READ Pinellas & Friends of the Largo Public Library Support Born to Read Family Literacy Program

The Pinellas Public Library Cooperative's Born to Read program was recently awarded a $250 grant from READ Pinellas to support family literacy programming and materials. In addition to these grant funds, the Born to Read program also has been fortunate to receive a $1,000 donation from the Friends of the Largo Library for literacy service. These funds will support Born to Read families throughout Pinellas County through their public libraries. These at-risk families in Pinellas County include teen parents, poverty level families, ESOL families and families with special needs. Born to Read informs parents about the benefits of reading; encourages reading by distributing developmentally appropriate books; and invites families to use their local library. It is the program's goal to provide literacy service essential to achievement and success for all members of the family. Children's books, parenting guides and other literacy resources will be purchased with these funds to benefit those individuals in the Pinellas community.

The Born to Read program is fortunate to receive support from its community partners including agencies such as READ Pinellas, which is a literacy organization that strives to assist programs such as Born to Read and enable families to break the chronic cycle of illiteracy and poverty. Additionally, PPLC would like to thank the Friends of the Largo Public Library for their support of the program.

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

Celebrate Black History Month @ your library

The Pinellas Public Library Cooperative member libraries are celebrating Black History Month. We invite you to attend programs throughout the county at your local public library. Some highlighted events are:

Dunedin Public Library
Three Came Home – A Civil War Trilog
Tuesday, February 10, 2009 • 7:00 pm
Author Edward Aronoff, will be at the Library to discuss his books.

Palm Harbor Public Library
PHiL’s Book Club; Book Discussion of Maya Angelou’s I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings
Monday, February 9, 2009 • 11:00 am and 7:00 pm

American Girls; Meet Addy (Ages 7-12)
Saturday, February 21, 2009 • 10:00 am

St. Petersburg Johnson Branch
What is Juneteenth? Presentation
Monday, February 23, 2009 • 6:30 pm
Meet the President and CEO of Juneteenth St. Petersburg, Inc. and the area Juneteenth celebration coordinator. Ms. Faye Dowdell will discuss the origins of the Juneteenth celebration. Historically, Juneteenth refers to the signing date of the Emancipation Proclamation, and is celebrated nationwide with picnics and potluck gatherings, fun, and programs that feature history and self-improvement.

For more information, please contact your local library for specific program dates and times.

About PPLC…
By Mary A. Brown, Executive Director

If you’ve ever requested a book from one of our PPLC member libraries and asked to have it shipped to the library nearest to you, you have utilized one of the services provided by the Pinellas Public Library Cooperative, Inc. (PPLC). With the recent addition of a countywide online catalog, all of the member library collections are now visible to our library customers in one database. The reaction to this new, more comprehensive, access has been overwhelmingly positive. Books and other materials are being transported to all parts of the county responding to patron requests. Prior to the consolidation of the online catalogs, the delivery service was handling more than 500,000 items each year. That number has more than doubled and continues to increase. PPLC currently employs two full-time drivers and operates two five ton box trucks that make daily deliveries to 23 library locations countywide. New, larger trucks are scheduled for the future to handle the growing demand. Providing our members with the ability to easily share their resources allows them to use their funds more efficiently providing a broader range of materials to meet the needs of our library patrons. To access the online catalog, go to the PPLC webpage at www.pplc.us and click on Library Catalog, or the Pinellas Automated Library System icon on the top of the page, and have fun exploring the many wonderful resources available in our member libraries.
**Book Discussions**

**Clearwater Public Library System**
**Main Library**
**Book Lovers Bistro:** Tuesday, February 3, 12:00 pm. Book discussion series.
**Great Books Lecture and Discussion:** Thursday, February 12, 1:30 pm.
**Círculo de Lectura:** Wednesday, February 25, 1:00 pm. Spanish language book discussion group.

**East Branch**
**Mystery Readers Club:** Tuesday, February 10, 12:00 pm.

**Dunedin Public Library**
**Great Decisions Discussion Group:** Tuesday, February 10, 7:30 pm. Topic: U.S.–China Economic Relations: Evolving Rivalry.
**Contemporary Books Discussion Group:** Tuesday, February 24, 7:00 pm. Topic: *The Ministry of Special Cases* by Nathan Englander.

**East Lake Community Library**
**Book Club:** Wednesday, February 4, 6:30-7:45 pm. This month's selection will be *Loving Frank* by Nancy Horan.

**Gulf Beaches Public Library**
**Great Books:** Saturday, February 17, 12:00 pm.
**Book Discussion:** Tuesday, February 17, 10:30 am. *A Song Yet Sung* by James McBride.

**Gulfport Public Library**
**Coffee/Talk:** Thursday, February 19 (coffee's ready at 10:00 am, talk starts at 10:15). Philippa Gregory’s *The Other Boleyn Girl*. Join us for coffee, light refreshments, and lively conversation. Pick up a discussion guide and reserve a copy of the book at the Reference Help Desk.

**Largo Public Library**
**The Last Word Book Club:** Wednesday, February 4, 6:00 pm. *Breath Eyes Memory* by Edwidge Danticat.
**Books to Film:** Sunday, February 8, 1:30 pm. Read the book, then see the film and discuss which was your favorite. *A Beautiful Mind* by Sylvia Nasar and starring Russell Crowe and Jennifer Connelly.
**Booktalking with Iris:** Wednesday, February 11, 12:00 pm.

**Oldsmar Public Library**
**Oldsmar Book Club:** Thursday, February 26, 12:00 pm. *The Glass Castle* by Jeanette Walls.

**Palm Harbor Public Library**
**PHiL's Book Club:** Monday, February 9, 11:00 am or 7:00 pm. Join us as we discuss *I Know Why The Caged Bird Sings* by Maya Angelou.

**Pinellas Park Public Library**
**Book Discussion:** Thursday, February 19, 2:00 pm. Join the group for an interesting discussion of *Sara Gruen's Water for Elephants*.

