Book Discussion Group for Adults
Who Read Children’s Books

Nancy Cavanaugh, Librarian, West Lake Christina School

Lots of people have conversations about the books they’re reading, whether it’s the newest hit on the New York Times Bestseller’s list or the latest book they’re reading for a book club. But who do you discuss books with if you’re an adult who reads children’s books? I’m one of those adults, and I often find myself carrying my latest read with the cover facing toward me, not wanting others to notice what I’m reading.

Then I met Joy Herrera, the Youth Services Librarian at my local library in Tarpon Springs. While my daughter played with the puzzles and puppets in the children’s section of our library, Joy and I talked freely about middle grade novels and young adult fiction. We talked about the usual -- what we liked, what we didn’t like, what was funny, sad or maybe even too scary for a children’s book.

Joy knew others like myself who enjoyed children’s literature; so, it was during one of our conversations that she came up with the idea of having a book discussion group for adults who read children’s books. Unlike most other book groups, those who attend our meetings don’t all read the same book. Joy gives us a book club assignment, such as reading a book that has won the Newberry, or some other children’s literature award, reading a nonfiction book, reading a young adult book, etc. We each bring the book we have read to the meeting and summarize it for the group, sharing our opinion of the book as well as the content.

Our discussions branch off into many different directions. We talk about how teachers and librarians could use the books to teach something or simply get young people excited about reading or how a parent might use a certain book to help start a discussion about a difficult topic.

I leave our meetings feeling happy to know such a wonderful secret -- the best books in the library - aren’t in the adult fiction section, they’re next to the puppets and puzzles in the children’s section. It’s the kind of secret worth sharing.

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Teen Financial Literacy @ your library

The Pinellas Public Library Cooperative has partnered with Bank of America, Junior Achievement, and the Pinellas County Sheriff’s PAL (Police Athletic League) program to present our fourth year of teen financial literacy programs in Pinellas County. Through the award of a Bank of America Foundation grant, our libraries will host programs for teens in April, May and June 2009 at twelve library locations. Programs will be hosted at member libraries throughout Pinellas and will include programming for high school-aged teens.

Each library will host a program that will assist teenagers in the transition to college or technical school after graduation and explore information on career choices, budgeting, importance of credit, student loans and overall understanding of solid financial awareness for their futures. Our partner, Junior Achievement, has established curriculum in conjunction with Bank of America.

All programs will include incentives, giveaways, and financial games to strengthen the importance of financial literacy and essential life skills. Participants will also receive FREE meals during the two-hour long sessions. Come and join us as we launch our new year of valuable financial literacy programming for youth in Pinellas County.

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

Bank of America
Book Discussions

Clearwater Public Library System
Main Library

Book Lovers Bistro: Tuesday, March 3, 12:00 pm. Book discussion series.

Great Books Lecture and Discussion: Thursday, March 12, 1:30 pm.

Circulo de Lectura: Wednesday, March 25, 1:00 pm. Spanish language book discussion group.

East Branch

Mystery Readers Club: Tuesday, March 17, 12:00 pm.

Dunedin Public Library

Contemporary Book Discussion Group: Tuesday, March 3, 7:00 pm. Tree of Smoke by Denis Johnson.

Great Decisions Discussion Group: Tuesday, March 10, 7:30 pm. Topic: “Foreign Aid: new players, new goals?”

East Lake Community Library

Book Club: Wednesday, March 4, 6:30-7:45 pm. This month’s selection will be The Yiddish Policeman’s Union by Michael Chabon.

Gulf Beaches Public Library

Great Books: Saturday, March 14, 12:15-2:30 pm. Interpreter of Maladies by Jhumpa Lahiri

Book Discussion: Tuesday, March 17, 10:30 am. March by Geraldine Brooks.

Gulfport Public Library


Largo Public Library

The Last Word Book Club: Wednesday, March 4, 6:00 pm. The Sparrow by Mary Doria Russell.

Books to Film: Sunday, March 8, 1:30 pm. Read the book, then see the film and discuss which was your favorite. This month’s title is Razor’s Edge by W. Somerset Maugham and starring Bill Murray and Sophie MacDonal.

Booktalking with Iris: Wednesday, March 11, 12:00 pm.

Oldsmar Public Library

Oldsmar Book Club: Thursday, March 26, 12:00 pm. Rotary Literacy/Conference Room, Balzac and the Little Chinese Seamstress by Sijie, Dai.

Palm Harbor Public Library

PHil’s Book Club: Monday, March 9, 11:00 am or 7:00 pm. Join us as we discuss Orchid Thief by Susan Orlean, a fascinating, witty and bizarre true story of beauty and obsession in Florida that weaves a seductive tale of plant smugglers, swamp explorers and the strange effects orchids have on the eccentric collectors who must possess them.

