Everything You Wanted to Know about Hurricanes @ your library®

Have you begun preparing for the upcoming hurricane season? The Pinellas Public Library Cooperative is partnering with the Pinellas County Communications Department to bring Pinellas County residents valuable information to prepare for the approaching hurricane season. Pinellas County public libraries will be hosting these workshops from April through July 2009. Presenter Tom Iovino, Pinellas County Communications Specialist and host of the hurricane awareness show Shuttering Your Homes on Pinellas 18, will be presenting workshops for adults including Busting Hurricane Myths and Hurricane 101 as well as new programs including Preparing Your Pets and Does It Take a Category 5? Additionally, there will be a workshop just for youth entitled Hurricanes for Kids that will be presented during the summer at select locations.

Becoming Storm Savvy:
May 9, 11:00 am – Oldsmar Public Library
May 20, 7:00 pm – Seminole Community Library
June 2, 6:00 pm – Safety Harbor Public Library

Busting Hurricane Myths:
May 16, 11:00 am – Oldsmar Public Library
May 26, 2:00 pm – Pinellas Park Public Library
June 15, 6:30 pm – Palm Harbor Public Library
June 17, 7:00 pm – St. Pete Beach Public Library

Hurricane 101:
April 6, 2:00 pm – Pinellas Park Public Library
May 5, 7:00 pm – Dunedin Public Library
May 9, 2:00 pm – Tarpon Springs Public Library

Preparing Your Pets:
May 11, 7:00 pm – St. Pete Beach Public Library
May 14, 6:30 pm – Largo Public Library
May 19, 2:00 pm – Seminole Community Library
May 30, 11:00 am – Oldsmar Public Library
June 2, 7:00 pm – Dunedin Public Library

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

Calendar of Events
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PPLC Deaf Literacy Center Celebrates the Arts

At an event at the University of South Florida in March, children from the Deaf Literacy Center created a piece of art work on canvas as well as orchestrated a ball room dance routine to present to Marlee Martin, Academy Award-winning Deaf actress. This outreach was part of the preparation for the arts education workshops for the deaf community that will be presented during the month of April. This program is sponsored and funded through a grant from the Target corporation.

The Deaf Literacy Center will be working with local museum education curators including partners from The Arts Center, the Museum of Fine Arts in St. Petersburg and Great Exploration Children’s Museum. They will work in conjunction with artists from VSA Florida to present art workshops to Deaf individuals and their families. The workshops will include arts education as well as hands-on activities. The program will culminate with an art exhibit at local museums in St. Petersburg, FL at the end of April. Please check the PPLC Web site, www.pplc.us, for details on the public programs.

4-1-1 on College & Careers
Teen Financial Literacy Programs
APRIL – JUNE 2009

Bank of America
Junior Achievement

Support Your Local Library – FLA Library Days in Tallahassee

The Pinellas Public Library Cooperative (PPLC) was well represented this year at the Florida Library Association’s 40th Annual Library Days in Tallahassee, Florida. A local delegation of Pinellas County library directors and PPLC Board Members led by PPLC Executive Director, Mary Brown, met with State Senators and Representatives to discuss important issues impacting public libraries, to alert them to actions they can take to help libraries grow, and to thank them for their continued support. PPLC Board Members, Jeri Antozzi (Oldsmar) and Marilyn Chapman (Tarpon Springs) were joined by library directors Gene Coppola (Palm Harbor) and Casey McPhee (Largo).

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March through July 2009. Presenters, including local artists, will work in conjunction with artists from VSA Florida to present art workshops to Deaf individuals and their families. The workshops will include arts education as well as hands-on activities. The program will culminate with an art exhibit at local museums in St. Petersburg, FL at the end of April. Please check the PPLC Web site, www.pplc.us, for details on the public programs.
Clearwater Public Library System
Main Library
**Book Lovers Bistro:** Tuesday, April 7, 12:00 pm. Book discussion series.

**Great Books Lecture and Discussion:** Thursday, April 9, 1:30 pm. Monthly book discussion series.

**Círculo de Lectura:** Wednesday, April 22, 1:00 pm. Spanish language book discussion group.

**East Branch**

**Mystery Readers Club:** Tuesday, April 21, 12:00 pm.

**Dunedin Public Library**

**Great Decisions Discussion Group:** Tuesday, April 14, 7:30 pm. Topic: “The U.S. and Rising Powers”.

**Contemporary Books Discussion Group:** Tuesday, April 28, 7:00 pm. *A Thousand Splendid Suns* by Khaled Hosseini.

**East Lake Community Library**

**Book Club:** Wednesday, April 1, 6:30-7:45 pm. *Norah’s Children* by Ann O’Farell.

**Gulf Beaches Public Library**

**Great Books:** Saturday, April 11, 12:15-2:30 pm. *The Man Who Would Be King* by Rudyard Kipling.

**Book Discussion:** Tuesday, April 21, 10:30 am. *Friday Night Knitting Club* by Kate Jacobs.

### Adult Programs

**Tarpon Springs Public Library, continued from page 5**

**Writers Group:** Fridays, 10:00 am. Bring your manuscript to read and have critiqued. Contact Lloyd Wilson at (727) 267-5612 for more information.

**History Discussion Group:** Wednesday, April 8, 1:30 pm.

** Employability Skills:** Wednesday, April 8, 7:00 pm. Walt Crockett from Worknet Pinellas will teach the basic skills necessary for getting and keeping a job. Registration required.

**Movies at Your Library:** Thursday, April 9, 2:00 pm. In honor of Holocaust Remembrance Day, we’re watching *The Boy in the Striped Pajamas* (2008).

**Brown Bag It:** Friday, April 10, 12:30 pm. Jacqueline Tavernier will discuss author Jack London’s works, love life and unique sense of humor. Registration is required and cost is $5.00 which includes a hand painted brown bag. Beverage and dessert bar will be available.

**From the Cook’s Shelf:** Wednesday, April 15, 7:00 pm. Cookbook discussion group. Topic: *Culinary World Tour*.

**Bay Knit Wits:** Wednesday, April 22, 6:30 pm. Knitting and crochet group.

**Movies at Your Library:** Friday, April 24, 2:00 pm. *Marley & Me*.

**Poetry Night and Coffee House:** Wednesday, April 29, 7:00 pm. Celebrate National Poetry Month with live music provided by the Hammerhead Dulcimer Society and an open mic to read your own poetry. Coffee and light refreshments will be provided. Registration required. Admission is free.

**Ten Steps to Starting a Small Business:** Tuesday, April 28, 7:00 pm. Free seminar presented by the Pinellas County Chapter of SCORE. Registration required.

### Book Discussions

**Gulfport Public Library**

**Coffee/Talk:** Thursday, April 16, coffee’s ready at 10:00 am, talk starts at 10:15 am. Our 14th annual series of monthly book discussions continues with David Wroblewski’s *The Story of Edgar Sawtelle*. Join us for coffee, light refreshments, and lively conversation. Pick up a discussion guide and reserve a copy of the book.

**Largo Public Library**

**The Last Word Book Club:** Wednesday, April 1, 6:00 pm. *April 1865: the Month that Saved America* by Jay Winik.

**Booktalking with Iris:** Wednesday, April 8, 12:00 pm.

**Marilyn Crowder:** Saturday, April 11, 10:00 am-12:00 pm. Book signing by Marilyn Crowder, the author of *Sixty, Single, and Ready for Adventure: Traveling...My Way!*

**Oldsmar Public Library**

**Oldsmar Book Club:** Thursday, April 23, 12:00 pm. *Water for Elephants* by Sara Gruen.

**Palm Harbor Public Library**

**PHIL’s Book Club:** Monday, April 13, 11:00 am or 7:00 pm. Join us as we discuss *Kitchen Boy* by Robert Alexander. The final days of Nicholas and Alexandra of the Russian Imperial Family as seen through the fictional eyes of the Romanov’s young kitchen boy, Leonka.

