Pinellas Libraries Launch Partnership with American Heart Association

The Pinellas Public Library Cooperative and the American Heart Association are launching the “Go Healthy @ your library®” campaign in February 2008. This program will include a series of monthly workshops in public libraries focusing on heart health and healthy lifestyles that targets all members of our community - men, women and children of all ages. As part of the newly formed partnership, the first workshop in the series will be Go Red for Women – The Passion Minute. Go Red For Women is a nationwide movement celebrating the energy, passion and power we have to band together and wipe out heart disease, the No. 1 killer of women. If you are interested in hearing how local women are living with heart disease, want to gain a better understanding of your risk of cardiovascular disease (CVD) and how to control that risk, please join us for The Passion Minute. Additionally, every month Love Your Heart cooking demonstrations will be hosted at various public libraries. Join us to learn how to prepare delicious recipes from the American Heart Association’s Go Red For Women Cookbook. This demonstration is designed to help you make wise food choices for your family and enjoy the selection of delicious recipes that fit into heart-healthy menus.

Upcoming Programs:
Go Red for Women – The Passion Minute

Oldsmar Public Library: Wednesday, February 6 at 7:00 pm
East Lake Community Library: Monday, February 11 at 6:30 pm
Dunedin Public Library: Tuesday, February 19 at 7:00 pm
St. Pete Beach Public Library: Thursday, February 28 at 7:00 pm
Love Your Heart Cooking Demonstrations
Tarpon Springs Public Library: Saturday, February 16 at 10:00 am
East Lake Community Library: Saturday, February 16 at 2:00 pm

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

Pinellas Public Library Cooperative representatives attend PRIME TIME training workshop.

Four individuals representing the Pinellas Public Library Cooperative participated in a training workshop January 18-20, 2008 in New Orleans, La. for the PRIME TIME FAMILY READING TIME® family literacy project sponsored by PRIME TIME Inc., an affiliate of the Louisiana Endowment for the Humanities (LEH).

The Clearwater Public Library, Main Branch is one of four community libraries in Florida selected to host the program. The LEH, in cooperation with the American Library Association Public Programs Office, selected public libraries to participate in the national expansion of the LEH’s award-winning family reading and discussion program. National expansion of PRIME TIME will target Spanish-speaking families and is made possible through a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Representing the Pinellas Public Library Cooperative (PPLC)/Clearwater Public Library System program were: Paula Godfrey, PPLC Coordinator of Special Projects & Grant Services, Jennifer Obermaier, Youth Services Manager, Clearwater Public Library System, Anne Sullivan, and Alicia Gomez. The team discussed plans and strategies for implementing the reading discussion and storytelling series based on illustrated children’s books. PRIME TIME is designed specifically for families with children aged 6 to 10 who are experiencing difficulty reading. Separate reading activities are available for preschool siblings aged 3 to 5.

The PRIME TIME program is scheduled for Tuesday evenings, 6:00-8:00 pm, February 26, 2008 – April 1, 2008. Reading and discussion leaders will conduct 90-minute meetings at the Clearwater Main Library located at 100 N. Osceola Ave, Clearwater, Florida for parents or guardians and their children. At each session, Alicia Gomez will present stories and model reading aloud. Humanities scholar Anne Sullivan, Assistant Professor at St. Petersburg College will serve as the discussion leader.

Pinellas Libraries Provide Essential Services

By Mary A. Brown • PPLC Executive Director

Libraries are not obsolete. While it’s true that not everyone uses the public library, it is true that over 500,000 residents in Pinellas County have a library card, visited their libraries over 4.6 million times last year, and checked out over 5 million items. During those visits, residents attended programs for adults, teens, and children that helped them stay connected to each other and their community. Public computers provided access to the internet and staff helped patrons navigate the new world of e-government. Community rooms provided a place for people to meet, share ideas, and experiences. Children were introduced to books that stimulated their imagination and took them to places beyond their own communities. People with special needs received Talking Books, or attended Deaf Literacy classes. Even those people that never stepped inside the library gained access to databases and reference services from their personal computers at home or work. Libraries provide traditional services that people love and expect, mixed with new specialized services that respond to the increasing demands of technology. Carl Sagan said, “I think the health of our civilization, the depth of our awareness about the underpinnings of our culture and our concern for the future can all be tested by how well we support our libraries.” I hope we pass the test.
Book Discussions

Clearwater Public Library System
Main Library
Book Lovers Bistro: Tuesday, February 5, 12:00 pm.
Great Books Lecture: Thursday, February 14, 1:30 pm.
East Branch
Mystery Readers Club: Tuesday, February 26, 10:30 am.
Círculo de Lectura: Wednesday, February 27, 1:00 pm. Spanish language book discussion group.

Dunedin Public Library
Great Decisions Discussion Group: Tuesday, February 12, 7:30 pm. TBA.
Contemporary Book Discussion Group: Tuesday, February 26, 7:00 pm. The Reluctant Fundamentalist by Mohsin Hamid.

East Lake Community Library
Book Club: Wednesday, February 20, 6:30-7:45 pm. The Glass Castle: a Memoir by Jeanette Walls.

Gulf Beaches Public Library
Book Discussion: Tuesday, February 19, 10:30 am. Their Eyes Where Watching God by Zora Neale Hurston. Celebrating Black History Month with the book, the movie and light refreshment. RSVP is recommended.

Gulfport Public Library

Largo Public Library
The Last Word Book Club: Wednesday, February 6, 7:00 pm. Cane River by Lalita Tademy.
Books to Film: Sunday, February 10, 1:30 pm. Read the book then see the film. Following the film will be a discussion of the movie and the book it was based on. Notes on a Scandal by Zoe Heller, starring Judi Dench and Cate Blanchett.

Oldsmar Public Library
Book Discussion: Wednesday, February 13, 12:00 pm.

Palm Harbor Public Library
Due to the Palm Harbor Library renovation project, most programs listed will be held offsite. If you have any questions, please call the library or check our website.
PHIL’s Book Club: Monday, February 11, 11:00 am or 7:00 pm. During Palm Harbor Library’s renovation phase, the PHIL’s Book Club will meet at Coral Oaks 900 W Lake Road, Palm Harbor. Incidents in the Life of a Slave Girl by Harriet A. Jacobs.

Pinellas Park Public Library
Book Discussion: Thursday, February 21, 2:00 pm. The Year of Magical Thinking, by Joan Didion.