Pinellas Park Public Library

Book Discussion: Thursday, March 19, 2:00 pm. Franklin and Winston by Jon Meacham.

St. Pete Beach Public Library

Book Discussion: Tuesday, March 10, 10:30 am. A Thousand Splendid Suns by Khaled Hosseini. Thirty years of tumultuous political changes in modern Afghanistan, as seen through the eyes of two very different women.

St. Petersburg Public Library System

Main Library

Sci-Fan Book Club: Tuesday, March 17, 6:30 pm. Shadowbridge by Gregory Frost.

Between Covers Book Club: Wednesday, February 18, 7:00 pm.

Bookers Club: Thursday, March 19, 11:00 am.

Mirror Lake Branch

Classic Up Close: Tuesday, March 24, 2:00 pm.

North Branch

Thursday Morning Group: Thursday, March 5, 11:00 am.

Carl G. Jung Society Reading Group: Saturday, March 14, 10:00 am.

West Community Library

Book Club: Saturday, March 28, 10:30 am. Into the Wild by Jon Krakauer.

See the book club blog at http://spbookclub.blogspot.com/

Seminole Community Library

Booktalkers: Wednesday, March 4, 2:00 pm. The Beekeeper’s Apprentice or Segregation of the Queen by Laurie King.


Tarpon Springs Public Library

Book Club for Adults Who Read Children’s Books: Wednesday, March 25, 2:00 pm. Call the Library for this month’s topic.

Book Discussion Group: Thursday, March 26, 12:00 pm.

Library closings for the month of March are as follows:

March 13
Seminole Community Library

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 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.

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Computer Classes

Clearwater Public Library System
Main Library

Internet Classes in Spanish for Adults: Wednesdays, March 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.

Introducing Windows: Tuesday, March 3, 11:00 am or Wednesday, March 4, 7:00 pm.

Getting Online: Thursday, March 5, 11:00 am.

Using Internet Explorer 6: Tuesday, March 10, 11:00 am or Wednesday, March 11, 7:00 pm.

Using Search Engines: Thursday, March 12, 11:00 am or Wednesday, March 11, 7:00 pm.

Specialty Search Engines: Tuesday, March 17, 11:00 am.

Ancestry - A Genealogy Database: Thursday, March 19, 11:00 am.

Online Photo Albums: Tuesday, March 24, 11:00 am.

Online Photo Albums: Wednesday, March 25, 7:00 pm.

Ask a Question: Thursday, March 26, 11:00 am.

East Lake Community Library

Registration required for all 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. For more information call the library or go to eastlakelibrary@hotmail.com.

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

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

Gulf Beaches Public Library

Ask a Computer Specialist: Wednesday, March 18, 12:00 pm. Tom Mitchell, computer expert.

Gulfport Public Library

One-on-One Computer Instruction: By appointment only--contact the Reference Desk or call 893-1073.

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

Largo Public Library

Microsoft Excel 1: Monday, March 16 & Wednesday, March 18, 5:30 pm. Sign up for this small business class at www.largopubliclibrary.org.

Microsoft Excel 2: Monday, March 23 & March 25, 5:30 pm. Sign up for this small business class at www.largopubliclibrary.org.

Microsoft Excel 3: Monday, March 30 & Wednesday, April 1, 5:30 pm. Sign up for this small business class at www.largopubliclibrary.org.

Photo Organization and Basic Image Enhancement: Wednesday, March 25, 10:00 am. Email Bbryan84@tampabay.rr.com or call to reserve your space.

Oldsmar Public Library

Library Catalog 101: Tuesday, March 17, 2:00 pm. A look into getting the most out of the New Polaris system, implemented at all of the libraries in Pinellas County. How to search, and hold books, plus much more will be discussed. 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, March 9, 11:00 am. Learn the basics of computer hardware, software, and mouse.

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

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

Surfing the Web – Internet I: Wednesday, March 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, March 11, 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.

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 provided by Reference Staff at the Main Library. 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.

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, sign-up required.

PAC Training: Friday, March 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. Seating is limited. Call to register.

West Community Library

Bare Basics Computer Class Series: Basic Internet Skills, Saturday, March 7, 10:30 am. Registration required.

Seminole Community Library

Welcome to E-mail & the Internet: Saturday, March 7, 1:00-5:00 pm. SPC registration required/$25.00 fee.

Tarpon Springs Public Library

Registration required for all computer classes.

Computer Basics: Thursday, March 12, 1:00 pm.