**Pinellas Park Public Library**

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**St. Pete Beach Public Library**

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Computer Classes

Clearwater Public Library System
Main Library

Internet Classes in Spanish for Adults: Wednesdays, April 1 & 8, 6:30 pm. Two-class sessions. ’Introduction to Windows’, first Wednesday and ’Internet’, second Wednesday. Call 771-2109 to register.

Deaf Literacy Center
St Petersburg College Library (Clearwater campus)

Computer Skills for the Deaf: Individualized tutorials, as well as small group instruction is offered on an as needed basis. Call for appointment.

Dunedin Public Library

Computer classes are in lecture form with demonstrations.

Working With Files: Wednesday, April 1, 7:00 pm.
Working With Folders: Thursday, April 2, 11:00 am & Wednesday, April 8, 7:00 pm.

Flash Drives and External Hard Drives: Tuesday, April 7, 11:00 am & Wednesday, April 22, 7:00 pm.

Creating Data CDs With Windows XP: Thursday, April 9, 11:00 am & Wednesday, April 29, 7:00 pm.

Windows Media Player, Part 1: Tuesday, April 21, 11:00 am.
Windows Media Player, Part 2: Thursday, April 23, 11:00 am.

Word Basics, Part 1: Tuesday, April 28, 11:00 am.
Word Basics, Part 2: Thursday, April 30, 11:00 am.

East Lake Community Library

Registration required and begins the first day of the month.

Seniors Teaching Seniors: Tuesdays & Wednesdays, 4:00 pm. A one-on-one program designed for senior citizens to enhance computer skills with the help of high school students. This program is currently full, but we are taking names on a waiting list. Call for information or go to eastlakelibrary@hotmail.com.

Computer and Internet Basics: Friday, April 10, 9:00-9:45 am. Get to know the ins and outs of using the computer and the internet.

Email and Internet Safety: Friday, April 24, 9:00-9:45 am. Tips and techniques to keep yourself surfing safe. Registration required.

Gulf Beaches Public Library

Ask a Computer Specialist: Wednesday, April 15, 12:00 pm. Tom Mitchell, computer expert. Topic to be announced.

Digital Cameras: Wednesday, April 22, 2:00 pm. Stan teaches us to “Keep It Simple.”

Gulfport Library

One-on-One Computer Instruction: By appointment only—Call for appointment.

Suncoast Computer Users: Thursday, April 9, 6:00 pm.

Largo Public Library

Microsoft Access: Saturday, April 4, 9:00 am-1:00 pm. A small business class. Register at www.largopubliclibrary.org.

Microsoft Power Point Level 1: Monday, April 6 & Wednesday, April 8, 5:30-7:30 pm. A small business class. Register at www.largopubliclibrary.org.

Microsoft Excel in Genealogy: Wednesday, April 8, 10:00 am. Learn how to use this spreadsheet program in your research. A genealogy class presented by the Pinellas Genealogy Society. Register at 595-4521 or email Bbryan84@tampabay.rr.com.

Photo Restoration using Photoshop Elements: Monday, April 13, 10:00 am. A genealogy class presented by the Pinellas Genealogy Society. Register at 595-4521 or email Bbryan84@tampabay.rr.com.

Microsoft Power Point Level 2: Monday, April 13 & Wednesday, April 15, 5:30-7:30 pm. A small business class. Register at www.largopubliclibrary.org.

Microsoft Publisher: Monday, April 20 & Wednesday, April 22, 5:30-7:30 pm. A small business class. Please sign up at www.largopubliclibrary.org.

Quickbooks: Saturday, April 25, 9:00 am-1:00 pm. A small business class. Register at www.largopubliclibrary.org.

Oldsmar Public Library

Email Basics: (Part 1) Tuesday, April 14, 2:00 pm. Reading, responding, writing and printing your email using Outlook Express (the built in email program in Windows XP) and how to set up a free email account with Google mail.

Palm Harbor Public Library

Each class is limited to six people on a first come, first served basis. Registration begins at 9:00 am on the day of class. Classes last approximately two hours.

Surfing the Web—Internet 1: Wednesday, April 7, 1:00 pm. Learn the basics of using the internet, addresses and hints.

Introduction to Email: Wednesdays, April 8, 10:00 am & April 15, 1:00 pm. Learn the basics of using email with Yahoo.

Buy & Sell on Ebay: Friday, April 10, 2:00 pm. Learn the basics of using Ebay to buy and sell items.

Computer Basics: Monday, April 13, 11:00 am. Learn the basics of computer hardware, software, and mouse.

Pinellas Park Public Library

Adult Beginner Computer Classes: Call for class schedule.

Special Session Computer Class: Wednesday, April 8, 7:00 pm.

St. Pete Beach Public Library

One-On-One Computer Assistance: Mondays, 1:00-3:00 pm or 4:30-6:30 pm; Tuesdays, 10:00 am-4:00 pm; Wednesdays, 1:00-3:00 pm; Thursdays, 1:00-4:00 pm.

Learning Express Library: Thursday, April 9, 16 & 23, 2:00 pm. Demonstration of the online resume and job test tool.

St. Petersburg Public Library System
Main Library

How Do I: Your Internet and E-mail Questions Answered: Wednesdays, 9:00 am-12:00 pm. Internet and Email assistance. Find out how to create an email account, use toolbar functions in windows, copy and paste and much more. Call to register.

Johnson Branch

One-on-One Computer Training: Tuesdays, 10:00 am. Registration required.

South Branch

One-on-One Computer Training: Thursdays, 1:00 pm. Call to register.

Basic Internet & E-mail: Fridays, 10:00 am. Designed for adults with a least an introductory knowledge of computers. Seating is limited. Call to register.

North Branch

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

PAC Training: Friday, April 17, 3:00 pm. Registration required.

West Community Library

Bare Basics Computer Class Series: “E-mail Skills”. Saturday, April 4, 10:30 am. Registration required.

Seminole Community Library

Get Comfortable With Your Computer: Saturday, April 18, 1:00-5:00 pm. SPC registration required/$25.00 fee.

Discover MS Word & the Internet: Saturday, April 25, 1:00-5:00 pm. SPC registration required/$25.00 fee.

Tarpon Springs Public Library

Registration is required for all computer classes.

Computer Basics: Thursday, April 2, 1:00 pm.

Internet Basics: Wednesday, April 15, 3:00 pm.

Introduction to Microsoft Word: Thursday, April 16, 1:00 pm.
Adult Programs

Clearwater Public Library System

Main Library
Films on the Bluff: Tuesday, April 14, 2:00 pm. Join us for an art house or foreign film monthly.
Beach Branch
Video Gaming @Your Library for Adults: Wednesdays, 11:00 am. Play the library Wii with your friends.
Films on the Beach: Monday, April 13, 10:00 am. Bring your friends to the Beach Library and Recreation Center for a film.
A Look Back at Some Interesting Books: Wednesday, April 8, 10:00 am. A mystery series by Virginia Lanier

Countryside Branch
Real Lives Film Series: Wednesdays, 2:00 pm. Film series consisting of biographical videos about famous people.

North Greenwood Branch
Thursday Afternoon @ the Movies: Thursday, April 2, 2:00 pm. Adults only please.

East Branch
AARP Tax Aide: Wednesday, April 1 & 8, 1:00-5:00 pm & Friday, April 3 & 10, 9:00 am-1:00 pm. AARP volunteers will be available to assist elderly and low income adults fill out their IRS tax forms.
Deaf Literacy Center Palm Harbor Branch
Individual Tutoring for the Deaf: Tuesdays, 2:00-4:00 pm. Call for appointment.
Adult Beginners Sign Language: Tuesdays, January 13-May 26, 6:00 pm. 18-week course.
Adult Intermediate Sign Language: Tuesdays, January 13-May 26, 7:00 pm. 18-week course.