Safety Harbor Public Library
Book Discussion: Tuesday, February 19, 2:00-3:00 pm. Measure of a Man: A Spiritual Autobiography by Sidney Poitier.

St. Pete Beach Public Library
Book Discussion: Tuesday, February 12, 10:30 am & Wednesday, February 13, 7:00 pm. A Flash of Green by John D. MacDonald.
Book Discussion: Thursday, February 28, 2:00 pm & Saturday, March 1, 10:30 am. Pride and Prejudice by Jane Austen.

St. Petersburg Public Library System
Check online or call the library for latest titles.
Main Library
Between Covers Book Club: Wednesday, February 20, 7:00 pm.
Bookers Club: Thursday, February 21, 11:00 am.

Johnson Branch
African-American Book Club: No meeting schedule at this time.

Mirror Lake Branch
Classic Up Close: Tuesday, February 25, 2:00 pm.

North Branch
Thursday Morning Group: Thursday, February 7, 11:00 am.

Carl G. Jung Society Reading Group: Saturday, February 9, 2:00 pm.

South Branch
Book Club: Thursday, February 14, 4:00 pm. In Pursuit of Happiness by Chris Gardner.

Mahogany Book Club: Saturday, February 16, 10:00 am.

West Community Library
West Community Group: One Wednesday a month at 1:30 pm.

Seminole Community Library
Booktalkers: Wednesday, February 6, 2:00 pm. The Orange Blossom Special by Betsy Carter.

Great Books Discussion Group: Wednesday, February 20, 2:00 pm. The Canterbury Tales by Chaucer.

Tarpon Springs Public Library
Book Discussion Group: Thursday, February 28, 12:00 pm. March by Geraldine Brooks.

Adult Programs (continued from pg. 5)

Tarpon Springs Public Library
Genealogy Assistance with John Kiwalis: Mon., 10:00 am-4:00 pm.
Genealogy Assistance with Ken Nicholls: Tues., 10:00 am-4:00 pm.
AARP Free Tax Help: Mondays & Tuesdays, 10:00 am-2:00 pm.
First come, first served.

Genealogy Assistance with Mary Kay Heitmann: Wednesdays, 10:00 am-4:00 pm.

Writers Group: Fridays, 10:00 am.

Fiction into Film Series: Wednesday, February 6, 2:00 pm. A discussion of short stories followed by a free showing of their film versions led by Charles Shaffert. This week’s short story and film is Bernie Bobs Her Hair by F. Scott Fitzgerald. Registration required.


History Discussion Group: Wednesday, February 13, 1:30 pm.
Hosted by Jerry Ciarcia. Call for topic.

Fiction into Film Series: Wednesday, February 13, 2:00 pm. A discussion of short stories followed by a free showing of their film versions. This week’s short story and film is The Snows of Kilimanjaro by Ernest Hemingway. Registration required.

Bay Knit Wits: Wednesday, February 13, 6:00 pm. Knitting and crochet group.

Birding 101: Thursday, February 14, 3:30 pm. February is National Bird Feeding month and we’re celebrating with the Clearwater Audubon Society! Dr. Lynn Sumerson will be presenting this free workshop. Registration required.

From the Cook’s Shelf: Wednesday, February 20, 7:00 pm. Cookbook discussion group. Recipes and samples are always welcome.

Free Blood Pressure Screening: Thursday, February 21, 1:30-3:30 pm. Provided by Helen Ellis Home Care.

Life Force Cultural Arts Academy Dance Ensemble: Friday, February 22, 5:00 pm.
Under the direction of Jai Hinson. Enjoy a brief history and dance demonstration in celebration of Black History Month. All ages welcome.

Ten Steps to Starting Your Own Business: Tuesday, February 26, 7:00-9:00 pm. Presented by the Pinellas County Chapter of SCORE
Computer Classes

Clearwater Public Library System
Main Library
Registration required for all computer classes. Call 562-4970 x5036 or register online.

Introduction to Windows: Wednesday, February 6, 10:00 am.
Introduction to Windows In Spanish: Wednesday, February 13, 6:30 pm.

Introduction to the Internet in Spanish: Wednesday, February 20, 6:30 pm.
Introduction to the Internet: Thursday, February 15, 10:00 am.
Introduction to Word: Wednesday, February 20, 10:00 am.

Country Side Branch
Computer Literacy: Mondays, 6:00 pm & Wednesdays, 3:30 pm.
North Greenwood Branch
Buying and Selling on “Ebay” Thursday, February 7, 11:00 am.
Introduction to the Internet: Wednesday, February 13, 10:00 am.

Deaf Literacy Center
Safety Harbor Public Library
Computer skills for the Deaf: Individualized tutorials, as well as small group instruction is offered on an as needed basis. Call to schedule.

Dunedin Public Library
Working with Files: Tuesday, February 5, 11:00 am.
Working with Files and Folders: Wednesday, February 6, 7:00 pm.
Creating Data CDs with Windows XP: Thursday, February 7, 11:00 am.
Creating Online Photo Albums with Snapfish & Smilebox.com: Tuesday, February 19, 11:00 am & Wednesday, February 20, 7:00 pm.

Anyone Can Blog: Thursday, February 21, 11:00 am.
MS Word Basic, Part 1: Tuesday, February 26, 11:00 am & Wednesday, February 27, 7:00 pm.
MS Word Basic, Part 2: Thursday, February 28, 11:00 am.

East Lake Community Library
Registration required for all classes and begins the first day of the month.

Senior Teaching Seniors: Tuesdays, 3:00-5:00 pm. A one-on-one program designed for senior citizens to enhance computer skills with the help of high school students.

Resources for Seniors on the Internet: Saturday, February 5, 4:00 pm. Tips and ideas for “silver surfers.” Where to find information geared towards the needs and interests of the 50+ generation.

Computer Basics: Friday, February 15, 9:00 am. A beginner’s class in computer literacy. Learn PC fundamentals including terminology, mouse skills, basic Windows, the Internet and launching programs.

Gulf Beaches Public Library
Introduction to the Internet: Friday, February 8, 12:00 pm.
Ask A Computer Specialist: Wednesday, February 13, 12:00 pm.
Introduction to Web-Based Email: Friday, February 15, 12:00 pm.

Gulfport Public Library
One-on-One Computer Instruction: By appointment only.