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

Introduction to Microsoft Word: Thursday, March 26, 1:00 pm.
Clearwater Public Library System

Main Library

Films on the Bluff: Tuesday, March 10, 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 Wii with your friends.

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

Films on the Beach: Monday, March 9, 10:00 am. Bring your friends to the Beach Library and Recreation Center for a film.

A Look Back at Some Interesting Books: Wednesday, March 11, 10:00 am. Lucky Man, the autobiography of actor Michael J. Fox.

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, March 5, 2:00 pm. Adults only please.

East Branch

AARP Tax Aide: Fridays, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. AARP volunteers will be available to assist elderly and low income adults fill out their IRS tax forms.

AARP Tax Aide: Wednesdays, 1:00 – 5:00 p.m. 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 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 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: Mondays, Wednesdays, & Thursdays. 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, 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. March 3: The Great Debaters; March 10: Freedom Writers; March 17: Prize Winner of Defiance, Ohio; March 24: Invincible; March 31: A League of Their Own.

Florida Then & Now with Bruce Hunt: Tuesday, March 10, 7:00 pm. Freelance writer, photographer and illustrator Bruce Hunt will present a narrative slide show based on his book Florida Then & Now, followed by a book-signing.

Have You Tried Sudoku Yet? Saturday, March 14, 11:00 am. If you’d like to learn to work Sudoku puzzles, or want to pick up some tips, join Millie Cesario who will teach you everything you want to know about Sudoku.

The Comedy Time Tunnel: Thursday, March 19, 2:00 pm. The comedy lecture/tour narrated by the National Comedy Museum Curator is a combination of lecture and visuals from the greatest names in comedy history.

Best-Selling Author, Tim Dorsey: Sunday, March 29, 1:00 pm. Tim Dorsey, author of several wacky Florida mysteries, will be here to discuss and sign his latest book, Nuclear Jellyfish.

Good Life Games Senior Smarts Competition: Friday, March 27, 10:00 am-1:00 pm. Be a contestant or an audience member (no sign-up is required for audience members). Part of the Good Life Games, our “Jeopardy” competition is divided into age groups. Registration is required for contestants. Call (727) 669-1361 x233 to register, or go to www.goodlifegames.org.

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, March 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, March 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 will sit quietly for an hour.

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

Writer’s Critique Group: Monday, March 9 & Monday, March 23, 6:30-7:45 pm. A workshop for writers of all levels. Read excerpts of your works in progress and receive helpful feedback.

Author’s Showcase: Tuesday, March 17, 6:30 pm. Award-winning author Kathy Carmichael will present a “Pitching Workshop” for those budding authors who would like to get their work in front of an agent or editor. Her mainstream fiction book, Hot Flash, is in stores now.

AM CAFÉ: 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.

Author Talk: Wednesday, March 25, 4:00 pm. Tampa Bay’s Beaches: Then & Now. Wayne Ayers discusses his latest book about historical Florida.

International Film Movement: Tuesday, March 3, 4:00 pm. The Pope’s Toilet. Anticipating the 1998 visit of the Pope to Brazil, the locals believe selling food and drink to the crowd will make them rich.

Travel Film: Wednesday, March 11, 2:00 pm. Ireland.

Hitchcock Film Series: Wednesday, March 18, 2:30 pm.

Let It Bead: Monday, March 16, 11:00 am. All wannabeaders are invited to a hands-on session conducted by Beader/Librarian Travis Sherman. Bring your materials and questions.

Embroidery Club: Saturday, March 21, 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-4:00 pm, through April 10. First-come, first-served. Bring all tax papers and a copy of last year’s return.

Socrates Cafe: Thursday, March 12, 10:00 am. These monthly discussion groups were inspired by the book The Six Questions of Socrates.

Bereavement Support Group: Tuesdays, March 17 & March 24, 10:00 am. For family or friends who have recently lost a loved one. Facilitated by The Hospice of the Florida Suncoast.
Adult Programs

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

Genealogy Discussion Group: Saturday, March 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

Ancestry.com: Monday, March 2, 10:00 am. Learn about this essential genealogical database. Email Bbryan84@tampabay.rr.com or call (727) 595-4521 to register.

Census Perspectives: Tuesday, March 3, 6:00 pm. This class focuses on questions asked in different censuses, instructions on enumerators, and things most lied about. Email Bbryan84@tampabay.rr.com or call (727) 595-4521 to register.

Swedish Genealogical Resources: Wednesday, March 4, 10:00 am. Learn about Genline Swedish Church Records archive, 1890 census, and EMIBAS immigrant data from Swedish Church Records. Email Bbryan84@tampabay.rr.com or call (727) 595-4521 to register.