Pinellas Park Public Library
Individual Tutoring for the Deaf: Thursdays, 2:00-4:00 pm. Call for appointment.
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St. Petersburg College Library (Clearwater campus)
Individual Tutoring for the Deaf: Mondays, Wednesdays, & Thursdays, call for appointment. Basic Deaf Literacy: Includes reading, writing and computer skills. Call for appointment.
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St. Petersburg Library South Branch
Individual Tutoring for the Deaf: Tuesdays, 4:00-5:00 pm. Call for appointment.
Adult Intermediate Sign Language: Tuesdays, January 13-May 26, 6:00 pm. 18-week course.
Adult Beginners Sign Language: Tuesdays, January 13-May 26, 7:00 pm. 18-week course.

Dunedin Public Library
Tuesdays at Two Film Program: 2:00 pm. April 7: The Librarian: Return to King Solomon’s Mines; April 21: The Real George Washington; April 28: The Hunt for Lincoln’s Assassin.
Dunedin Books-A-Party: Saturday, April 18, 10:00 am-3:00 pm. Live music, a drum circle, children’s crafts, bounce houses, Jeopardy competition, trivia contest, and the Friends of the Library book sale. Fun for everyone!
Genealogy Assistance: Thursdays, 1:00-3:00 pm. Members of the Caladesi Chapter of the DAR will assist you.
Dunedin Writers Group: Fridays, 10:00 am-12:00 pm. Open to serious writers, the Dunedin Writers Group focuses on novels, short stories, children’s books, synopsis for agents, presentation letters and more.
Literacy Program: The Literacy Council of Upper Pinellas, located at the Dunedin Public Library, is looking for tutors. Workshops are provided to train individuals to tutor Literacy and English as a Second Language. Call for additional information.
Free Medicare Counseling with S.H.I.N.E.: Every Tuesday. The S.H.I.N.E. agency of the Florida Department of Elder Affairs offers free unbiased counseling on Medicare and other health-related issues. Call for appointment.
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
Foundation Planning Committee Meeting: Wednesday, April 8, 7:00 pm. All those interested in the planning of a new facility are welcome to attend.
Friends of the East Lake Community Library Meeting: Tuesday, April 7, 6:30 pm. New members are always welcome.
Sign Language Beginners Class: Wednesdays, 4:30-5:30 pm. (adults) Free, non-credit class in sign language basics. Children may attend if they will sit quietly for an hour.
Advisory Board Meeting: Tuesday, April 14, 6:00 pm. Open to the public.
ELCL Writer’s Critique Group: Mondays, April 13 & 27, 6:30-7:45 pm. This is a workshop for writers of all levels. Read excerpts of your works in progress and receive helpful feedback.
ELCL Author’s Showcase: Tuesday, April 21, 6:30 pm. Debby Mayne’s Christian romance novels are known for their uplifting, rewarding, and heartwarming plotlines. She will discuss how the Christian genre works as well as how to target a specific audience with your writing.
AM CAFE: Join us for coffee and treats while browsing for your favorite books on the first Friday of the month.
ESOL Class: Volunteer tutors teach speakers of other languages to speak English. Call for information.
Teen Night: The 4th Thursday of each month, 6:30-8:30 pm. Teens meet to share ideas, play games, listen to music, and make new friends.
Gulf Beaches Public Library
AARP Tax Help: Tuesdays & Thursdays, 10:00-1:30 pm. Ends Tuesday, April 14.
International Film Movement: Tuesday, April 7, 4:00 pm. The Trap. The father of a sick child is offered a deal: his son’s surgery paid for in exchange for a murder. Set in Post-Miloševic Belgrade.
Travel Film: Wednesday, April 8, 2:00 pm. Israel Today.
Embroidery Club: Saturday, April 18, 10:00 pm.
Investment Club: Thursdays, 2:30 pm.
Scrabble: Fridays, 1:30 pm.
Writer’s Group: Wednesdays, 10:00 am. We welcome all writers in an exchange of ideas and fellowship.

Gulfport Public Library
AARP Tax Service: A free service for seniors and others on low or fixed incomes. Fridays, 10:00 am, through April 10. First-come, first-served. Doors close at 3:00 pm. Bring all tax papers and a copy of last year’s return.
Socrates Café: Thursday, April 9, 10:00 am. These monthly discussion groups were inspired by the book The Six Questions of Socrates.
Genealogy Discussion Group: Saturday, April 25, 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: Wednesdays, 10:00 am.

Largo Public Library
Documenting Your Sources: Wednesday, April 1, 10:00 am. Receive instruction for properly documenting research sources. A genealogy class presented by the Pinellas Genealogy Society. Register at 595-4521 or email Bbryan84@tampabay.rr.com.
Family Tree Maker Group: Saturday, April 4, 10:00 am. An open forum about using Family Tree Maker software. A genealogy class presented by the Pinellas Genealogy Society. Register at 595-4521 or email Bbryan84@tampabayrr.com.
Internet Genealogy Sites Exploration: Tuesday, April 7, 10:00 am. A genealogy class presented by the Pinellas Genealogy Society. Register at 595-4521 or email Bbryan84@tampabayrr.com.
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Rootsweb: Wednesday, April 22, 10:00 am. Learn about this free source of genealogy. A genealogy class presented by the Pinellas Genealogy Society. Register at 795-4521 or email Bhrayan84tampabayrr.com.

Rootsmagic User Group: Saturday, April 25, 10:00 am. An open forum about using the RootsMagic genealogy software. A genealogy class presented by the Pinellas Genealogy Society. Register at 795-4521 or email Bhrayan84tampabayrr.com.

Oldsmar Public Library
SCORE One on One Business Counseling: Tuesdays, April 7 & 21, 10:00 am-12:00 pm or 1:00-3:00 pm. Registration required.

Free Tax Assistance: Through April 15. Tuesdays 3:00-7:00 pm & Wednesdays 9:00-1:00 pm. For filling out your 2008 Federal Income Tax Return. This service is provided by AARP on a first come-first served basis.

Oldsmar Historical Society: Saturday, April 11, 10:00 am.


Palm Harbor Public Library

Business Assistance Center: Tuesdays, April 7, 21 & 28, 1:00-3:00 pm & Tuesday, April 14, 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 Business Assistance Specialist provides 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 Assistance Specialist Trevor Davis at (727) 784-4287 for information.

Socrates Café: Wednesday, April 1, 6:00-7:45 pm & Thursday, April 16, 1:00-2:45 pm. You don’t need to know philosophy to join this discussion group. If you want to share your opinion and listen to the opinions of others in a respectful, friendly setting, than you will enjoy this group.

Chess Club: Thursdays, 10:30 am-12:30 pm. All are welcome.

Palm Harbor Writer’s Group: Tuesdays, April 7 & 21, 6:30-8:00 pm. This group meets at the Palm Harbor Community Center located at 1500 16th Street in Palm Harbor. A reading and discussion group for local writers.

Clam Bayou Jazz Band Concert: Sunday, April 5, 3:00 pm. The Clam Bayou Jazz Band, directed by Frank Greenstreet, will present 'Swing Into Spring.' Stomp your feet, clap your hands, and join in the musical merriment with the Clam Bayou Jazz Band, a free concert sponsored by the Friends of Palm Harbor Library. Light refreshments will be served. The library is not open to the public during the concert.

Master Gardeners-Permaculture: Wednesday, April 8, 2:00 & 6:30 pm. A popular, informative program for Florida gardeners, this month learn how careful pruning is done to improve the health of your trees and plants. Admission is free but space is limited. Please call the Pinellas County Extension at (727) 582-2673 to register.

Master Gardeners Plant Clinic: Wednesdays, 10:00 am-2:00 pm. Do you have a sick plant or just need some advice on plant care? Join the Master Gardeners in the Palm Room for its plant clinic.

Armchair Travelers Series-Russia: Thursday, April 9, 2:00 pm. Join experienced world travelers and travel agents as they share exotic locales and popular tourist destinations.