**St. Pete Beach Public Library**
**Book Discussion:** Tuesday, February 10, 10:30 am. *The Time Traveler's Wife* by Audrey Niffenegger. The marriage of an art student and a librarian is complicated by the husband's Chrono-Displacement Disorder.

**St. Petersburg Public Library System**
Call or check online for latest titles.

**Main Library**
**Sci-Fan Book Club:** Tuesday, February 17, 6:30 pm. *The Speed of Dark* by Elizabeth Moon.
**Between Covers Book Club:** Wednesday, February 18, 7:00 pm.
**Bookers Club:** Thursday, February 19, 11:00 am.

**Mirror Lake Branch**
**Classic Up Close:** Tuesday, February 24, 2:00 pm.

**North Branch**
**Thursday Morning Group:** Thursday, February 5, 11:00 am.
**Carl G. Jung Society Reading Group:** Saturday, February 14, 10:00 am.

**South Branch**
**Book Club:** Thursday, February 12, 4:00 pm.
**Mahogany Book Club:** Saturday, February 21, 10:00 am.

**Seminole Community Library**
**Booktalkers:** Wednesday, February 4, 2:00 pm. *The Sea* by John Banville.
**Great Books Discussion Group:** Wednesday, February 18, 2:00. *Exodus* from the Bible.

**Tarpon Springs Public Library**
**Book Club for Adults Who Read Children's Books:** Wednesday, February 25, 2:00 pm. Call the Library for this month's topic.
**Book Discussion Group:** Thursday, February 26, 12:00 pm. Call for this month's selection.

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**OverDrive MP3 Audiobook format is now live on the PPLC Web site!**

Click on the link or type in:

http://pplc.lib.overdrive.com/NewMP3Additions.htm
Computer Classes

Clearwater Public Library System
Main Library

Internet Classes in Spanish for Adults: Wednesdays, February 4 & 11, 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. No registration is required.

PowerPoint 2003, Beyond Basics Part 1: Tuesday, Feb. 3, 11:00 am.
PowerPoint 2003 Basics, Part 1: Wednesday, February 4, 7:00 pm.
PowerPoint 2003, Beyond Basics Part 2: Thursday, Feb. 5, 11:00 am.
Word Basics, Part 1: Tuesday, February 10, 11:00 am.
PowerPoint 2003 Basics, Part 2: Wednesday, February 11, 7:00 pm.
Word Basics, Part 2: Thursday, February 12, 11:00 am.
Creating a Simple Flyer in Word 2003: Tuesday, February 17, 11:00 am or Wednesday, February 18, 7:00 pm.
Tables in Word 2003: Thursday, February 19, 11:00 am or Wednesday, February 25, 7:00 pm.
Document Templates in Word 2003: Tuesday, February 24, 11:00 am.
Saving a Word Document: Thursday, February 26, 11:00 am.

East Lake Community Library
Registration required for computer classes 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.

Computer and Internet Basics: Friday, February 13, 9:00-9:45 am. Get to know the ins and outs of using the computer and the Internet.

Email and Internet Safety: Friday, February 27, 9:00-9:45 am. Tips and techniques to keep yourself surfing safe.

Gulf Beaches Public Library
Ask a Computer Specialist: Wednesday, February 18, 12:00 pm. “Safe Surfing.” Tips on how to use public library computers securely.

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

Suncoast Computer Users: Thursday, February 12, 6:00 pm.

Largo Public Library
Power Point Level 1: Monday, February 2 & Wednesday, February 4, 5:30-7:30 pm. Sign up at www.largopubliclibrary.org for this small business class.

Power Point Level 2: Monday, February 9 & Wednesday, February 11, 5:30-7:30 pm. Sign up at www.largopubliclibrary.org for this small business class.

Microsoft Publisher: Monday, February 16 & Wednesday, February 18, 5:30-7:30 pm. Sign up at www.largopubliclibrary.org for this small business class.

Quickbooks: Saturday, February 21, 9:00 am-1:00 pm. Sign up at www.largopubliclibrary.org for this small business class.

Oldsmar Public Library

Computer Security: Tuesday, February 10, 2:00 pm. Join library volunteer and computer professional Mark Opdyke as he helps you learn more about your computer. This class will cover protecting your home computer from viruses, such as Spyware, Malware, and Phishing. Lecture/ demonstration format followed by Q&A.

Palm Harbor Public Library
Each class is limited to six people on a first come, first served basis. Please register at the Reference Desk on the day of the class, registration begins at 9:00 am. Classes last approximately two hours.

Computer Basics: Monday, February 9, 11:00 am. Learn the basics of computer hardware, software, and mouse.

Introduction to Email: Wednesday, February 11, 1:00 pm. Learn the basics of using email with Yahoo.

Buy & Sell on Ebay: Friday, February 13, 2:00 pm. Learn the basics of using Ebay to buy and sell items.

Surfing the Web – Internet 1: Wednesday, February 18, 1:00 pm. Learn the basics of using the internet, addresses and hints.

Pinellas Park Public Library

Adult Beginner Computer Classes: Call for class schedule.

Special Session Computer Class: Wednesday, February 11, 7:00 pm.

St. Petersburg Public Library System

Main Library

One-on-One Internet Training: Call for 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, Wednesdays, 9:00 & 10:00 am & Thursdays, 3:00 pm. Sessions are one hour long, registration required.

PAC Training: Friday, February 20, 3:00 pm. 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. Call to register.

Seminole Community Library

Create Your Own Web Page: Saturdays, February 7 & 14, 1:00-5:00 pm. SPC registration required/$49.00 fee.

Discover MS Word & the Internet: Saturday, February 28, 1:00-5:00 pm. SPC registration required/$25.00 fee.

Digital Cameras & Your Computer: Fridays, February 20 & 27, 9:00 am-12:00 pm. SPC registration required/$49.00 fee.

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

Computer Basics: Thursday, February 5, 1:00 pm.

Internet Basics: Wednesday, February 18, 3:00 pm.

Introduction to Microsoft Word: Thursday, February 19, 1:00 pm.

