Celebration of Reading Highlights

Rosa Rodriguez, Pinellas Public Library Cooperative Deaf Literacy Center and Jennifer Jones, Alliance for Families with Deaf Children attended the 2009 Celebration of Reading, held in Bonita Springs Florida. The event was a great success once again this year. More than 500 supporters enjoyed the 9th annual Celebration of Reading event. The celebrity event was hosted once again by our most loyal supporters including former Governor and Mrs. Jeb Bush and former President George H.W. Bush who helped launch the Celebration event in Florida nine years ago. Each year, Celebration of Reading raises funds to help people read and build better futures for their families. The program is managed by Volunteer USA foundation, which provides funds for the Deaf Florida Family Literacy Academy.

Florida’s Celebration of Reading is a special day that brings together best-selling authors, business partners, literacy volunteers and friends to support the Florida Family Literacy Initiative and to celebrate the profound impact that its literacy programs have on Florida’s families.

Betcinda Kettells Awarded Library Scholarship

Palm Harbor Library is proud to announce that Betcinda Kettells, Library Assistant IV, has been named the recipient of a $1,000 scholarship from the Florida Library Association (FLA). Kettells has been working at the library since 2002, first in Technical Services and now at the Adult Reference Desk. She teaches computer classes, hosts the library’s twice-monthly ‘Socrates Café’ (a popular discussion forum for adults), and is well versed in desktop publishing software, producing most of the library’s marketing materials, brochures and flyers. Prior to moving to Florida, Kettells worked at Bangor Public Library in Maine. She and her husband Steve reside in Clearwater.

Enrolled in the Program for Experienced Learners at Eckerd College, Kettells attends night and weekend classes pursuing her Bachelors Degree in Organizational Studies, with an emphasis on non-profit organizations. While she admits “I don’t have much time to enjoy Florida’s beaches (one of my favorite pastimes), I love learning and the discipline it requires to balance school and a career. My ultimate goal is to pursue a Masters in Library Science Degree after I complete my undergraduate studies.”

The scholarship, the first ever offered to an undergraduate, was developed for Florida residents in good standing with FLA who have experience working in a Florida library, are currently enrolled in an accredited bachelors degree program at a Florida college or university, and who commit to work in a Florida library for a minimum of one year after graduation.

The 4-1-1 on College and Careers @ 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 and a half hour long sessions. Come and join us as we launch our new year of valuable financial literacy programming for youth in Pinellas County.

Please call to register, spaces are limited. Program dates are:

May 2009

May 11, 5:30 – 8:00 pm  Seminole Community Library
(394-6905)

May 16, 11:00 am – 1:30 pm  Pinellas Park Public Library
(541-0718)

May 21, 5:30 – 8:00 pm  St. Petersburg Childs Park Branch
(893-7714)

May 28, 5:30 – 8:00 pm  St. Petersburg West Community Library
(341-7199)

May 30, 12:00 – 2:30 pm  Palm Harbor Public Library
(784-3332)

June 2009

June 8, 5:30 – 8:00 pm  Dunedin Public Library
(298-3080)

June 13, 11:00 am – 1:30 pm  Oldsmar Public Library
(813-749-1178)

June 19, 1:00 – 3:30 pm  Clearwater East Branch
(562-4970)

June 27, 12:00 – 2:30 pm  Tarpon Springs Public Library
(943-4922)

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

Clearwater Public Library System
Main Library

Book Lovers Bistro: Tuesday, May 5, 12:00 pm. Book discussion series.


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

East Branch
Mystery Readers Club: Tues., May 19, 12:00 pm. Book discussion group.

Dunedin Public Library

Great Decisions Discussion Group: Tuesday, May 12, 7:30 pm. Topic: “Afghanistan and Pakistan”.

Contemporary Books Discussion Group: Tuesday, May 26, 7:00 pm. The Bad Girl by Mario Vargas Llosa.

Gulf Beaches Public Library

Great Books: Sat., May 9, 12:15-2:30 pm. The Open Boat by Stephen Crane.

Book Discussion: Tuesday, May 19, 10:30 am. Three Cups of Tea by Greg Mortenson.

Gulfport Public Library

Coffee/Talk: Thursday, May 21, 10:00 am. Our 14th annual series of monthly book discussions continues with Toni Morrison’s Love. Join us for coffee, light refreshments, and lively conversation. Pick up a discussion guide and reserve a copy of the book at the Reference Desk.

Largo Public Library

The Last Word Book Club: Wednesday, May 6, 6:00 pm. The Thirteenth Tale by Diane Setterfield.

Books-to-Film Cinema Series: Sunday, May 10, 1:30 pm. Read the book, then see the film and discuss which was your favorite. The Kite Runner by Khaled Hosseini and starring Khalid Abdalla and Atossa Leoni.

Booktalking with Iris: Wednesday, May 13, 12:00 pm.

Oldsmar Public Library

Oldsmar Book Club: Thursday, May 28, 12:00 pm. The Red Tent by Anita Diamant.

Palm Harbor Public Library

PHiL’s Book Club: Monday, May 11, 11:00 am or 7:00 pm. Join us as we discuss The Reader by Bernard Schlink, a provocative story of a young boy’s erotic awakening in a passionate, clandestine love affair with an older woman. Read what happens to them both when the secrets in her past are revealed.

Pinellas Park Public Library

Book Discussion: Thursday, May 21, 2:00 pm. Join the group for an interesting discussion of Sand in My Bra & Other Misadventures: Funny Women Write from the Road.

St. Pete Beach Public Library

Book Discussion: Tuesday, May 12, 10:30 am. Bridge of Sighs by Richard Russo. Two childhood friends from upstate New York meet 50 years later in Venice, Italy.

St. Petersburg Public Library System

Call or check online for latest titles.

Mirror Lake Branch

Classic Up Close: Tuesday, May 26, 2:00 pm.

