Families, State of Florida on January 16, 2:00 – 5:00 pm. St. Petersburg College will present personal fulfillment courses ranging from Retirement Planning to Basic Photoshop in Lifelong Learning at Countryside on January 23, 2:00 pm. Healthy Aging with Supplements will also be featured at Countryside on February 13, 2:00 pm when local pharmacist, Pamela Seefeld, will discuss a natural approach to aging.

For more information, please call 669-1280 for East and 669-1290 for Countryside.

New Library Construction Begins in Oldsmar

The City of Oldsmar held its groundbreaking for the new library on November 14, 2006. City Council Members, City Staff, Friends of the Library, Library Patrons, and Pinellas Public Library Cooperative (PPLC) Library Directors and Board Members were in attendance at the event.

The new library design will almost triple the size of the current library and will include a cafe, a large meeting room for public use, a separate teen room, a garden reading room, a children’s story hour room and lots of computers for adults, teens and kids. Special recognition was given to Chuck Black for TECO’s gift of $60,000 toward the furnishings of the new library’s meeting room. The Pinellas Public Library Cooperative was also recognized for the $200,000 reserves funds award which will lend additional support to the new library’s construction. PPLC was represented at the event by Mary Brown, PPLC Executive Director, and Pushpa Venkatesh and Sara James, PPLC Board Members.

“Book Blizzard” Begins in Largo

Largo Public Library’s Book Blizzard, a new reading program for adults, had a successful first month with 89 patrons, 348 entries and 12 winners who benefited from a total value of $200 in prizes. The Book Blizzard is similar to a children’s reading program; there are prizes for reading and attending book-related library events. However, the Book Blizzard is for adults only and runs November through February, perfect for including winter residents!

The qualifications consist of having a library card and being 18 and older. Participation requires picking up an entry form from the library which asks for name, library card number and the author and title of the book read. Using these forms, a monthly random drawing is performed. Prizes include a variety of gift certificates from businesses such as Borders, E&E Stakeout Grill, Fodalo’s, Pier Factory and Marble Slab. There is no reading list, but suggestions are ready if needed.

Reading isn’t the only way to win! Any book-related adult program counts toward an additional entry form. Here are some choices: “Booktalking With Iris”, “The Books-to-Film Cinema Series” and “Focus on Florida” programs.

For more information call (727) 587-6748. Reward yourself for reading. Stop by the Largo Public Library to pick up an entry form and a new book today!
## Computer Classes

### Clearwater Public Library System
- **Main Library**
  - Registration required for all computer classes and is on a first-come, first-call basis and opens on the Monday of the class.
  - **Introduction to the Internet:** Wednesday, January 10, 10:00 am.
  - **Introduction to E-mail:** Wednesday, January 17, 10:00 am.
  - **Introduction to MS Windows:** Wednesday, January 3, 10:00 am.
  - **Intermediate Word:** Wednesday, January 24, 10:00 am.
  - **Simple Resumes and Cover Letters:** Tuesday, January 9, 11:00 am.
  - **Introduction to PowerPoint:** Tuesday, January 23, 6:30 pm.
  - **Spanish Language Intro to Windows:** Wednesdays, January 24, 6:30 pm.
  - **Spanish Language Intro to Internet:** Wednesday, January 31, 6:30 pm.
  - **Beach Branch**
    - **Beginning Internet or Email:** Tuesdays, 10:00 am or Thursdays, 4:00 pm. Registration required. All classes last 1-hour.
  - **North Greenwood Branch**
    - **Internet for Beginners:** Wednesday, January 10, 10:00 am. Call to register.
  - **Deaf Literacy Center**
    - **Safety Harbor Public Library**
      - **Computer Skills for the Deaf:** Wednesdays, January 17, 24, 31, 6:00-7:30 pm. Registration required.
    - **Dunedin Public Library**
      - **Word Basics, Part 1:** Tuesday, January 9, 11:00 am & Wednesday, January 10, 7:00 pm.
      - **Word Basics, Part 2:** Thursday, January 11, 11:00 am & Wednesday, January 17, 7:00 pm.
      - **Beyond Word Basics, Part 1:** Tuesday, January 16, 11:00 am.
      - **Beyond Word Basics, Part 2:** Thursday, January 18, 11:00 am.
      - **Excel Basics, Part 1:** Tuesday, January 23, 11:00 am & Wednesday, January 24, 7:00 pm.
      - **Excel Basics, Part 2:** Thursday, January 25, 11:00 am & Wednesday, January 31, 7:00 pm.
      - **Beyond Excel Basics, Part 1:** Tuesday, January 30, 11:00 am.
      - **Beyond Excel Basics, Part 2:** Thursday, February 1, 11:00 am
    - **East Lake Community Library**
      - **Registration required for all computer classes.
      - **One on One Computer Help:** Wednesday, January 3, 9:30 am.
      - **E-Mail Basics:** Friday, January 19, 9:00 am.
      - **Internet Basics:** Friday, January 26, 9:00 am.
  - **Travel”

### Gulf Beaches Public Library
- **Introduction to the Internet:** Thursday, January 18 11:30 am.
- **Introduction to Web-based Email:** Thursday, January 25, 11:30 am.
- **Photoshop Elements:** Fridays, 1:00 pm. Class begins January 12 for six weeks. Call to register.
- **Free One On One Computer Training:** Call to schedule an appointment with a library volunteer.

### Gulfport Public Library
- **One-on-One Computer Instruction:** By appointment only—contact Alex Hooks at the reference desk.

### Largo Library
- **Family Tree Maker Group:** Saturday, January 6, 10:00 am-noon. Karen Keegan provides insight into using this popular genealogy software program.

### Palm Harbor Public Library
- **Using Windows:** Saturday, January 20, 10:00 am-noon. Presented by Dave Dockery.
- **Computer Basics and Internet Basics:** Contact the library for information.