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**Adult Programs**

**Clearwater Public Library System**

**Main Library**

**Internet Safety Class for Parents:** Sunday, February 8, 2:00 pm.

**Films on the Bluff:** Tuesday, February 10, 2:00 pm. Join us for an art house or foreign film monthly.

**Scholar’s Choice:** Wednesdays, February 11 & 25, 2:00 pm. Join us for this lecture and discussion series.

**Beach Branch**

**Writer’s Support Group:** Wednesday, February 4, 1:00 pm. A workshop for writers and would-be writers. Join us for help and encouragement.

**Films on the Beach:** Monday, February 9, 10:00 am. Join us, and your friends, for a film at the Beach Library and Recreation Center.

**Countrywide Branch**

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

**East Branch**

**AARP Tax Aide:** Wednesdays, 1:00-5:00 pm & Fridays, 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 Library**

**Individual Tutoring for the Deaf:** Tuesdays, 2:00-4:00 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.

**Pinellas Park Public Library**

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

**Adult Beginners Sign Language:** Thursdays, January 15-May 28, 6:00-7:00 pm. 18-week course.

**St. Petersburg College Library (Clearwater campus)**

**Individual Tutoring for the Deaf:** Mon., Wed., & Thurs. Call for appointment.

**Basic Deaf Literacy:** Includes reading, writing and computer skills. Call for appointment.

**Adult Beginners Sign Language:** Mondays, January 12-May 25, 6:00 pm. 18-week course.

**Adult Intermediate Sign Language:** Mondays, January 12 -May 25, 7:00 pm. 18-week course.

**St. Petersburg Library South Branch**

**Individual Tutoring for the Deaf:** Tuesdays, 4:00-5:00 pm. Call for appointment.

**Adult Intermediate Sign Language:** Tuesdays, Jan. 13-May 26, 6:00 pm. 18-week course.

**Adult Beginners Sign Language:** Tues., Jan. 13-May 26, 7:00 pm. 18-week course.

**Dunedin Public Library**

**Tuesdays at Two Film Program:** 2:00 pm. February 3: Miss Pettigrew Lives for a Day; February 10: The Bucket List; February 17: August Rush; February 24: Dead Poet’s Society.

**Three Came Home - A Civil War Trilogy:** Tuesday, February 10, 7:00 pm. Author Edward Aronoff, who was given a prestigious award from *The Civil War Times*, will be at the Library to discuss his books. A book-signing will follow.

**Best-Selling Mystery Author Jim Swain:** Wednesday, February 11, 7:00 pm. Famous for his Tony Valentine casino mysteries, Jim Swain’s newest series is set in Florida. Attendees will also be treated to some amazing card magic – you don’t want to miss this!

**Author Joan Medlicott:** Saturday, February 14, 1:00 pm. Spend an afternoon with North Carolina author Joan Medlicott, who is best known for her *Ladies of Covington* series. Joan’s topic will be “Possibilities!” which has been popular at writer’s conferences and Red Hat Society conventions. Light refreshments will be provided. Tickets are $5 and can be purchased at the Adult Reference Desk and Circulation Desk. This program is co-sponsored by the Dunedin Public Library and the Dunedin Friends of the Library.

**Winter Wondertales Storytelling Celebration:** Saturday, February 21. A day of fun for the entire family! Sponsoring the Tampa Bay Storytellers’ Guild and the Florida Storytelling Association. 11:00 am Kids’ Workshop, 1:00 pm Adult Workshop, and 7:00 pm Storytelling Concert.

**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, 10:00 am. Open to all serious writers, the Dunedin Writers Group focuses on novels, short stories, articles, children’s books, synopsis for agents, presentation letters, plays and scripts.

**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 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, February 11, 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, February 3, 6:30 pm. New members are always welcome.

**Sign Language Beginners Class:** (Adults) Wednesdays, 4:30-5:30 pm. Free, non-credit class in sign language basics. Children may attend if they sit quietly for an hour.

**Advisory Board Meeting:** Tuesday, February 10, 6:00 pm. Open to the public.

**Writer’s Critique Group:** Monday, February, 9 & Monday, February, 23. 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.

**Author’s Showcase:** Gifted young author Gloria Tesch published the first part of her trilogy, *Maradonia and the Seven Bridges*, two years ago at age 14. Come listen to Gloria’s own saga of how she wrote and published her own book.

**AM CAFÉ: I:** Friday, February 6. Join us for coffee and treats while browsing for your favorite books.

**ESOL Class:** Volunteer tutors teach speakers of other languages to speak English. Call for information.

**Gulf Beaches Public Library**

**International Film Movement:** Tuesday, February 3 4:00 pm. Ben X. A brilliant computer gamer suffering from mild autism discovers the perfect revenge on his classroom bullies.

**Hitchcock Film Series:** Wednesday, February 18, 2:30 pm.

**Travel Film:** Wednesday, February 11, 2:00 pm. *Brazil.*

**Embroidery Club:** Saturday, February 21, 10:00 pm.

**Writer’s Group:** Wednesdays, 10:00 am. We welcome all writers in an exchange of ideas and fellowship.

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

**Scrabble:** Fridays, 1:30 pm.

**Gulfport Public Library**

**Socrates Café:** Thursday, February 12 at 10:00 am. These monthly discussion groups were inspired by the book *The Six Questions of Socrates*.

**Short Stories Discussion Group:** Monday, February 23 at 1:00 pm. Presented by local chapter of Brandeis University Women.

**Genealogy Discussion Group:** Saturday, February 28 at 1:00 pm. This is not a formal class, just an opportunity to meet and share experiences and information with others interested in delving into their family history.

**Gulfport Creative Short Story Writers:** Wednesdays, 10:00 am.

**Largo Public Library**

**Using the Other Library Databases for Genealogy:** Monday, February 2, 6:00 pm. Learn about helpful genealogy databases at Largo Public Library other than Ancestry.com and Heritage Quest. Email Bbryan84@tampabay.rr.com or call 595-4521 to register.
Documenting Your Genealogy Sources: Tuesday, February 3, 10:00 am. Instruction on how to properly document sources in your genealogy research. Email Bbryan84@tampabay.rr.com or call 595-4521 to register.

