PPLC Sponsors Advocacy Campaign with Local Legislators

Members of the PPLC Board of Directors, local library directors, and the PPLC Executive Director visited with members of the Pinellas County Legislative Delegation to talk about libraries and ask for their support during the 2007 legislative session. The Pinellas Public Library Cooperative and its member libraries rely on funding received from the State Aid to Libraries grant for a wide range of programs and services. The Florida Library Association is advocating for changes in the State Aid law (Chapter 257) that will help resolve funding problems caused by the existing aid allocation formula. They are also advocating for an additional $10 million in state aid funds for 2007-08. These funds will help public libraries recover from years of no increase in state aid dollars.

State aid dollars here in Pinellas County are used to purchase electronic databases, books, and materials; provide access to the internet; support automation systems; facilitate delivery of books among libraries; and fund special programs such as the Talking Book Library, the Deaf Literacy Center, Born to Read; and Books-by-Mail.

It’s not too late to add your name to list of library advocates who want to see these services continue. Contact your local legislator and let them know that you care about your library and support the Florida Library Association’s advocacy campaign. You can find your legislator by visiting the Web site [http://www.pinellascounty.org/delegation/](http://www.pinellascounty.org/delegation/) or for more information, call (727) 464-3592 or write to 311 South Osceola Ave, Clearwater, 33756.

Thank you to all of our legislators in the House and Senate who took the time to meet with us and learn more about our libraries and the services they provide.

Teen Career Education Program at Your Public Libraries

The Pinellas Public Library Cooperative is partnering with Bank of America and Junior Achievement again this spring to present a Teen Career Education program, Hire Me! Teen Secrets for Getting the Job. Through the award of a Bank of America Foundation grant, our libraries will host programs for teens in April and May 2007 at six library locations. Programs will be hosted at the following libraries: April 7 at 11:00 am – 2:00 pm at the Clearwater East Library (2251 Drew Street); April 14 at 11:00 am – 2:00 pm at the Dunedin Library (223 Douglas Avenue); April 15 at 1:00 – 4:00 pm at Seminole Library (9200 113th Street N); April 21 at 11:00 am – 2:00 pm at the Pinellas Park Library (7770 52nd Street); April 23 at 5:30 – 8:30 pm at the St Petersburg Johnson Library (1059 18th Ave S); and May 5 at 11:30 am – 2:30 pm at the Palm Harbor Library (2330 Nebraska Avenue). Participants will need to register for programs with the participating library.

Each library will host a program that will include information on interviewing skills, resume building, making a good impression with an employer and communicating value as teens seek employment. Our partner, Junior Achievement, has established curriculum in conjunction with the Bank of America program for high-school aged teens.

All programs will include incentives, giveaways, and activities to strengthen the skills for getting a job. Participants will also receive FREE meals during the three-hour long sessions. Through this program, teens will have an opportunity to participate in future workshops that will assist in job placement for the summer. Come and join us as we launch this new and valuable program for youth in Pinellas County.

For more information regarding the program, please contact Paula Godfrey at the Pinellas Public Library Cooperative office at (727) 441-8408.

To register for a program, please contact:
Clearwater East (727) 669-1280; Dunedin (727) 298-3080; Palm Harbor (727) 784-3332; Pinellas Park (727) 541-0718; Seminole (727) 394-6905; and St Petersburg Johnson (727) 893-7113.
Welcome Cari Rupkalvis, New Tarpon Springs Library Director

At the end of January, Cari Rupkalvis was appointed as the new director of Tarpon Springs Public Library. Ms. Rupkalvis had served as acting director since June of 2006, when the previous director, Susan Delmas, resigned.

Ms. Rupkalvis has a master's degree in library and information science from the University of South Florida and a bachelor’s degree in psychology from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She is a native Floridian who was born and raised in West Palm Beach. She has been with the Tarpon Springs Public Library since May of 1997. Her library experience includes working in reference, circulation, interlibrary loan, and collection development. Most recently, she served as head of adult services.

Some of her plans for the library are to introduce new formats to the collection, such as digital audiobooks, and offer fresh, varied programming and greater outreach. Cari looks forward to continuing to serve the public and providing enhanced library resources and services to meet the needs of the community.

Teen Tech Week @ your library

The Young Adult Library Services Association of the American Library Association has announced March 4-10, 2007 to be designated as Teen Tech Week. This will be the first celebration of this event and libraries in the Pinellas Public Library Cooperative will be hosting programs focusing on technology.

Teens seem to be the most up-to-date with technology these days. They love using computers, cell phones, Ipod/MP3 players, game systems, and television recording systems. Teen have access through our Pinellas County libraries to a wide variety of electronic resources such as databases, Computer CD-ROMs, Books on CD, Playaways, Music CD’s and of course, DVD’s.

Some exciting programs celebrating Teen Tech Week throughout the county include: Dunedin Public Library - Teen Internet Scavenger Hunt - Thursday, March 8, 2007 @ 6PM. Seminole Community Library – An Introduction to Gaming Technology - Monday, March 5, 2007 @ 6:30PM and Clearwater Public Library – Main – MySpace Program - Wednesday, March 7, 2007 @ 3:30PM.

Anime/Manga Mini Con For Tampa Bay Teens

On Saturday, March 24, 2007, Largo Public Library at 120 Central Park Drive, Largo, will host a FREE Anime/Manga mini convention for all Tampa Bay teens. An all day event from 9:00 am to 4:30 pm, the convention’s theme is Metal vs. Magic. Dress-up is encouraged, not required. The activities include Cosplay (contest), an anime film, ParaPara, introduction to Japanese (fan essentials), a picture station and more! For more information, contact libraryyouth@largo.com or call the library’s Teen Room at 727-587-6715, extension 2531.