### Safety Harbor Public Library
- **Registration required for all computer classes.
  - **PC Basics & Keyboarding Skills:** Friday, January 5 from 9:45-10:45 am.
  - **Getting Started with Email:** Friday, January 12 from 9:45-10:45 am.
  - **Internet and Database Searching:** Friday, January 19 from 9:45-10:45 am.
  - **Computer Viruses:** Thursday, January 25 from 6:30-7:45 pm.
  - **Basic Word Processing:** Friday, January 26 from 9:45-10:45 am.
  - **Computer Tutorials:** One-on-one 15-minute hands-on computer tutorials covering basic computer skills or a focused task. Call for appointment.

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

### St. Petersburg Public Library System
- **Wireless @ St. Petersburg Public Libraries:** Wi-Fi access available at all locations. The library providing free Internet access points or hot spots for users with portable computers capable of receiving wireless signals. Users can surf the Internet from their laptop computers when sitting within range of the access points. Printers are not available via the wireless connection. Users are responsible for making sure their computer has the correct settings and necessary hardware. Copies of this policy are available at http://splibraries.org/policy.htm.

### Main Library
- **One-on-One Internet Training:** Call for an appointment
- **Catalog Training: Polaris Power Pac:** Mondays, 2:00 pm & Fridays, 11:00 am.

### Johnson Branch
- **One-on-One Computer Training:** Tuesdays, 10:00 am. Registration required.

### North Branch
- **One-on-One Computer Training:** Wednesdays, 9:00 & 10:00 am Individualized computer training. Registration required.

### South Branch
- **Catalog Training:** Tapping the Power of Polaris, Tuesday, January 2, 3:00 pm.
- **Basic Internet & Email (Group Classes)** Wednesdays, 10:00 am. Designed for adults with at least an introductory knowledge of computers.
- **Intro to Computers, Basic Internet & Email (Group Classes)** Fridays, 10:00 am (Classes will alternate) The intro to computers class is designed for adults with no knowledge of computers.

### Seminole Community Library
- **SPC registration required for all computer classes.
  - **Get Comfortable with your Computer:** Saturday, January 13 or Tuesday, January 16, 1:00-5:00 pm. $25.00 fee.
  - **Do the iPod Shuffle:** Tuesday, January 16, 5:30-9:30 pm. $25.00 fee
  - **Boater Safety-How to Boat Smart:** Saturday, January 20, 8:00 am-5:00 pm. $35.00 fee.
  - **MS Word & Windows Programs:** Saturday, January 20 or Tuesday, January 23, 1:00-5:00 pm. $25.00 fee.
  - **Digital Photography for Beginners:** Mondays, January 22-February 19, 6:00-9:00 pm. $65.00 fee.
  - **Put More Power in Your Point:** Mondays, January 23 & 30, 5:50-9:30 pm. $49.00 fee.
  - **Welcome to E-Mail & the Internet:** Saturday, January 27 or Tuesday, January 30, 1:00-5:00 pm. $25.00 fee.

### Tarpon Springs Public Library
- **Registration is required for all computer classes.
  - **Computer Basics:** Tuesdays, Jan. 9, 1:00 pm.
  - **Internet Basics:** Wednesday, Jan. 24, 3:00 pm.
  - **Introduction to Microsoft Word:** Tuesday, January 23, 1:00 pm.
Adult Programs

Clearwater Public Library System

Main Library
Scholar’s Choice: Wednesday, January 17, 2:00 pm. Gilgamesh, with translation by Stephen Mitchell. Presented by Dr. Nancy Jane Tyson.

Scholar’s Choice: Wednesday, January 24, 2:00 pm. Walden by Henry David Thoreau. Presented by Dr. Maryhelen Harmon

10 Steps to Starting a Successful Small Business: Wednesday, January 10, 6:00-8:00 pm. A partnership with SCORE.

Films on the Bluff: The Best of Art House Cinema: Tuesday, January 9, 6:00 pm & Tuesday, January 23, 2:00 pm. Rabbit-Proof Fence.

Poetry Nights: Thursday, January 18, 7:00 pm. Open mike with the Tampa Bay Poetry Foundation.

Menus @ Main: Thursday, January 18, 7:00 pm. Open mike with the Poetry Nights

Adult beginner Sign Language 16-week course: Thursdays, January 18 & 25, 6:00-7:00 pm. Call for appointment.

Adult Intermediate Sign Language 16-week course: Tuesdays, January 16, 23, 30, 6:00 pm.

Basic Deaf Literacy: Mondays, January 8 & 22, 6:30-8:00 pm. Includes reading, writing, and computer skills. Call for appointment.

Beginning Bridge: Mondays, Wednesdays, & Thursdays, January 17, 24 & 31, 6:30-8:00 pm. Includes reading, writing, and computer skills. Call for appointment.

Intermediate Bridge: Mondays, January 8 & 22, 6:30-8:00 pm. Call to register.

Weekend Quilting Workshop – Crazy Patch Stitches: Saturday, January 30, 10:00 am-2:00 pm. Presented by Melba Rilott. Sign up and pick up your supply list at the Adult Reference Desk. A $10 refundable deposit is required.

Impressions of Iraq: Tuesday, January 16, 7:00 pm. Join us for an evening with independent TV producer Don Wood, who will present a slide show on Iraq, followed by a discussion and Q & A session.

Royal Exchange Theatre: Tuesdays at Two Film Program: Wednesday, January 24, 2:00 pm. Last Holiday: January 2; Over Alaska: January 9; Great Historic Sites: January 16; Patrick Smith’s Florida: A Sense of Place: January 23; Destination New Zealand: January 30.

Genealogy Assistance: Thursdays, 1:00-3:00 pm. Members of The Caladesi Chapter of the DAR are here to assist you.

Literacy Program: The Literacy Council of Upper Pinellas (LCUP) will be having a new tutor training workshop. Orientation will be Tuesday, February 13, 6:30-8:00 pm. Workshops begin Saturday, February 17. Registration required.

Chess Club: (All ages) Thursday, January 18, 4:00-6:00 pm.

Travel Guide – Africa: Friday, January 18, 6:30 pm.

Outreach Program for Adults: If someone you know is homebound in Dunedin and would like monthly deliveries of library materials (books and/or cassette/CD books), call our Outreach Department.

East Lake Community Library

Friends of East Lake Community Library: Saturday, January 4, 6:30 pm.