North Branch

Thursday Morning Group: Thursday, May 7, 11:00 am.

Carl G. Jung Society Reading Group: Saturday, May 9, 10:00 am.

South Branch

Book Club: Thursday, May 14, 4:00 pm.

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

West Community Library

Book Club: Saturday, May 23, 10:30 am. The Giver by Lois Lowry. See the book club blog at http://spbookclub.blogspot.com/

Seminole Community Library

Booktalkers: Wednesday, May 6, 2:00 pm. Reconciliation: Islam, Democracy, and the West by Benazir Bhutto.

Great Books Discussion Group: Wednesday, May 20, 2:00 pm. Wealth of Nations by Smith.

Backwards Travelers Historical Fiction Club: Tuesday, May 19, 2:00 pm. Call Carla Kerns at 394-6918 for this month’s book selection.

Tarpon Springs Public Library

Book Discussion Group: Thursday, May 28, 12:00 pm. Call for this month’s selection.

Adult Programs

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Seminole Community Library

Classic Movie Matinee: Fridays, 1:00 pm. Free popcorn & sodas provided by The Friends of the Library. May 1: Double Indemnity; May 8: Rose of Washington Square; May 15: Lust for Gold; May 22: Easy Living; May 29: Ace in the Hole.

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

Toastmasters: Tuesdays, 6:00 pm.

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

Seminole Civic Club: Thursday, May 7, 6:30 pm.

Hidden Stitches: Monday, May 4, 6:00 pm.

Suncoast Fibromyalgia Support Group: Saturday, May 9, 11:00 am.

Seminole Computer Club: Saturday, May 9, 2:00 pm.

Ikebana: Mondays, May 4 & 11 and Wednesdays, May 6 & 27, 9:00 am.

People to People Student Ambassadors: Saturday, May 23, 10:00 am.

Gods and Empires Movie Festival: Tuesday, May 5, 10:00 am.

Chambers & Associates: Thursday, May 14, 1:00 pm.

Tarpon Springs Public Library

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

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

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

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

Movies at Your Library: Friday, May 8, 2:00 pm. Doubt (PG-13, 2008), starring Meryl Streep and Philip Seymour Hoffman.

Hurricane 101: Saturday, May 9, 2:00 pm. Presented by Tom Iovino, Pinellas County Communications Specialist. Get answers to basic questions regarding hurricanes and how to prepare your family and home.

From the Cook’s Shelf: Wednesday, May 13, 7:00 pm. Cookbook discussion group. Topic: Culinary World Tour.

Bay Knit Wits: Wednesday, May 27, 6:30 pm. Knitting and crochet group.

Movies at Your Library-Doubling Feature!: Saturday, May 30, 12:00 pm & 2:00 pm. The Day the Earth Stood Still (G, 1951) starring Michael Rennie and Patricia Neal, starts at 12:00 pm. The Day the Earth Stood Still (PG-13, 2008) starring Keanu Reeves and Jennifer Connelly, starts at 2:00 pm.
Clearwater Public Library System

Main Library

Internet Classes in Spanish for Adults: Wednesdays, May 6 & 13, 6:30 pm. Two-class sessions. Introduction to Windows, first Wednesday and Internet, second Wednesday. Call 771-2109 to register.

Deaf Literacy Center

Safety Harbor Public Library

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

Dunedin Public Library

Computer classes are in lecture form with demonstrations. No classes are scheduled for May 26, 27 and 28.

Beyond Word Basics, Part 1: Tuesday, May 5, 11:00 am or Wednesday, May 6, 7:00 pm.

Beyond Word Basics, Part 2: Thursday, May 7, 11:00 am or Wednesday, May 13, 7:00 pm.

Digital Photography and Editing Class with Bill Smith: Saturday, May 9, 10:00 am.

Excel Basics, Part 1: Tuesday, May 12, 11:00 am.

Excel Basics, Part 2: Thursday, May 14, 11:00 am.

Beyond Excel Basics, Part 1: Tuesday, May 19, 11:00 am or Wednesday, May 20, 7:00 pm.

Beyond Excel Basics, Part 2: Thursday, May 21, 11:00 am.

East Lake Community Library

Call the library to register for all classes. Registration 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. For more information contact the library or eastlakelibrary@hotmail.com. Registration required.

Microsoft Word: Saturday, May 23, 11:00-12:30 am. Learn the ins and outs of this powerful word processing tool. Registration required.

Gulf Beaches Public Library

Ask a Computer Specialist: Wednesday, May 20, 12:00 pm. Tom Mitchell, computer expert. Topic to be announced.

Digital Camera: Wednesday, May 27, 2:00 pm. Stan teaches us to “Keep It Simple, Still.”

Gulfport Public Library

One-on-One Computer Instruction: By appointment only.

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

Oldsmar Public Library

Email Basics: Tuesday, May 12, 2:00 pm. (Part 2) “Message Management”. How to manage your email, keep it organized, and block spam.

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.

Buy & Sell on Ebay: Friday, May 8, 2:00 pm. Learn the basics of using Ebay to buy and sell items. Registration for this class begins at 12:00 pm.

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

Introduction to Email: Wednesday, May 13, 10:00 am & April 15, 1:00 pm. Learn the basics of using email with Yahoo.

Surfing the Web – Internet I: Wednesday, May 20, 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, May 13, 7:00 pm.

St. Pete Beach Public Library

Learning Express Library: Thursdays, 2:00 pm. Demonstration of the online resume and job test tool.

St. Petersburg Public Library System

Main Library

How Do I? Your Internet and E-mail Questions Answered: Wednesdays, 9:00 am-12:00 pm. Internet and e-mail assistance provided by Reference Staff at the Main Library. Find out how to create an e-mail 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, and Thursdays, 3:00 pm. Sessions are one hour long, registration required.

PAC Training: Friday, May 15, 3:00 pm. Registration required.