Introduction to Relaxation: Saturday, April 11, 10:00 am-12:00 pm. Join Marie Murphy, massage therapist and yoga instructor, to learn basic relaxation techniques.

Snippin’ N Scrappin’: Tuesday, April 21, 10:00 am-12:00 pm. Bring your scrapbook supplies and projects to share, exchange ideas, learn new techniques and make new friends. Light refreshments will be provided.

A Word to the Wise-Health and Wellness Issues: Wednesday, April 29, 2:00-3:00 pm. A monthly health program presented by Dr. Amar Patel, a specialist in chiropractic medicine. Topics will include bromyalgia, stress management, arthritis, and other pertinent health issues.

Suncoast Genealogical Society: Monday, April 27, 6:30 pm. Join us for a discussion on research techniques, tools and a special presentation that varies each month.

Genealogy Assistance: Tuesdays & Wednesdays, 1:00-4:00 pm. The Suncoast Genealogy Society offers help in the Reference Department.

April Movie Musicals, Friday Flicks Movie Series: 2:00 pm. April 3: Phantom Of The Opera; April 10: The King And I; April 17: My Fair Lady; April 24: Mamma Mia!

Safety Harbor Public Library

Library Advisory Committee: Tuesday, April 14, 6:30 pm.

Friends of the Library: Tuesday, April 7, 5:30 pm. Book donations requested for the next Friends book sale. Contact Darlene Trieste at (727) 542-6631 for information.

Ask A Genealogist: Genealogy volunteer Mary Drye is available for individual appointments. Call for information.

ESOL Program Seeks Volunteer Tutors: Safety Harbor Public Library seeks English-speaking volunteers willing to tutor English to Speakers of Other Languages to adults. Training provided. Call for more information.

Book Repair: The Safety Harbor Library Book Doctor, “Dr. Ted” is available Thursdays, 10:00 am-1:00 pm for consultation and diagnosis. Limit of 5 books. The service is free, but library donations are accepted. Call for information.

Small Business Counseling: Tuesday, April 14 & 28, 10:00 am-2:00 pm by appointment. SCORE ‘Counselors to America’s Small Business’ provide confidential assistance for start-up and established business entrepreneurs. Call to register.

St. Pete Beach Public Library

Meet Times Writer Colette Bancroft: Wednesday, April 8, 7:00 pm. A look at how the newspaper selects books to review and authors for the Times Festival of Reading.

St. Petersburg Public Library System

Main Library

Ancestry.com Research Sessions: Tuesdays, 2:00 or 5:00 pm. These sessions will be self-guided, but a librarian will be available to answer questions and offer basic research assistance. Registration required. Each person can register for two sessions.

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.

Game Time at the Library: Saturday, April 25, 3:00-5:00 pm. Board games, puzzles for all ages. Light refreshments will be served, feel free to bring in your favorite game to share with others.

South Branch

Knitting 101: Thursdays, 11:00 am. Free classes for knitting novices. Registration required.

Reading Buddies: Help a child improve in reading. Volunteer to be READING BUDDY.

West Community Library

Genealogy and Family History Sessions: Saturday, April 11, 10:00 am. Members of the Pinellas Genealogy Society will be helping with the program. For information, call 343-2776.

National Library Week-Libraries Rock: Thursday, April 16, 6:00-8:00 pm. Come to the library to hear the cool rock tones of Rebecca Zaren and Company, playing right in the library stacks!

Writing Workshop: Saturdays, 1:00-3:30 pm. An informal writing workshop for the community and college students.

Seminole Community Library

Classic Movie Matinee: Free popcorn and soda furnished by the Friends of the Library.

April 3: Dead Reckoning; April 10: Easter Parade; April 17: Abbott & Costello Meet Frankenstein, April 24: Come & Get It.

Hidden Stitches: Monday, April 6, 6:00 pm.

Suncoast Fibromyalgia: Saturday, April 11, 11:00 am.

Parkinson’s Support: Thursday, April 9, 5:30 pm.

SPCs Toastmaster’s: Tuesdays, 6-15 pm.

Seminole Civic Club: Thursday, April 2, 6:30 pm.

People to People Student Ambassadors: Saturday, April 25, 10:00 am.

H.E.A.L.: Friday, April 10, 1:00 pm.

Learning to Read Better: Wednesdays, 5:00-7:30 pm. Free tutoring service for adults offered through the Literacy Council of St. Petersburg.

Seminole Computer Club: Saturday, April 11, 11:00 am.

Sherlock Film Festival: Saturday, April 18, 10:30 am.

Based on the Book Cinema: Sunday, April 26, 2:00 pm. Jane Eyre, 1944.

On the Road Again—Travel Photography: Thursdays, April 16-May 7, 1:00-5:00 pm. SPC registration required/$69.00 fee.

Portrait Photography: Fridays, April 17-May 8, 1:00-4:00 pm. SPC registration required/$69.00 fee.

Tarpon Springs Public Library

AARP Free Tax Assistance: Mondays & Tuesdays, 10:00 am-2:00 pm. First come, first served. No appointments, reservations or phone calls. Last day is April 14.

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

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

Genealogy Assistance with Mary Kay Heitmann: Wed., 10:00 am-4:00 pm.
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.
Cooperative Libraries

Administrative Office
Pinellas Public Library Cooperative
1330 Cleveland Street
Clearwater, FL 33755
Phone: (727) 441-9958
TDD: (727) 441-3168
www.pplc.us
Mon - Fri 8:30am - 5pm

Deaf Literacy Center
The Deaf Literacy Center at the Safety Harbor library will be closed until mid March 2009 for construction, renovations. Deaf Literacy and Sign Language programs will be held at the St. Petersburg College Library (Clearwater campus) Location: M.M. Bennett Library, 2465 Drew St. Clearwater. http://dealfacilitycenter.org

Talking Book Library
1330 Cleveland Street
Clearwater, FL 33755-5103
Phone: (727) 441-9958
TDD: (727) 441-3168
www.pplc.us/tbl
Mon - Fri 9am - 4:30pm

Clearwater System
Main Libraries & Offices
100 N. Osceola Avenue
Clearwater, FL 33755
Phone: 562-4970
http://myclearwater.com/cpl
Mon - Wed 9am - 8pm
Thurs 9am-6pm
Fri - Sat 9am - 5pm
Sun 1pm - 5pm

Beach Branch
69 Bay Esplanade
Clearwater, FL 33767
Phone: 562-4970
Mon - Fri 9am - 1pm

Countryside Branch
2741 State Road 580
Clearwater, FL 33761
Phone: 562-4970
Sunday 1pm - 5pm
Monday 11am - 8pm
Tues-Thurs 9am - 6pm
Fri-Sat Closed

East Branch
2251 Drew Street
Clearwater, FL 33765
Phone: 562-4970
Sun-Mon Closed
Tues-Wed 12noon - 8pm
Thurs-Sat 9am - 5pm

North Greenwood Branch
905 N. Martin Luther King, Jr. Ave.
Clearwater, FL 33755
Phone: 562-4970
Sun-Mon Closed
Tues-Thurs 2pm - 6pm
Fri-Sat 1pm-5pm

Dunedin Library
223 Douglas Avenue
Dunedin, FL 34698
Phone: 960-3080
http://www.dunedin.gov
Mon - Wed 9:30am - 8pm
Thurs - Fri 9:30am - 6pm
Saturday 9:30am - 5pm
Sunday 1pm - 5pm

Friends’ Branch Library
(Inside the Dunedin Community Center)
1920 Pinehurst Road
Dunedin, FL 34698
Phone: 812-4548
Mon - Tues 2pm - 6pm
Wed 3pm - 7pm
Thurs 2pm - 6pm
Fri - Sun Closed

East Lake Community Library
4125 East Lake Road
Palm Harbor, FL 34685
Phone: 773-2665
http://www.eastlakecommunitylibrary.org
Mon - Wed 10am - 8pm
Thurs - Fri 10am - 6pm
Saturday 10am - 4pm