Largo Public Library
Windows, Part I: Tuesday, February 5, 4:00-6:00 pm or Thursday, February 7, 1:00-3:00 pm.
Windows, Part II: Tuesday, February 12, 4:00-6:00 pm or Thursday, February 14, 1:00-3:00 pm.
Spreadsheets: Tuesday, February 5, 6:00-8:00 pm.
Camera/Scanner: Tuesday, February 12, 6:00-8:00 pm.

Word Processing, Part I: Tuesday, February 19, 4:00-6:00 pm or Thursday, February 21, 1:00-3:00 pm.
Word Processing, Part II: Tuesday, February 26, 4:00-6:00 pm or Thursday, February 28, 1:00-3:00 pm.
Email: Tuesday, February 19, 6:00-8:00 pm.
Internet: Tuesday, February 26, 6:00-8:00 pm.

Pinellas Park Public Library
Adult Beginner Computer Classes: Call for class schedule.
Special Session Computer Class: Wednesday, February 13, 7:00 pm.

Safety Harbor Public Library
Registration required for all computer classes.

Personal Computer Basics: Friday, February 1, 9:45-10:45 am.
Email Basics: Friday, February 8, 9:45-10:45 am.
Internet and Database Searching: Friday, February 15, 9:45-10:45 am.

More Internet and Database Searching: Friday, February 22, 9:45-10:45 am.

Job Searching Online: Friday, February 29, 9:45-10:45 am.

Computer Tutorials: One-on-one 15-minute hands-on computer tutorials covering basic computer skills or a focused task. Friday mornings and by appointment.

St. Pete Beach Public Library
More Online Treasures: Wednesday, February 20, 2:00 pm & 7:00 pm. Locating and/or purchasing hard-to-find and out-of-print books.

St. Petersburg Public Library System
Main Library
One-on-One Internet Training: Call for an appointment.

Johnson Branch
One-on-One Computer Training: Tuesdays, 10:00 am. Registration required.
North Branch
One-on-One Computer Training: Mondays 3:00 pm, Tuesdays 5:00 pm and Wednesdays 9:00 & 10:00 am. Sessions are one hour long, registration required.

South Branch
One-on-One Computer Training: Thursdays, 1:00 pm. Registration required.

Basic Internet & Email: Fridays, 10:00 am. Designed for adults with a least an introductory knowledge of computers. Registration required.

Seminole Community Library
SPC registration required for all computer classes.

Create Your Own Web Page: Saturdays, February 2 & 9, 1:00-5:00 pm. $49.00.

Discover MS Word & Windows Programs: Saturday, February 23, 1:00-5:00 pm. $25.00.

Get Comfortable with your Computer: Saturday, February 16 & Tuesday, February 19, 1:00-5:00 pm. $25.00.

Put More Power in Your Point: Tuesdays, February 5 & 12, 1:00-5:00 pm. $49.00.

On the Road Again! Travel Photography: Fridays, February 22-March 21, 1:00-4:00 pm. $69.00.

Fundamentals of Photoshop Elements: Wednesdays, February 13-April 9, 7:00-9:00 pm. $95.00.

Tarpon Springs Public Library
Registration is required for all computer classes.

Computer Basics: Thursday, February 7, 1:00 pm.
Internet Basics: Wednesday, February 20, 3:00 pm.
Introduction to Microsoft Word: Thursday, February 21, 1:00 pm.

Designing and Building a Web Page: Thursday, February 28, 1:00 pm.
Adult Programs

Clearwater Public Library System
Main Library
One-on-One Business Counseling: Tuesdays, 10:00 am-3:00 pm.
Poetry Sundays: Sunday, February 3, 1:30 pm. Open mike: bring your own works or read favorites.
Opera Lecture: Monday, February 4, 12:00 pm. Tosca’s Kiss.
Films on the Bluff: Tuesday, February 12, 2:00 pm.
Cell Phone Project: Wednesday, February 13, 9:30 am. Free cell phone for seniors programmed to only call “911.”
Scholar’s Choice: Wednesday, February 13, 2:00 pm. Lecture and discussion led by professors from the University of South Florida.
SCORE Workshop: Wednesday, February 13, 5:30 pm. 10 Steps to Starting a Successful Business.

Decorative Paste Papers Workshop: Saturday, February 16, 1:00 pm. Techniques for working in colored paste, texturing, layering, and enhancing with colored pencil.

Countryside Branch
911 Cell Phone Project: Wednesday, February 27, 9:30 am. Free cell phone for seniors programmed to only call “911.”
North Greenwood Branch
AARP Driver Safety Program: Wednesday, February 19 & Friday, February 21, 1:00 pm. This class will be held in two parts.
Wednesday Afternoon @ the Movies: Wednesday, Feb. 6, 2:00 pm.
Chess Club: Wednesday, February 20, 3:00 pm.

East Branch
Mystery Readers Club: Tuesday, February 26, 10:30 am.
AARP Tax Aid: Mondays & Fridays, 9:00 am. AARP volunteers prepare Federal Income Tax returns for elderly and low-income individuals.

Defal Literacy Center
Palm Harbor Library
(Programs relocated to Crystal Beach Community Youth Center)
Individual Tutoring for the Deaf: Tuesdays, 2:00-4:00 pm. Call for appointment.
Adult Beginners Sign Language: Tuesdays, January 29–June 3, 6:30 pm. 15-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, January 24–May 29, 6:00-7:00 pm. 15-week course.

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, January 28–June 2, 6:00 pm. 15-week course.
Adult Intermediate Sign Language: Mondays, January 28–June 2, 7:00 pm. 15-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, January 29–June 3, 6:00 pm. 15-week course.
Adult Beginners Sign Language: Tuesdays, January 29–June 3, 7:00 pm. 15-week course.

Dunedin Public Library
Tuesdays at Two Film Program: 2:00 pm. Strangers On A Train: February 5; B-2 Stealth Bomber; February 12; Jesse James: February 19; Dashiel Hammett - Detective. Writer: February 26.

Genealogy Assistance: Thursdays, 1:00-3:00 pm. Members of The Caladesi Chapter of the DAR are here to assist you.
Dunedin Writers Group: Fridays, 9:30 am. Open to all serious writers. The Dunedin Writers Group focuses on novels, short stories, articles, children’s books, presentation letters, plays and scripts. For more information call Mary at 734-3621.