ELCL Writer’s Critique Group: Mondays, January 8 & 22, 6:30-8:00 pm. Bring something to read and have critiqued, or bring your critical skills to help someone else become a better writer.

Advisory Board: Tuesday, January 9, 6:00 pm.

East Lake Author’s Showcase: Tuesday, January 16, 6:30-8:00 pm. Our guest speaker is Ina Coggeshall, author of False Impressions.

Book Club: Wednesday, January 17, 6:30 pm. We Are All Welcome Here by Elizabeth Berg.

Bonsai Workshop: Saturday, January 27, 3:00 pm.

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

Gulf Beaches Public Library

Film Movement: Tuesday, January 2, 5:30 pm. Who’s Camus Anyway?

Beginning Bridge: Mondays, 12:30 pm. Class begins January 8 for twelve weeks. Call to register.

Intermediate Bridge: Mondays, 2:30 pm. Class begins January 8 for twelve weeks. Call to register.

Free Family Law & Divorce Seminar: Tuesdays, 6:30 pm.

Travel Film: Wednesday, January 10, 2:00 pm. Florida.

Saturday Movie Matinee Classics: Saturday, January 13, 1:30 pm. Sorrowful Jones

Writer’s Group: Thursdays, 10:00 am.

Spanish Language Classes: Thursdays, 5:00 pm.

Investment Club: Thursdays, 2:30 pm.

Gulfport Public Library

Scrapbookers Club for Teens and Adults: Saturday, January 13, 1:00 pm. Make beautiful pages of memories for yourself and your family. Some supplies available, but you need to furnish your own 12x12 scrapbook album.

Socrates Café: These monthly discussion groups were inspired by the book The Six Questions of Socrates. Thursday, January 11, 10:00 am & Friday, January 26, 6:00 pm.

Study Group: “Short Stories,” Monday, January 22, 1:00 pm; “Conversations on the Law,” Friday, January 26, 1:00 pm. Presented by local chapter of Brandeis University Women.
Adult Programs

Genealogy Discussion Group: Saturday, January 27, 1:00 pm. Share experiences and information with others interested in delving into their family history.

Largo Library

The Book Blizzard: Largo Public Library invites readers to enjoy books and be entered into a monthly drawing for great prizes. All you need is a library card!

Poets Live!: Monday, January 8, 6:00-8:30 pm. Open mic poetry readings. This month’s selection is Beginning.

Books-To-Film Cinema Series: Sun., Jan. 14, 1:30-4:30 pm. Read the book, then join us at the library to see the film! Following the film, join in a discussion of the movie and the book it was based on. Little Big Man.

Genealogy Computer Interest Group: Saturday, January 20, 9:45 am. This forum is an informal discussion group in a question and answer format on anything related to the use of computers in genealogy.

Pinellas Genealogy Society Monthly Meeting: Saturday, January 20, 11:00 am. Election of new officers will be conducted.

Palm Harbor Public Library

Socrates Café: Wed, January 3, 6:00-7:45 pm. A lively discussion group facilitated by Gene Mag. See website www.philosopher.org for details.

Jazz in the Stacks: Sunday, January 14, 3:00 pm. Frank Greenstreet will lead the 6-piece Clay Bayou Jazz Band in a program entitled “Just Jazz”.

Writer’s Group: Tuesday, January 2 & 16, 6:30 pm. Come and join other authors who share your love of writing!

Literacy: Book Club. Join other literacy students to discuss Harris and Me by Gary Paulsen on Thursday, January 25, 7:00 pm. Call if you are interested in becoming a tutor or student and have questions about our literacy program.

Suncoast Genealogy Society: Monday, January 22, 7:00 pm. Genealogy help is available in the Reference Department from 1:00–4:00 pm Monday through Friday.

Services for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing: A representative from Florida Telecommunications Relay will be here from 10:00 am-12:00 pm on Wednesday, January 10, to offer special phones and ringsignaling devices to qualified deaf or hard-of-hearing residents. Call 399-9983 (voice) or 399-9422 (TTY) for details.

Pinellas Park Public Library

Free Family Law Seminars: Wednesday, January 17, 24 & 31, 6:30 pm. Presented by the Law Offices of Joel Lee Sherman. Seminars will focus on the procedural process of divorce, what to expect, the law firm’s experiences, timelines and how to protect yourself.

Safety Harbor Public Library

Getting Your Book Published: Thursday, January 18, 6:30-7:45 pm. Author Carolyn Janik on finding an agent, marketing, and self-publishing.

Friends of the Library: The Friends meet the first Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm.

“POSH” Players of Safety Harbor: Contact the Library for upcoming “POSH” drama performances. Adult volunteers are desperately needed for production assistance. No experience is required.

Artist Display: McMullen Booth Elementary students display their artwork from Espiritu Santo Catholic School under the direction of Marie Louise Kempf.

St. Pete Beach Public Library


Screening/Discussion of The Three Faces of Eve: Fri., Jan. 26, 1:00 pm.

St. Petersburp Public Library System

Main Library

Grown-Ups’ Craft Circle: Saturdays, 9:00 am-noon. Learn the basics of sewing & crochet.

The Alley Cat Players: Saturday, January 27, 1:00 pm. Enjoy poetry and reader’s theater from this Tampa drama troupe. Visit www.alleycatplayers.org to learn more.

North Branch

ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages): Wednesdays, 3:30-5:00 pm. For new learners of the English language.

South Branch

Craft Club: (All ages) Saturday, January 6, 2:00 pm. Learn a new craft & share ideas.

West Community Library

Family Story Time: (All ages) Thursday, January 4, 7:00 pm.

Seminole Community Library


American Association of Individual Investors: Wednesday, January 10, 6:00 pm.

Florida West Coast Car Club: Saturday, January 13, 1:30 pm.

The Way International: Saturday, January 6, 11:00 am.

Toastmasters Club #5899: Tuesdays, 6:15 pm.

Tarpon Springs Public Library

Genealogy Assistance with John Kiwal: 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.


Bay Knit Wits: Wednesday, January 10, 6:00 pm. Knitting and crochet group for all ages and skill levels.

From the Cook’s Shelf: Wednesday, January 10, 7:00 pm. Cookbook discussion group. Breads and Other Cultures. Recipes and samples always welcome.