Organizing Your Files: Wednesday, February 4, 6:00 pm. This genealogy class will demonstrate methods of systematically organizing your paper and computer files so that you will be able to find what you need. Email Bbryan84@tampabay.rr.com or call 595-4521 to register.

Poets Live!: Monday, February 9, 6:30 pm. Present your poetry or just listen to the poetry of others.

Scrapbooking for Genealogy: Monday, February 9, 6:00 pm. Heritage Scrapbooking: an overview of how to create a family heritage scrapbook using photographs, mementos, and information about the family’s history, culture, and traditions. Email Bbryan84@tampabay.rr.com or call 595-4521 to register.

Using Microsoft Excel in Genealogy: Tuesday, February 10, 6:00 pm. Learn how to use this spreadsheet program effectively in your research. Email Bbryan84@tampabay.rr.com or call 595-4521 to register.

Introduction to Using Godfrey Library for Genealogy: Wednesday, February 11, 10:00 am. An introduction to the resources of the Godfrey Library and how to use them. Email Bbryan84@tampabay.rr.com or call 595-4521 to register.

Courthouse Documents: Tuesday, February 17, 6:00 pm. Much of your family history is contained in courthouse records. Learn how to find them. Email Bbryan84@tampabay.rr.com or call 595-4521 to register.

Planning and Organizing a Research Trip: Wednesday, February 18, 10:00 am. Learn tips and recommendations for preparing for a genealogy research trip. Email Bbryan84@tampabay.rr.com or call 595-4521 to register.

Census Tracking: Wednesday, February 23, 6:00 pm. Learn how to track your ancestry through the Federal Census Records. Email Bbryan84@tampabay.rr.com or call 595-4521 to register.

How to Generate Timelines: Tuesday, February 24, 6:00 pm. Learn how to generate timelines and use them to trace your ancestry and also explain family events and migration patterns. Email Bbryan84@tampabay.rr.com or call 595-4521 to register.

Internet Genealogy: Thursday, February 26, 10:00 am. An overview as well as techniques of how to effectively use the Internet for research. Email Bbryan84@tampabay.rr.com or call 595-4521 to register.

Microsoft Word Indexing and Table of Contents: Saturday, February 28, 10:00 am. Learn how to use Microsoft Word to prepare a table of contents and index for your book or paper. Email Bbryan84@tampabay.rr.com or call 595-4521 to register.

Oldsmar Public Library

Free Tax Assistance: 2008 Federal Income Tax Return assistance begins February 3 and continues through April 15. Tues.: 3:00-7:00 pm & Wed.: 9:00-1:00 pm. This service is provided by AARP on a first come-first served basis.

Free One on One Business Counseling: Presented by SCORE. Tuesday, February 3 & 17, 10:00 am-12:00 pm & 1:00-3:00 pm. Registration required.

Friends of the Library Membership Tea: Thursday, February 12, 12:00 pm.

Oldsmar Historical Society: Saturday, February 14, 10:00 am.

Palm Harbor Public Library

Business Assistance Center: Tuesdays, February 3, 17 & 24, 1:00-3:00 pm & Tuesday, February 10, 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 further information.

Socrates Café: Wednesday, February 4, 6:00-7:45 pm & Thursday, February 19, 1:00-2:45 pm. 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.

Florida Lyric Opera Performance-Memories Of Love: Saturday, February 7, 2:00 pm. In celebration of Valentine’s Day, two singers from the Florida Lyric Opera Company relive the songs of one of America’s most famous romantic duos – Nelson Eddy and Jeanette MacDonald, the “Signing Sweethearts” of the 1930’s, including their famous “Indian Love Call.”

Master Gardener: Wednesday, February 11, 2:00 or 6:30 pm. A popular, informative program for Florida gardeners. Admission is free but space is limited. Please call the Pinellas County Extension at (727) 582-2673 to reserve a seat.

Armchair Travelers Series–An African Safari: Thursday, February 12, 2:00 pm. Join experienced world travelers and travel agents as they share exotic locales and popular tourist destinations.

Snippin’ N’ Scappin’: Tuesday, February 17, 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.

Suncoast Genealogical Society: Monday, February 23, 6:30 pm. Join us for a discussion on research techniques, tools and a special presentation that each month.

Friday Flicks Movie Series: Fridays, 2:00 pm. “February Is For Lovers”. February 6: An Affair To Remember; February 13: The Notebook; February 20: Casablanca; February 27: Moonstruck.

Safety Harbor Public Library

Library Advisory Committee: Tuesday, February 10, 6:30 pm.

Ask A Genealogist: Genealogy volunteer Mary Draye is available for individual appointments. Please call for more 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. Free training. Call for more information.

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

Small Business Counseling: Tuesday, February 10 & 24, 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. Score will meet in the Safety Harbor Chamber of Commerce Conference Room (200 Main Street) through March 2009.

Free Equipment for the Hearing Impaired: The Deaf and Hearing Connection of Tampa Bay will be at Safety Harbor City Hall, 750 Main Street, Thursday, February 19, 1:00-3:00 pm for telephone distribution. The Deaf and Hearing Connection of Tampa Bay loans equipment free to qualified Florida residents who are deaf, hard of hearing or speech impaired for as long as needed. Available equipment includes specialized telephones and ring signaling devices. For more information call (727) 399-9983 or visit http://www.dhctb.org/

St. Pete Beach Public Library

Meet the Times Writer Robert Trigaux: Wednesday, February 11, 7:00 pm. Learn how the St. Petersburg Times covers business news.

St. Petersburg Public Library System

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

Game Time at the Library: Saturday, February 28, 3:30-5:00 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. For knitting novices, reservation is required. Call for more information.

Reading Buddies: Help a child improve in reading. Volunteer to be a Reading Buddy. Call for more information.

West Community Library

Genealogy and Family History Sessions: Saturday, February 14, 10:00 am. Members of the Pinellas Genealogy Society will be helping with the program. For more information, please call 343-2776.