Vote March 13, 2007

The Penny will increase your library’s value!
http://www.pinellascounty.org/penny/
Clearwater Public Library System
Main Library
Registration required for all computer classes, is on a first-come, first-call basis and opens on the Monday of the class.
Be Your Own Travel Agent on the Internet Thurs. March 1, 10:00 am.
Introduction to MS Windows Wednesday, March 7, 10:00 am.
Introduction to the Internet: Wednesday, March 14, 10:00 am.
Introduction to Email: Wednesday, March 21, 10:00 am.
Introduction to Word: Thursday, March 28, 10:00 am.
Selling on Ebay Tuesday, March 13, 6:30 pm.
Advanced Word: Tuesday, March 27, 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, March 14, 10:00 am. Registration required.
Deaf Literacy Center
Safety Harbor Public Library
Computer skills for the Deaf: Individualized tutorials as well as small group instruction. Call for appointment.
Dunedin Public Library
Create Your Own Wiki: Tuesday, February 27, 11:00 am.
Anyone Can Blog: Wednesday, February 28, 7:00 pm.
Anyone Can Blog: Thursday, March 1, 11:00 am
No classes are scheduled for March 6, 7, or 8.
PowerPoint Basics, Part 1: Tuesday, March 13, 11:00 am.
PowerPoint Basics, Part 1: Wednesday, March 14, 7:00 pm.
PowerPoint Basics, Part 2: Thursday, March 15, 11:00 am.
Working with Files: Tuesday, March 20, 11:00 am.
PowerPoint Basics, Part 2: Wednesday, March 21, 7:00 pm.
Working with Folders: Thursday, March 22, 11:00 am.
Flash Drives and CDs: Tuesday, March 27, 11:00 am.
Working with Files: Wednesday, March 28, 7:00 pm.
Ask a Question: Thursday, March 29, 11:00 am.
East Lake Community Library
Registration required for all computer classes.
Employment Information on the Internet: Friday, March 9, 9:00 am. This class includes a review of employment web sites as well as information on how to find job postings, interview tips and resume writing guidelines on the internet.
Open Computer Lab: Friday, March 16, 9:30 am. Get individualized help with a specific computer question or problem.
All About Audio Books: Friday, March 23, 9:00 am. Come and learn about our free downloadable audio book service. You may bring your own MP3 device, or listen by watching.
Gulf Beaches Public Library
Photoshop Elements: Fridays, 1:00 pm. Class begins March 2, for six weeks.
Registration required.
Introduction to Web-Based Email: Wednesday, March 7, 12:00 pm.
Learn To Use the Library Catalog: Wednesday, March 14, 12:00 pm.
Free One On One Computer Training: Call to schedule an appointment with a library volunteer.
Gulfport Public Library
One-on-One Computer Instruction: Call for appointment.
Palm Harbor Public Library
Saturday Morning Seminar: Dave Dockery will discuss “Word Processing Basics” on Saturday, March 17, 10:00 am-12:00 noon.
Computer User Group: Monday, March 19, 6:30-8:00 pm. The group offers planned activities and a question-and-answer session. All levels of expertise welcome.
Hand-On Training: Call for information on hands-on training classes in Computer Basics, Internet Basics, Email, and Using the Library Catalog or visit our website at www.palmharborlibrary.org. Classes are on a first-come, first-served basis.
Safety Harbor Public Library
Registration required for all computer classes.
Windows and PC Basics Friday, March 2 from 9:45-10:45 am.
Getting Started with Email: Friday, March 9 from 9:45-10:45 am.
Internet and Database Searching: Friday, March 16 from 9:45-10:45 am.
Microsoft Word Basics: Friday, March 23 from 9:45-10:45 am.
Microsoft Excel Basics: Friday, March 30 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
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 Reference Desk at 893-7928 for an appointment.
Catalog Training: Polaris PowerPac: 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, Thursdays 7:00 & 7:30 pm and Saturdays 4:30 & 5:00 pm Individualized computer training. Registration required.
South Branch
Catalog Training: Tuesdays, March 6, 3:00 pm. Tapping the Power of Polaris.
Basic Internet & Email: (Individual Classes) Wednesdays, 10:00 am. Designed for adults with a 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.
Advanced MS Word & Windows Programs: Tuesdays, March 13 & 20, 1:00-5:00 pm. $49.00.
All the News that Fits you Print!: Tues., March 13 & 30, 5:30-9:30 pm. $49.00.
Digital Photography II: Mondays, March 12-April 9, 5:00-9:00 pm. $65.00
Discover MS Word & Windows Programs: Saturdays, March 24, 1:00-5:00 pm. $25.00
Get Comfortable with your Computer!: Saturday, March 17, 1:00-5:00 pm. $25.00.
Welcome to Email & the Internet: Saturdays, March 3 or 31, 1:00-5:00 pm. $25.00.
Tarpon Springs Public Library
Registration is required for all computer classes.
Computer Basics: Thursday, March 1, 1:00 pm.
Introduction to Microsoft Word: Thursday, March 15, 1:00 pm.
Internet Basics: Wednesday, March 21, 3:00 pm.
Adult Programs

Clearwater Public Library System
Main Library

Becoming Storm Savvy: Monday, March 12, 2:00 pm. Join us for this one-hour informational session on preparing for hurricane season. Presenter Tom Iovino, Pinellas County Communications Specialist, will provide useful information and answer questions for participants.

Menus @ Main: Thursday, March 8, 12:00 pm. Bil Mitchell whips up a St. Patrick’s Day Celebration – Shepard’s Pie, North Sea Gravlax (Caraway cured Salmon), and Soda Bread. First 25 to arrive at the program will be given tickets to the sample table.

Films on the Bluff: The Best of Art House Cinema: Tuesday, March 13, 6:00 pm and Tuesday, March 27, 2:00 pm. Hotel Rwanda.

Poetry Nights: Thursday, March 15, 7:00 pm. Open mike with the Tampa Bay Poetry Foundation. Bring your own poetry or read favorite works.

Writers In Residence: Writers and published authors are invited to use the Main Library’s resources and participate in the following: Thursday, March 1, 7:00 pm: An Evening with Connie May Fowler; Book sale and signing will follow lecture. Friday, March 2, 10:00 am-4:00 pm. Writing and Critique Day. Meet with published authors for a free critique of your manuscripts.

Digital Photography Workshop: Wednesday, March 21, 2:00 pm. Author and digital photographer, Barbara Brundage, presents a workshop on how to use Photoshop Elements. Books will be available for sale.

Countryside Branch

Real Lives Film Series: Wednesdays, 2:00 pm. March 14: Betty Boop: Queen of Cartoons; March 21: Charles Kuralt: A Life on the Road; March 28: Dow and Jones: Wizards of Wall Street.

Deaf Literacy Center
Palm Harbor Library

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

Adult Beginners Sign Language: Tuesdays, 6:30 pm. Continuation of a 16-week course.

Pinellas Park Public Library

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

Adult beginners Sign Language: Thursdays, 6:00-7:00 pm.

Safety Harbor Public Library

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

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

Adult Beginners Sign Language: Mondays, 6:00 pm. Continuation of a 16-week course

Adult Intermediate Sign Language: Mondays, 7:00 pm. Continuation of a 16-week course.

St. Petersburg Library South Branch

Individual Tutoring for the Deaf: Tuesdays, 3:00-5:00 pm. Call for appointment.

Adult Intermediate Sign Language: Tuesdays 6:00 pm. Continuation of a 16-week course.

Dunedin Public Library

Tuesdays at Two Film Program: 2:00 pm. Victory: March 6; Remember the Alamo: March 13; The Great Escape: March 20; Niagara Falls: March 27.