Literacy Program: The Literacy Council of Upper Pinellas holds workshops to train individuals to tutor Literacy and English as a Second Language. Call for information.

Medicare Counseling with S.H.I.N.E.: The S.H.I.N.E. program of the Florida Department of Elder Affairs offers free unbiased counseling on Medicare and other health-related issues every Tuesday. Call to set up an appointment.

Storytelling Workshop: Friday, February 15, 7:00-9:30 pm & Saturday, February 16, 1:00-3:00 pm. Join Pat Nease, two-time Florida Liars’ Contest winner, and the Tampa Bay Storytellers’ Guild for a storytelling workshop entitled “What’s the Story?”. Ages 13 and up. Reservations recommended. For more information from a Florida Storytelling Assn. sponsor, call 736-6466.

Selling on eBay: Saturday, February 16, 10:00 am-12:00 pm. Barry Cohen, an educational specialist trained by ebay, will teach you how to sell all those goodies lying around the house.

Winter Wonders: Saturday, February 16, 7:00-9:30 pm. Join us for an evening of stories from around the world told by members of the Tampa Bay Storytellers’ Guild. Winter Wonders is based on the premise of Tellebration. Refreshments will be provided. For more information on Tellebration, visit www.tellebration.org.

Women of Mystery Book Discussion Series: Wednesday, February 20, 7:00 pm. Join us for our second book in this 3-part series with a discussion on Marcia Muller’s Vanishing Point. Our moderator is Eckerd College teacher and novelist Lee Irby.

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
Sign Language Beginners Class (Adults) Wednesdays, 4:30 pm. Children may attend if they will sit quietly for an hour.

Valentine Bookmarkers: (All ages) Saturday, February 2, 1:00 pm. Fuzzy pipe cleaners make the best heart-shaped bookmarks and make a great gift.

Friends of the East Lake Community Library Meeting: Tuesday, February 5, 6:30 pm. New members welcome.

ELCL Writer’s Critique Group: Monday, February, 11 & 25, 6:30 pm. This is a workshop for writers of all levels. Read excerpts of your works in progress and receive helpful feedback.

Advisory Board: Tuesday, February 12, 6:00 pm.
Chess Club: Wednesday, February 13 & 27 & Friday, February 8 & 22, 3:30 pm. If you have your own chess set, please bring it.

East Lake Author’s Showcase - Linda Bilodeau: Tuesday, February 19, 6:30 pm. Join author Linda Bilodeau as she explores how to inject fictional characters with real personality.

Foundation Planning Committee: Wednesday, February 27, 6:00 pm. All those interested in the planning of a new facility are welcome to attend.

Gulf Beaches Public Library
American Credit-Debit Collectors: Saturday, February 2, 1:00 pm.
Film Movement: Tuesday, February 5, 5:30 pm. Adam’s Apples.
E-Bay Part 2: Monday, February 4, 10:30 am. Call to register.

Author Talk and Book Signing: Wednesday, February 6, 2:00 pm.


Travel Film: Wednesday, February 13, 2:00 pm. Italy’s Countryside.

Great Books: Saturday, February 9, 1:00 pm. Inherited Clock by Elizabeth Bowen.
Food For Thought: Saturday, Feb. 16, 6:00-9:00 pm. A benefit for Gulf Beaches Public Library, $20 in advance and $30 at the door.

Author Talk and Book Signing: Wednesday, February 20, 4:00 pm. Relationship Coach Karen Card will talk about her new book How to Get More Love: 40 Tips to Make Love Work.

Digital Camera: Monday, February 25, 11:00 am. CVS Photo Tech will discuss the basics of digital camera. Call to register.

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

Writer’s Group: Wednesdays, 10:00 am.

Spanish Language Classes: Thursdays, 5:00 pm.

Investment Club: Thursdays, 2:30 pm.

Chess Club: Thursdays, 5:00 pm.

Scrabble: Fridays, 1:30 pm.

Gulfport Public Library

Socrates Café: Thursday, February 14, 10:00 am & Friday, February 29, 6:00 pm. These monthly discussion groups were inspired by the book The Six Questions of Socrates.

Suncoast Computer Users: Thursday, February 14, 6:00 pm.

Genealogy Discussion Group: Saturday, February 23, 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.

Short Stories Discussion Group: Mon. Feb. 25, 1:00 pm. Sponsored by local chapter of Brandeis University National Women’s Club.

Gulfport Creative Short Story Writers: Wednesdays, 9:15 am.

Largo Public Library

Poets Live: Monday, Feb. 10, 6:00 pm. Open mic poetry readings.

The Cracker Cowboy Poet: Monday, February 11, 6:30 pm. Join Hank Mattson, the Cracker Cowboy Poet, as he tells his stories of life in Florida of yesteryear.

Customer Service: Tuesday, February 12 & Thursday, February 14, 6:00 pm. Attendance is required both nights for completion. Reservations required.

Speaking in Public: Tuesday, February 26 & Thursday, February 28, 6:00 pm. Participants will be able to produce and deliver presentations that are polished and professional. This course requires attendance both nights for completion. Instructional materials are included. Reservations are required.

Oldsmar Public Library

Free Tax Assistance: Provided by the AARP, February 5-April 15. Tuesdays: 3:00-6:30 pm & Wednesdays: 9:00 am-12:30 pm. Assistance is offered on a first-come, first-served basis.

Oldsmar Historical Society: Saturday, February 9, 10:00 am.

Palm Harbor Public Library

Due to the Palm Harbor Public Library renovation project, most programs listed will be held offsite. If you have any questions, please call the library or check our website.

Business Assistance Center: Tuesdays, February 5, 19 & 26, 1:00-3:00 pm & February 12, 5:00-7:00 pm. The Palm Harbor Library’s Business Assistance Center is dedicated to assisting the business and entrepreneurial community of Palm Harbor. The Library staff and the Business Assistant Specialist provide information, assistance and advocacy to facilitate and advance the business development process through print media, electronic resources and training via telephone or in person. Contact Business Assistant Specialist Trevor Davis at 727 – 784 • 4287 for further information.

Socrates Café: Wednesday, February 6, 6:00-7:45 pm & Thursday, February 21, 1:00-2:45 pm. Location: Hospice Community Service Center at 2675 Tampa Road, Palm Harbor. See website www.philosopher.org for details.