South Branch

How Do I? Your Internet and E-mail Questions Answered: Fridays, May 15 & 29, 10:00 am-11:30 am. Library staff will be available to answer your internet, e-mail and basic computer questions. Call to register.

West Community Library

Bare Basics Computer Class Series: Saturday, May 9, 10:30 am. “Microsoft Word”. Registration is required.

Seminole Community Library

Welcome to E-mail & the Internet: Saturday, May 2, 1:00-5:00 pm. SPC registration required/$25.00 fee.

Digital Cameras & Your Computer: Fridays, May 1 & 8, 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, May 14, 1:00 pm.

Internet Basics: Wednesday, May 20, 3:00 pm.

Introduction to Microsoft Word: Thursday, May 28, 1:00 pm.

Memorial Day
Clearwater Public Library System

Main Library
Films on the Bluff: Tuesday, May 12, 2:00 pm. Join us for an art house or foreign film monthly.
Beach Branch
Video Gaming @Your Library for Adults: Wednesdays, 11:00 am. Play the library Wii with your friends.
Films on the Beach: Monday, May 11, 10:00 am. Join us, and bring your friends to the Beach Library and Recreation Center for a film.
Countryside Branch
Hurricane Awareness Workshop-Preparing Your Pets: Tuesday, May 19, 2:00 pm. A hurricane awareness workshop presented by Pinellas County.
Real Lives Film Series: Wednesdays, 2:00 pm. Film series consisting of biographical videos about famous people.
North Greenwood Branch
Thursday Afternoon @ the Movies: Thurs., May 7, 2:00 pm. Adults only please.

Deaf Literacy Center

Palm Harbor Library
Individual Tutoring for the Deaf: Tuesdays, 2:00-4:00 pm. Call for appointment.
Adult Beginners Sign Language: Tues., Jan.13-May 26, 6:00 pm. 18-week course.
Adult Intermediate Sign Language: Tues., Jan. 13-May 26, 7:00 pm. 18-week course.

Pinellas Park Public Library
Individual Tutoring for the Deaf: Thurs., 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.

Safety Harbor Library

Basic Deaf Literacy: Includes reading, writing and computer skills. Call for appointment.
Adult Beginners Sign Language: Mon., Jan. 12-May 25, 6:00 pm. 18-week course.
Adult Intermediate Sign Language: Mon., Jan. 12-May 25, 7:00 pm. 18-week course.

St. Petersburg Library South Branch
Individual Tutoring for the Deaf: Tues., 4:00-5:00 pm. Call for appointment.
Adult Intermediate Sign Language: Tues., 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. May 5: The Secret Life of Bees; May 12: Nights in Rodanthe; May 19: Flash of Genius; May 26: Get Smart.
Hurricane 101: Tuesday, May 5, 7:00 pm. Tom Iovino, from Pinellas County Emergency Management, will discuss what you need to know to prepare for hurricane season.
Digital Photography and Editing: Saturday, May 9, 10:00-11:30 am. Learn the differences between digital cameras, about their controls, how to take the best picture, and how to download and edit your pictures using Picasa. Bill Smith will be the presenter.
Golden Moments in Musical Theatre: Wednesday, May 13, 2:00 pm. Join soprano Ellena Lynn Lieberman for an afternoon of music.
Bicycle Maintenance Workshop: Saturday, May 30, 10:00 am-12:00 pm. Learn how to repair your bicycle with Chip Haynes, author of The Practical Cyclist. Bicycles are welcome too!

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, this group focuses on novels, short stories, children’s books, synopsis for agents, presentation letters and more. For more information call Mary at 734-3621.
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, May 13, 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, May 5, 6:30 pm. New members are always welcome.
Sign Language Beginners Class: Wed., 4:30-5:30 pm. (adults) Free, non – credit class in sign language basics. Children may attend if they will sit quietly for an hour.
Book Club: Wednesday, May 6, 6:30-7:45 pm. This month’s selection will be Beautiful Lies by Lisa Unger.
Lunch Bunch Book Club: Wednesday, May 6, 12:30-2:00 pm. A new addition, this is the daytime version of our book club for those who cannot attend the evening session. This month’s selection will be Beautiful Lies by Lisa Unger.
Advisory Board Meeting: Tuesday, May 12, 6:00 pm. Open to the public.
Writer’s Critique Group: Mon. May 11, 6:30-7:45 pm. This is a workshop for writers of all levels. Read excerpts of your works in progress & receive helpful feedback.
Author’s Showcase: Tuesday, May 19, 6:30 pm. Debbie Maroney used her personal experience to put together a workbook on legacy planning. She will discuss how you can make it easy for the executor of an estate to perform his or her duties.
ESOL Class: Volunteer tutors teach speakers of other languages to speak English. Call for information.
Movie Club: Wednesday, May 20, 6:30-7:45 pm. A new addition to the library, this group discusses a movie that is viewed at home. This month’s selection will be Everything is Illuminated.
Book to Movie Club: Wednesday, May 27, 6:30-7:45 pm. Another new addition to the library, this group will compare, contrast, and discuss popular books and the movies they have spawned.
Teen Night: The 4th Thursday of each month 6:30 to 8:30 pm. Teens meet to share ideas, play games, listen to music, and make new friends.

Gulf Beaches Public Library
AM Book Chat: Monday, May 4, 10:30 am. Enjoy coffee and danish and hear about the latest titles while sharing your latest literary finds with other readers.
Beading Club: Monday, May 11, 11:00 am.
Bridge Club: Mondays, 2:00 pm.
International Film Movement: Tuesday, May 5, 4:00 pm. In Love We Trust. A couple must save their sick child’s life by having another child. But the couple has divorced and both are remarried.
Travel Film: Wednesday, May 13, 2:00 pm. New Zealand.
Embroidery Club: Saturday, May 16, 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
Socrates Café: Thursday, May 14, 10:00 am. These monthly discussion groups were inspired by the book The Six Questions of Socrates.
Genealogy Discussion Group: Saturday, May 23, 1:00 pm. This is not a formal class, just an opportunity to meet and share experiences and information with others interested in delving into their family history.
Gulfport Creative Short Story Writers: Wednesdays, 10:00 am.