10th Anniversary Celebration: Saturday, January 13, 2:00 pm. Please join us for a reception celebrating 10 years at our library’s current location. Refreshments will be served.

10th Anniversary Book Sale: Tuesday, January 16-Saturday, January 20. Large selection of used books and other materials on sale during regular library hours.

History Discussion Group: Wednesday, January 17, 1:30-3:30 pm. Please call for topic.

The Dream Station of Tarpon Springs: Wednesday, January 17, 7:00 pm. Substance abuse and awareness lecture. Call 541-1853 for more information.

Free Blood Pressure Screening: Thursday, January 18, 1:00-3:00 pm. Provided by Helen Ellis Home Care.

Writing Workshop: Monday, January 22 & 29, 6:30 pm. How To’s of Writing. All ages, skill levels and interests welcome.

Ten Steps to Starting Your Own Business: Wednesday, January 24, 7:00 pm. Presented by SCORE (the Service Corps of Retired Executives). Registration required.

Local Artist and Writer, Liz Indianos: Tuesday, January 30, 7:00 pm. Ms. Indianos will speak about the creative process.
Cooperative Libraries

Administrative Office Pinellas Public Library Cooperative
1330 Cleveland Street
Clearwater, FL 33755
Phone: 441-8408
Fax: 441-8938
www.pplc.us
Mon - Fri 8:30am - 5pm

East Branch
2251 Drew Street
Clearwater, FL 33765
Phone: 669-1280
Mon - Thu 9am - 9pm
Fri - Sat 9am - 5pm

North Greenwood Branch
905 N. Martin Luther King, Jr. Ave.
Clearwater, FL 33755
Phone: 462-6895
Mon, Wed, Fri 9am - 5pm
Tue, Thu 10:30am - 7pm

Dunedin Library
223 Douglas Avenue
Dunedin, FL 34698
Phone: 298-3080
Mon - Thu 10am - 8pm
Fri - Sat 10am - 5pm

Gulf Beaches Library
200 Municipal Drive
Madeira Beach, FL 33708
Phone: 773-2665
Mon - Thu 10am - 8pm
Fri - Sat 10am - 5pm

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

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 9am - 8pm
Fri - Sat 9am - 5pm

Pinellas Park Library
7770 52nd Street
Pinellas Park, FL 33781
Phone: 541-0718
Reference: 541-0719
Mon - Thu 9am - 8:30pm
Fri - Sat 9am - 5pm

St. Pete Beach Library
365 73rd Avenue
St. Pete Beach, FL 33706
Phone: 363-9238
http://www.tblc.org/splb
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.splibraries.org
Mon - Thu 9am - 9pm
Fri - Sat 9am - 6pm

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

Seminole Community Library
@ St. Petersburg College
9200 113th Street North
Seminole, FL 33728-2800
Phone: 394-6905
http://www.spc.edu/SCL/
Mon - Thu 7:30am - 9pm
Fri 7:30am - 4pm
Sat 10:00am - 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

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Special Events

January 2
Seminole Community Library
Lowell Tausik of Razmataz Entertainment: 11:00 am. A show of magic, juggling & ventriloquism sharing his inspirational stories for a Happy New Year.

January 6
Gulfport Public Library
Friends Room Art Gallery: Opening Reception: 6:00-8:00 pm. Paintings by Jim Joiner. On display through January 25.

January 11
Pinellas Park Public Library
Private Tour of Panama Canal Museum: 5:00-7:00 pm. Sponsored by the Friends of the Pinellas Park Library and the Pinellas Park Historical Society. Don’t miss this opportunity to experience a unique resource in our own back yard. $5.00 charge, wine and cheese will be served. Registration required.

January 13
Dunedin Public Library
Community Center Grand Opening: 1:00-5:00 pm. Come and see the new Friends’ Branch of the Dunedin Public Library at the new Dunedin Community Center.

Largo Library
Celebrate the Straw!: 2:00 pm. Celebrate the invention of the drinking straw with crafts and games. This is for Grade 2 and above.

St. Petersburg Public Library
System
South Branch
Legacy of the Dream: 2:00 pm. Poetry Contest & Open Mic Tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Enter your original poem in the Legacy of the Dream poetry contest and perform your poem in the open mic tribute to Dr. King and his dream. The winning poet will receive a gift certificate from Barnes & Noble’s bookstore. Deadline for receiving entries is January 6, 2007.

January 14
Safety Harbor Public Library
Players of Safety Harbor Teen Theatre Troupe: (Ages 11-16) 2:00 pm. Performances of Medieval Madness and Who Murdered Who Sunday.

St. Pete Beach Public Library
A Visit with Jimmy Wales: 2:00 pm. The founder of Wikipedia speaks to the future of libraries.

Seminole Community Library
Sunday Musicales: 3:00 pm. Program to be announced.

January 16
Clearwater Public Library
System
North Greenwood Branch
Donna Dewberry’s One Stroke Painting Class: 4:00-6:00 pm. Learn the basics of Donna Dewberry’s famous brush strokes from certified instructor, Debbie Worcester. Call to register.

Largo Library
10 Steps to Starting a Business: 6:00-8:00 pm. This workshop is presented by SCORE and sponsored through the partnership of the Largo/Mid-Pinellas Chamber of Commerce. For reservations call 584-2321.

January 17
Safety Harbor Public Library
Folktales for Fun! (Ages 5 & up) 7:00 pm with storyteller Pat Manning.

January 18
Largo Library
Business Networking Made Easy: 6:00-8:00 pm. Sponsored by Professional Leads Network, East Bay counseling and Florida Barter. Registration required.

January 20
Dunedin Public Library
Bahamian Junkanoo: 3:00 pm. FAMU Professor Dr. Janet DeCosmo will discuss the history of the Junkanoo celebration in the Bahamas, followed by a performance by her students. Sponsored by the Florida Humanities Council and the Dunedin Historical Museum.

Dunedin Community Center
Diversity Day: (Youth of all ages) At the brand new Dunedin Community Center. The Library will have some crafts to celebrate our diversity.