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

Gulfport Library
5111 28th Avenue S.
Gulfport, FL 33707
Phone: 893-1074
http://tblc.org/gpl/
Mon - Fri 10am - 7pm
Saturday 10am - 4pm

Largo Public Library
120 Central Park Dr.
Largo, FL 33771
Phone: 587-6715
Reference: 587-6748
TDD: 587-6778
www.largopubliclibrary.com
Mon - Wed 9am - 8pm
Thur - Fri 9am - 6pm
Saturday 9am - 5pm
Sunday 1pm - 5pm

Oldsmar Library
400 St. Petersburg Drive East
Oldsmar, FL 34677
Phone: (813) 749-1178
http://www.tblc.org/opl/
E-mail: oldsweb@tblc.org
Mon - Thurs 9am - 8pm
Fri - Sat 9am - 5pm

Palm Harbor Library
2330 Nebraska Avenue
Palm Harbor, FL 34683
Phone: 784-3332
http://www.palmharborlibrary.org
Mon - Thurs 9am - 8pm
Fri 12pm - 5pm
Sat 9am - 5pm

Pinellas Park Library
7770 52nd Street
Pinellas Park, FL 33781
Phone: 541-0718
Reference: 541-0719
http://ppvlbib.org/
Mon - Thurs 9am - 8:30pm
Fri - Sat 9am - 5pm
Sunday 1pm - 5pm

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

St. Petersburg System
Main Library
3745 Ninth Avenue North
St. Petersburg, FL 33713
Phone: 893-7724
Reference: 893-7928
TDD: 893-7995
http://www.spc-online.org
Mon, Wed, Fri, Sat 9am - 6pm
Tues, Thurs 11am - 8pm
Sunday 10am - 6pm

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

Child Park Branch
691 43 Street South
St. Petersburg, FL 33711
(727) 893-7714,
Mon-Fri 1:30-5:30 pm
Sat 10-2

James Weldon Johnson Branch
1059 18th Avenue South
St. Petersburg, FL 33705
Phone: 893-7113
Mon - Wed 11am - 8pm
Tues, Thurs, Fri, Sat 9am - 6pm

Mirror Lake Branch
280 S 5th Street North
St. Petersburg, FL 33701
Phone: 893-7268
TDD: 823-2147
Mon, Wed 10am - 7pm
Tues, Thu, Fri, Sat 9am - 6pm

North Branch
861 70th Avenue North
St. Petersburg, FL 33702
Phone: 893-7214
Mon, Wed, Fri Sat 9am - 6pm
Tue, Thurs 11am - 8pm

South Branch
2300 Roy Hanna Drive South
(a.k.a. 62nd Avenue South)
St. Petersburg, FL 33712
Phone: 893-7244
Mon, Wed, Fri, Sat 9am - 6pm
Tue, Thurs 11am - 8pm

West Community Library
@ SPC Gibbs Campus
750 66th St. North
St. Petersburg, FL 33710
Phone: 341-7199
Mon - Thurs 7:30am - 9pm
Friday 7:30am - 4pm
Saturday 10am - 5pm

Seminole Community Library
@ St. Petersburg College
9200 113th Street North
Seminole, FL 33722-2800
Phone: 394-6905
http://www.spc-online.edu/SCL/
Mon - Thurs 7:30am - 9pm
Fri 7:30am - 6pm
Sat 10am - 5pm
Sun 1pm - 5pm
(Open hours when classes not in session)

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

BECOMING A LIBRARIAN
Saturday, April 18 at 10:30am
St. Pete Beach Library
Presented by Andrea LaRochelle,
U.S. School of Library & Information Science

April 1
Largo Public Library
The Great Alphabet Adventure: 6:30 pm. Fun for the entire family at the Eckerd Theater Company’s production of the Great Alphabet Adventure.

Pinellas Park Public Library
The Arts for Teens-Drumming: (Grades 6-10) 7:00 pm. Presented by artists from the Youth Arts Corps of Pinellas Park. Registration required and begins March 19.

April 2
Dunedin Public Library
Recycling in Dunedin: (Ages 7-12) 2:00 pm. Join the City of Dunedin Sustainability Coordinator, Valerie Lane, for a fun afternoon about recycling. We’ll play games and make crafts. Registration required.

Safety Harbor Public Library
Library Foundation Fundraiser: 6:00-8:00 pm. “Open a New Chapter” preview event. Wine, light hors d’oeuvres and a musical performance. Tickets are $20. Call for information.

April 3
Oldsmar Public Library
The Great Alphabet Adventure: (Preschool age & up) 1:00 pm. Free performance by the Eckerd Theater Company. Registration required.

April 5
Pinellas Park Public Library
Sunday Spectacular-Snack with the Easter Bunny: 2:00 pm. You are invited to join the Easter Bunny for book sharing, songs, games, crafts and snacks. Registration required and begins April 1.

Seminole Community Library
Sunday Musicales: 3:00 pm. The Pleasant Family Old Time String Band. With fiddle, guitar, mandolin, banjo and bass, they serve up an entertaining, acoustical slice of America’s authentic musical heritage.

April 6
Gulf Beaches Public Library
National Library Week: 10:30 am. AM Book Chat. Enjoy coffee and danish and hear about the latest titles while sharing your latest literary finds with other readers.

April 14
St. Petersburg Public Library System
North Branch
4-1-1 on College and Careers: 5:30-8:00 pm. Teen participants will learn valuable information as they prepare for college and/or trade school. Topics will include jobs vs. careers; credit/credit purchasing; consumer loans, and budgeting. Each program will include a FREE meal and great incentives and prizes. Program funded by Bank of America and co-sponsored by Junior Achievement and PPLC.

April 17
Safety Harbor Public Library
Library Grand-Reopening Celebration: 6:00 pm. “Welcome Back to Your Library”. Ribbon Cutting with other activities throughout the day. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

Defal Literacy Center
Safety Harbor Public Library
Defal Literacy Center Open House: Enjoy signed storytelling, music, Defal clown, face painting and more! Call for information.

April 18
Dunedin Public Library
Dunedin Books-a-Party: (All ages) 10:00 am-3:00 pm. It’s our fifth annual Reading Festival and we want you to come. We’ll have storytelling, crafts, character appearances and lots of outdoor fun. There is something for the entire family, so please stop by anytime. Check out our schedule at the Youth Services Desk.

East Lake Community Library
Easy Indian Appetizers: (Ages 16 & up) 11:00 am. Something smells good! Surinder Dhlaiwal will be teaching about the diversity of Indian fare. For the palate that craves adventure and discovery of new flavors! Live cooking demonstration. Registration required.

April 19
Largo Public Library
4-1-1 on College and Careers: 1:30-4:00 pm. Teen participants will learn valuable information as they prepare for college and/or trade school. Topics will include jobs vs. careers; credit/credit purchasing; consumer loans, and budgeting. Each program will include a FREE meal and great incentives and prizes. Program funded by Bank of America and co-sponsored by Junior Achievement and PPLC.

April 21
Safety Harbor Public Library
Author Talk-Charles Jacobs: 2:00 pm. Charles Jacobs, former newspaper and magazine editor, writing coach, and published author, will talk to writers of all ages about the writer’s market, the world of publishing, cost effective ways to publish your book and more. Mr. Jacobs has won awards for his book, The Writer Within You: A Step-by-Step Guide to Writing and Publishing in Your Retirement Years.

April 22
Gulfport Public Library
The Story of the Panama Canal: 3:00 pm. Join us for a fascinating and informative PowerPoint talk presented by the Panama Canal Museum (Seminole, FL). Learn about the history and current operations of one of the largest and most difficult engineering projects ever undertaken.

April 25
East Lake Community Library
Tissue Paper Painting: 1:00 pm. Paint like the Old Masters with a new twist… tissue paper with watercolor paints!