Tax Assistance: Location: Palm Harbor Community Center at 1500 16th St, Palm Harbor. Assistance begins on February 1 and will take place on Tuesdays and Fridays from 9:00-1:00 throughout the tax season. The Palm Harbor Library will have copies of forms only available for free to the public.

Clam Bayou Jazz Band: Sunday, February 10, 3:00-4:30 pm. Location: Crystal Cove Community Church at 6900 County Road, 95, Palm Harbor. Free admission and refreshments will be provided. For more information, call 784-8908.

Master Gardener - Small Flowering Trees: Wednesday, February 13, 2:00 & 6:30 pm. Location: Crystal Beach Community Association at 517 Crystal Beach Avenue, Crystal Beach. Call the Pinellas County Extension at 582-2673 to reserve a seat.

Services for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing: Friday, February 15, 1:00-3:00 pm. Location: Countryside Library at 2741 State Road 580 North, Clearwater. A representative from Florida Telecommunications Relay will be there to offer special phones and ringsignaling devices to qualified deaf or hard-of-hearing residents. Patrons are encouraged to call the Deaf and Hearing Connection Office in Seminole if they have any questions: 727-399.9983 (voice) or 727 - 399 - 9422 (TTY) for details.

Genealogy Help: Available in the Reference Department on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 1:00-3:00 pm.

Safety Harbor Public Library

Library Advisory Committee: Tuesday, February 12, 7:00 pm.

Friends of the Library: Wednesday, February 13, 6:30 pm.

Ask A Genealogist: Tuesday, February 26, 3:00-4:00 pm.

St. Pete Beach Public Library

Just Poetry: Monday, February 11, 6:00 pm. A creative writing workshop.

St. Petersburg Public Library System

North Branch

ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages): Wednesdays, 3:30-5:00 pm. For new learners of the English language its free start anytime, all are welcome.

South Branch

Craft Clubs (All ages) Saturday, February 2, 2:00 pm.

West Community Library

Family Story Time: (All ages) Thursday, February 7, 7:00 pm. Storytelling for the entire family.

Writing Workshop: Saturdays, 1:00-2:30 pm. An informal writing workshop for the community and college students. For more information, contact Rosalind Miller, 381-1030.

Genealogy & Family History Lecture Series: Saturday, February 9, 10:00-11:00 am. Presented by Susan Hickok & Charlie Grandmason. Sponsored by the Friends of West Community, for more information call 341-7174 or 341-7172.

Seminole Community Library

AARP Income Tax Assistance: Thursday February 5-Thursday, April 10, Tuesdays & Wednesdays 9:00 am-8:00 pm, Thursdays 9:00 am-4:00 pm.

Classic Movie Matinee: Fridays, 1:00 pm. Free popcorn & sodas.

February 1: Charley’s Aunt; February 8: The Lady Vanishes; February 15: Brigadoon; February 22: Destry Rides Again; February 29: Road to Morocco.

Sean Scott Medicaid Seminar: Tuesday, February 5, 2:00 pm.

Toastmasters: Tuesdays, 6:15 pm.

Mom’s Club: Monday, February 4, 10:00 am.

Parkinson’s Support Group: Thursday, February 14, 6:00 pm.

American Assoc. of Individual Investors: Wednesday, February 13, 6:00 pm.

Lupus Foundation: Sunday, February 3, 1:00 pm.

H.E.A.L.: Friday, February 8, 1:00 pm.

Seminole Civitan Club: Thursday, February 21, 6:30 pm.

All About Stocks, Bonds & Money: Wednesdays, 6:30-9:00 pm.

SFC registration required/$59.00.

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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

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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.
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Notes: (Reduced hours when classes not in session)
Special Events

February 2
Clearwater Public Library System
Main Library
Teen Photo Contest Reception: 11:00 am.
Animal Planet's Jeff Corwin: 1:00 pm. Tales From the Field book signing and lecture to follow the program.

February 4
Gulf Beaches Public Library
Ebay II: How to Sell: 10:30 am. Explore how to sell items on Ebay. You will learn how to register, check competitor's pricing, along with posting items. Previous EBay 1 knowledge is recommended. Call to register.
St. Pete Beach Public Library
Screening of “The Jane Austen Book Club”: Time TBA. Benefit for the Friends of the Library. At the Beach Theatre, 315 Corey Avenue.

February 5
Clearwater Public Library System
North Greenwood Branch
Karate Presentation: 4:00 pm. Learn karate moves and self defense techniques from a 5th degree black belt.
Dunedin Public Library
Tiny Tales Storytime@ the Dunedin Community Center: 10:00 am. Join us for a special Storytime at the Community Center.

February 6
Gulf Beaches Public Library
Author Talk: 2:00 pm. Maureen Cain will give a talk on money management and investment for women. In her new book, Let Your Dough Rise, a Woman's Financial Recipe Book, Maureen systematically helps women uncover why they handle their finances in the manner they do.
Oldsmar Public Library
Go Red For Women – The Passion Minutes: 7:00 pm. Go Red For Women is a nationwide movement celebrating the energy, passion and power we have to band together and wipe out heart disease, the No. 1 killer of women. If you are interested in hearing how local women are living with heart disease, want to gain a better understanding of your risk of cardiovascular disease and how to control that risk please join us for this hour long program.

February 7
Safety Harbor Public Library
Film Showing: The Last Mimzy: 6:00 pm. Two children develop special talents after they find a mysterious box of toys. Refreshments provided.

February 8
Clearwater Public Library System
North Greenwood Branch
Clearwater Public Library
Valentine's Day: 2:00 pm. Create a special gift for your Valentine.
Dunedin Public Library
Spiderwick Chronicles (Ages 8-14): 2:00 pm. Join us as we explore Uncle Arthur’s field guide. We’ll do some crafts, have a snack and lots of fun! Registration required.
East Lake Community Library
Valentine’s Day: 2:00 pm. Come decorate some valentine cards to give to the special people in your life. Wear red and eat a red treat.