Largo Public Library
Family Tree Maker User Group: Saturday, May 2, 10:00 am. An open forum about using Family Tree Maker software. Presented by the Pinellas Genealogy Society.
Call 727-4521 or email Bbryan84@tampabay.rr.com to reserve your space.
Census Perspectives: Monday, May 4, 6:00 pm. This class focuses on questions asked in different censuses, instructions on enumerators, and things most lied about.
Genealogy Discussion Group: Saturday, May 23, 1:00 pm. This is not a formal class, just an opportunity to meet and share experiences and information with others interested in delving into their family history.
Gulfport Creative Short Story Writers: Wednesdays, 10:00 am.
Adult Programs

Ancestry.com: Tuesday, May 12, 10:00 am. Learn about this essential genealogical database. Presented by the Pinellas Genealogy Society. Call 727-542-6631 or email DTrieste@tampabay.rr.com to reserve your space.

10 Steps to Start a Successful Small Business: Tuesday, May 19, 5:30 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 sign up.

RootsMagic User Group: Saturday, May 25, 10:00 am. An open forum about using the RootsMagic genealogy software. Presented by the Pinellas Genealogy Society. Call 727-4521 or email DTrieste@tampabay.rr.com to reserve your space.

Oldsmar Public Library
SCORE One on One Business Counseling: Tues., May 5 & 19, 10:00 am-12:00 pm or 1:00 pm-3:00 pm. Counseling sessions are 1 hour long. Registration required.

Free Hurricane Workshops: Provided by the Pinellas County Communications Department and the Pinellas Public Library Cooperative. All programs at 11:00 am. Call for more information. Saturday, May 9: Becoming Storm Savvy, Saturday, May 16: Busting Hurricane Myths, Saturday, May 23: Does it take a Category 5?, Saturday, May 30, Preparing your Pets

Electronics Helpdesk: Thursday, May 7, 6:30-8:00 pm. Call for more information. Contact Business Assistance Specialist via phone at (727) 542-6631.

Palm Harbor Public Library
Literacy–New Tutor Training: Sat., May 2, 9:00 am–4:00 pm. All-day training session for new adult literacy tutors conducted by the Palm Harbor Library Literacy Council.

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

Palm Harbor Writers’ Group: Tuesdays, May 5 & 19, 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.

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

Socrates Café: Wednesday, May 6, 6:00-7:45 pm & Thursday, May 21, 1:00-2:45 pm. You don’t need to know philosophy to join this discussion group. If you want to share your opinions and listen to the opinions of others in a respectful, friendly setting, than you will enjoy this group.

Job Seeker Series–Completing Online Job Applications: Wednesday, May 6, 3:00 pm. A workshop designed to help you complete online job applications. Participants should bring their resumes to the class for assistance.

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

Old Florida Stories—Back Roads With Candace Booth: Sat., May 9, 1:00 pm. Candace Booth, Dessie Prescott’s caregiver and friend for over eighteen years, has lots of marvelous stories to tell about her life on the Withlacoochee River. Dessie Prescott, the close friend and teacher of Marjorie Rawlings, was a true pioneer woman whose homestead is in danger of being lost forever. Betty Berger’s book, Back Roads, which chronicles their relationship, will be available for sale.

Master Gardeners—Palms: Wednesday, May 13, 2:00 or 6:30 pm. An informative program for Florida gardeners. This month learn how careful pruning is done to improve the health of your trees and plants. Admission is free but space is limited. Please call the Pinellas County Extension at (727) 582-2673 to reserve a seat.

Armchair Travelers Series—Australia and New Zealand: Thursday, May 14, 2:00 pm. Join experienced world travelers and travel agents as they share exotic locales and popular tourist destinations.

Literacy–Tutor Tune Up: Saturday, May 16, 10:00 am-12:00 pm. A refresher workshop for adult literacy tutors.

Snippin’ N’ Scrappin’: Tuesday, May 19, 10:00 am-12:00 pm. Bring your scrapbook supplies and projects to share, exchange ideas, learn new techniques and make new friends. Light refreshments will be provided.

A Word to the Wise—Health and Wellness Issues: Tuesday, May 26, 6:00 pm & Wednesday, May 27, 2:00 pm. A monthly health program presented by Dr. Amar Patel, a specialist in chiropractic medicine. Topics will include fibromyalgia, stress management, arthritis, and other pertinent health issues.

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

Friday Flicks Movie Series: 2:00 pm. “Hollywood Hunks”. May 1: The Naked Jungle; May 8: From Here To Eternity; May 15: The Captain From Castille; May 22: Mogambo; May 29: Cat On A Hot Tin Roof.

Safety Harbor Public Library
Players of Safety Harbor Adult Library Theatre Troupe: May 8, 9, 15, 16, 7:00 pm & matinees Sunday May 10 & 17, 2:00 pm. Agatha Christie’s Witness for the Prosecution. Performances at The Compass Center, 401 2nd St. N. Safety Harbor. Call for ticket and additional information.

Small Business Counseling: Tuesday, May 12 & 26, 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 for an appointment.

Business Workshop: Thursday, May 14, 6:00-8:00 pm. “How to Make Your Business Thrive, Not Just Survive” presented by SCORE. A detailed presentation of essential business disciplines of money, marketing and management needed for small business success. Workshop contains great tips, practical advice, and unique, valuable hints for building a better business.

Library Advisory Committee: Tuesday, May 12, 6:30 pm.


Friends of the Library Book Sale: Saturday, May 9, 9:30 am-5:00 pm at the library. Contact Darlene Trieste at (727) 542-6631 for information.