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

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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.
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Mon - Wed 9am - 8pm
Thurs 9am-6pm
Fri - Sat 9am - 5pm
Sun 1pm - 5pm

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Mon - Fri 9:30am - 4pm

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http://clearwaterlibrary.org

Talking Book Library
1330 Cleveland Street
Clearwater, FL 33755-5103
Phone: (727) 449-9958
TDD: (727) 441-3168
www.pllc.us/tbl
Mon - Fri 9am - 4:30pm

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

Beach Branch
69 Bay Esplanade
Clearwater, FL 33767
Phone: 462-6890
Mon - Fri 9am - 1pm

Countryside Branch
2741 State Road 580
Clearwater, FL 33761
Phone: 669-1290
Sunday 1pm - 5pm
Monday 11am - 8pm
Tuesday - Saturday 9am - 6pm
Saturday Closed

East Branch
2251 Drew Street
Clearwater, FL 33765
Phone: 669-1280
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: 462-6895
Sun-Mon Closed
Tues-Thurs 2pm - 6pm
Fri-Sat 1pm-5pm

Dunedin Library
223 Douglas Avenue
Dunedin, FL 34559
Phone: 298-3080
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 34339
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.eastlakelibrary.org
Mon - Wed 10am - 8pm
Thurs - Fri 10am - 6pm
Saturday 10am - 6pm

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

Gulfport Library
5501 28th Avenue S.
Gulfport, FL 33707
Phone: 893-1074
http://www.tblc.org/gpl
Mon - Fri 10am - 7pm
Tues 10am - 9pm

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
Thurs - Fri 9am - 6pm
Saturday 9am - 5pm
Sunday 1pm - 5pm

LargoPublic Library
120 Central Park Dr.
Largo, FL 33771
Phone: 587-6715
Reference: 587-6748
TDD: 587-6778
www.largopubliclibrary.com
Mon - Wed 9am - 8pm
Thurs - 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: fwevweb@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://www.tblc.org/libfllas.us
Mon - Thurs 9am - 8:30pm
Fri - Sat 9am - 5pm
Sunday 1pm - 5pm

Safety Harbor Library
101 2nd Street North
Safety Harbor, FL 34695
Phone: 724-1525
TDD: 724-1529
http://www.tblc.org/shpl/
Mon - Thu 9:30am - 8pm
Friday 9:30am - 6pm
Saturday 9:30am - 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 10am - 9pm
Tues, Thurs 10am - 6pm
Saturday 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.tpl.org
Mon, Wed, Fri, Sat 9am - 6pm
Tues, Thurs 11am - 8pm
Sunday 10am - 6pm

Tarpon Springs Library
185 E. Lemon Street
Clearwater, FL 33765
Phone: 669-1280
Sun-Mon Closed
Tues-Wed 12noon - 8pm
Thurs-Sat 9am - 5pm

James Weldon Johnson Branch
1059 18th Avenue South
St. Petersburg, FL 33705
Phone: 893-7131
Mon - Wed 11am - 8pm
Tues, Thurs, Fri, Sat 9am - 6pm

Pinellas Park Library
2605 5th Street North
St. Petersburg, FL 33701
Phone: 893-7268
TDD: 823-2147
Mon, Wed 10am - 7pm
Tues, Thurs, Fri, Sat 9am - 6pm

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

West Community Library
102 South 4th Avenue
St. Petersburg, FL 33701
Phone: 341-7199
Mon - Thurs 7:30am - 9pm
Friday 7:30am - 4pm
Saturday 10am - 5pm

Seminole Community Library
@ St. Petersburg College
1200 113th Street North
Seminole, FL 33772-2800
Phone: 394-6905
http://www.spc.edu/SCL
Mon - Thurs 7:30am - 9pm
Fri 7:30am - 6pm
Sat 10am - 5pm
Sun 1pm - 5pm
(Revised hours when classes not in session)
## Special Events

### February 1
**Dunedin Public Library**
**Shihan School Survival:** (Ages 7-12) 2:00 pm. Join us for a martial arts, safety and health seminar for youth. Registration required.

### February 5
**Gulfport Public Library**
**A Very Special Event:** We are pleased to announce that on Thursday evening, February 5, 5:30-7:30 pm, we will re-dedicate the Library Friends Room in memory of long-time Library advocate and Friend of Gulfport, Miss Frances Purdy! The dedication ceremony will be followed by a reception and refreshments, plus keyboard selections by Oliver Norden. The Gulfport community is cordially invited to attend.

### February 7
**East Lake Community Library**
**Valentine Cards for Kids:** 10:45 am. Make Valentine cards to give to your favorite people. All ages with parent help. Scissor skills needed.

### February 8
**Seminole Community Library**
**Sunday Musicafe:** 3:00 pm. Victoria Garcia, harpist. You will enjoy the enchanting sound of the classical harp as Victoria Garcia entertains you with old favorites and contemporary pieces.

### February 11
**Gulf Beaches Public Library**
**Dishing on the Authors:** Wednesday, February 11, 4:00 pm. *St. Petersburg Times* book editor Colette Bancroft tells insider stories about the famous writers she has met.

### February 14
**East Lake Community Library**
**Teen Valentine’s Day Party:** 4:30-8:30 pm. Let’s celebrate!

### February 21
**Dunedin Public Library**
**Winter Wondertales Storytelling Celebration Workshop for Kids:** 11:00 am. A day of fun for the entire family! The Guild will be reciting stories for kids of elementary age and up. Sponsored by the Tampa Bay Storytellers’ Guild and the Florida Storytelling Association.

### February 22
**Dunedin Public Library**
**The Music of Allen Lieberman:** (All ages) 2:00 pm. Bring the whole family to enjoy music by Allen Lieberman.

### St. Pete Beach Public Library
**Celebrating 10 Years of DearReader.com:** 2:00 pm. Presentation by Sarasota’s Suzanne Beecher, founder of the Online Book Club.

### February 28
**East Lake Community Library**
**Yo-Yo Cat:** 1:00 pm. Learn how to make these fun fabric kittens that can be used for decorating, package ties, and more. Adults-registration required.