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 will be having tutor training workshops in June. Call for information.

Chess Club: (All ages) Thursday, March 15, 4:00-6:00 pm.

Outreach Program for Adults: If someone you know is homebound in Dunedin and would like monthly deliveries of library materials please call our Outreach Department.

East Lake Community Library

English LIVE!: Tuesdays, 6:30 pm. This will be an informal gathering people who wish to practice speaking English with others.

Friends of East Lake Community Library: Thursday, March 1, 6:30 pm.

Writer’s Critique Group: Mondays, March 12 & March 26, 6:30 pm – 7:45 pm. Bring something to read and have critiqued, or bring your critical skills to help someone else become a better writer.

Advisory Board: Tuesday March 13, 6:00 pm.

East Lake Author’s Showcase: Tuesday, March 20, 6:30-7:45 pm. Our guest speaker is Kimberly Llewellyn, author of “chic lit” book entitled Tulle Little/Tulle Late.

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, March 6, 5:30 pm. The Great Match.

Saturday Movie Matinee Classics: Saturday, March 10, 1:30 pm. The Rains Came.
**Just Poetry:** Tuesday, March 13, 6:00 pm. A time for reading, writing and discussing poetry.

**Travel Film:** Wed., March 14, 2:00 pm. Washington D.C.

**The Deaf and Hearing Connection for Tampa Bay:** Friday, March 16, 10:00 am.

**Book Sale! Friends of the Library:** Saturday, March 24, 8:00 am-3:00 pm.

**Tampa Bay’s Gulf Beaches Historian, Wayne Ayers:** Wednesday, March 28, 4:00 pm.

**AARP Income Tax Assistance:** Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10:00 am-2:00 pm.

**Spanish Language Classes:** Thursdays, 5:00 pm.

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

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**Gulfport Public Library**

**AARP Tax Service:** A free service for seniors and others on low or fixed incomes. Friday mornings, 9:00 am-noon. First-come, first-served. Bring all tax papers and a copy of last year’s return.

**Socrates Café:** Thursday, March 8, 10:00 am & Friday, March 23, 6:00 pm. These monthly discussion groups were inspired by the book *The Six Questions of Socrates*.

**MS Support Group:** March 27, 10:00 am-noon. Informal group for persons with multiple sclerosis and/or their family and friends to share information and provide support. Facilitated by Tracy Woolrich, RN.

**Study Group:** "Short Stories," Monday, March 26, 1:00 pm. Presented by local chapter of Brandeis University Women.

**Genealogy Discussion Group:** Saturday, March 24, 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.

**Gulfport Creative Short Story Writers:** Wed., 9:15 am-noon.

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**Largo Library**

**Books-To-Film Cinema Series:** Sunday, March 11, 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. The *Remains of the Day* by Kazuo Ishiguro.

**Poetry Readings – Poets Live!:** Monday, March 12, 6:00-8:30 pm. Open mic poetry readings.

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**Palm Harbor Public Library**

**AARP Tax Assistance:** Members of AARP will be here to offer tax assistance each Monday and Friday through April 13 from 9:00 am-1:00 pm.

**Socrates Café:** Join us for this exciting discussion group on Wednesday, March 7, from 6:00-7:45 pm, where suggested topics are put into a jar, and facilitator Gene Mag selects one to discuss. See website www.philosopher.org for details.

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**Jazz in the Stacks:** Frank Greenstreet will lead the 6-piece Clam Bayou Jazz Band in a program entitled “Swing Into Spring” on Sunday, March 11, at 3:00 pm. Free admission and refreshments. Call the library (727-784-3332) or Frank (727-784-8908) for complete details.

**Writer’s Group:** The Palm Harbor Writer’s Group will meet on Tuesdays, March 6 and 20, at 6:30 pm. Come and join other authors who share your love of writing!

**Literacy Tutor Training:** Saturday, March 10, 9:00 am-4:30 pm. Call if you are interested in becoming a tutor or student and have questions about our literacy program.

**Literacy Book Club:** Thursday, March 29, 7:00 pm. Under the *Blood Red Sun* by Graham Salisbury.

**Genealogy Seminar:** The Suncost Genealogy Society will host its annual “Mini Seminar” from 1:00-4:00 pm on Saturday, March 3. Speaker Paul Enchelmayer will discuss “Unconventional Genealogy Research,” and “Storing and Restoring Family Photos in the Digital Age.” Pre-registration required; contact Nancy Allen at 727-733-4413, nallen@earthlink.net, for complete details.

**Suncoast Genealogy Society:** Monday, March 26, at 7:00 pm.

**Genealogy Help:** 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 9:30 am-12:00 noon on Wednesday, March 14, to offer special phones and ringsignaling devices to qualified deaf or hard-of-hearing residents. Call 727/399-9983 (voice) or 727/399-9422 (TTY) for details.

The library now has videophone equipment (Sorenson Video Relay Service) for on-site use by deaf and hard-of-hearing patrons. All phone calls are free.

**Notary & Fax Services:** Free notary services are available Monday-Friday, 2:00-5:00 pm. Outgoing fax services also available.

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**Safety Harbor Public Library**

**Becoming Storm Savvy:** Thursday, March 22, 6:30 pm. Join us for this one-hour informational session on preparing for hurricane season. Presenter Tom Iovino, Pinellas County Communications Specialist, will provide useful information and answer questions for participants.

**ESOL Student Conversation Group:** Friday, March 2, 3:30-5:00 pm. Beginning and intermediate ESOL students are invited to practice English conversation in a monthly current events discussion group led by ESOL teacher Judy Foley.

**Friends of the Library:** First Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm.
Adult Programs

POSH Players of Safety Harbor: Adult volunteers are needed for back stage production crew from director to lighting. No experience is required.

Artist Display: Marie Eldeny Hale-Sprinkle displays her wood sculpture with religious & historical reflection.

St. Pete Beach Public Library
Meet Author Marion Coe: Thursday, March 1, 2:00 pm. The seasonal resident introduces her new book, Between Us.

The Most Commonly Overlooked Tax Deductions: Friday, March 2, 1:00 pm or 2:30 pm. Presented by Jackson Hewitt Tax Service. Reservations required.

Keep in Stitches: Friday, March 16, 2:30 pm. A hand sewing club for adults.

Screening/Discussion of The Ten Commandments: Friday, March 23, 1:00 pm.

Tarpon Springs Public Library
Becoming Storm Savvy: Friday, March 23, 2:00 pm. Join us for this one-hour informational session on preparing for hurricane season. Presenter Tom Iovino, Pinellas County Communications Specialist, will provide useful information and answer questions for participants.

Genealogy Assistance with John Kiwala: Mondays, 10:00 am-4:00 pm.