Bring May Flowers: 11:00 am. As April ends and May begins, brighten up your school work with a colorful pen that looks like a flower! Learn how and take a flowery pen home with you. Children of all ages (parent’s help needed).

April 27
St. Pete Beach Public Library
4-1-1 on College and Careers: 5:30-8:00 pm. Teen participants will learn valuable information as they prepare for college and/or trade school. Topics will include jobs vs. careers; credit/credit purchasing; consumer loans, and budgeting. Each program will include a FREE meal and great incentives and prizes. Program funded by Bank of America and co-sponsored by Junior Achievement and PPLC.

April 29
Dunedin Public Library
Fairy Fest: (Ages 5-12) 6:30 pm. Join us for an enchanted evening full of “Fairy Fun!” We’ll decorate our own fairy wings and butterfly to take home! Registration required.

Safety Harbor Public Library
4-1-1 on College and Careers: 5:30-8:00 pm. Teen participants will learn valuable information as they prepare for college and/or trade school. Topics will include jobs vs. careers; credit/credit purchasing; consumer loans, and budgeting. Each program will include a FREE meal and great incentives and prizes. Program funded by Bank of America and co-sponsored by Junior Achievement and PPLC.

April 30
Dunedin Public Library
The Great Alphabet Adventure: (Ages 12 & up) 3:00 pm. Join the City of Dunedin Art Teachers at Dunedin Community Center for an afternoon of fun and discovery. Registration required.

Library closings for the month of April are as follows:

April 10
Dunedin Public Library
Safety Harbor Public Library
April 12
All libraries closed.

The Safety Harbor Public Library will close March 1 to April 5 to complete the move-in phase of construction. During this time, hold requests can be picked up at other libraries in Pinellas County. Visit our library catalog kiosk at the Safety Harbor Community Center, 650 9th Avenue S. to request library materials. Look for our grand re-opening celebration on Friday, April 17.

The Deaf Literacy Center at the Safety Harbor Library will be closed until April 6 for construction/renovations. Deaf Literacy and Sign Language programs will be held at the St Petersburg College Library (Clearwater campus) Location: M.M. Bennett Library, 2465 Drew St. Clearwater.

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Teen Programs

Dunedin Public Library
All teen programs require registration. Registration begins two weeks prior to the program.

Dunedin Youth Volunteers: Monday, April 6, 6:30 pm. Our teen volunteer group meets once a month to plan, assist and create programs for the youth of the community.

Teen Scrabble: (Ages 10-15) Wednesday, April 1, 6:00 pm. Fool all your peers by winning our first annual Scrabble tournament. Snacks provided. Registration required.

Fun in the Sun: (Ages 10-18) Thursday, April 30, 6:00 pm. Muy caliente. Celebrate the summer early. Join us for tremendous fun, trivia and a snack. We’ll also make a smashing craft that you can use as a gift for mom! Registration required.

East Lake Community Library
Teen Library Council: Mondays, 7:30 pm. Teens meet to plan programs. New members welcome!

Teen Night: Teens meet on the 4th Thursday of the month from 6:30-8:30 to play games, discuss books, see movies and enjoy new friendships.

Gulfport Public Library
National Library Week, April 12-18: Participate in our annual Readathon for all ages!

Scrapbookers Club for Teens & Adults: Saturday, April 11 at 1:00 pm. Make beautiful pages of memories for yourself and your family. Some supplies available, but you furnish your own 12x12 scrapbook album.

Largo Public Library
Plug into the Uglies Series: (Ages 13-18) Wednesday, April 1, 4:00 pm. Plug in the dystopian world of The Uglies by Scott Westerfield. Each month we will read a book in the series and meet in the Teen Room for discussion. This month is Extras.

Wii Weekend: (Ages 13-18) Saturday, April 11, 1:00 pm. Join us for Wii games.

Anime Cafe: (Ages 13-18) Tuesday, April 14, 5:00 pm. Make a craft project, then relax with some Asian snacks and watch anime episodes.

4-1-1 on College and Careers: Sunday, April 19, 1:30-4:00 pm. Teen participants will learn valuable information as they prepare for college and/or trade school. Topics will include jobs vs. careers, credit/credit purchasing, consumer loans, and budgeting. Each program will include a free meal and great incentives and prizes. This program is funded by Bank of America and co-sponsored by Junior Achievement and PPLC.

Written Out: Teen Poetry Club: (Ages 13-18) Tuesday, April 28, 5:00 pm. Share your poems and create new ones. Join library staff for writing workshops, crafts, and snacks in this monthly poetry group. Look for it at the last Tuesday of each month.

Oldsmar Public Library
Oldsmar Teen Advisory Board: (Ages 12 & up) Tuesday, April 21, 6:30 pm. Call (813) 749-1179 to join or for more information.

Palm Harbor Public Library
All teen programs are designed for ages 13–18. Registration required.

Palm Harbor Library Youth Advisory Board: Thursdays, 5:00 pm. The Youth Advisory Board (YAB) strives to serve the Palm Harbor Library and community by planning relevant programs for the youth of Palm Harbor, completing volunteer projects and choosing materials for the young adult library collection. Membership is open to all teens, ages 13–18, who compete an application. Attendance at weekly meetings and participation in various service activities and programs is expected.

Legal Graffiti: Saturday, April 4, 2:00-4:00 pm. Help us celebrate Poetry Month by expressing your creativity on our new teen room walls!

Pinellas Park Public Library
The Arts for Teens-Drumming: (Grades 6-10) Wednesday, April 1, 7:00 pm. Presented by artists from the Youth Arts Corps of Pinellas Park. Registration required and begins March 19.

Batik Style Art: (Grades 6-12) Thursday, April 23, 7:00 pm. Batik is an ancient form of cloth dyeing from Asia. We will be designing images using wax and watercolor paint to create beautiful patterns. Registration is required and begins April 9.

Safety Harbor Public Library
4-1-1 on College and Careers: Wednesday, April 29, 5:30-8:00 pm. Teen participants will learn valuable information as they prepare for college and/or trade school. Topics will include jobs vs. careers; credit/credit purchasing; consumer loans, and budgeting. Each program will include a FREE meal and great incentives and prizes. Program funded by Bank of America and co-sponsored by Junior Achievement and PPLC.

St. Pete Beach Public Library
4-1-1 on College and Careers: Monday, April 27, 5:30-8:00 pm. Teen participants will learn valuable information as they prepare for college and/or trade school. Topics will include jobs vs. careers; credit/credit purchasing; consumer loans, and budgeting. Each program will include a FREE meal and great incentives and prizes. Program funded by Bank of America and co-sponsored by Junior Achievement and PPLC.

St. Petersburg Public Library System
Main Library
Teen Text Book Discussion Group: (Ages 13-19) Wednesday, April 1, 4:00 pm. Call or check online for latest title

Twee Thing: Monday, April 6, 4:30 pm. Theater, games, books and crafts; see what fun is in store for you.

Teen Advisory Board: Tuesday, April 14, 6:30 pm.

Teen Scene: (Ages 13-19) Tuesday, April 21, 6:30 pm. Call Mandy at 892-5296 for more details.

Johnson Branch
James Weldon Johnson Portrait Competition: The Friends of the Johnson Branch Library are sponsoring a competition for the best portrait of James Weldon Johnson, for whom the branch is named. The award is $1,000, to be used for higher education tuition and/or expenses. Juniors and Seniors in Pinellas County Public High Schools are eligible to enter. Registration forms may be obtained from the Johnson or Childs Park Branch Libraries. Deadline to register is Wednesday, April 15, time: 8:00 pm. The deadline to submit artwork is June 15. For more information, please call (727) 893-7213.

North Branch
4-1-1 on College and Careers: Tuesday, April 14, 5:30-8:00 pm. Teen participants will learn valuable information as they prepare for college and/or trade school. Topics will include jobs vs. careers; credit/credit purchasing; consumer loans, and budgeting. Each program will include a FREE meal and great incentives and prizes. Program funded by Bank of America and co-sponsored by Junior Achievement and PPLC.