Family Tree Maker User Group: Saturday, March 7, 10:00 am. An open forum about using Family Tree Maker software.

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

Web Marketing: Monday, March 9 & Wednesday, March 11, 5:30 pm. Register for this small business class at www.largopubliclibrary.org.

Planning for Your Business: Tuesday, March 10, 6:00 pm. Join S.C.O.R.E. (Service Corps of Retired Executives) as their instructor shares great tips, practical advice and valuable hints for building a better business. Call the Largo/Mid-Pinellas Chamber of Commerce at (727) 584-2321 to register.

DNA Testing in Genealogy: Tuesday, March 10, 6:00 pm. Discover what genealogical information you can learn from DNA. Email Bbryan84@tampabay.rr.com or call (727) 595-4521 to register.

Godfrey Library: Wednesday, March 11, 6:00 pm. Learn about what’s available from the Godfrey Library and how it can help you research your genealogy. Email Bbryan84@tampabay.rr.com or call (727) 595-4521 to register.

Publishing Your Family Tree on the Internet: Thursday, March 12, 1:00 pm. Learn how and why to publish your family tree. Email Bbryan84@tampabay.rr.com or call (727) 595-4521 to register.

Getting Started in Genealogy: Monday, March 16, 6:00 pm. Learn the basics on how to begin your family history research. Email Bbryan84@tampabay.rr.com or call (727) 595-4521 to register.

Google Your Family Tree: Wednesday, March 18, 10:00 am. How to use this popular and powerful search engine in your genealogy research. Email Bbryan84@tampabay.rr.com or call (727) 595-4521 to register.

Scanning/Optical Character Recognition (OCR) uses in Genealogy: Monday, March 23, 10:00 am. Email Bbryan84@tampabay.rr.com or call (727) 595-4521 to register.

Family History Writers Workshop: Tuesday, March 24, 6:00 pm. Learn hints, tips, and techniques for writing your family history. Email Bbryan84@tampabay.rr.com or call (727) 595-4521 to register.

Oldsmar Public Library

Free Tax Assistance: For filling out your 2008 Federal Income Tax return. Tuesdays, 3:00-7:00 pm & Wednesdays 9:00-1:00 pm. No tax service on Tuesday, March 10 due to the Municipal election. This service is provided by AARP on a first-come-first-served basis.

Friends of the Library: Thurs., March 6, 6:30-9:00 pm. “Evening with the Authors”.

SCORE One-on-One Business Counseling: Tuesday, March 3 & 17, 10:00 am-12:00 pm or 1:00-3:00 pm. Registration required.

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

Palm Harbor Public Library

Business Assistance Center: Tuesdays, March 3, 17, 24 & 31, 1:00-3:00 pm & Tuesday, March 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 Trevor Davis at (727) 784-4287 for further information.

Palm Harbor Writer’s Group: Tuesdays, March 3 & 17, 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.

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

Clam Bayou Jazz Band Concert: Sunday, March 8, 3:00 pm. The Clam Bayou Jazz Band, directed by Frank Greenstreet, will present “What It Means to Miss New Orleans”. 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 Gardener, Pruning Basics and Benefits Program: Wednesday, March 11, 2:00 or 6:30 pm. Learn how careful pruning is done to improve the health of your trees and plants. Please call the Pinellas County Extension at (727) 582-2673 to register.

Armchair Travelers Series—Norway: Thursday, March 12, 2:00 pm. Join experienced world travelers and travel agents as they share exotic locales and popular tourist destinations.

Snippin’ N’ Scrappin’: Tuesday, March 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.

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

Chick Flicks For Women’s History Month, Friday Flicks Movie Series: Fridays, 2:00 pm. March 6: Terms of Endearment; March 13: Fried Green Tomatoes; March 20: Working Girl; March 27: Erin Brockovich.

Safety Harbor Public Library

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


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

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 donations are accepted.

Small Business Counseling: Tuesday, March 10 & 24, 10:00 am-2:00 pm, by appointment. SCORE counselors will meet at the Safety Harbor Chamber of Commerce Conference Room (200 Main Street) through March 2009. SCORE “Counselors to America’s Small Business” provide confidential assistance for start-up and established business entrepreneurs.

St. Pete Beach Public Library

Meet Times Writer Jay Criddlen: Wednesday, March 11, 7:00 pm. The tbl* and the St. Petersburg Times, by the tbl*’s Feature Editor.

Basics of eBay Selling: Saturday, March 28, 9:00 am-4:00 pm. Learn how to turn your “stuff” into cash! Registration required at www.jimsanderson.net.

St. Petersburg Public Library System

North Branch

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

Game Time at the Library: Saturday, March 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, Free classes for knitting novices. Registration required.