February 14
East Lake Community Library
Chocolate Fest: (Ages 13 & up): 4:00-6:00 pm. Total chocolate indulgence!
Oldsmar Public Library
Friends of the Oldsmar Branch – Valentine Tea: 12:00 pm.
Pinellas Park Public Library

February 16
East Lake Community Library
Love Your Heart Cooking Demonstration: 2:00 pm. Go Red For Women is a nationwide movement. Join us to learn how to prepare delicious recipes from the American Heart Association’s Go Red For Women Cookbook.
Gulf Beaches Public Library
Food For Thought: A Benefit for Gulf Beaches Public Library: 6:00-9:00 pm. Enjoy local restaurants specialties, beer, wine and live steel drums. Some participating restaurants: Leatherbacks, Scully’s, Friendly Fisherman, Wine Cellar, Conch Republic, Doubletrey, Salt Rock Grill, and Shells.
Tarpon Springs Public Library
Love Your Heart Cooking Demonstration: 10:00 am. Go Red For Women is a nationwide movement. Join us to learn how to prepare delicious recipes from the American Heart Association’s Go Red For Women Cookbook.

February 18
Dunedin Public Library
President’s Day Celebration: (Ages 5-12): 2:00 pm. Have fun learning about our nation’s presidents. We’ll do crafts, play games and have a snack. Registration required.

February 22
Dunedin Public Library
Stuffed Animal Sleepover: Why should kids have all the fun? Drop off your stuffed animal friend at the Youth Services Desk any time before 5:30 pm. Your stuffed animal friend will enjoy an evening of stories, crafts, computer time & goodies. Make sure not to bring your special friend that you can’t sleep without. Pick up your stuffed animal friend on Saturday, February 23, at 10:30 am. You can see what your stuffed animal friend did for the evening. We’ll have a little snack to enjoy as you pick up your friend.

February 23
Largo Public Library
Sara Gruen, author of Water for Elephants: 2:00 pm. The latest choice for the Greater Largo Library Foundation’s Outstanding Author Series. Tickets to this book talk and reception are $15 and are available by contacting the Foundation at 727-7398.

February 24
Deaf Literacy Center
Safety Harbor Public Library
Black Deaf History Event: 2:00-4:00 pm. Learn about contributions of great Deaf African American individuals, review books, culture, music, language and personal experiences.
Pinellas Park Public Library
Sunday Spectacular: Once Upon a Time: (All Ages) 2:00 pm. Join us for an adventure to Fairy Tale Land. Come dressed as your favorite fairy tale character (optional). Registration required and begins February 1.

February 25
Gulf Beaches Public Library
Digital Camera: 11:00 am. Just bought a digital camera and want to know how to get the best results? This is a general introductory class presented by a CVS Photo Tech who will cover the basics of digital camera. Call to register.

February 28
East Lake Community Library
Go Red For Women - The Passion Minutes: 7:00 pm. Go Red For Women is a nationwide movement.
Clearwater Public Library System
Main Library
Teen Advisory Group: Monday, February 25, 3:00 pm. Help plan teen library programs.
Teen Video Gaming: Tuesday, February 19, 5:30 pm. Play the latest video games, including Xbox, Wii, Playstation 2, Guitar Hero, and DDR.
Teen Art Club: (Ages 10-18) Thursday, February 14, 3:00 pm. Basic supplies will be provided.
Paper Airplanes: Wednesday, February 6, 4:00 pm. Learn how to fold paper airplanes and create one of your own.
North Greenwood Branch
Video Gaming: Tuesday, February 5, 4:00 pm.
Powerful Young Adults: Tuesday, February 19 & Tuesday, February 26, 4:30 pm.
East Branch
Video Gaming: Wednesday, Feb. 20, 3:00 pm. Play the latest games.

Dunedin Public Library
(Registration begins 2 weeks prior to a program unless noted otherwise.)
Dunedin Youth Volunteers: Monday, February 4, 6:30 pm. Our teen volunteer group meets once a month to plan, assist and create programs for the youth of the community.
Teen Chinese New Year Party: (Ages 10-18) Thursday, February 7, 6:00 pm. Come celebrate the Year of the Rat! We’ll make crafts, play games and have a snack. Registration required.
Teen T-Shirt Program: (Ages 10-18) Thursday, February 28, 6:00-7:30 pm. Learn how to recycle your t-shirts into new usable items. Materials and food provided. Registration required.

East Lake Community Library
Teen Library Council: Mondays, 5:00 pm. Teens meet to plan programs.
Chess Club: Wednesday, February 13 & 27 and Friday, February 8 & 22, 3:30 pm. Everyone is welcome. If you have your own chess set, please bring it.

Gulfport Public Library
Scrapbookers Club for Teens and Adults: Saturday, February 9 at 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 Public Library
Wii Weekend: (Ages 13-19) Saturday, February 9, 1:00 pm. Join us for Wii games.
Anime Cafe: (Ages 13-19) Tuesday, February 12, 6:00 pm. Watch some anime and enjoy some Asian food.
Teen Card Games: (Ages 13-19) Friday, February 22, 3:00 pm. Bring your cards and get together with your friends to play Yu-Gi-Oh!, Magic the Gathering, and traditional card games.

Dunedin Public Library
Teen Text Book Discussion Group: (Ages 13-19) February 6, 6:30 pm. Twilight by Stephanie Meyer.
Teen Scene: (Ages 13-19) February 12, 6:30 pm. Call Paul at 892-5296 for details.

South Branch
Teen Advisory Council/Teen Book Club: (Grades 9-12) Friday, February 15, 4:30 pm. Call or check on line for latest title.

West Community Library
Teen Scene: (Ages 13 & up) Thursdays, 6:00-8:00 pm. Call Kitt at 341-7185 for details.

Seminole Community Library
Library Youth Advisory Board: Thursdays, Feb. 7 & 21, 7:00 pm.

Tarpon Springs Public Library
Chess Club: Monday, February 4, 3:30 pm. All ages welcome.
Chocolate Sweetheart Party: (Ages 10-18) Saturday, February 9, 2:00 pm. Make a craft and enjoy sweet refreshments! Registration required.
Knit Club: (Ages 7-18) Saturday, February 16, 2:00 pm. Beginners and advance knitters welcome. Supplies are limited so participants are welcome to bring their own supplies.

Visit your local library for special events during February...
Black History Month

Palm Harbor Public Library
Due to the Palm Harbor Library renovation project, most programs listed will be held off-site. If you have any questions, please call the library or check our website.
Youth Advisory Board: Thursdays, 5:00 pm. Palm Harbor Library teens discuss topics of interest, plan library programming and earn volunteer hours by doing community service activities.

Pinellas Park Public Library
Teen Book Discussion: Wednesday, February 6, 7:00 pm. Join us for refreshments, fun and a lively discussion of What Happened to Cass McBride, by Gail Giles. Registration required.