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

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

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

St. Pete Beach Public Library
Meet Times Writer Lorrie Lykins: Wednesday, May 13, 7:00 pm. “Dr. Delay” covers traffic and road issues in south Pinellas County for the Neighborhood Times.

St. Petersburg Public Library System
Main Library
Genealogy.com Research Sessions: The Reference Lab will be reserved every Tuesday, 2:00-5:00 pm for Ancestry.com Research sessions. These sessions will be self-guided, but a librarian will be available to answer questions and offer basic research assistance. Registration required. Each person can register for two sessions.

Children’s Library
Health Fair: Saturday, May 2, 11:00 am-1:00 pm. Public Health Agencies, vendors, screenings, activities for children and health materials to check out. Call 893-7213 for more information.

North Branch
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, May 23, 3:30-5:00 pm. Board games and puzzles for all ages. Light refreshments will be served. Bring in your favorite game to share with others.

South Branch
Knitting 101: Thursdays, 11:00 am. For knitting novices, registration required.

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

West Community Library
Genealogy and Family History Sessions: Saturday, May 9, 10:00 am. Members of the Pinellas Genealogy Society will be helping with the program. Call 343-2776 for information.

Writing Workshop: Saturdays, 1:00-2:30 pm. An informal writing workshop for 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

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 five years.
- Cards issued to non-residents are valid for one year.
- Register for a card at any Cooperative member library.
Cooperative Libraries

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

Born to Read
365 73rd Street
Clearwater, FL 33767
Phone: 391-2828
TDD: 391-2822
www.talklib.org
Mon - Wed 10am - 9pm
Thurs, Fri 10am - 6pm
Sat 10am - 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://dealliteracycenter.org

Talking Book Library
1330 Cleveland Street
Clearwater, FL 33755-5103
Phone: (727) 441-9958
TDD: (727) 441-3168
www.pplc.us/tbl
Mon - Fri 9am - 5pm

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: 562-4970
Mon - Fri 9am - 1pm

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

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

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

Dunedin Library
223 Douglas Avenue
Dunedin, FL 34698
Phone: 298-3080
http://www.duningov.com
Mon - Wed 9:30am - 8pm
Thurs - Fri 9:30am - 6pm
Saturday 9:30am - 5pm
Sunday 1pm - 5pm

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

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

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

Gulfport Library
5501 28th Avenue S.
Gulfport, FL 33707
Phone: 893-1074
http://tblc.org/gpl/
Mon - Fri 10am - 7pm
Saturday 10am - 4pm

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

Oldsmar Library
223 Douglas Avenue
Oldsmar, FL 34677
Phone: 749-1178
http://www.tblc.org/opl/
Mon - Thurs 9am - 5pm
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://pppl.tblc.org/
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/ssp/
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 - Thurs 10am - 9pm
Fri, Thu 10am - 6pm
Saturday 10am - 5pm

St. Petersburg System
Main Library
3745 Ninth Avenue North
St. Petersburg, FL 33713
Phone: 893-7724
Reference: 893-7928
http://www.splibraries.org
Mon - Thurs 7:30am - 9pm
Friday 7:30am - 4pm
Saturday 10am - 5pm

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

West Community Library
@ SPC Gibbs Campus
750 66th St. North
St. Petersburg, FL 33710
Phone: 341-7199
TDD: 341-7198
Reference: 341-7199
Mon - Thurs 7:30am - 9pm
Friday 7:30am - 4pm
Saturday 10am - 5pm

Old Circle Community Library
@ St. Petersburg College
9200 113th Street North
Seminole, FL 33772-2800
Phone: 394-6905
Reference: 394-6905
http://www.spc.org/ scl
Mon - Thurs 7:30am - 9pm
Fri 7:30am - 6pm
Sat 10am - 5pm
Sun 1pm - 5pm
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Childs Park Branch
6914 43rd Street South
St. Petersburg, FL 33711
(727) 833-7104,
Mon-Fri 1:30-5:30 pm
Sat 10-2

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

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

North Branch
861 70th Avenue North
St. Petersburg, FL 33702
Phone: 893-7214
Mon, Wed, Fri, Sat 9am - 6pm
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
@ St. Petersburg College
9200 113th Street North
Seminole, FL 33772-2800
Phone: 394-6905
Reference: 394-6905
http://www.spc.org/scl
Mon - Thurs 7:30am - 9pm
Fri 7:30am - 6pm
Sat 10am - 5pm
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Special Events

May 1
Pinellas Park Public Library
American Girl Program: (Ages 6 & up) 7:00 pm. Meet this historical American Girl. Registration required and begins April 17.

May 2
East Lake Community Library
The Truth About Reverse Mortgages: 1:00 pm. Learn the difference between government-sponsored FHA insured and non-government reverse mortgages. Don’t make a costly mistake! Registration required.

May 5
Pinellas Park Public Library
Munchies with Mom: (Grades 3-5) 6:00-7:30 pm. Join us for a special evening celebrating Moms. Refreshments and light snacks will be provided. Registration required and begins April 21.

May 8
Largo Public Library
Night at the Museum in Your Library: 4:30 pm. Visit natural history exhibits in your own library. Watch as the magic of the book and movies come to life with activities, crafts, and entertainment. Registration required.

May 9
East Lake Community Library
The Truth About Reverse Mortgages: 1:00 pm. Learn the difference between government-sponsored FHA insured and non-government reverse mortgages. Don’t make a costly mistake! Registration required.

May 11
St. Pete Beach Public Library
Prepare Your Pets for Hurricanes: 7:00 pm. Presented by Pinellas County Communications Specialist Tom Iovino.

St. Petersburg Public Library System
Johnson Branch
Annual Spaghetti Dinner: 6:00-8:00 pm. Special story read by Mayor Rick Baker. Registration required; please call Johnson Branch to register.