Genealogy Assistance with Ken Nichol: Tuesdays, 10:00 am-4:00 pm.

AARP Free Tax Help: Mondays and Tuesdays, 10:00 am-2:00 pm.

Writing Workshop: Mondays, 6:00 pm. Learn the How To’s of Writing.

Writers Group: Fridays, 10:00 am.

Write Your Own Memoirs: Thursday, March 1, 10:30 am.


British Comedy Film Series: Thursday, March 8, 2:00 pm. Free film showing of The Lady Killers.

Bay Knit Wits: Wednesday, March 14, 6:00 pm. Knitting and crochet group for all skill levels.

From the Cook's Shelf: Wednesday, March 14, 7:00 pm. Cookbook discussion group. This month's topic: Recipes with and Irish Flavor. Recipes and samples always welcome.

Free Blood Pressure Screening: Thursday, March 15, 1:00-3:00 pm. Provided by Helen Ellis Home Care.

History Discussion Group: Wednesday, March 21, 1:30-3:30 pm. This month's topic is South America.

Becoming Storm Savvy–Preparing for Hurricanes in the Off-Season: Friday, March 23, 2:00 pm. Attendees will receive free preparedness literature, evacuation level magnets and a chance to win a prize. Program presented by Pinellas County Communications Specialist Tom Iovino.

Outside the Box Evening Speaker Series: Tuesday, March 27, 7:00 pm. The 21st Century is the American Woman's Century presented by author, radio personality and journalist, Keith Long. This event is sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

Ten Steps to Starting Your Own Business: Wednesday, March 28, 7:00 pm. Free seminar presented by SCORE (the Service Corps of Retired Executives). Registration required.
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**Clearwater System**

**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
Ph: (727) 441-9958
TDD: (727) 441-3168
www.pplc.us/tbl
Mon - Fri 9am - 4:30pm

**Clearwater System**

**Main Library & Offices**

100 N. Osceola Avenue
Clearwater, FL 33755
Phone: 562-4970
http://myclearwater.com/cpl
Mon - 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: 669-1290
Mon - Thu 9am - 9pm Fri - Sat 9am - 5pm Sunday 1pm - 5pm

**North Branch**

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

**West Community Library @ SPC Gibbs Campus**

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Tarpon Springs, FL 34689
Phone: 943-4922
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March 2
Gulfport Public Library
Friends Room Gallery Walls: Opening Reception: 6:00-8:00 pm. Exhibition of paintings by the Gulfport Senior Artists Workshop. Through March 29.

Largo Library
Cat in the Hat’s 50th Birthday Celebration: 3:00 pm. Join us in a group reading of The Cat in the Hat to celebrate Dr. Seuss’s birthday on the annual Read Across America Day. Birthday cards will be available to sign and send to the Cat.

March 3
Palm Harbor Public Library
The Wise Godmother’s Special Saturday Club: (Parent & child, age 4-9) 10:00 am. This musical storytelling program for visually impaired and physically challenged children is presented by local author and song writer CeCe Jensen. Braille books will be available for the program.

March 4
Palm Harbor Public Library
Women’s History Month Celebration: 3:00 pm. This annual event recognizes four special women who have made significant contributions to improving the quality of life in Palm Harbor. There will be a free operatic performance by Julia Coulmas, and refreshments will be served.

March 5
Clearwater Public Library System
Main Library
Madame Butterfly: 12:00 & 6:00 pm. Learn about the Puccini opera from Dr. Michael Blauner, Pinellas Opera League.

March 6
Clearwater Public Library System
Main Library
Madame Butterfly Opera Trip: Travel with the Clearwater Library Foundation to hear the Sarasota Opera Production of Madame Butterfly at the Mahaffey Theater. Call the Library Foundation for information and tickets, 562-4970, x 5189.

March 7
Dunedin Public Library
An Evening of Scottish History and Music: 6:00 pm. Join us at the Andrews Memorial Chapel in Dunedin for this program presented by Dr. Patricia Snair and Sandy Keith. Co-sponsored by the Florida Humanities Council and the Dunedin Historical Museum.

March 8
Safety Harbor Public Library
Tableau d’Art Library Fundraising Evening: 7:00-10:00 pm. Fundraising event to benefit the Safety Harbor Library Building Project. An “Evening of the Arts” providing cameo happenings of art, music, live and silent auction, drama (POSH), and hors d’oeuvres. Cost for tickets is $50 each ($25 tax deductible). Event to be held at Safety Harbor Resort and Spa, Baranoff Room, 105 N. Bayshore Drive, Safety Harbor, FL 34695. Call 727-724-1525 for more information or email Lana Bullian, library director, at bullial@tlbc.org. Sponsored by the GFWC Clearwater Junior Woman’s Club, Inc. and the Safety Harbor Resort and Spa.

March 9
Palm Harbor Public Library
Don’t Forget to Vote! Pinellas County voters will be asked to renew the Pennies for Pinellas (2010 – 2020) 1% sales tax. Future Palm Harbor Library expansion and renovation plans will directly benefit from this tax extension, so please make your vote count!

March 10
Largo Library
The Frog Prince: 2:00 pm. Join us as we tell frog tales, have frog puppets, do frog crafts and even have a live frog or two.

March 11
Clearwater Public Library System
Main Library
Madame Butterfly Opera Trip: Travel with the Clearwater Library Foundation to hear the Sarasota Opera Production of Madame Butterfly at the Mahaffey Theater. Call the Library Foundation for information and tickets, 562-4970, x 5189.

Seminole Community Library

March 12
Dunedin Public Library
Celebration of Irish Music: 2:00 pm. Join Christopher Morgan and friends as we get ready to celebrate St. Patrick’s Day.

March 13
Dunedin Public Library
The Life & Times of George Bernard Shaw: 7:00 pm. This program will be presented by Yvonne McMorrough, who has done extensive research on many Irish writers.
## Special Events

### March 15
**Safety Harbor Public Library**
**Women’s History Month Author Talk:** 6:30-7:45 pm. Marion Coe, formerly of the St. Petersburg Times, writes insightful novels that offer empowerment for women. For more information see www.mariancoe.com

### March 17
**East Lake Community Library**
**St. Patrick’s Day: (Ages 3 & up)**
2:00 pm. A festival of green goodies to make leprechauns green with envy.

**Oldsmar Public Library**
**Friends of the Oldsmar Library Spring Book Sale:** 9:00 am-3:00 pm.

### March 20
**Largo Library**
**How to Make Your Business Thrive – Not Just Survive:** 6:00-8:00 pm. Discuss the skills needed to grow your business. Also learn the art of management and communication skills needed to succeed in all areas of your business. Registration required.