St. Pete Beach Public Library
How Do You Sudoku?: 9:00 am. Puzzle master Merl Reagle explains the popular numbers game.

January 21
Pinellas Park Public Library

January 22
Largo Library
New Homebuyer’s Seminar: 5:30-8:30 pm. The two-part seminar will offer information on budgeting for a new home, how to obtain a mortgage and how to use a realtor’s services. Attend both sessions and receive a Home Buyer’s Certificate, which could help qualify for a low down payment and other low cost housing programs.

January 27
Safety Harbor Public Library
POSH (Players of Safety Harbor) Youth Theatre Troupe: (Ages 7-10) 2:00 pm. Performances of Peggy the Pint Sized Pirate and Once Upon a Prince Saturday.

January 29
Largo Library
New Homebuyer’s Seminar: 5:30-8:30 pm. The two-part seminar will offer information on budgeting for a new home, how to obtain a mortgage and how to use a realtor’s services. Attend both sessions and receive a Home Buyer’s Certificate, which could help qualify for a low down payment and other low cost housing programs.

Safety Harbor Public Library
Inky Winky Spider and Friends: (Ages 3 & up) 7:00 pm. Noted author Maura Sweeney will share her new series with reading and music.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

January 24
Gulf Beaches Public Library
Author Talk: 4:00 pm. Tim Dorsey is a New York Times bestselling author and former Tampa Tribune reporter who will kick off his book tour of his new book Hurricane Punch.

January 25
Largo Library
Resume Workshop: 12:00-1:00 pm. Join Betty Hardy of PTEC Clearwater as she facilitates a workshop on resume writing. Registration required.

January 29
Largo Library
New Homebuyer’s Seminar: 5:30-8:30 pm. The two-part seminar will offer information on budgeting for a new home, how to obtain a mortgage and how to use a realtor’s services. Attend both sessions and receive a Home Buyer’s Certificate, which could help qualify for a low down payment and other low cost housing programs.
Clearwater Public Library System
Main Library
Student Library Tours: Research training available. Call for details or to schedule a tour.
North Greenwood Branch
Read and Recreate Library Book Club: Read three age-appropriate books and earn a free day pass to the Recreation Center. Pick up a book report log at the library, fill it out and bring it back to receive your pass.

Dunedin Public Library
D.Y.V. - Dunedin Youth Volunteers: Monday, January 22, 6:30 pm. Our teen volunteer group meets to plan, assist and create programs for the youth of the community.
Chess Club: (All ages) Thursday, January 18, 4:00-6:00 pm.
Teen Chocolate Programs: (Ages 10 & up) Thursday, January 25, 6:00 pm. Join us in making some delicious candy confections. Materials supplied. Registration required.

East Lake Community Library
Teen Library Council: Mondays, January 8 & 22, 5:30 pm. Teens meet to plan programs.

Gulfport Public Library
Scrapbookers Club for Teens and Adults: Saturday, January 13, 1:00 pm. Make beautiful pages of memories for yourself and your family. Some supplies available, but you need to furnish your own 12x12 scrapbook album.

Largo Library
Teen Library Council: Tuesday, January 2, 6:00-8:00 pm. This program is for TLC members who help the library by providing ideas, feedback and recommendations on teen programs, services and materials.
Teen Ramen Bar: Tuesday, January 9, 5:00-7:00 pm. Come and explore this fascinating culture through a variety of engaging activities. This month participants will explore the world of a Geisha.
Teen How to Series – Get Fit, Stay Fit: Saturday, January 13, 1:00-3:00 pm. Learn healthy life styles.
Metro Largo! News Team: Saturday, January 20, 2:00-3:00 pm. We are always recruiting reporters, writers, editors, graphic artists, marketers, and publishers for our News Team.
Teen Paper Series – Scrapbooking I – Beginners: Thursday, January 25, 4:30-6:30 pm. Learn the craft of scrapbooking to record your memories in style.
Teen Film Club: (Ages 13-19) Tuesday, January 30, 4:30-6:30 pm. View a PG-13 rated Japanese movie. Have fun with other movie trivia, contests and other film related activities. Registration required.

Palm Harbor Public Library
Teen Socrates Café: Join Tyler Crawford Thursday, January 11, at 6:15 pm as he leads teens in an hour-long discussion of philosophy, politics, literature, current issues and pop culture.
Teen Writers’ Club: Thursday, January 25, 6:15-7:15 pm. Come share your works (poetry, essays, novels, whatever!) with other teens.
Youth Advisory Board: Teens ages 13-18 are invited to join the Youth Advisory Board, which meets each Thursday from 5:46 pm. Plan programs, services and fundraisers that meet the needs and interests of teens.

Safety Harbor Public Library
Free Saturday Tutoring for Teens: Math 10:00 am-12:00 pm. Tutor: Vinay. Contact him in advance at 726-3386.
New POSH (Players of Safety Harbor) Playwriting Group: Tuesdays, 5:30 pm.

St. Petersburg Public Library System
Main Library
Monthly Teen Night: (Ages 13-19) Wednesday, January 17, 6:30 pm. Call for details.
South Branch
Teen Advisory Council: Tuesday, January 2, 4:30 pm.
Teen Book Club (Grades 9-12) Friday, January 12, 4:30 pm.
Chess Club: Wednesdays, 4:30 pm. Players at all age & levels welcome.

West Community Library
Teen Scene: Thursdays, 6:00-8:00 pm. Call for information.

Seminole Community Library
Library Youth Advisory Board: Thursdays, January 4 & 18, 7:00 pm.
Seminole Community Library Gallery: Thursday, January 11-Monday, February 19 High School Student Art Show. Gallery hours Mon.-Thurs. 11:00 am-7:00 pm, Fri. 11:00 am-4:00 pm, Sat & Sun. 11:00 am-5:00 pm.

Tarpon Springs Public Library
Knit Klub: (Ages 7-18) Saturday, January 20, 2:00 pm. Supplies are limited so participants are welcome to bring their own supplies.
Exploring Cultures-The Middle East: (Ages 12-18) Saturday, January 27, 2:00 pm. Experience the food, arts and crafts of another country. Registration required.
Chess Club: Monday, January 29, 3:30 pm. All ages and skill levels.