Seminole Community Library
4-1-1 on College and Careers: (Ages 13-19) 5:30-8:00 pm. Teen participants will learn valuable information as they prepare for college and/or trade school. Topics will include jobs vs. careers; credit/credit purchasing; consumer loans, and budgeting. Each program will include a FREE meal and great incentives and prizes. Program funded by Bank of America and co-sponsored by Junior Achievement and PPLC. Registration required, call (727) 394-6913.

May 14
Dunedin Public Library
Special Preschool Storytime - Seal Swim School: (Preschool age) 10:30 am. Join us for a fun and interactive water safety presentation from Seal Swim School. They will even read their book, Swim Safe Little Seals.

May 16
East Lake Community Library
Freestyle Painting: 1:00 pm. Large poster boards will be used to encourage freestyle flower painting. You can do it!

Pinellas Park Public Library
4-1-1 on College and Careers: (Ages 13-19) 11:00 am-1:30 pm. Teen participants will learn valuable information as they prepare for college and/or trade school. Topics will include jobs vs. careers; credit/credit purchasing; consumer loans, and budgeting. Each program will include a FREE meal and great incentives and prizes. Program funded by Bank of America and co-sponsored by Junior Achievement and PPLC. Registration required and begins May 1.

May 19
Seminole Community Library
A Relentless Fight for Freedom - a Holocaust Documentary: 3:00 pm. Sue Farley, daughter of Manfred Greenbaum, who survived the Holocaust will present their story. Includes many video clips.

Author Talk & Book Signing: 3:00 pm. Wright Gres will discuss and sign copies of his book Macedonia Passage: Dangerous Cargo.

May 21
St. Petersburg Public Library System
Children’s Branch
4-1-1 on College and Careers: (Ages 13-19) 5:30-8:00 pm. Teen participants will learn valuable information as they prepare for college and/or trade school. Topics will include jobs vs. careers; credit/credit purchasing; consumer loans, and budgeting. Each program will include a FREE meal and great incentives and prizes. Program funded by Bank of America and co-sponsored by Junior Achievement and PPLC. Registration required, please call 984-5713.

May 23
East Lake Community Library
Russian Women-Past and Present: 1:00 pm. Professor of Russian studies, Matvei Finkel, will transport you to Russia, where grandmas in traditional “babushka” scarves still cry reading 19th century poetry (while at the same time watching Russian language CNN News about their granddaughters winning tennis matches in Australia, beauty pageants in France, and mathematical contests in Japan).

May 24
St. Pete Beach Public Library
Florida Vacation Planner: 2:00 pm. Visit Florida.com blogger Lucy Beebe “Tobias shares her ideas for finding the “authentic” parts of our state.

May 28
St. Petersburg Public Library System
West Community Library
4-1-1 on College and Careers: (Ages 13-19) 5:30-8:00 pm. Teen participants will learn valuable information as they prepare for college and/or trade school. Topics will include jobs vs. careers; credit/credit purchasing; consumer loans, and budgeting. Each program will include a FREE meal and great incentives and prizes. Program funded by Bank of America and co-sponsored by Junior Achievement and PPLC. Registration required.

May 30
Palm Harbor Public Library
4-1-1 on College and Careers: (Ages 13-19) 12:00-2:30 pm. Teen participants will learn valuable information as they prepare for college and/or trade school. Topics will include jobs vs. careers; credit/credit purchasing; consumer loans, and budgeting. Each program will include a FREE meal and great incentives and prizes. Program funded by Bank of America and co-sponsored by Junior Achievement and PPLC. Registration required.

May 31
Seminole Community Library
Based on the Book Cinema: 2:00 pm. Breakfast at Tiffany’s, 1961. Based on the book by Truman Capote. A young New York socialite becomes interested in a young man who has moved into her apartment building. Starring Audrey Hepburn, George Peppard, Patricia Neal & Buddy Ebsen.

Library closings for the month of May are as follows:

May 24
Dunedin Public Library
May 25
All libraries closed.
May 26
Clearwater North Greenwood Branch
Clearwater East Branch

St. Petersburg Main Library
Due to the renovation of Main Library, events may be rescheduled or moved to another location. St. Petersburg Main Library will be closing May 18, 2009. Please check our website at www.splibraries.org for more information.
Teen Programs

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

Dunedin Youth Volunteers: Monday, May 4, 6:30 pm. Our teen volunteer group meets once a month to plan, assist and create programs for the youth of the community. Tonight is the DV Recruitment Meeting. Learn how you can earn scholarship volunteer hours in a fun environment. You must be in high school. Registration is required for prospective volunteers. Volunteer positions are limited.

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

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

Gulf Beaches Public Library
Life After Twilight: Tuesday, May 19, 5:00-6:30 pm. What are you reading now that you’ve read all four? Gossip Girls or The Warrior series? Crafts and snacks.

Gulfport Library
Scrapbookers Club for Teens & Adults: Saturday, May 9, 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
Wii Weekend: (Ages 13-18) Saturday, May 9, 1:00 pm. Join us for Wii games.

Anime Cafe: (Ages 13-18) Tuesday, May 12, 5:00 pm. Make a craft, then relax with some Asian snacks and watch anime episodes.

Written Out-Teen Poetry Club: (Ages 13-18) Tuesday, May 26, 5:00 pm. Share your poems and create new ones. Join library staff for writing workshops, crafts, and snacks in this monthly poetry group for teens. Look for it at the last Tuesday of each month.

Palm Harbor Public Library

4-1-1 on College and Careers: (Ages 13-19) Saturday, May 30, 12:00-2:30 pm. Teen participants will learn valuable information as they prepare for college and/or trade school. Topics will include jobs vs. careers; credit/credit purchasing; consumer loans, and budgeting. Each program will include a FREE meal and great incentives and prizes. Program funded by Bank of America and co-sponsored by Junior Achievement and PPLC. Registration required.

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 YAB application. Attendance at weekly meetings and participation in various service activities and programs is expected.