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

West Community Library

Getting Started on Your Mystery Novel: Wednesday, March 4, 6:00-7:45 pm. This informal 2-hour workshop covers how to develop character and themes, make choices on setting and create suspense. Worksheets are included and the session allows for plenty of discussion and questions from participants. For writers of all levels.

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- 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.
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- Register for a card at any Cooperative member library.
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100 N. Osceola Avenue
Clearwater, FL 33755
Phone: 562-4970
http://www.plc.lib.fl.us
Mon - Fri: 9am - 4:30pm

Beach Branch
69 Bay Esplanade
Clearwater, FL 33767
Phone: 562-4970
http://www.plc.lib.fl.us
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

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://www.plc.lib.fl.us/DeafLiteracyCenter

Talking Book Library
1330 Cleveland Street
Clearwater, FL 33755-5103
Phone: (727) 441-9958
TDD: 813-749-1178
http://www.plc.lib.fl.us/tbl
Mon - Fri: 9am - 4pm

Clearwater System
Main Library & Offices
100 N. Osceola Avenue
Clearwater, FL 33755
Phone: 562-4970
http://www.plc.lib.fl.us/cpl
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Thurs: 9am-6pm
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South Branch
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Phone: 893-7244
Mon, Wed, Fri, Sat: 9am - 6pm
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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 33772-2800
Phone: 562-4970
http://www.spc.lib.fl.us/SCPL/
Special Events

March 4
Dunedin Public Library
Seuss on the Loose: (Ages 5 - 12) 6:30 pm. We’ll celebrate Dr. Seuss Day with crazy stories, games and crafts. You’ll go home with your own Seuss hat! Registration required.

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

March 7
Gulf Beaches Public Library
Food for Thought: 6:00pm. 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.

March 8
Seminole Community Library
Sunday Musical: 3:00 pm. “The Needless Hoarsemen” are known throughout the area for their outstanding musical shows. After the finale, you’ll leave with a smile on your face.

March 13
Dunedin Public Library
Special Storytime–Baseball Magic: (Ages 5 & under) 10:30 am. We’ll play some baseball, hear stories and sing songs. Registration required.

East Lake Community Library
Teen S’mores: (Ages 13-18) 6:30-8:30 pm. Gather round the fondue pot for s’mores and ghost stories galore!

March 14
East Lake Community Library
Snakes and Critters, OH MY! 10:30 am. Do you know what to do when you have been stung or bitten by “something”? Experts from the Florida Poison Control Center will be here for some “show and tell”. Back by popular demand!

March 15
Largo Public Library
Broadway Training Institute: 1:00 pm. The Broadway Institute is bringing their fractured fairy tales production to the Largo Public Library.

Pinellas Park Public Library
Sunday Spectacular-Lucky Leprechaun Fun: March 15, 2:00 pm. You are invited to join Ms. Krystal for book sharing, songs, games, crafts and snacks. Registration required and begins March 1.

March 16
Dunedin Public Library
Music with Christopher Morgan: (All Ages) 6:30 pm. Everyone is welcome to hear Christopher Morgan sing and play guitar.

March 18
Clearwater Public Library System
Teen Author Visit: 7:00 pm. Ellen Hopkins, author of “Crank, Burned, Impulse and Glass”.

East Lake Community Library
Movie Club: 6:30-7:45 pm. Our first meeting will critique Notes on a Scandal starring Dame Judi Dench and Cate Blanchett. You watch the movie at home and then join us for popcorn and a discussion.

Pinellas Park Public Library
Adventures in Art for Kids: (Grades 3-6) 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.

March 20
Pinellas Park Public Library
Game Night: (Grades 6-12) 7:00-10:00 pm. Join us for an evening of games and snacks with your friends. Registration required and begins March 6.

March 21
East Lake Community Library
Paint Your Own Picture Frame: 1:00 pm. Bring your creative talent and learn to paint spring flowers on a picture frame. You can do it! Registration required.

Adult Programs

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West Community Library
Genealogy and Family History Sessions: Saturday, March 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 college students and the community. For more information contact Rosalind Miller, 381-1030.

Seminole Community Library
Classic Movie Matinee: Fridays, 1:00 pm. Free popcorn & sodas. March 6: The Naughty Nineties; March 20: Big Jim McLain; March 27: Random Harvest.

Suncoast Fibromyalgia: Saturday, March 21, 10:30 am.

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

Toastmaster’s: Tuesdays, 6:15 pm.

Seminole Civic Club: Thursday, March 5, 6:30 pm.

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

H.E.A.L.: Friday, March 6, 1:00 pm.