Happy New Year!
MISSION STATEMENT

- Promotes, facilitates, and manages funding from public governmental agencies and private sources
- Facilitates the sharing of library talent, materials and services
- Promotes public library service development
- Promotes consensus on public service policies and service methods among member libraries
- Directly serves members of the public who require adapted library service through the Deaf Literacy Center, the Talking Book Library and Books by Mail
- Coordinates the access to information technologies
- Provides library staff with professional consultation and continuing education

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SERVICES

- Book discussions and reviews
- Books, tapes, CDs, videos, and magazines for checkout
- Community rooms
- Computer classes
- Home Delivery
- Friends of the Library and volunteer groups
- Internet access
- Interlibrary loan
- Literacy classes and tutoring
- Programs for adults and young adults
- Reference assistance and reader’s advisory
- Story hours and children’s activities

POLICIES

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

**Main Library**
- **Book Lovers Bistro:** Tuesday, January 2, noon. Meet over lunch to discuss a bestseller.
- **Circulo De Lectura:** Wednesday, January 24, 1:00 pm. Spanish language book discussion group.
- **Great Books:** Thursday, January 11, 1:30 pm. Selected Poems by John Donne.

**East Branch**
- **Mystery Readers Club:** Tuesday, January 23. Mysteries of Walter Mosley.

**Dunedin Public Library**
- **Contemporary Books Discussion Group:** Tuesday, January 2, 7:00 pm. Ceremony by Leslie Marmom Silko.
- **Great Decisions Discussion Group:** Tuesday, January 9, 7:30 pm. Pandemics and Security.
- **Great Books Discussion Group:** Tuesday, January 16, 7:00 pm. Earliest Impressions by Jane Adam and He Sits Down on the Floor of a School for the Retarded by Alden Nowlan.
- **Contemporary Books Discussion Group:** Tuesday, January 23, 7:00 pm. Victory by Joseph Conrad.

**Gulf Beaches Public Library**
- **Book Discussion:** Tuesday, January 16, 10:30 am. *The Memory Keeper’s Daughter* by Kim Edwards.

**Gulfport Public Library**
- **CoffeeTalk:** The Feast of Love by Charles Baxter. Thursday, January 18. Coffee is ready at 9:30 a.m., discussion starts at 10 o’clock. Copies of the book may be reserved at the reference desk.

**Largo Library**
- **The Last Word Book Club:** Wednesday, January 3, 7:00 pm. Reading Lolita In Tehan by Azar Nafisi.
- **Family Book Club:** Saturday, January 6, 2:00 pm. Chasing the Falcons by Gordon Korman.
- **Teen Readatherapy:** Tuesday, January 16, 4:30-6:00 pm. Learn how reading can be therapeutic. Be sure to bring your favorite book or poem to share with other teens or just sit back and enjoy. This month’s genre will be “Award Books”. There will be discussions and games.
- **Booktalking with Iris:** Wednesday, January 17, 12:00-1:00 pm. Forever Liesl by Charmian Carr.

**Oldsmar Public Library**
- **Book Discussion:** Thursday, January 25, 12:00 pm. Marie Antoinette by Antonia Fraser.

**Palm Harbor Public Library**
- **PHIL’s Book Club:** Monday, January 8, 11:00 am and 7:00 pm to discuss John Knowles’ *A Separate Peace*. Refreshments will be served.

**Pinellas Park Public Library**
- **Book Discussion:** Thursday, January 18, 2:00 pm. *The Kite Runner* by Khaled Hosseini.

**Safety Harbor Public Library**
- **Book Discussion:** Tuesday, January 9, 10:30 am & Wednesday, January 10, 7:00 pm. The March by E. L. Doctorow.
- **Book Discussion:** Thursday, January 25, 2:00 pm. Peyton Place by Grace Metalious.

**St. Petersburg Public Library System**

**Main Library**
- **Mother/Daughter Book Club:** Tuesday, January 9, 6:30 pm.
- **Between Covers Book Club:** Wednesday, January 17, 7:00 pm. *1776* by David McCullough.
- **The Bookers’ Book Group:** Thursday, January 18, 10:30 am. Call or check online for the latest titles.

**North Branch**
- **Class Up Close:** Tuesday, January 23, 2:00 pm. Call for latest title.

**South Branch**
- **Book Club:** Tuesday, January 11, 2:00 pm. Call for latest title.
- **Mahogany Book Club:** Saturday, January 20, 10:00 am.

**West Community Library**
- **West Community Group:** Wednesdays, 1:30 pm. Call for latest title and date.

**Seminole Community Library**
- **Booktalkers:** Wednesday, January 3, 2:00 pm. The City of Falling Angels by John Berendt.
- **Great Books Discussion Group:** Wednesday, January 17, 2:00 pm. Antigone by Sophocles.

**Library Closings**

**January 1**
- All libraries closed.

**January 5**
- Tarpon Springs Public Library

**January 6**
- Tarpon Springs Public Library

**January 15**
- Clearwater Public Library System
- East Lake Community Library
- Gulf Beaches Public Library
- Gulfport Public Library
- Largo Public Library
- Palm Harbor Library
- Pinellas Park Public Library
- Safety Harbor Public Library
- St. Pete Beach Public Library
- St. Petersburg Public Library System
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- Tarpon Springs Public Library
Children’s Programs

Clearwater Public Library System

Main Library

Saturday Storytime: (Ages 3-5) Saturdays, 11:00 am.

Toddler Time: (24-36 mos) Thursdays, 10:00 am.

Bright Minds: (Ages 3-5) Wednesdays, 10:00 am.

Guys Read: (Ages 8-12) Friday, January 26, 3:30-4:45 pm. Boys read interesting books together and share their opinions about them. Sometimes there are games and activities after the talk. Call 562-4970, ext. 5236 for the reading list.

Country Branch

Pre-school Storytime: Wednesdays, 10:00 am.

Toddler Time: (24-36 mos) Thursdays, 10:00 am.

Homework Help: Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 3:00-5:00 pm. High school students help elementary age children with their homework.

Mark the Balloon Guy: Thurs., Jan. 4, 11:00 am. Magic and reading.