Master The Art Of Reading! Teen Summer Reading Club: (Ages 13-18) Collect points all summer long by completing different creative activities. Turn in your points periodically for gift cards and other prizes! The two readers with the most points at the end of the summer will win and iPod Shuffle! In-Person registration begins May 23.

Computer Squad: (Ages 13-18) Assist computer lab users with questions about email, printing and basic usage. Must have completed 9th grade or higher. Please come to the Adult Services Desk to sign up. Training is required. If the Computer Squad isn’t for you, we have other options.

Teen Volunteer Opportunities: (Ages 13-18) Receive service credit for Bright Futures and hours for other community service projects.

Pinellas Park Public Library
4-1-1 on College and Careers: (Ages 13-19) Saturday, May 16, 11:00 am-1:30 pm. Teen participants will learn valuable information as they prepare for college and/or trade school. Topics will include jobs vs. careers; credit/credit purchasing; consumer loans, and budgeting. Each program will include a FREE meal and great incentives and prizes. Program funded by Bank of America and co-sponsored by Junior Achievement and PPLC. Registration is required and begins May 1.

St. Petersburg Public Library System
Teen Volunteer Orientation: Saturday, May 2, 11:00 am. Students entering grades 6-12 in the fall are encouraged to volunteer at the library this summer. Volunteer positions include: puppets, computer assistants, reading mentors, program assistants and family movie volunteers. Returning volunteers do not need to attend the orientation. Summer programs begin the week of June 8.

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Children’s Programs

Clearwater Public Library System

Main Library

Walkers and Talkers Toddler Story Time: (Grades 3-5) Saturday, May 2, 2:00 pm. Enjoy stories and music with your little one.

Little Ones Music & Stories: (Ages 5 & under) Friday, May 1, 10:30 am. Enjoy stories and songs with your little one.

East Branch

Percy Jackson Olympic Games: (Grades 3-5) Saturday, May 9, 2:00 pm. Participate in activities based on this successful book series.

Must have read a Percy Jackson book. Please register online at www.mycllearwater.com/cpl.

Melody Hounds Preview: (Ages 2½-8) Thursday, May 31, 10:30 am & Saturday, May 30, 2:00 pm. Children can learn complex musical concepts through age-appropriate song and rhymes. Please register online at www.mycllearwater.com/cpl.

Gulfport Public Library

Baby & Me Story Time: (Infant-18 mos) Tuesdays, 10:15 am. Enjoy stories and songs while sitting with their favorite grown-up.

Preschool Story Time: (Ages 3½) Tuesdays, 11:00 am. Stories, songs, and finger-plays.

Gulfport Public Library

Craft Club: (Ages 4-12) Saturdays, May 9 & 16, 2:00 pm. Presented by Pat Brinkley.

Largo Public Library

Family Story Night: (All ages) Mondays, May 4, 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, May 11, 7:00 pm. Join us in this new adventure for stories and fun with native speaker, Carolina Tave from Argentina. For Spanish speakers and those who want to learn. Hasta la vista!

Itsy Bitsy Baby Club: Tuesday, May 5, 12, & 19, 10:00 am. Songs, rhymes, fingerplays, and a few surprises at this story time! For parents and caregivers with babies up to 18 months.

Toddler Tales: (18 mos-36 mos) Wednesday, May 6, 13, & 20, 10:00 am. Themed stories, music, and extended story activities.

Pre-K Hooray: (Ages 3-5) Thursday, May 7, 14, & 21, 10:00 am. Enjoy themed stories, music, and related activities.

Pup Pals Reading Dogs: Saturday, May 23, 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

No Children’s programs in May. Toddler and Preschool programs will begin again the first week of June.

Palm Harbor Public Library

Registration for all summer programs begins Saturday, May 23, 9:00 am.

Krafty Kids Summer Reading Club: (Ages 3-5) Sign up for a bag full of activities, surprises, and a book log. Prizes and a Family Night celebration for all who complete the log.

Red Carpet Readers Summer Reading Club: For students who have completed kindergarten-grade 3. Sign up for your “Be Creative@ Your Library” activity bag and visit our star-studded “Red Carpet” listening area during the summer for prizes and fun! All participants who complete the requirements will be invited to Family Night.

Express Yourself @ Your Library: For students who have completed grades 4-6. Sign up for a folder with a special “book report” book log that lets you express your thoughts in a variety of ways! Prizes and a special reading club celebration for participants who complete the requirements will be held on July 31.
Children’s Programs

**Books Are For The Birds**: (Ages 3 & up) Saturday, May 2, 10:00 am. A special family program about sea birds, featuring the Suncoast Seabird Sanctuary and a particular seagull named Mac MacSeagull of Boothbay Harbor, presented by the author, Don Toll.

**Mothers Day Card Craft**: (Ages 8-14) Saturday, May 2, 10:00 am-12:00 pm. Why give Mom something store-bought when you can create beautiful personalized cards using sophisticated card making techniques?! Online registration begins April 2.

**Toddlers Story Time**: (18 mos-3 yrs) Mondays, May 4, 11 & 18, 10:00 or 11:00 am. Stories, songs, and fun!

**OLE! It’s Cinco De Mayo!**: (Ages 4-8) Tuesday, May 5, 4:30 pm. Bi-lingual stories, songs and activities to celebrate this popular Mexican holiday! Registration begins April 5.

**Mainly Mother Goose**: (Infant-2 yrs) Tuesdays, May 5, 12 & 19, 10:00 am. Nursery rhymes, fingerplays, and songs for our youngest library members.

**Starbucks Story Time**: Tuesday, May 5, 10:00 am. Take a coffee break and meet us for stories and snacks at Palm Harbor Starbucks, US 19 and Nebraska Avenue.

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

**Honeymoon Island Family Storycraft**: (Families with children 3 & up) Saturday, May 9, 1:30 pm. Location: Rotary Centennial Nature Center at Honeymoon Island State Park. A special nature-oriented story time and craft time (Park admission is $5.00 per carload; max. 8 people).