West Community Library
Teen Scene: (Ages 13 & up) Once a month on Thursday 6:00- 8:00 pm. Call for more information.

Teen Library Council Meeting: Tuesday, April 21, 1:30 pm. Teens meet to discuss teen library programs and issues.

Seminole Community Library
Library Youth Advisory Board: (Grades 6-12) Mondays, April 6 & 20, 7:00 pm. Meet new people, help choose materials for the YA collection and earn volunteer credits.

Tarpon Springs Public Library
Knit Club: (Ages 7-18) Saturday, April 18, 2:00 pm. Beginners and advance knitters welcome. Supplies are limited so participants are welcome to bring their own supplies.

Wii Party at the Library: (Ages 10-18) Friday, April 24, 6:00 pm. Registration required.


**Clearwater Public Library System**

**Main Library**

**Bright Minds Preschool Story Time:** (Ages 3-5) Wednesdays, 10:00 am. Enjoy theme-based stories, songs and crafts while participating in age appropriate literacy activities.

**Countrywide Branch**

**Family Storytime:** Thursdays, 10:00 am.

**Homework Help:** Wednesdays, 3:00 pm. Teen volunteers provide homework help for elementary age students.

**North Greenwood Branch**

**Razzmatazz Magic and Ventriloquism:** Wednesday, April 1, 3:00 pm. A presentation using ventriloquism and magic that focuses on the fun of reading books and using the library.

**East Branch**

**Tricky Dogs Show:** Friday, April 3, 10:00 am. A traditional vaudeville style dog act featuring physical comedian, Rick Martin and three small dogs.

**Preschool Story Time:** Thursdays, 10:00 am.

**Toddler Story Time:** Thursday, 11:00 am.

**Deaf Literacy Center**

**St. Petersburg Library South Branch**

**Children's Sign Language:** (Ages 5-12) Tuesdays, January 13-May 26, 4:00-5:00 pm. 18-week course that includes Sign Language vocabulary, stories and crafts or activities for children.

**Pinellas Park Public Library**

**Children's Sign Language:** (Ages 5-12) Thursdays, January 15-May 28, 3:00-4:00 pm. 18-week course that includes Sign Language vocabulary, stories and crafts or activities for children.

**Palm Harbor Public Library**

**Infant and Toddler Sign Language:** (Infant-3yrs ) Tuesdays April 7-May 10, 10:30 am. Our fun and interactive 6-week signing classes will teach you how to include signs naturally while interacting with your child through daily routines, playtime, storytime and music.

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**Infant and Toddler Sign Language:** (Infant-3yrs ) Tuesdays April 7-May 10, 10:30 am. Our fun and interactive 6-week signing classes will teach you how to include signs naturally while interacting with your child through daily routines, playtime, storytime and music.

**Main Library**

**Children's Sign Language:** (Ages 5-12) Tuesdays, January 13-May 26, 4:00-5:00 pm. 18-week course that includes Sign Language vocabulary, stories and crafts or activities for children.

**Pinellas Park Public Library**

**Children's Sign Language:** (Ages 5-12) Thursdays, January 15-May 28, 3:00-4:00 pm. 18-week course that includes Sign Language vocabulary, stories and crafts or activities for children.

**Palm Harbor Public Library**

**Baby & Me Story Time:** (Infant-18 mos) Mondays, 10:00 am. Join us for an introduction to stories, rhymes and songs. We’re focusing on the six steps to an exciting introduction to the ABCs, incorporating songs, stories, fingerplays, a short video and crafts. Please choose one Toddler Time for your child to attend and make it your regular time. Be prompt as the Story Time room door will close at ten minutes after the hour.

**Preschool Story Time:** (Ages 3-5) Thursdays, 10:30 am. Join us for a fun time as we enjoy thematic books, songs, fingerplays, literature-based videos and crafts. Our theme this year is all about the alphabet and will feature a different letter each week.

**Read with a Furry Friend!** (School-age youth) Tuesdays, 3:00 pm. Read with Cherry or Debbie, the therapy dogs.

**Family Saturday Stories:** (All Ages) Saturday, April 4, 2:00 pm. Take a break with the family and join us for stories, songs and crafts. Theme: “Spring is in the Air!”

**Sunday Fun Days:** (Youth of all ages) Sunday, April 5, 1:00-4:30 pm. Stop in the Youth Department for a special make & take craft. This month’s theme: “April Showers!”

**Tiny Tales at the Community Center:** (Preschool age and younger) Tuesday, April 7, 10:00 am. Join us for a special story time at the Community Center. Theme: “Ducks and Chicks!”

**Goldilocks & the Three Bears Special Story Time:** (Ages 5 & under) Friday, April 24, 10:30 am. We’ll see a puppet show and make a fun craft. Registration required.

**I Love the Jonas Brothers:** (Ages 5-12) Tuesday, April 21, 6:30 pm. We’ll make a guitar poster, hear some songs, play air guitar and other cool games. Registration required.

**East Lake Community Library**

**Story Time Puppet Show and Craft:** (All ages) Mondays, 7:00 pm. Our Teen Library Council produces and stars in amusing puppet shows every week.

**Toddler Story Time:** (Infant-3 yrs) Tuesdays, 10:15 am. Children enjoy stories and songs while sitting with their favorite grown-up.

**Preschool Story Time:** (Ages 3-5) Tuesdays, 11:00 am. Stories, songs and fingerplays. Please choose one session that best fits your schedule.

**Gulf Beaches Public Library**

**Baby & Me Story Time:** (Infant-2 yrs) Tuesdays, 10:30 am.

**Wild Things Storytime & Art Class:** (Ages 2-4) Fridays, 10:30 am.

**Gulfport Public Library**

**National Library Week, April 12-18:** Come participate in our annual NLW Readathon for all ages.

**Craft Club:** (All ages) Saturdays, March 7 & 21, 2:00 pm. Presented by Pat Brinkley.

**Largo Public Library**

**Family Story Night:** Monday, April 6, 20, & 27, 7:00 pm. Put on your pj’s and bring your teddy bear to enjoy themed stories, songs, and activities for families.

**Habia Una Vez...Family Story Night in Spanish!** Monday, April 13, 7:00 pm. Join us in this new adventure for stories and fun with native speaker, Carolina Tave from Argentina. For Spanish speakers and those who want to learn. Hasta la vista!

**Itsy Bitsy Baby Club:** Tuesdays, 10:00 am. Songs, rhymes, fingerplays, and a few surprises at this story time! For parents and caregivers with babies up to 18 months.

**Toddler Tales:** (18-36 mos) Wednesdays, 10:00 am. Themed stories, music, and extended story activities for children.

**Pre-K Hourly:** (Ages 3-5) Thursdays, 10:00 am. Enjoy themed stories, music, and related activities.

**Tween Lock-In:** Friday, April 24, 5:30-8:00 pm. Beat the coming summer heat; learn how to make ice cream as a cool and tasty treat. Stay after hours for fun with friends, games, crafts, and food. Registration and parental permission is required.

**Pup Pals Reading Dogs:** (For reading age children under 13) Saturday, April 25, 10:00 am. Improve your reading skills and make a new furry friend by reading to therapy trained dogs. Registration required.

**Kids Book Club Adventure:** (Ages 6-9) Sunday, April 26, 2:00 pm. Go on a reading adventure. A book talk and activity for The Chocolate Touch by Patrick Skene Catling.

**Oldsmar Public Library**

**Toddler Time** (18 mos-3 yrs) Tuesdays, 10:00 am. Short stories, songs, and activities to encourage early literacy. Program will run about thirty minutes.

**Preschool Story Time** (Ages 3 & up) Thursdays, 10:00 am. Programs include stories and a simple craft and last about 30 minutes.

**The Great Alphabet Adventure** (Preschool age & up) Friday, April 3, 1:00 pm. Free performance by the Eckerd Theater Company. Registration required.