North Greenwood Branch

Pre-school Storytime: Mondays, 10:30 am.

Legal Eagles Homework Help: Tuesdays, 3:00-5:00 pm. Attorneys from the Clearwater Bar Association available to give homework help.

Chess Club: (all ages) Wednesdays, 3:30 pm. Instruction and chessboards provided.

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East Branch

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Toddler Time: (24-36 mos) Thursdays, 10:00 am.

Family Storytime: (Ages 3-5) Mondays, 7:00 pm.

Mondays, 11:00 am. Registration required for this workshop designed for toddlers from 18 to 36 months.

Toddler Sign: (infants) Thursday, January 18 & Thursday, January 25, 7:00 pm.

Learn to use sign language with your baby.


Deaf Literacy Center

Palm Harbor Public Library

Children’s Sign Language (16 week course): (Ages 5-12) Mondays, January 22 & 29, 3:30-4:30 pm.

St. Petersburg Library South Branch

Children’s Sign Language: “Flashing Fingers” (Ages 6-12) Tuesdays, January 9, 19, 23 & 30. Registration required.

Pinellas Park Library

Children’s Sign Language 16-week course: (Ages 5-12) Tuesdays, January 19, 23 & 30, 4:00-5:00 pm.

Pinellas Park Library

Children’s Sign Language 16-week course: (Ages 5-12) Thursdays, January 18 & 25, 3:00-4:00 pm.

Clearwater Public Library System

Main Library

Saturday Storytime: (Ages 3-5) Saturdays, 11:00 am.

Toddler Time: (12-24 months) Fridays, 10:00 am.

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East Branch

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Toddler Time: (24-36 mos) Thursdays, 10:00 am.

Family Storytime: (Ages 3-5) Saturdays, 10:30 am.

Family Storytime: (Ages 3-5) Thursdays, 11:00 am.

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

Gulf Beaches Public Library

Storytime: Wednesdays, 10:30 am.

Family Movie: Saturday, January 20, 2:00 pm. Ice Age 2: The Meltdown.

Homework Center: (Grades 1-5) Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays, 3:30 pm. Call to register.

Gulfport Public Library

Family Craft Club: Saturdays, January 6 & 20, 2:00 pm.

Family Bedtime Stories: Thursday, January 11 & 25, 6:30 pm.

After School Fun with Crafts: Friday, January 12 & 26, 4:00 pm.

Largo Library

Baby Sign: Mondays, 10:00 am. Registration required for this workshop designed for babies up to 17 months.

Toddler Sign: Mondays, 11:00 am. Registration required for this workshop designed for toddlers from 18 to 36 months.

Family Story Night: (Ages 3-7) Mondays, 7:00 pm.

Baby Ryme Time: (6-12 mos) Wednesdays, 10:00 am.

Toddler Ryme Time: (Ages 1-3) Wednesdays, 11:00 am.

Pre-School Ryme Time: (Ages 3-5) Wednesdays, 1:00 pm.

Toddler Storytime: (Ages 1-3) Thursdays, 10:00 am.

Pre-School Storytime: (Ages 3-5) Thursdays, 11:00 am.

Family Storytime: Saturdays, 10:30 am.

Kids Bingo (Elementary age) Tuesday, January 9 & 23, 3:30 pm.

Largo K-Kids Club: Friday, January 12 & 26, 3:30-5:30 pm. A student-led service organization for the home schooled and elementary school students who are dedicated to library and community service. Brought to you in partnership with the Kiwanis club of Largo/Mid-Pinellas.

Reading Dogs Day: Sat., Jan. 27, 10:00-noon. The Project Pup Dogs are visiting the library! These lovable listeners assist children as they enhance their reading and communication skills. Registration required.

Oldsmar Public Library

Storytime with Oliver the Big White Dog: Saturday, January 13, 10:00 am-12:00 pm.

Come and read a story to Oliver or sit with Oliver and let Ms. Kathleen read a story to you both!

Preschool Storytime: (Ages 3-5) Thursday, January 18, 10:00 am.

Palm Harbor Public Library

Mother Goose: (Birth-2 yrs) Saturdays, January 13 & 27, 9:30 am.
Children’s Programs

**Toddler Story Time** (18 mos-3 yrs) Mondays beginning January 22, 10:00 & 11:00 am.

**Granny Jane’s Stories** (Toddlers and preschoolers.) Wed., 1:30 pm.

**Bedtime Bash** (Ages 3 & up) Mondays beginning January 22, 7:00 pm.

*Bedtime stories—don’t forget to bring your teddy bears (p.j.’s are optional)! The following programs require in-person pre-registration. Please call for more information:

**First Steps Parent/Child Workshop Series Winter I:** (Ages 1-3) Fridays, January 12 – February 2, 9:30-10:30 am or 11:00 am-12:00 pm. This four-week interactive program, funded by a grant from the CitiGroup Foundation, features a toy and play area, a craft corner, various community professionals, and a Parents’ Resource Center.

**American Girls-Meet Kit:** (Children only, ages 7-12) Saturday, January 13, 1:30 pm. Meet Kit, a spunky young lady from the Depression era, through games, crafts, food and fun!

**Kids’ Gymnastics: 4-year-olds: 12:30-1:00 pm. 5 & 6-year-olds: 1:15-2:00 pm. Saturday, January 20. A sampling of tumbling, apparatus, and floor exercises presented by instructors from Eurostars Gymnastics.

**Homework Help:** (Grades 1-5) Mondays & Wednesdays, 4:30-6:30 pm. Members of the Youth Advisory Board offer free one-on-one homework help on a drop-in basis.

**Pinellas Park Public Library**

**Story Time:** (Ages 3-5) Tuesdays, 10:00-10:30 am.

**Mother Goose:** (Birth-3 yrs) Tuesdays, 10:45-11:05 am & Wednesdays, 10:30-10:50 am.

**Reading Patch Club:** (Elementary School Students) Tuesdays, 3:00-3:30 pm. A reading incentive program where children hear about great books and earn stickers and patches for reading. Attendance is encouraged but not required to earn incentives.