Safety Harbor Public Library
Free Saturday Tutoring for Teens: Math and other subjects. 10:00 am-12:00 pm. Call 726-3386 to let Vinay know you are coming.
Players of Safety Harbor Teen Drama Group: Mondays, 4:30 pm. Registration required.

St. Petersburg Public Library System
Main Library
Teen Book Discussion Group: (Ages 13-19) February 6, 6:30 pm. Twilight by Stephanie Meyer.
Teen Scene: (Ages 13-19) February 12, 6:30 pm. Call Paul at 892-5296 for details.

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Children’s Programs

Clearwater Public Library System

Main Library
Toddler Storytime: Thursdays, 10:00 am.
Preschool Storytime: Wednesdays, 10:00 am.
Little Ones Music and Stories: (Birth-3 yrs) Friday, February 1 & Friday, February 15, 10:00 am.

Bright Minds: (Ages 3-5) Wednesdays, 10:00 am. Children will enjoy theme-based stories, songs, book-related films, and crafts and other reading readiness/literacy activities.

On Stage, Off Stage: Monday, February 4, 4:30 pm. Acting and improvisation. Practice a short play and perform it for each other.

Countryside Branch
Toddler Storytime: Thursdays, 10:00 am.
Preschool Storytime: Wednesdays, 10:00 am.
Homework Help: Tuesdays & Wednesdays, 3:00 pm.
Spanish Table: Tuesdays & Wednesdays, 4:00 pm. Practice or learn Spanish with high school student volunteers.

North Greenwood Branch
Homework Help: Tuesdays, 3:00 pm.
Craft Corner: Thursdays, 3:00 pm.

Friday Afternoon @ the Movies: Friday, February 8 & Friday, February 22, 3:00 pm. Watch flicks to start off the weekend.

Preschool Storytime: Mondays, 10:30 am.

East Branch

Preschool Storytime: (Ages 3-5) Wednesdays, 10:00 am.
Toddler Storytime: Wednesdays, 11:00 am.

Baby Sign Language: Tuesday, February 5, 10:00 am.
Evening Storytime: (Ages 3-7) Tuesday, February 5, 6:30 pm.

Deaf Literacy Center

Palm Harbor Library
(Progras relocated to Crystal Beach Community Youth Center)

Children’s Sign Language: “Flashing Fingers” (Ages 6-12) Tuesdays, January 29-June 3, 4:30-5:30 pm. Registration required.

Pinellas Park Library

Children’s Sign Language: (Ages 5-12) Thursdays, January 24-May 29, 4:00-5:00 pm. 15-week course.

Safety Harbor Public Library

Children’s Sign Language: (Ages 5-12) Mondays, January 28-June 2, 4:00-5:00 pm. 15-week course.

Baby Sign Language: (Birth-18 mos) Tuesdays, January 29-February 19, 10:30-11:00 am. Sign naturally while interacting with your child through daily routines, playtime, storytime and music.

St. Petersburg Library South Branch

Children’s Sign Language: (Ages 5-12) Tuesdays, January 29-June 3, 4:00-5:00 pm. 15-week course.

Dunedin Public Library
Registration begins 2 weeks prior to program unless noted otherwise.

Baby & Me Storytime: (Birth-18 mos) Wednesdays, 10:00 am.
Toddler Time: (18-36 mos) Wednesdays, 10:30 am.

StoryTime: (Ages 3-5) Thursdays, 10:30 am.
Sign Language for Little Ones: Fridays, 10:30 am. Registration required. 4-week course.

East Lake Community Library

Puppet Theatre: (All ages) Mondays, 7:00 pm. Our Teen Library Council writes, produces and stars in amusing puppet shows.

Toddler Storytime: (Birth-3 yrs) Tuesdays, 10:15 am.
Preschool Storytime: (Ages 3-5) Tuesdays, 11:00 am.
Family Storytime: (All ages) Wednesdays, 7:00 pm A craft and story before bedtime with a “casual” dress-code – pajamas!

Valentine Red Fest: (All ages) Saturday, February 9, 2:00 pm. Come decorate some valentine cards to give to the special people in your life. Wear red and eat a red treat!

Gulf Beaches Public Library

Story Time and Puppet Show: (Birth-3 yrs) Tuesdays, 10:30 am.
Fun & Crafts Day: Fridays, 2:00 pm.

Gulfport Library

Groundhog Day Family Story and Puppet Craft: Saturday, February 2, 2:30 pm.

After School Valentine Fun with Books and Crafts: Friday, February 8, 4:30 pm.

Family Valentine Stories and Crafts: Wednesday, February 13, 4:30 pm.

After School Leap-Year Day Fun with Books and Crafts: Friday, February 29, 4:30 pm.

Largo Public Library

Family Story Night: Mondays, 7:00 pm. Wear your pj’s and bring your teddy bears.

Itsy Bitsy Baby Club: Tuesdays, 10:00 am. For parents and caregivers with babies not yet walking.

Toddler Tales: (18-36 mos) Wednesdays, 10:00 am.

Preschool Storytime: (Ages 3-5) Thursdays, 10:00 am.

Henna Art: Friday, February 8, 5:00 pm. Uncover the interesting ways various cultures decorate themselves by using the library’s databases. Henna art may remain on the skin for up to 2 weeks. Part of the Homework Center for 5th to 8th graders.

Valentine Puppet Show and Craft: Thursday, Feb. 14, 2:00 pm.

Newsham: Thursday, February 14, 5:00 pm. Log on to Newsham database to find all the information you need for your Social Studies current events report. Part of the Homework Center for 5th to 8th graders.

Pup Pals Reading Dogs: Saturday, February 23, 10:00 am. Improve your reading skills and make a new friend by reading to dogs. Registration required.

Oldsmar Public Library

Preschool Storytime: (Ages 3-5) Thursdays, 10:00 am.

Palm Harbor Public Library

Due to the Palm Harbor Library renovation project, most programs listed will be held offsite. If you have any questions, please call the library or check our website.

Toddler Story Time: (Ages 1 ½-3) Mondays, 10:00 & 11:00 am. During Palm Harbor Library’s renovation phase, Toddler Story Time will be held at the Little Gym of Palm Harbor on US 19N next to Publix.

Bedtime Bash: (Ages 3 & up) Mondays, 7:00 pm. Bring your teddy bears (pajamas, optional).