### March 22
**Largo Library**
**Florida Springs Paintings and Poetry:** 7:00 pm. Join Margaret Tolbert as she shares her experiences with the springs and how she translates those experiences into her brilliantly colored landscapes.

### March 24
**Gulf Beaches Public Library**
**Book Sale! Friends of the Gulf Beaches Library:** 8:00 am-3:00 pm.

**Deaf Literacy Center**
**DeafArts Festival and Contest:** At the St Petersburg College auditorium (Clearwater campus). Keynote speaker: Deaf Artist, Chuck Baird. Come celebrate the language, culture, diversity and the arts of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing community.

**East Lake Community Library**
**Organic Gardening and Vermiculture Workshop:** 10:30 am.

**Largo Library**
**Teen Anime/Manga Mini Convention:**
9:00 am-4:30 pm. The theme is “Metal vs. Magic”. Dress-up is encouraged, but not required. Activities include Cosplay (contest), an anime film ParaPara, introduction to Japanese (fan essentials), a picture station, and more!

**Palm Harbor Public Library**
**Meet the Pirate Queen!** (Age 6-12)
12:00 noon. A Women’s History Month special. Meet legendary pirate queen, Captain Grania O’Malley, along with her parrot Rikki and pirate friends. Learn about local legends and female pirates throughout history.

### March 28
**Gulf Beaches Public Library**
**Tampa Bay’s Gulf Beaches Historian, Wayne Ayers:** 4:00 pm. Local author Wayne Ayers will discuss his new book titled *Florida’s Grand Hotels from the Gilded Age*; this newest volume follows the pattern of prior books in using old photographs and antique postcards to tell the story.

### March 29
**Clearwater Public Library System**
**North Greenwood Branch**
**Cartooning Workshop:** (Ages 4 and up) 4:30 pm. Learn how to draw cartoons with Leah Lopez. Art supplies provided.

**Largo Library**
**Act in Time for Heart Attack Signs:** 7:00 pm. Nutritionist Stephanie Tober explains the risk factors of a heart attack and the importance of receiving immediate care for heart attack victims.

**Clearwater Public Library System**
**Main Library**
**Twister – Spring Break Game Night:** 7:00 pm. Challenge others in a game of Twister – it’ll tie you up in knots!

**March 30**
**Clearwater Public Library System**
**East Branch**
**Mystery Author:** 2:00 pm. James O. Born will speak and sign copies of his books.

**Dunedin Public Library**
**The Good Life Games Senior Smarts Competition:**
10:00 am-1:00 pm.
The Good Life Games are held in Pinellas County every spring for people 50 and older. The Games promote healthy lifestyles and encourage seniors to enhance the value and vitality of their lives through athletic and recreational competition, social events, volunteerism, and other activities.

### March 31
**Clearwater Public Library System**
**Main Library**
**Cartooning Workshop:** (Ages 4 & up)
2:00 pm. Learn how to draw cartoons with Leah Lopez. Art supplies provided.

**Largo Library**
**3rd Annual Small Business Expo:** 9:00 am-12:00 pm. Keynote speaker Jon Schallert will discuss how to become a destination business.

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**Library Closings**

Library closings for the month of March are as follows:

**March 9**
Seminole Community Library
Teen Programs

Clearwater Public Library System

Main Library

Student Library Tours: Research training available. Call to schedule a tour.

Gaming Night: Thursday, March 15, 6:00 pm. Bring your controller (if you have one). Registration required.

Anime Movie Night: Monday, March 19, 7:00 pm.

Teen Bands Wanted: Tuesday, March 27, 7:00 pm. Call to book your gig in the teen room.

Celebrate Teen Tech Week: Wednesday, March 7, 3:30 pm. MySpace workshop - Teens decorate their spaces using templates they can build or from various online resources.

North Greenwood Branch

Read and Recreate Library Book Club: Read three age-appropriate books and earn a free day pass to the North Greenwood Recreation Center. Pick up a book report log at the North Greenwood Library, fill it out and bring it back to receive your pass.

Dunedin Public Library

D.Y.V. - Dunedin Youth Volunteers: Monday, March 5, 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, March 15, 4:00-6:00 pm.

Teen Internet Scavenger Hunt: (Age 10 & up) Thursday, March 8, 6:00 pm. We’ll be celebrating the first ever Teen Tech Week. Join us for an Internet scavenger hunt, food and lots of fun! Registration required.

Teen Duct Tape: (Age 10 & up) Thursday, March 29, 6:00-7:30 pm. Learn how to make unique crafts out of one of the most durable products available. Registration required.

East Lake Community Library

Teen Library Council: Mondays, 5:30 pm. Teens meet to plan programs.

Teen Tech Week is March 4–10: (Age 12 & up) Celebrate teens & technology with us. Monday, March 9, 6:30 pm – Teen Internet Scavenger Hunt. You could win an MP3 player!

Gulfport Public Library

Scrapbookers Club for Teens and Adults: Saturday, March 10, 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, March 6, 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 Japanese Friendship Club: Friday, March 9, 2:00 pm. Join this club and learn about Largo’s sister city Tosaymada, Japan and its culture.

Teen How to Series – Intro to Journaling: Saturday, March 10, 1:00-3:00 pm. Designed for middle and high school age groups. Registration requested.

Teen Ramen Bar: Tuesday, March 13, 5:00-7:00 pm. Connect with the Asian culture while eating Ramen noodles. This month’s theme: “Asian Courtesy and Chopsticks”.

Metro Largo! News Team: Saturday, March 17, 2:00-3:00 pm. We are always recruiting reporters, writers, editors, graphic artists, marketers, and publishers for our News Team.

Teen Write On! Club: Tuesday, March 20, 6:30-8:00 pm. Come and share your writings, poetry and songs with other teen writers.

Teen Paper Series – Quilling: Monday, March 26, 2:00 pm. Explore the world of paper through the Medieval paper art of Quilling. Registration required.

Teen Film Club: Tuesday, March 27, 4:30-6:00 pm. Our Teen Library Council invites other teens to join in viewing 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 – Express Yourself! Thursday, March 8, 6:15 pm. An hour-long discussion of philosophy, politics, literature, current issues and pop culture.

Teen PC Gaming Night: Friday, March 9, 6:00 pm. Celebrate Teen Tech Week with the library as we plan an evening of electronic PC games and tournaments. Pizza and snacks will be served.

Teen Movie Night: Friday, March 16, 6:30 pm. This month’s feature is Pirates of the Caribbean – Dead Man’s Chest. Refreshments provided.

Teen Writers’ Group: Thursday, March 22, 6:15 pm. Come share your original writings, including poetry and essays, with other teens.