**Story Time Celebration:** (Ages 3 & up) Tuesdays, 7:00-7:30 pm.

**Chess Club:** Mondays, 3:00-5:00 pm. Beginner instruction (3:00-4:00 pm); Advanced instruction (4:00-5:00 pm). Bring your friends and join us for free instruction and friendly competition for players of all levels.

**Evening Mother Goose:** (Younger Children) Thursdays, 7:00-7:30 pm. The last Thursday of the month is our Pajama Party. Don’t forget to wear your favorite p.j’s!

**YU-GI-OH Tournament:** Saturday, January 13, 9:00 am. Registration required and begins at 9 am (must be registered by 10 am to play). Prizes awarded. Co-sponsored by Wal-Mart.

**Safety Harbor Public Library**

**Regular programming begins January 22.**

**Baby & Me:** (Birth-18 mos) Mondays, 9:45 am. Registration required.

**Toddle Time:** (18 mos-2 ½ yrs) Mondays, 10:30 am. Registration required.

**Family Storytime:** (All ages) Mondays, 7:00 pm.

**Young Storytellers:** (Ages 2 ½ - 5) Tuesdays, 10:30 am.

**Preschool Storytime:** (Ages 3-5) Wednesdays, 1:30 pm.

**Baby Time:** (Birth-11 mos) Fridays, 9:45 am. Registration required.

**1st Steppers:** (Ages 1-3) Fridays, 10:30 am. Registration required.

**St. Pete Beach Public Library**

**Mother Goose Time:** (Birth- 3 yrs) Tuesday, January 2, 16, 23 and 30, 10:30 or 11:30 am.

**Dolphin Club:** (Ages 3 & up) Tuesdays, 4:00 pm. Longer stories and sometimes crafts to do, too.

**Tucker the Therapy Dog:** Tuesday, January 2, 3:00 pm. Practice in reading aloud.

**Sunshine State Young Readers Reading Club:** (Grades 3-5) Tuesday, January 9, 5:00 pm. Discussion of The Boy Who Spoke Dog by Clay Morgan.

**Library in the Park:** Thursday, January 11, 4:00 pm. Stories, a craft and outdoor play. At Belle Vista Triangle #2 Park, 3715 Belle Vista Drive.

**Under the Sea Saturdays:** Saturday, January 13, 10:30 am. Mermaid stories, activities.

**St. Petersburg Public Library System**

**Main Library**

**After-School Program:** (Ages 6-12) Tuesdays, 4:00 pm.

**Junior League Puppet Show:** Tuesday, January 9 & 23, 10:00 am. Officer Buckle and Gloria & Inpatient Pamela Call 911.

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

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

**Family Story & Crafts:** (Ages 3-8) Thursdays, 7:00 pm.

**Young Magicians:** (Ages 7-16) Saturday, January 6, 10:00 am. Teaching the art of illusion to children.

**Super Saturday Puppet Shows:** January 13, 2:00 pm.

**Johnson Branch**

**Preschool Story Time:** (Ages 3-5) Fridays, 9:45 & 10:15 am.

**Mirror Lake Branch**

**Humphry Dumpty:** (Infants-crawlers) Mondays, 10:30 am & Wednesdays, 3:30 pm.

**Jack & Jill:** (Walkers-3 yrs) Mondays, 9:45 am & Wednesdays, 4:15 pm.

**Preschool:** (Ages 3-5) Friday, January 5 & 19, 10:00 am & 10:30 am.

**North Branch**

**Story Time Registration:** Wednesday, January 3, from 9:30-noon for January-February story time. In order to create a positive story time experience for all participants, we require pre-registration for Mother Goose and Preschool story times.

**South Branch**

**Mother Goose:** (Infant-3 yrs) Thursdays, 10:00 am.

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

**Newberry Book Club:** (Ages 8-12) Tuesday, January 9, 4:30 pm, Reading list available.

**West Community Library**

**Preschool Story Time:** (Ages 3-5) Tuesdays & Wednesdays 10:00 am.

**Mother Goose:** (Infants-3 yrs) Tuesdays & Wednesdays, 11:00 am.

**Seminole Community Library**

**Toddler Storytime:** (18-36 mos) Tuesdays & Thursdays, 10:30 am. Storytime will resume January 9.

**Pre-School Storytime:** (Ages 3-5) Tuesdays, 11:00 am. Storytime will resume January 9.

**Twilight Tales:** (Preschool-2nd grade) Mondays, 6:30 pm. Twilight Tales will resume January 8.

**We Love Babies:** (Birth-1). Wednesdays, January 10-31, 10:30 am.

**Family Movie:** Saturdays, 2:00 pm. Films for all ages—free popcorn and sodas. January 6: Dreamer; January 13: The King and I; January 20: Racing Stripes; January 27: Bambi.

**Tarpon Springs Public Library**

**Preschool Story Time:** (Ages 3-5) Thursdays, 10:15 am. No Story Time on January 4 and 18.

**Mother Goose Toddler Time:** (Ages 1-3) Fridays, 10:15 am. Registration required. No Toddler Time on January 5 and 19.

**Craft Saturdays:** Saturdays, 10:00 am-3:00 pm. A different craft each week.

**Craft Club:** (Ages 6-12) Friday, January 12, 4:30 pm. Registration required.

**Knit Klub:** (Ages 7-18) Saturday, January 20, 2:00 pm. Supplies are limited, participants are welcome to bring their own supplies.

**Forensics 101:** (Ages 11 & up) Tuesday, January 23, 7:00 pm. Come hear a forensics expert from the Sheriff’s office talk about crime scene investigation.

**Youth Chess Club:** Monday, January 29, 3:304:30 pm. All ages and skill levels welcome.
Meet The Author

Tim Dorsey

a humorous crime novelist, will kick-off his book tour of *Hurricane Punch* at Gulf Beaches Public Library
200 Municipal Drive
Madeira Beach, FL 33708
Wednesday, January 24 at 4:00 p.m.

For more information, please contact the library at (727) 391-2828.

"His satirical novels are all based in Florida and they follow the main character Serge A. Storms. Dorsey has published nine novels, including *Florida Roadkill*, *Hammerhead Ranch Motel* and *Big Bamboo."