**Gulf Beaches Public Library**
**Food for Thought:** 6:00 pm. A benefit for Gulf Beaches Public Library. Enjoy local restaurant specialties to the sound of live steel drums. $20 in advance, $30 at the door.

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## Adult Programs

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**Seminole Community Library**
**Classic Movie Matinee:** Fridays, 1:00 pm. Free popcorn & sodas. February 6: *So Proudly We Hail*; February 13: *Young Mr. Lincoln*; February 20: *Queen Bee*; February 27: *Royal Wedding*.

**Care Plus Health Plans:** Wednesday, February 11 & 25, 1:00 pm.

**Suncoast Fibromyalgia:** Saturday, February 14, 10:30 am.

**Parkinson’s Support:** Thursday, February 12, 5:30 pm.

**Toastmaster’s:** Tuesdays, 6:15 pm.

**Seminole Civitan Club:** Thursday, February 5, 6:30 pm.

**Pinellas Weaver’s Guild:** Saturday, February 21, 10:00 am.

**People to People Student Ambassadors:** Saturday, February 21, 10:00 am.

**H.E.A.L.:** Friday, February 13, 1:00 pm.

**All About Stocks, Bonds & Money:** Tuesdays, February 3-March 17, 9:30 am-12 pm. SPC registration required/$59.00 fee.

**Fundamentals of Photoshop:** Wednesdays, February 25-April 8, 6:00-8:30 pm. SPC registration required/$95.00 fee.

**On the Road Again—Travel Photography:** Fridays, February 20-March 6, 1:00-5:00 pm. SPC registration required/$69.00 fee.

**Passport to Retirement:** Thursdays, February 5 & 19, 7:00-9:00 pm. SPC registration required/$29.00 fee.

**Whodunit? History of Mystery Novels & Detective Fiction:** Wednesday, February 25-March 25, 1:00-3:00 pm. SPC registration required/$35.00 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. Walk-ins only.

**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:** Wednesdays, 10:00 am-4:00 pm.

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

**Fiction into Film Series:** Wednesday, February 4, 2:30 pm. Enjoy a book discussion and movie. This week’s selection: *Seize the Day* by Saul Bellow. Hosted by Charles Shaffert, Professor Emeritus of English. Copies of each book available at the Reference desk.

**Author Luncheon with Barbara Sorey:** Thursday, February 5, 12:00 pm. In recognition of Black History month, local author Barbara Sorey will discuss her book *Florida Girl*. Cost is $15 and includes a boxed lunch. Registration required.

**African American Storytelling:** Monday, February 9, 5:00 pm. Professional storyteller, Windell Campbell will present stories and folk tales in celebration of Black History month. All ages welcome.

**History Discussion Group:** Wednesday, February 11, 1:30 pm. Topic: The Electoral College.

**Fiction into Film Series:** Wednesday, February 11, 2:30 pm. Enjoy a book discussion and movie. This week’s selection: *Swimmer* by John Cheever. Hosted by Charles Shaffert, Professor Emeritus of English. Copies of each book available at the Reference desk.

**Clam Bayou Jazz Band:** Wednesday, February 11, 7:00 pm. Mardi Gras celebration featuring the history behind the holiday and music! All ages welcome.

**From the Cook’s Shelf:** Wednesday, February 18, 7:00 pm. Cookbook discussion group. Topic: *Culinary World Tour: O Canada!*.

**Bay Knit Wits:** Wednesday, February 25, 6:00 pm. Knitting and crochet group.

**Friends of the Library Book Sale:** Friday, February 27, 10:00 am-6:00 pm & Saturday, February 28, 10:00 am-5:00 pm.
Teen Programs

Clearwater Public Library System
Main Library
Video Gaming: Thursdays, 3:00 pm. Teens can play video games at the library.

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

Dunedin Youth Volunteers: Monday, February 2, 6:30 pm. Our teen volunteer group meets once a month to plan, assist and create programs for the youth of the community.

Emily the Strange Valentine’s Party: (Ages 12-18) Thursday, February 12, 6:00 pm. Celebrate the holiday Emily’s way and have a Goth Time. Registration required.

Teen No Brainer Day: (Ages 10-15) Thursday, February 26, 6:00 pm. Celebrate this Holiday of not thinking. All activities require no thought whatsoever. Registration required.

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

Teen Night: Thursday, February 26, 6:30-8:30 pm. Teens play games, discuss books, see movies and enjoy new friendships.

Gulfport Public Library
Scrapbookers Club for Teens & Adults: Saturday, February 14 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, February 4, 4:00 pm. Plug into 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 The Pretties.

Anime Cafe: (Ages 13-18) Tuesday, February 10, 5:00 pm. Watch some anime, and enjoy some Asian food.

Wii Weekend: (Ages 13-18) Saturday, February 14, 1:00 pm. Join us in the Teen Room for Wii games.

Oldsmar Public Library
Oldsmar Teen Advisory Board: (Ages 12-18) Tuesday, February 17, 6:30 pm. Call for information.

Palm Harbor Public Library
Palm Harbor Library Youth Advisory Board: (Ages 13-18) 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 who compete a YAB application. Attendance at weekly meetings and participation in various service activities and programs is expected. Registration required.

SAT Practice Test: (Ages 13-18) Saturday, February 21, 12:30-4:30 pm. Attention students! Kaplan Education Center will be offering free SAT practice tests. Please pre-register at 1-800-KAP-TEST and or with the library. Don’t forget your pencils and thinking caps. Relax, this is only practice! Registration required.

Safety Harbor Public Library
Teen programming is temporarily suspended due to library expansion.

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

Tween Thing: Monday, February 2, 4:30 pm. Theater, games, books and crafts, come see what fun is in store for you.

Teen Advisory Board: Tuesday, February 10, 6:30 pm.

Teen Scene: (Ages 13-19) Tuesday, February 17, 6:30 pm. Call for details.

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

Seminole Community Library
Library Youth Advisory Board: (Grades 6-12) Monday, February 2, 7:00 pm. Get to meet new people, help choose materials for the YA collection and earn volunteer credits.