**Pinellas Park Public Library**

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

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

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

**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.

**Safety Harbor Public Library**

**Tutoring Math Club**: Saturdays, 10:30 am. Call for more information.

**St. Pete Beach Public Library**

**Mother Goose Time**: (Infant-3 yrs) Tuesday, May 5, 19 & 26, 10:30 or 11:30 am. Stories, coloring, toy time, socializing practice and sharing.

**Dolphin Club**: (Ages 3 & up) Monday, May 18, 5:00 pm. Longer stories and sometimes crafts to do, too. Monthly theme: “Pets.”

**St. Petersburg Public Library System**

**Main Library**

All program dates and locations are TBA, due to Main Library renovations.

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

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

**Childs Park**

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

**Chess Club**: (All ages) Monday, 3:30-5:30 pm.

**Super Saturday Puppet Show**: (All ages) Saturday, 11:00 am.

**Johnson Branch**

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

**Join Hands Day Readathon**: (All ages) Saturday, May 2, 10:00 am-2:00 pm. Read aloud, listen to an audio book or make a book of your own.

**Mirror Lake Branch**

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

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

**Preschool**: (Age 3) Friday, May 1 & 15, 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.

**Preschool 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, May 12, 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**

There will be no Twilight Tales, Baby Time or Toddlers Story Times held during the month of May. Toddler & Preschool Story Times will resume the week of June 8.

**LEGOs at the Library**: (Elementary students) Wednesday, May 6, 6:30. The hour-long program is open to all those in elementary school and will meet on the second Wednesday of each month. LEGO will be supplied so bring your imagination and share your building ideas!

**Summer Sneak Preview**: Be Creative @ Your Library this summer at the following programs: Wonderful Wednesdays, Mother-Daughter Book Club, Boys’ Night out, Magic Carpet Reading Club, Page Turners, and Summer Sleepovers, the full list of summer programs will be available soon.

**Summer Registration**: Wednesday, May 27, beginning at 7:30 am. Sign-ups for all of our youth and summer programs will begin at 7:30 am. Sign-ups for the reading clubs and the sleepovers must be done in person and not over the telephone. Please call the Youth services Department for phone registration (727) 394-6913. Summer programs begin the week of June 8.

**Family Movie**: Saturdays, 2:00 pm. Films for all ages—free popcorn and sodas provided by The Friends of the Library. May 2: College Road Trip; May 9: Igor; May 16: The Pacific; May 23: Cats Don’t Dance; May 30: Napoleon and Samantha.

**Tarpon Springs Public Library**

**Baby Rhyme Time**: (Infant-12 mos) Tuesdays, 10:15 am. Six week program ending May 19. Registration required.

**Preschool Story Time**: (Ages 3-5) Thursdays, 10:15 am. Story time will include picture books, flannel stories and action rhymes. No Story Time on May 28.

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

**Craft Club**: (Ages 6-12) Friday, May 1, 4:30-5:30 pm. Registration required.

**Knit Club**: (Ages 7-18) Saturday, May 16, 2:00 pm. Beginners and advance knitters welcome. Supplies are limited so participants are welcome to bring their own supplies.
National Library Service for the Blind Downloadable Book and Magazine Service Pilot Test and Victor Reader Stream

You may have heard that many National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (NLS) patrons are listening to the new digital download books and magazines using a Victor Reader Stream book player from HumanWare. This article contains information about the Victor Reader Stream player.

In 2009, NLS will begin to make digital book playback Machines available at no cost. The Victor Reader Stream is a popular example of a pocket size third party player that can be authorized to play the new NLS downloadable books and magazines.

One of the great benefits of downloadable books and magazines is that you can go to your virtual NLS library 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. You can search the catalogue of thousands of books by title, author, subject or keyword. When you find a book or magazine of interest you can download it to your computer in just a few minutes. Then you merely transfer the book from the computer to the Stream's storage card and you are ready to enjoy it. No need to wait for books to arrive in the mail. The Stream uses a small storage card such as those found in digital cameras that can store multiple download books. Thus, if you are going on a trip or just out and about you can take your Stream and all your books with you all in a pocket size package.

Over the next several years, NLS also plans to begin mailing digital recorded books on special cartridges. Stream will also be able to play these cartridges.

Whether download or on cartridge, the NLS digital books are human recorded high quality audio with many advantages over books on tape. The new digital books have markers built into them to allow for easy navigation. By just pressing a key on the Stream player you can jump from chapter to chapter in a book or article to article in a magazine. Some books even have page markers so you can jump directly to a page number from the table of contents. You simply enter the page number on the Stream's telephone style number pad. You can even bookmark passages in the book to return to later. The Stream has a key descriptor feature and built-in User Guide to help you quickly master its many features.

The player is not much bigger than a pack of cards and will have the ability to play NLS downloaded books and book cartridges, but will also play RFB&D books, Bookshare books, MP3 books, Audible books, Read How You Want books, computer e-text, and MP3 music files. The Stream allows you to vary the playback speed on all these formats and it automatically adjusts the pitch so you don’t hear the chipmunk sound when you increase the playback speed.

Finally, the Victor Reader Stream also has a voice recording capability for making short voice notes or recording meetings or lectures.

For more information, please contact Marilyn Stevenson, Talking Book Library, at (727) 441-9958.

Everything You Wanted to Know about Hurricanes @ your library®

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

**Becoming Storm Savvy:**
May 9, 11:00 am – Oldsmar Public Library
May 20, 7:00 pm – Seminole Community Library

**Busting Hurricane Myths:**
May 16, 11:00 am – Oldsmar Public Library
May 26, 2:00 pm – Pinellas Park Public Library

**Hurricane 101:**
May 5, 7:00 pm – Dunedin Public Library
May 9, 2:00 pm – Tarpon Springs Public Library

**Does It Take a Category 5?:**
May 23, 11:00 am – Oldsmar Public Library

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

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