**Palm Harbor Public Library**

**Toddler Story Time** (Parent & child, 18 mos-3 yrs) Mondays, 10:00 or 11:00 am. Stories, songs, and fun!

**Sleepyt ime Tales:** (Ages 3 & up) Mondays, 7:00 pm. Bedtime stories-bring your teddy bears (pajamas optional)!

**Mainly Mother Goose:** (Infant-2 yrs) Tuesdays, 10:00 am. Nursery rhymes, fingerplays, and songs for our youngest library members.

**Granny Jane’s Story Corner:** Wednesdays, 3:00 pm. Classic stories and new favorites.

**Starbucks Story Time** Tuesday, April 7, 10:00 am. Stop by Starbucks on US 19N in Palm Harbor for some stories and hot cocoa for the kids.

**Honeymoon Island Family Storycraft** (Ages 3 & up) Saturday, April 11, 1:30 pm. Location: Rotary Centennial Nature Center at Honeymoon Island State Park. A special nature-oriented story and craft time. (Park admission is $5.00 per carload; max. 8 people).
Children’s Programs

Ella’s Enchantment - A Princess Party: (Ages 4-8, kids only) Saturday, April 21, 3:00 pm. What little girl doesn’t dream of being a princess? Come to Princess Training with Miss Ella (ball gowns optional!) Registration required.

Sam's Fantastical Series Fun - Harry Potter: (Ages 9-12, kids only) Saturday, April 25, 3:00-4:30 pm. Explore the Harry Potter series through games, crafts, trivia, and a book discussion. Participants must read at least one of the Harry Potter books prior to the program. Registration required.

Homework Help: Monday-Thursday, 4:00-6:00 pm & Saturdays, 9:00-11:00 am. High school students are available to assist elementary grade students with homework assignments, reports, reading skills, and study skills. This service is available on a walk-in basis.

Pinellas Park Public Library

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

Mother Goose: (Infant-3 yrs) Tuesdays, 10:45-11:05 am. Program may include rhymes, finger plays, stories and songs.

Reading Patch Club: (Elementary school students) Tuesdays, 3:00 pm. A reading incentive program. Children hear about great books and earn stickers and patches for reading. Attendance is encouraged but not required to earn incentives.

Mother Goose: (Infant-3 yrs) Wednesdays, 10:30-10:50 am. Program may include rhymes, finger plays, stories, and songs.

Evening Mother Goose: (Younger children) Thursdays, 7:00-7:30 pm. This program is for younger children and an adult and may include short stories, songs, creative movement, and a simple craft. The last Thursday of the month is our Pajama Party.

Adventures in Art for Kids: (Grades 3-6) Wednesday, April 15, 3:00-4:00 pm. Explore different media such as watercolor, jewelry and clay, and experiment with various art styles in a relaxed atmosphere. Registration required and begins April 1.

Safety Harbor Public Library

Tutoring Math Club: Saturdays, 10:30 am. Held at the Compass, 401 2nd Street N, Safety Harbor. Call for more information.

St. Pete Beach Public Library

Wacky Wednesday: (All ages) Wednesday, April 1, 3:00 pm. Silly stories and goofy games.

Mother Goose Time: (Infant-3 yrs) Thursday, April 7, 21 and 28, 10:30 or 11:30 am. Stories, coloring, toy time, socializing practice and sharing.

Dolphin Club: (Ages 3 & up) Monday, April 20, 5:00 pm. Longer stories and sometimes crafts to do, too. Monthly theme: "Boating."

St. Petersburg Public Library System

Main Library

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

Mother Goose: (Infant-3 yrs) Tuesdays, 11:30 am & Fridays, 9:30 am or 10:30 am.

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

Family Story Time & Crafts: (Ages 3-8) Thursdays, 6:30 pm.

Knights of the Square Table: (All ages) Monday, April 13, 3:30-5:30 pm. Join the fun and challenge others

Kids Craft Corner: (All ages) Saturday, April 4, 2:00 pm. Make-and-take craft projects.

Super Saturday Puppet Show: (All ages) Saturday, April 18, 2:00 pm.

Cosmic Kids-Fantasy Sci-Fi Book Club: (Ages 8-12) Tuesday, April 28, 6:30 pm. Call or check online for latest title.

Tarpon Springs Public Library

Jack & Jill: (Walkers-3 yrs) Mondays, 11:00 am & Wednesdays, 4:15 pm.

Preschool: (Age 3) Friday, April 3 & 17, 10:00 am & (Ages 4-5) 10:30 am.

South Branch

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

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

Superstar Readers at South Branch: (Ages 8-12) Tuesday, April 14, 4:30 pm.

North Branch

Mother Goose: (Infant-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.

West Community Library

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

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

Seminole Community Library

Baby Time: (Infants-18 mos) Friday, April 24, 10:00 am. Lap sit program which includes fingerplays, music, nursery rhymes & a play time.

Twilight Tales: (Family storytime) Tuesday, 6:30 pm. A 30-minute program featuring stories, songs, and other fun activities. Jammies, slippers & your favorite stuffed animals are always welcome.

Family Movie: Saturdays, 2:00 pm. Films for all ages. Free popcorn and sodas.

April 4: Bolt; April 11: Secret of the Magic Gourd; April 18: Cheaper By the Dozen 2; April 25: Madagascar 2.

Toddler Story Time: (18 mos-3 yrs) Tuesdays & Thursdays, 10:30 am. Join us for twenty minutes of short stories, books, songs and movement activities based on a weekly theme for toddlers and their caregivers. A playtime follows story time in a separate room.

Preschool Story Time: (Ages 3-5) Tuesdays, 11:00 am. Join us for thirty minutes of stories, books, songs, movement activities and sometimes short films based on a weekly theme for preschoolers and their caregivers. A playtime follows story time in a separate room.

LEGOS at the Library: (Elementary students) Wednesday, April 8, 3:30 pm. The hour long program is open to all those in elementary school and will meet on the second Wednesday of each month. LEGOS will be supplied so bring your imagination and share you building ideas.

Public Schools’ Spring Break Family Game Day: (Families) Wednesdays, April 1 & 15, 10:00 am-1:00 pm. Elementary aged children & their families are invited to drop by the library to play Wii Sports, board games & card games.

Private Schools’ Spring Break Movie Matinee: (Families) Monday, April 13, 1:00 pm. Join us for The Tale of Despareux. Free popcorn and soda provided by the Friends of the Library.

Tampa Community Library

Baby Rhyme Time: (Infant-1 yr) Tuesdays, 10:15 am. Six week program starting April 21. Registration required.

Preschool Story Time: (Ages 3-5) Thursdays, 10:15 am. Story time will include picture books, flannel stories and action rhymes.

Mother Goose Toddler Time: (Ages 1-3) Fridays, 10:15 am or 11:00 am. Registration required.

Bunny Hop Central Rescue: (All ages) Wednesday, April 1, 2:00 pm. Missy Ott from Bunny Hop Central presents She’s Not a Toy! Learn about adopting and caring for a pet rabbit and see live bunnies! Missy will answer questions from current rabbit owners as well.

Potpourri Crafts Day: (Ages 6-12) Thursday, April 2, 2:00 pm. Create your own masterpiece from leftover crafts. Registration required.

Family Games Day: Friday, April 3, 2:00 pm. Play board games, Dance Dance Revolution and Wii! Light refreshments will be provided. All ages welcome. Registration required.

Craft Club: (Ages 6-12) Friday, April 17, 4:30-5:30 pm. Registration required.

Knit Club: (Ages 7-18) Saturday, April 18, 2:00 pm. Beginners and advance knitters welcome. Supplies are limited so participants are welcome to bring their own supplies.
Beginning May 1, 2009, you can access your favorite programs and events through the online calendar.

We will be discontinuing the mailing of the PPLC newsletter but online access is available at www.pplc.us or you can pick it up at your local library.