SAT Prep: Saturdays, February 21-April 25, 9:00 am-12:00 pm. SPC registration required/$215 fee.

Tarpon Springs Public Library
Knit Club: (Ages 7-18) Saturday, February 21, 2:00 pm. Beginners and advance knitters welcome. Supplies are limited so participants are welcome to bring their own supplies.

Teen Chocolate Party: (Ages 10-18) Saturday, February 14, 2:00 pm. Registration required. Celebrate Valentine’s Day with chocolate, crafts and fun!

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Some library locations may close early on days previous to holidays. Contact individual libraries regarding early closing times.
Children’s Programs

Clearwater Public Library System

Main Library

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

Bubble Wonders Show: Sunday, February 22, 2:00 pm. A fun and educational show full of amazing bubble tricks.

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

Homework Help: Wednesday, February 18, 3:00 pm.

East Branch

Preschool Storytime: Thursdays, 10:00 am.

Toddler Storytime: Thursday, 11:00 am.

Deaf Literacy Center

Palm Harbor Public Library

Pre-school Sign Language: (Ages 3-5) Tuesdays, February 24-March 31, 1:30-2:45 pm. Learn American Sign Language with your preschooler through a 6-week program of stories, songs, and activities. Pre-registration is required through the Deaf Literacy Center. To register, call (727) 724-1525 x120 or email: rrodriiguez@plc.us

Children’s Sign Language: (Ages 6-12) Tuesdays, January 15-May 28, 4:30-5:30 pm. Learn basic sign language vocabulary, stories, songs and activities in a fun way! Registration required. Call (727) 724-1525 x120 or email: rrodriiguez@plc.us

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.

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.

Dunedin Public Library

Baby & Me Storytime: (Birth-18 mos) Mondays, 10:00 am. We are focusing on the six steps to early literacy to encourage baby to reach milestones. This is a fun-filled literacy experience for baby and caregiver.

Toddler Time: (18-36 mos) Wednesdays, 10:00 am or 11:00 am. An exciting introduction to the ABC’s incorporating song, 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 Storytime Room Door will close at ten minutes after the hour.

Preschool Storytime: (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.

Sign Language for Little Ones: (Ages 5 & under) Friday, February 27, 10:30 am. Learn the basic signs for foods to practice with your little one. Registration required.

Snowflake Fun with Kristen Mongelluzzi: (Ages 3-5) Saturday, February 28, 10:30 am. Let’s have some winter fun making snowflakes and doing winter crafts. Registration required.

Read with a Furry Friend: (Elementary age) Tuesdays, 3:00 pm. Join us every Tuesday to read with Cherry or Debbie, the therapy dogs.

Family Saturday Stories: (All ages) Saturday, February 7, 2:00 pm. Too busy during the week? Then take a break with the family and join us for stories. Theme: Hearts Galore!

Sunday Fun Days: (Youth of all ages) Sunday, February 8, 1:00-4:30 pm. Stop in the Youth Department for a special make & take craft. This month’s theme: Lot’s of Love!

Fancy Nancy Soiree: (Ages 5-12) Wednesday, February 18, 6:30 pm. We will celebrate the popular book series with everything “Fancy”! Registration required.

Tiny Tales @ the Dunedin Community Center: (Preschool age) Tuesday, February 3, 10:00 am. Join us for a special storytime at the Community Center. Our theme is Hearts and Flowers.

Special Storytime – Love Songs for Little Ones: (Ages 5 & under) Friday, February 13, 10:30 am. Love is in the air. Join us for songs, stories and lots of fun. Registration required.

East Lake Community Library

Family Puppet Theatre Presents: (All ages) Mondays, 7:00 pm. Our Teen Library Council writes produces and stars in amusing puppet shows every week. Join us!

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 finger-plays. Please choose one session that best fits your schedule.

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

Gulf Beaches Public Library

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

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

Gulfport Public Library

Craft Club for All Ages: Saturdays, Feb. 14 & 28, 2:00 pm. Presented by Pat Brinkley.

Largo Public Library

Family Story Night: Monday, February 2 & 23, 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, February 9, 7:00 pm. Join us in this new adventure for stories and fun. Hasta la vista!

Itsy Bitsy Baby Club: (Infant-18 mos) Tuesdays, 10:00 am. Songs, rhymes, fingerplays, and a few surprises at this storytime.

Toddler Tales: (18-36 mos) Wednesdays, 10:00 am. Themed stories, music, and extended story activities. This month’s theme is Holidays.

Pre-K Hooray: (Ages 3-5) Thursdays, February 5, 12, & 19, 10:00 am. Enjoy themed stories, music, and related activities. The theme is different every week.

Afternoon Tween Zone: (Ages 9-12) Wednesday, February 18, 4:30 pm. Act your age! Get together with some kids your own age to explore our nonfiction collection, enjoy some trivia challenges, and create crafty works of art. This month write your own songs with special guest Darrell House, who will perform and explain his songwriting techniques so you can learn to do it, too!

Pup Pals Reading Dogs: Saturday, February 28, 10:00 am. Improve your reading skills and make a new furry friend by reading to therapy trained dogs. Registration required. For reading age children under 13.

Oldsmar Public Library

Toddler Time: (18-24 mos) Tuesdays, 10:00 am. Short stories, songs, and activities to encourage early literacy.

Preschool Storytime: (Ages 3-5) Thursdays, 10:00 am. Programs include stories and a simple craft.

Palm Harbor Public Library

Buggy for Books Winter Reading Club: (Ages 3 & up) Stop in for a book bag and information about this read-at-home program. Participants who complete the requirements will be invited to a special celebration on April 4! Registration ends on Saturday, February 28.

Toddler Story Time: Parent & Child (18 mos-3 yrs) Mondays, February 2, 9 & 23, 11:00 am. Stories, songs, and fun!

Sleepytime Tales: (Ages 3 & up) Mondays, February 2, 9 & 23, 7:00 pm. Bedtime stories, bring your teddy bears (pajamas optional)!