Girls Day Out: Thursday, March 29, 1:30 pm. Join us for a fun afternoon of makeup, hair and fashion tips.

Youth Advisory Board: Teens are invited to join the Youth Advisory Board (YAB), which meets each Thursday from 5-6 pm. Discuss programs, service projects and library-related issues for and by community teens.

Pinellas Park Public Library

Chess Club: Mondays, 3:00-5:00 pm. Beginner instruction (3:00-4:00 pm); Advanced instruction (4:00-5:00 pm). Free play encouraged during club hours.

Safety Harbor Public Library

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

POSH Playwriting Group: Tuesdays, 4:30 pm.

St. Pete Beach Public Library

Scrappy Teens: Monday, March 26, 7:00 pm. Scrapbooking supplies and tools provided. Don’t forget your photographs!

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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

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.
Book Discussions

Clearwater Public Library System
Main Library
Book Lovers Bistro: Tuesday, March 6, noon. Meet over lunch to discuss a bestseller.
Circulo De Lectura: Wednesday, March 28, 1:00 pm. Spanish language book discussion group meets to discuss bestselling Spanish authors, themes, and literature.
Great Books: Thursday, March 8, 1:30 pm. The Nose by Nikolai Gogol.
East Branch
Mystery Readers Club: Tuesday, March 27, 10:30 am. Mysteries in the Pacific Northwest.
Dunedin Public Library
Great Decisions Discussion Group: Tues., March 13, 7:30 pm.
Great Books Discussion Group: Tues., March 20, 7:00 pm.
Contemporary Books Discussion Group: Tuesday, March 27, 7:00 pm. Palace of Desire by Naguib Mahfouz.
East Lake Community Library
Book Club: Wednesday, March 21, 6:30 pm. The Known World by Edward P. Jones.
Gulf Beaches Public Library
Book Discussion: Tuesday, March 20, 10:30 am. Es Caba by Lea Aschkenas.
Gulfport Public Library
Coffee Talk: Thursday, March 15. Coffee is ready at 9:30 am. discussion starts at 10 o’clock. The Good Earth by Pearl S. Buck.
Copies of the book may be reserved at the Reference Desk.
Largo Library
Family Book Club: Saturday, March 3, 2:00 pm. Join us as we feature Sunshine State 2006-07 Award Books. Made You Look by Diane Roberts.
The Last Word Book Club: Wednesday, March 7, 7:00 pm. March by Geraldine Brooks. Optional companion novel, Little Women by Louisa May Alcott.
Booktalking with Iris: Wednesday, March 14, noon-1:00 pm. My Darling Elia by Eugenia Melnyk.
Teen Readatherapy: Tuesday, March 20, 2:00 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 “Soap Making”. There will be discussions and games.
Oldsmar Public Library
Book Discussion: Thursday, March 22, 12:00 pm. Purple Hibiscus by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie.
Palm Harbor Public Library
PHiL’s Book Club: Monday, March 12, 11:00 am and 7:00 pm. Joan Didion’s The Year of Magical Thinking. Refreshments will be served.
Pinellas Park Public Library
Book Discussion: Thursday, March 15, 2:00 pm. The Constant Gardener by John LeCarre.

Safety Harbor Public Library
Celebrate the Irish Book Discussion and Poetry Reading: Tuesday, March 20, 2:00-3:00 pm. Evening Class by Maeve Binchy. Don Mahoney will read selected poetry from Irish poets W. B. Yeats and Seamus Heaney.
St. Pete Beach Public Library
Book Discussion: Tuesday, March 13, 10:30 am and Wednesday, March 14, 7:00 pm. The Great Gatsby by F. Scott Fitzgerald.
Book Discussion: Thursday, March 22, 2:00 pm. The 4:50 from Paddington by Agatha Christie.
St. Petersburg Public Library System
Call or check online for the latest titles.
Main Library
Between Covers Book Club: Wednesday, March 21, 7:00 pm.
The Bookers’ Book Group: Thursday, March 22, 10:30 am.
Johnston Branch
African-American Book Club: Monday, March 26, 7:00 pm.
Mirror Lake Branch
Classic Up Close: Tuesday, March 27, 2:00 pm.
North Branch
Thursday Morning Group: Thursday, March 1, 10:00 am.
Carl G. Jung Society Reading Group: Saturday, March 10, 10:00 am.
South Branch
Book Club: Thursday, March 8, 2:00 pm.
Mahogany Book Club: Saturday, March 17, 10:00 am.
West Community Library
West Community Group: Wednesday, March 21, 1:30 pm.
Seminole Community Library
Booktalkers: Wednesday, March 7, 2:00 pm. Basket Case by Carl Hiassen.
Great Books Discussion Group: Wednesday, March 21, 2:00 pm. On Liberty by Mill.
Tarpon Springs Public Library
Book Discussion Group: Thursday, March 22, 12:00 pm. Call for title.
Clearwater Public Library System

Main Library

Saturday Storytime: (Ages 3-5) Saturdays, 11:00 am.
Toddler Time: (12-24 mos) Fridays, 10:00 am.
Bright Minds: (Ages 3-5) Wednesdays, 10:00 am.
Superhero Party: (Ages 7-12) Friday, March 2, 3:30 pm. Games and crafts; costumes encouraged. Registration required.
Birding 101: (Ages 5 & up) Tuesday, March 20, 3:30 pm. Lynn Sumerson of the Clearwater Audubon Society presents this workshop. Crafts will follow. Registration required.

Countryside Branch

Preschool Storytime: (Ages 3-5) Wednesdays, 10:00 am.
Toddler Time: (Ages 3 & under) Thursdays, 10:00 am.
Homework Help: Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 3:00-5:00 pm. High school students help elementary age children with their homework

North Greenwood Branch

Preschool Storytime: Mondays, 10:30 am.
Legal Eagles Homework Help: Tues., 3:00-5:00 pm. Attorneys from the Clearwater Bar Association available to give homework help.
Craft Corner: Thursdays, 2:30-4:30 pm. Drop in anytime during the two hours to create crafts and enjoy a variety of other activities.
Read Across America With Cat In The Hat: Thurs., March 1, 2:30-4:30 pm. Commemorate the birthday of Dr. Seuss with crafts.
Swing Into Spring: Thursday, March 15, 2:30-4:30 pm. Celebrate Spring with crafts.
Funny Fridays: 3:00 pm. Watch funny flicks to start off the weekend including refreshments. March 2: Dr. Seuss’ The Cat in the Hat; March 9: The Lion King; March 16: The Lion King 1 ½; March 22: Lion King 2; March 30: Beauty and the Beast.