Granny Jane’s Story Time: Wednesdays, February 6, 20, 27, 3:00-4:00 pm.

Come and Go Valentine: (Ages 4 & up) Wednesday, February 13, 3:00-5:00 pm. Make a simple card for that special someone while listening to a Valentine story.
Children’s Programs

Pinellas Park Public Library
Candy Drawings: (Elementary-high school) February 1-13. Stop by the Youth Services desk and try to guess how many candies are in the jars. The guess closest to the correct amount without going over will win the jar – And the CANDY!
Chess Club: Mondays, 3:00-5:00 pm (Beginner instruction); 4:00-5:00 pm (Advanced instruction). Bring your friends and join us for free instruction and friendly competition for players of all levels.
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 Clubs: (Elementary age children) Tuesdays, 3:00 pm. This is a reading incentive program for elementary school students. Children hear about great books and earn stickers and patches for reading. Attendance is encouraged but not required to earn incentives.
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 pj’s!
YU-GI-OH Club: Saturday, February 9, 9:00 am. Registration required and begins at 9 am (must be registered by 10 am to play).
Kid’s Art Class: (Grades 3-6) Wednesday, February 27, 3:00-4:00 pm. This new class will be held the fourth Wednesday of each month. Registration required and begins February 13.

Safety Harbor Public Library
Young Storytellers: (Ages 5 & under) Mondays, 10:30 am. Family Storytime: (All ages) Mondays, 7:00 pm.
Baby & Me: (Birth-18 mo.) Tuesdays, 10:30 am.
Toddler & Younger Sibling: (18-30 mos) Tuesdays, 11:15 am.
Preschool Storytime: (All ages) Wednesdays, 12:30 pm.
New Program! Toddler & You: (18-30 mos) Mondays, 11:15 am. One on one with caregiver and toddler only.

St. Pete Beach Public Library
Mock “Battle of the Books”: Monday, February 4, 5:00 pm. Preparation for the schools’ upcoming competitions.
Mother Goose Time: (Birth-3 yrs) Tuesday, February 5, 19 & 26, 10:30 or 11:30 am. Dolphin Club: (Ages 3 & up) Tuesdays, 4:00 pm. Longer stories and sometimes crafts to do, too.
Library in the Park: Thursday, February 7, 4:00 pm. Stories, a craft and outdoor play. *At Ron McKenney Park, 9300 Blind Pass Road.

St. Petersburg Public Library System
Main Library
After-School Story Program: (Ages 6-12) Tuesdays, 4:00 pm
Kids Craft Corner: (All ages) Saturday, February 2, 2:00 pm. Make and take craft projects.
Puppet Show: St. Petersburg Junior League presents Cat In The Hat, Monday, February 4 & 18, 10:00 am. Groups must pre-register.
Mother Goose: (Birth-3 yrs) Fridays, 9:30 am & 10:30 am.
Preschool Story Time: (Ages 3-5) Wednesdays, 10:00 am.
Family Story & Crafts: (Ages 3-8) Thursdays, 6:30 pm.
Cosmic Kids: Fantasy Sci-Fi Book Club: (Ages 8-12) Tuesday, February 26, 6:30 pm.
Johnson Branch
Preschool Story Time: (Ages 3-5) Fridays, 9:45 & 10:15 am.
Mirror Lake Branch
Humpty Dumpty: (Infants-crawlers) Mondays, 10:30 am & Wednesdays, 3:30 pm.
Jack & Jill: (Walkers-3 yrs) Mondays, 11:00 am & Wed., 4:15 pm
Preschool: (Age 3) Tuesday, Feb. 19, 10:00 am & (Ages 4-5) 10:30 am.
North Branch
Mother Goose: (Birth-3 yrs) Mondays, 11:00 am & Wednesdays, 10:00 am. Registration required.
Pre-School Story Time: (Ages 3-5) Wednesdays, 11:00 am. Registration required.
South Branch
Mother Goose: (Birth-3 yrs) Thursdays, 11:30 am.
Preschool Story Time: (Ages 3-5) Tuesdays, 11:30 am.
Newberry Book Club: (Ages 8-12) Tuesday, February 12, 4:00 pm. Reading list available.
West Community Library
Preschool Story Time: (Ages 3-5) Tuesdays & Wednesdays, 10:00 am.
Mother Goose: (Birth-3 yrs) Tuesdays & Wednesdays, 11:00 am.
After-School Programs: Once a month from 3:30 – 4:30 pm. Co-sponsored by the SPC Ethics Department the first 35 children will receive a free book, call for date.

Seminole Community Library
Toddler Storytime: (18-36 mos) Tuesdays & Thursdays, 10:30 am.
Pre-School Storytime: (Ages 3-5) Tuesdays, 11:00 am.
Twilight Tales: (Family storytime) Mondays, 6:30 pm.
Family Movie: Saturdays, 2:00 pm. Films for all ages–free popcorn and sodas. February 2: Shark Tale; February 9: Jump In; February 16: No movie today; February 23: The Wild.

Tarpon Springs Public Library
Preschool Story Time: (Ages 3-5) Thursdays, 10:15 am.
Mother Goose Toddler Time: (Ages 1-3) Fridays, 10:15 am. Registration required. Craft Saturdays: Saturdays, 10:00 am-3:00 pm. A different craft each week.
Craft Club: (Ages 6-12) Friday, February 1, 4:30-5:30 pm. Registration required.
Youth Chess Club: (All ages) Monday, February 4, 3:30-4:30 pm. Chocolate Sweetheart Party: (Ages 10-18) Saturday, February 9, 2:00 pm. Make a craft and enjoy sweet refreshments! Registration required.
Knit Club: (Ages 7-18) Saturday February 16, 2:00 pm. Beginners and advance knitters welcome. Supplies are limited so participants are welcome to bring their own supplies.

Library closings for the month of February

February 18
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Seminole Community Library
Tarpon Springs Public Library
Taking its cue from a 2004 bestseller (and a 2007 movie adaptation), the St. Pete Beach Library is hosting a discussion group devoted to a single author. Like the characters in Karen Joy Fowler’s The Jane Austen Book Club, participants read one Austen title each month. The new library program series began in January, and will run through June on the last Thursday, at 2pm and the following Saturday, at 10:30am.

The books will be addressed in the order that they were published: Sense and Sensibility, Pride and Prejudice, Mansfield Park, Emma, Persuasion and Northanger Abby.