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

Starbucks Story Time: Tuesday, February 3, 10:00 am. Stop by Starbucks on US 19N in Palm Harbor for some stories and hot cocoa for the kids. Online or in-person registration begins Monday January 5.

Granny Jane’s Story Corner: Wednesdays, 3:00 pm. Join Granny Jane for stories – or you can select a favorite book to read to her!
Children’s Programs

Royal Academy of Fine Arts of Florida Theatrical Performance: (Ages 3 & up) Saturday, February 7, 11:00 am. The Royal Fairytale Theater Company of the Royal Academy of Fine Arts will be presenting a variety of musical acts in costume. This is a “by young people for young people” production. The ages of the performers are 5 to 15.

Valentines Drop-In Craft: (Ages 8-12 only) Wednesday, February 11, 3:00-5:00 pm. Create sophisticated Valentines for your family and friends.

February Is Black History Month: A Look At History In The Movies: (Ages 8 & up) Saturday, February 14, 1:00 pm: Nightjohn – The story of Samy, a young slave girl who secretly learns to read; 3:00 pm: Ruby Bridges – The true story of a six-year-old girl who was one of the first to integrate into the New Orleans school system in 1960 and the brutal racism she faced.

Honeymoon Island Family Storycraft: (Families with children ages 3 & up) Saturday, February 14, 1:30-2:30 pm. Located at the Rotary Centennial Nature Center at Honeymoon Island State Park, a special children’s story and craft time. What a fun way to learn more about natural Florida! (Park admission of $5.00 per car, up to 8 people per carload).

First Steps Parent/Child Workshops: (Parent & child ages 1-3) Winter II - Fridays, February 20, 27, March 6, 13, 10:00 - 11:00 am. This four-week interactive program for parents and toddlers features a large toy and play area, simple craft activities, various community professionals, and a Parents’ Resource Center. In-person registration required, begins Monday January 5. Siblings to age 4 welcome.

American Girls – Meet Addy: (Ages 7 – 12) Saturday, Feb. 21, 10:00-11:00 am. Through games, crafts and fun activities, learn about nine-year-old Addy Walker who escapes from slavery to freedom before the Civil War. Participants must read at least one book from the Addy series prior to the program. Online registration begins Thursday, January 22.

Sam’s Fantastical Series Fun - The Inheritance Cycle, Eragon-Eldest-Brisingr: (Ages 9-12) Saturday, February 28, 3:00-4:30 pm. Through games, trivia, crafts and a book discussion, explore the Inheritance Cycle series as Eragon grows from a poor farm boy into an amazing swordsman, fighting alongside his dragon, Saphira. Participants must read at least one book from the series prior to the program. Online registration begins Thursday, January 29.

Pinellas Park Public Library

Story Time: (Ages 3-5) Tuesday, 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 pm. 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. Don’t forget to wear your favorite pij!

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.

Children’s Programming is temporarily suspended due to library expansion. The New Children’s Department is open. Please visit us.

St. Pete Beach Public Library

Dolphin Club: (Ages 3 & up) Monday, February 2, 4:00 pm. Longer stories and sometimes crafts to do, too. Monthly theme: “Beatrix Potter.”

Mother Goose Time: (Infant-3 yrs) Tuesday, February 3, 17 and 24, 10:30 or 11:30 am. Stories, coloring, toy time, socializing practice and sharing.

Sunshine State Young Reader’s Award Book Club: (Grades 3-5) Monday, February 9, 5:00 pm. Monthly selection: The Sloppy Copy Slip-Up by Dyanne Disalvo.

Sunshine State Young Reader’s Award Book Club: (Grades 6-8) Monday, February 23, 7:00 pm. Monthly selection: Out of Patience by Brian Meehl.

St. Petersburg Public Library System

Main Library

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

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

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

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

Knights of the Square Table: (All ages) Monday, February 9, 3:30-5:30 pm. Join the fun and challenge others.

Kids Craft Corner: (All ages) Sat., Feb. 7, 2:00 pm. Make and take craft projects.

Junior League Puppet Show: Monday, February 9 & 23, 10:00 am. Horton Hatches the Egg.

Super Saturday Puppet Show: Saturday, Feb. 21, 2:00 pm. All ages welcome.

Cosmic Kids-Fantasy Sci-Fi Book Club: (Ages 8-12) February 24, 6:30 pm. Call or check online for latest title.

Children’s Park

Preschool Story Time: (Ages 3-5) Fridays, 4:00 pm, Early Elementary age also welcome.

Johnson Branch

Preschool Story Time: (Ages 3-5) Fridays, 10:00 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 & Wednesdays, 4:15 pm.

Preschool: Friday, February 6 & 20, (Age 3) 10:00 am & (Ages 4-5) 10:30 am.

North Branch

Mother Goose: (Infant-3 yrs) Mondays, 11:00 am & Wednesdays, 10:00 am. Registration required.

Pre-School Story Time: (Ages 3-5) Wed., 11:00 am. Registration required.

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, February 10, 4:30 pm.

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

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

Family Movie: Saturdays, 2:00 pm. Films for all ages—free popcorn and sodas. February 7: Misty; February 14: The Last Unicorn; February 21: Space Chimps.

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

Preschool Story Time: (Ages 3-5) Stories, books, songs, movement activities and sometimes short films based on a weekly theme for preschoolers and their caregivers. A playtime follows storytime in a separate room.

LEGOS at the Library: (Elementary students) Wednesday, January 14, 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.

Guessing Jar: February 2-14. Stop by the Youth Services Desk beginning on February 2 and guess how many candy hearts are in the guessing jar. Only one entry per person will be accepted. The winner will be selected and notified on Saturday, February 14 and will receive a Valentine-themed goodie bag.

Tarpon Springs Public Library

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

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

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

Knit Club: (Ages 7-18) Saturday, February 21, 2:00 pm. Beginners and advance knitters welcome. Supplies are limited so participants are welcome to bring their own supplies.
Meet Suzanne Beecher  
Founder of DearReader.com

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365 73rd Avenue • St. Pete Beach, FL 33706
Sunday, February 22
2:00 pm

For more information, please contact the library at (727) 363-9238.