East Branch

Preschool Storytime: (Ages 3-5) Wednesdays, 10:00 am.
Toddler Time: (24-36 mos) Wednesdays, 11:00 am.
Moccasin Lake Nature Park: Monday, May 5, 3:00 pm. Ounc. Live animals and hands-on learning with Moccasin Lake Programmer Rachel Franklin.
Music With Mar: (Ages 2-5) Friday, March 9, 10:00 am. Musical activities with Dawn Marbeiter.
Red Cross Sponsored Babysitting Class: (Ages 11 & up) Thursday, March 29, 9:00 am- 4:00 pm. Cost is $50. Group rates and scholarships available. Call the American Red Cross at 446-2359 or 877-741-1444 x850 to register.

Deaf Literacy Center

Palm Harbor Library

Children’s Sign Language: “Flashing Fingers” (Ages 6-12) Tuesdays, 4:30 pm. Registration required.

Pinellas Park Library

Children’s Sign Language: (Ages 5-12) Thursdays, 3:00-4:00 pm.

Safety Harbor Public Library

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

St. Petersburg Library South Branch

Children’s Sign Language: (Ages 5-12) Tuesdays, 4:00-5:00 pm.

Dunedin Public Library

Positively Preschoolers Storytime: (Ages 4-5) Tuesdays, 2:00 pm. Program is a repeat of the Thursday Preschool Storytime.
Baby & Me Storytime: (Birth-18 mos) Wednesdays, 10:00 am.
Toddler Time: (18-36 mos) Wednesdays, 10:30 am.
Preschool Story Time: (Ages 3-5) Thursday, 10:30 am.
“My Feet Can Take Me There” Special Storytime: (Age 2-5) Friday, March 9, 10:30 am. Play some fun games with your tootsies. Registration required.
Family Fun Night – “Blast Off!”: (Age 5-12) Tuesday, March 20, 6:30 pm. We’ll make cosmic crafts, play games and enjoy a snack. Registration required.

Family Fun Day: Sunday, March 25, 1:00-4:30 pm. Stop in for a special “make and take craft”. This month’s theme is “Spring Spectacular”.

Caveman Secrets: (Age 7-12) Tuesday, March 27, 2:00 pm. We’ll learn about the Iceman as well as survival secrets and some gemology. Registration required.

Spring Cleaning Crafts: Thursday, March 29, 11:30 am-5:30 pm. It’s Spring Break and we’re doing some Spring Cleaning at the Library. Stop by any time between 11:30-5:30 and create some amazing crafts.

East Lake Community Library

Teen Puppet Theatre: (All ages) Mondays & Thursdays, 7:00 pm. Our Teen Library Council writes, produces and stars in amazing puppet shows every week.
Toddler Story Time: (Birth-3 yrs) Tuesdays, 10:15 am.

Preschool Storytime: (Ages 3-5) Tuesdays, 11:00 am.

Bedtime Storytime: (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, March 17, 2:00 pm. Open Season.
Homework Center: (Grades 1-5) Monday-Friday, 3:30 pm. Registration required.

Gulfport Public Library

Family Book & Craft Club: Sat., March 3, 17, & 31, 2:00 pm.
Family Bedtime Stories: Thursday, March 8 & 22, 6:30 pm.

After School Fun with Books & Crafts: Friday, March 9 & 23, 4:00 pm.

Largo Library

Mother Goose on the Loose-Infants: (Birth-24 mos) Mondays, 10:00-10:30 am. Registration required.
Family Story Time: (Age 3-7) Mondays, 7:00-7:30 pm.

Baby Rhyme Time: (Birth-12 mos) Wednesdays, 10:00 am.
Toddler Rhyme Time: (Age 1-2) Wednesdays, 11:00 am.
Pre-School Rhyme Time: (Age 3-5) Wednesdays, 1:00 pm.

Toddler Storytime: (Age 1-2) Thursdays, 10:00 am.
Pre-School Storytime: (Age 3-5) Thursdays, 11:00 am.
Family Storytime: (All ages) Saturdays, 10:30 am.
Puppet Show: (Preschoolers) Tuesday, March 13, 10:00 am.
Children’s Programs

Kids Bingo: (Elementary age) Tuesday, March 13 & 27, 3:30 pm. Win prizes and have fun.

Reading Dogs Day: Saturday, March 24, 10:00 am & Sunday, March 25, 2:00 pm. The Project Pup Dogs are visiting the library! These lovable listeners assist children as they enhance their reading and communication skills. Sign up at the Children’s desk to reach a pooch!

Palm Harbor Public Library

A Bear-y Special Women’s History Month Contest: (All ages) March 13-March 31, Vote for your favorite Bear-y Famous Woman. Library staff members will be dressing some of our big teddy bears as famous women in history. Help us pick the winner!

Mother Goose: (Birth-2 yrs) Saturdays, March 10 & 24, 9:30 am.

Toddler Story Time: (18 mos-3 yrs) Mondays, March 12, 19 & 26, 10:00 and 11:00 am.

Granny Jane’s Story Corner: (Toddlers and preschoolers) Wednesdays, 3:00-4:30 pm.

Bedtime Bash: (Age 3 & up) Mondays, 7:00 pm. Don’t forget to bring your teddy bears (pajamas are optional)!

Swim Safe Little Seals: (Age 3-6) Monday, March 5, 11:30 am. A fun and interactive water safety program presented by Seal Swim School.

A Seussical Celebration! (All ages) Friday, March 2, 2:00-4:00 pm. Celebrate the 50th anniversary of Dr. Seuss’ The Cat in the Hat with a read-a-thon and fun activities.

A Berry Special Strawberry Festival: (All ages) Wednesday, March 7, 2:00-4:00 pm. Celebrate the Strawberry Festival with activities and treats. The following programs require in-person pre-registration.

First Steps Parent/Toddler Workshops: (Parents and toddlers, ages 1-3. Siblings to age 4 welcome) Fridays, March 23-April 13, 9:30-10:30 or 11:00-12:00. This four-week interactive program, funded by a grant from the CitiGroup Foundation, features toys, building blocks, art activities, an indoor playground, a Parents’ Resource Center and community professionals to answer your questions.

American Girls: Meet Josefina: (Age 7-12, Children only) Saturday, March 17, 1:30 pm. Learn about the old southwest through crafts, games, music and foods from the American Girls series. Participants must be familiar with the Josefina character.

Stellastitches Puppet Workshop: (Ages 6-8) Wednesday, March 28, 1:30 pm. All you need is creativity and imagination to make and display a wonderful array of puppet characters based on folklore and fairy tales!

Abrakadoodle Art Workshop: (Ages 7-12) Thursday, March 29, 11:00 am. Create a beautifully framed project using special artist’s techniques and media presented by Abrakadoodle art instructors.