Ikebana: Mondays, March 16 & 30, 9:00 am.

Digital Photography for Beginners: Fridays, March 20-April 24, 9:00 am-12:00 pm. SPC registration required/$85.00 fee.

Digital Photography II—Getting Creative: Thursdays, March 5-April 9, 6:00-9:00 pm. SPC registration required/$85.00 fee.

Children & Family Photography: Fridays, March 20-April 3, 1:00-5:00 pm. SPC registration required/$69.00 fee.

Seminole Civic Club: Thursday, March 5, 6:30 pm.

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.

Now Playing at Your Library: Tuesday, March 3, 2:30 pm. Celebrate Women’s History month with a free film showing of Becoming Jane.


Friends of the Library Book Sale: Friday, March 6 & Saturday, March 7, 10:00 am-6:00 pm.

From the Cook’s Shelf: Wednesday, March 18, 7:00 pm. Cookbook discussion group. Topic: Culinary World Tour: Greenland!

History Discussion Group: Wednesday, March 25, 1:30 pm. Topic: World War II: Principal Characters.

Bay Knit Wits: Wednesday, March 25, 6:30 pm. Knitting and crochet group.

Now Playing at Your Library: Tuesday, March 24, 2:30 pm. Celebrate Women’s History month with a free film showing of Elizabeth: The Golden Age.

Ten Steps to Starting a Small Business: Tuesday, March 17, 7:00 pm. Free seminar presented by the Pinellas County Chapter of SCORE. Registration required.
Teen Programs

Clearwater Public Library System
Main Library
Teen Author Visit: Wednesday, March 18, 7:00 pm. Ellen Hopkins, author of Crank, Burned, Impulse and Glass.

Dunedin Public Library
All teen programs require registration. Registration begins two weeks prior to the program.
Dunedin Youth Volunteers: Monday, March 2, 6:30 pm. Our teen volunteer group meets once a month to plan, assist and create programs for the youth of the community.

Teen Tech Week – Death Note Celebration: (Ages 12-18) Thursday, March 12, 6:00-7:30 pm. Join the task force with L and Light while we search for the real Kira. We’ll uncover the mystery by using the latest technology available. Don’t miss L’s sweet buffet! Registration required.

Extraterrestrial Day: (Ages 10-15) Thursday, March 19, 6:00-7:30 pm. Celebrate this stellar intergalactic holiday with us. Eat galactic food, play interstellar games and meet new “people”. 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 to 8:30 to play games, discuss books, see movies and enjoy new friendships.

Gulf Beaches Public Library
Twilight Party: Tuesday, March 10, 5:00-6:30 pm. Sparkle with fellow Bella & Edward fans at this craft and chat session. Pizza served.

Gulfport Public Library
Scrapbookers Club for Teens & Adults: Saturday, March 14, 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, March 4, 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 for discussion. This month is Specials.

Teen Tech Trivia: (Ages 13-18) Monday, March 9, 4:00 pm. Join us as we celebrate Teen Tech Week with Teen Tech Trivia. Identify screenshots of popular video games and social networking sites to win prizes.

Wii Weekend: (Ages 13-18) Saturday, March 14, 1:00 pm. Join us for Wii games.

Oldsmar Public Library
Oldsmar Teen Advisory Board: (Ages 12 & up) Tuesday, March 17, 6:30 pm. Rotary Literacy/Conference Room, Planning and discussing Summer Reading and other teen programs. Wear green!

Palm Harbor Public Library
Palm Harbor Library Youth Advisory Board: (Ages 13-18) Thursdays, 5:00 pm. The Youth Advisory Board 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 application. Attendance at weekly meetings and participation in various service activities and programs is expected.

ACT Practice Test: (Ages 13-18) Saturday, March 14, 12:30-4:30 pm. Attention students! Kaplan Education Center will be offering free ACT practice tests. Please pre-register at 1-800 – KAP – TEST and ALSO with the library’s online registration. Don’t forget your pencils and thinking caps. Relax, this is only practice!

Wii, We’re On Spring Break!: (Ages 13-18) Monday, March 30, 2:00-4:00 pm. Kick off Spring Break with the Wii Rock Band!

MOSI’s “Telescopes To Go!”: Tuesday, March 31, 8:00-9:30 pm. MOSI presents an outdoor astronomy program that surveys the night sky, using a high-powered telescope. This program is for students in grades 6-12. Online registration begins on Monday, March 2.

Pinellas Park Public Library
The Arts for Teens-Video Production: (Grades 6-10) Wednesday, March 4, 7:00 pm. Presented by artists from the Youth Arts Corps of Pinellas Park. Registration required.

Game Night: (Grades 6-12) Friday, March 20, 7:00 pm. Join us for an evening of games and snacks with your friends. Registration required and begins March 6.

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

Tweens Night Thing: Monday, March 2, 4:30 pm. Theater, games, books and crafts. See what fun is in store for you.

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

Teen Scene: (Ages 13-19) Tuesday, March 17, 6:30 pm.

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

Teen Library Council Meeting: Tuesday, Mary 17, 2:00 pm. Teens meet to discuss teen library programs and issues.

Tarpon Springs Public Library
Mardi Gras Party!: (Ages 10-18) Saturday, March 14, 2:00 pm. Laissez les bon temps rouler! Join us for food, games, crafts and fun! Registration required.

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

Teen Twilight Party: (Ages 10-18) Friday, March 27, 6:00-8:30 pm. Watch the movie Twilight (Pg-13) at the Library! Registration required and snacks will be provided.

http://pplc.lib.overdrive.com/NewMP3Additions.htm
Children’s Programs

Clearwater Public Library System

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

Broadway Institute Play: Sunday, March 29, 2:00 pm.

Countryside Branch
Family Story Time: Thursdays, 10:00 am.
Homework Help: Wednesdays, 3:00 pm. Teen volunteers provide homework help for elementary age students.

Great Alphabet Adventure: Tuesday, March 31, 10:00 am. Presented by Ruth Eckerd Hall.

North Greenwood Branch
Homework Help: Wednesday, March 18, 3:00 pm.

East Branch
Preschool Story Time: Thursdays, 10:00 am.
Toddler Story Time: Thursday, 11:00 am.

Youth Program: Fridays, 3:00 pm.

Deaf Literacy Center

Palm Harbor Public Library

Preschool Sign Language: (Ages 3-5) Tuesdays, February 24-March 21, 1:30 pm. 6-week class.

Children’s Sign Language: (Ages 6-12) Tuesdays, January 15-May 28, 4:30-5:30 pm. 18-week course. Registration required, call Palm Harbor Library.

Pinellas Park Public Library

Children’s Sign Language: (Ages 5-12) Thursdays, January 15-May 28, 3:00-4:00 pm. 18-week course.

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.

Dunedin Public Library

Baby & Me Story Time: (Infant-18 mos) Mondays, 10:00 am. We’re 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 ABCs, 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 Story Time Room door will close at ten minutes after the hour.

Preschool Story Time: (Ages 3-5) Thursdays, 10:30 am. 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: (All ages) Tuesdays, 3:00 pm. Join us every Tuesday to read with Cherry or Debbie, the therapy dogs.

Tiny Tales at the Community Center: (Ages 5 & under) Tuesday, March 3, 10:00 am. Join us for a special storytime at the Community Center. Theme this month is “Blooming Fun”.

World Book Day Read-a-thon: (All ages) Thursday, March 5, 3:00-6:00 pm. Stop in and read awhile. We’ll see how many kids can read how many minutes all over the world!

Family Saturday Stories: (All ages) Saturday, March 7, 2:00 pm. Too busy during the week? Then take a break with the family and join us for stories, songs and crafts! Theme: “Lucky Shamrocks”.

Sunday Fun Days: (All ages) Sunday, March 8, 1:00-4:30 pm. A special make & take craft. This month’s theme is: “Shamrock Surprise!”

Sign Language for Little Ones: (Ages 5 & under) Friday, March 27, 10:30 am. Learn basic everyday signs and necessary words to practice with your little one. Registration required.

Mad Science: (Ages 6-12) Saturday, March 28, 10:30 am. Join us for a science party with Mad Science. Registration required.

Baseball Craft: (All ages) Tuesday, March 31, 2:00 pm. We’ll make a fun craft about America’s favorite pastime.

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 finger-plays. 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.

Broadway Institute Presents: Saturday, March 7, 1:00. Fractured Fairy Tales.

Enjoy a play written and staged by Pinellas County theater students.

Gulfport Public Library

Craft Club for All Ages: Saturdays, March 7 & 21, 2:00 pm. Presented by Pat Brinkley.

Largo Public Library

Family Story Night: Monday, March 2, 16, 23, & 30, 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, March 9, 7:00 pm. Join us in this new adventure for stories and fun. For Spanish speakers and those who want to learn. Hasta la vista!

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

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

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


Oldsmar Public Library

Toddler Time: (18 mos-3 yrs) Tuesdays, 10:00 am. Short stories, songs, and activities to encourage early literacy.

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

Free Performance by the Broadway Training Institute (All ages) 2:00 pm.

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 bear (pajamas optional)!