Pinellas Park Public Library

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

Mother Goose: (Birth-3 yrs) Tuesdays, 10:45-11:05 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.

Chess Club: Mondays, 3:00-5:00 pm. Beginner instruction (3:00-4:00 pm); Advanced instruction (4:00-5:00 pm). Free play encouraged during club hours.

Evening Mother Goose: (Younger children) Thursdays, 7:00-7:30 pm. Stories, songs, creative movement, finger plays and a simple age-appropriate craft. The last Thursday of the month is our Pajama Party. Don’t forget to wear your favorite pj’s!

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

Safety Harbor Public Library

Time to Sign With Your Baby: (Birth-18 mos) March 1, 10:00 am. Registration required.

Baby and 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 Storytimers: (Age 2½-5) Tuesdays, 10:30 am.

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

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

1st Steppers: (Age 1-3) Fridays, 10:30 am. Stories, music and puppets. Registration required.

Youth POSH: Call for information.

St. Pete Beach Public Library

Mother Goose Time: (Birth-3 yrs) Tuesday, March 6, 20 and 27, 10:30 or 11:30 am.

Dolphin Club: (Age 3 & up) Tuesdays, 4:00 pm. Longer stories and sometimes crafts.

Library in the Park: Thursday, March 8, 4:00 pm. Stories, a craft and outdoor play. *At Hurley Park, 1501 Gulf Way.

Make & Take Crafts Workshop: Monday, March 26, 3:00-5:00 pm. Windsocks, paper airplanes—and more!

Tucker the Reading Therapy Dog: Tuesday, March 27, 3:00 pm. Share a favorite book with someone who really enjoys listening!

St. Petersburg Public Library System

Main Library

After-School Programs: (Age 6-12) Tuesdays, 4:00 pm.

Junior League Puppet Show: Tuesday, March 6 & 20, 10:00 am, Officer Buckle and Gloria & Impatient Pamela Call 911.

Kids Craft Corner: Saturday, March 17, 2:00 pm.

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

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

Family Story & Crafts: (Age 3-8) Thursdays, 7:00 pm.
Children’s Programs

**Young Magicians:** (Age 7-16) Saturday, March 3, 10:00 am. Teaching the art of illusion to children.

**Super Saturday Puppet Shows:** March 10, 2:00 pm.

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

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

**Jack & Jill:** (Walkers-3 years) Mon., 9:45 am & Wed., 4:15 pm.

**Preschool:** (Age 3) Friday, March 2 & 15, 10:00 am & (Age 4-5) 10:30 am.

**North Branch**

Mother Goose: (Birth-3 yrs) Mondays, 10:00 am & 11:00 am, Wednesdays, 9:45 & 10:30 am. Registration required.

**Pre-School Story Time:** (Age 3-5) Wednesdays, 11:30 am. Registration required.

**South Branch**

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

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

**Newberry Book Club:** (Age 8-12) Tuesday, March 13, 4:30 pm. Reading list available.

**West Community Library**

After School Program: (Grades 1-5) Thursday, March 8, 3:30 pm.

**Preschool Story Time:** (Age 3-5) Tues. & 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.

**Pre-School Storytime:** (Age 3-5) Tuesdays, 11:00 am.

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

**Doggy Reading Pals:** Monday, March 12, after school. Bring your favorite book and read to a furry canine friend. This program is for children who can read on their own. Each child will read for 15 minutes.

**Free Art Program:** Monday, March 26, 11:00 am. An instructor from “Abrakadoodle” will present a free art program for children in grades 1-5. Registration required.

**Pack a Book for Lunch:** (Grades 3-5) Wednesday, March 28, 11:30 am. Bring a bag lunch and your favorite books to share with other readers. Drinks will be provided.

**Family Movie:** Saturdays, 2:00 pm. Films for all ages—free popcorn and sodas provided. March 3: Treasure Island; March 10: Mulan II; March 17: Darby O’Gill and the Little People; March 24: Big Red; March 31: Curious George.

**Tarpon Springs Public Library**

**Preschool Story Time:** (Age 3-5) Thursdays, 10:15 am.

Mother Goose Toddler Time: (Age 1-3) Fridays, 10:15 am. Registration required.

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

**Tarpon Springs High School Art Show:** March 1-3. Art on display.

**Youth Chess Club:** Monday, March 5 & 19, 3:30-4:30 pm. All ages and skill levels welcome.

**Groom Your Room:** (Age 9-12) Saturday, March 10, 2:00 pm. Jazz up your room with a decorative pillow. Registration required.

**Knit Klub:** (Age 7-18) Saturday, March 24, 2:00 pm. Beginners and advance knitters welcome. Supplies are limited. Participants are welcome to bring their own supplies. Parents also welcome.

**Family Movie:** Monday, March 26, 2:00 pm. All ages welcome.

**Abrakadoodle:** (Age 5-12) Wednesday, March 28, 11:00 am. Art class. Registration required.

**Special Story Time:** (Age 3-5) Thursday, March 29, 10:15 am. Special guest: CeCe the Godmother of All Fairies.

**Teen Programs… FROM PAGE 10**

**St. Petersburg Public Library System**

**Main Library**

Monthly Teen Night: (Age 13-19) Wednesday, March 21, 6:30 pm. Call Paul @ 892-5296 for more details.

**South Branch**

Teen Advisory Council: Tuesday, March 6, 4:30 pm.

**Teen Book Club:** (Grades 9-12) Friday, March 9, 4:30 pm.

**Chess Club:** Wednesdays, 4:30 pm. All ages & playing levels welcome.

**West Community Library**

Teen Scene: (Age 13 & up) Thursday, March 8, 6:00-8:00 pm.

**Seminole Community Library**

Library Youth Advisory Board: Thursdays, March 1 & 15, 7:00 pm.

Introduction to Gaming Technology for Teens: (Grades 6-12) Monday, March 5, 6:30 pm. Learn about the latest gaming trends & how to create your own game. Call 394-6913 to register.

**Break & Take Teen Craft Program:** (Grades 6-12) Wednesday, March 28, 2:30 pm. Create a mosaic masterpiece by breaking something old and turning it into something new!

**SAT Prep:** Saturdays, February 24-April 28, 9:00 am-12:00 pm. SPC registration required/$175.00

**Tarpon Springs Public Library**

**Chess Club:** Monday, March 5 & 19, 3:30 pm. All ages and skill levels welcome.

**Exploring Cultures:** (Age 13-18) Saturday, March 17, 2:00 pm. Experience the food, arts and crafts of Switzerland. Registration required.

**Knit Klub:** (Age 7-18) Saturday, March 24, 2:00 pm. Beginners and advance knitters welcome. Supplies are limited so participants are welcome to bring their own supplies.
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Special Guest

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