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

Starbucks Story Time: Tuesday, March 3, 10:00 am. Stop by Starbucks on US 19N in Palm Harbor for some stories and hot cocoa for the kids.

First Steps Parent/Child Workshops, Spring Series: Parent & child (Ages 1-3) Fridays, March 27-April 17 (4 sessions). Choose either time: 9:30-10:30 am or 11:00 am-12:00 pm. 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. One child in family must be between the ages of 12 months & 3 years old; siblings to age 4 are welcome.
Children's Programs

Strawberry Festival: (Ages 3 & up) Wednesday, March 4, 3:00-5:00 pm. Palm Harbor Library’s own version of the Strawberry Festival. Enjoy treats, crafts, activities, and stories.

Seussical Celebration: (Ages 3 & up) Saturday, March 7, 2:00 pm. Oodles of fun with zany stories, games, crafts, and activities to celebrate Dr. Seuss’ birthday.

Honeymoon Island Family Storycraft: Families with children (Ages 3 & up) Saturday, March 14, 1:30 pm. Location: Rotary Centennial Nature Center at Honeymoon Island State Park. A special nature-oriented storytime and craft. (Park admission is $5.00 per car).

Ella’s Enchantment-Knights and Dragons: (Ages 4-8, children only) Saturday, March 21, 2:00 pm. Stories, crafts, and games focusing on brave knights and fire-breathing dragons! Online registration begins February 19.

Sam’s Fantastical Series Fun-City of Ember series: (Ages 9-12) Saturday, March 28, 3:00-4:30 pm. Explore this series with games, trivia, crafts, and a book discussion. Participants must complete at least one book in the series prior to the program. Online registration begins February 26.

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. Stories, rhymes, finger plays and crafts.

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

Evening Mother Goose: (Younger children) Thursdays, 7:00-7:30 pm. Short stories, songs, creative movement, and a simple craft. The last Thursday of the month is our Pajama Party.

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

Mother Goose Time: (Infant-3 yrs) Tuesday, March 3, 17, 24 & 31, 10:30 or 11:30 am. Stories, coloring, toy time, socializing practice and sharing.

Mock “Battle of the Books”: (Grades 3-5) Monday, March 9, 5:00 pm. Practice for the annual Pinellas County Schools competition.

Sunshine State Young Reader’s Award Book Club: (Grades 6-8) Monday, March 16, 7:00 pm. Red Kayak by Priscilla Cummings.


Celebrate Spring with Kites: (All ages) Monday, March 30, 7:00 pm. Kite-related activities and stories.

St. Petersburg Public Library System

Main Library

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

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

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

Family Story Time & Craft: (All ages) Thursdays, 6:30 pm.

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

Kids Craft Corner: (All ages) Saturday, March 7, 2:00 pm. Make-and-take craft projects.

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

Super Saturday Puppet Show: (All ages) Saturday, March 21, 2:00 pm.

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

Childs 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: Fridays, March 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) Wednesdays, 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: (Infant-3 yrs) Tuesdays & Wednesdays, 11:00 am.

Seminole Community Library

Twilight Tales: (Family story time) Tuesdays, 6:30 pm. 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. Call for titles and information.

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) Tuesdays, 11:00 am. 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.

Tarpon Springs Public Library

Preschool Story Time: (Ages 3-5) Thursdays, 10:15 am. 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, March 20, 4:30-5:30 pm. Registration required.

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

Family Movie: (All ages) Monday, March 30, 2:00 pm. Enjoy Spring break at the Library with a free movie.

Broadway Training Institute: (Ages 4 & up) Tuesday, March 31, 2:00 pm. Children’s theater.
It’s All @ Your Library!

Celebrate Teen Tech Week:
Press Play @ your library

March 8 - 14
2009

The third annual Teen Tech Week celebration, an initiative of the Young Adult Library Services Association, will be March 8-14, 2009. The American Library Association describes Teen Tech Week as “connecting teens with different technologies, especially those available through the library.” The Pinellas Public Library Cooperative and its member libraries, will be hosting special programming to celebrate this national effort.

Dunedin Public Library
Death Note Celebration (Ages 12-18)
Thursday, March 12, 6:00 – 7:30 pm
Register by calling (727) 298-3080

Gulf Beaches Public Library
Twilight Party
Tuesday, March 10, 5:00 – 6:30 pm
Register by calling (727) 391-2828

Largo Public Library
Wii Weekend (Ages 13-18)
Saturday, March 14, 1:00 pm
For more info (727) 587-6715

Tarpon Springs Library
Mardi Gras Party! (Ages 10-18)
Saturday, March 14, 2:00 pm
Register by calling (727) 943-4922

Check your local library for more programming opportunities.