Pinellas Public Library Cooperative
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It’s All @ Your Library!

Hire Me! Teen Secrets for Getting the Job @ your library

The Pinellas Public Library Cooperative is partnering with Bank of America and Junior Achievement to present the teen job skills program, Hire Me!, in Pinellas County. Through the award of a Bank of America Foundation grant, our libraries will host programs for teens in May and June 2010 at eight library locations. Programs will be hosted at member libraries throughout Pinellas and will include programming for teens ages 13-18.

Each library will host a program that will include information on interviewing skills, resume building, making a good impression with an employer and communicating value as teens seek employment. Our partner, Junior Achievement, has established curriculum in conjunction with Bank of America.

All programs will include incentives, giveaways, and educational games to strengthen the importance of essential job 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 teen programming for youth in Pinellas County.

PPLC Supports FLA Library Days in Tallahassee

The Pinellas Public Library Cooperative (PPLC) attended the Florida Library Association’s 41st Annual Library Days in Tallahassee, Florida. A local delegation of Pinellas County library directors and PPLC Board Members led by PPLC Executive Director, Mary Brown, met with State Senators and Representatives to discuss important issues impacting public libraries, to alert them to actions they can take to help libraries grow, and to thank them for their continued support. PPLC Board Members, Mona Johnson (Palm Harbor) and Marilyn Chapman (Tarpon Springs) were joined by library directors Gene Coppola (Palm Harbor), Barbara Pickell (Clearwater) and Cari Rupkalvis (Tarpon Springs).

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

St. Petersburg Names Library Director

Mayor Bill Foster announced the appointment of Laurel D. Gustafson, a seasoned librarian with more than 35 years experience in Pinellas County, as the city’s library director, replacing retiring Library Director Mary Gaines.

Effective Feb. 8, Laurel Gustafson will oversee operation of the city’s library system, which includes the newly renovated Main Library and five branch libraries which served more than 1.4 million patrons last year.

Laurel joined the city of St. Petersburg in 2005 and was the manager of branch libraries. During her 35-year career, she has served in every aspect of library management with library systems in Clearwater, St. Johns County, Hernando County, Temple Terrace and Pinellas Park. She had worked with the City of St. Petersburg previously as a young adult librarian and an outreach coordinator, and served as assistant county administrator/community and human services for Hernando County.

"The city offers Mary Gaines its best wishes for retirement, and a warm welcome to new Library Director Laurel Gustafson," said Administrator of Leisure and Community Services Clarence Scott. "With Mayor Foster’s programs in youth and education, and new emerging technologies, the libraries will continue to play an integral role in the enrichment of the lives of all residents in St. Petersburg."

Celebrating PPLC’s 20th Anniversary!
April 17, 2010
Check your local library for details

WHAT’S INSIDE . . .
Clearwater Public Library System

Main Library

Book Lovers Bistro: Tuesday, April 6, 12:00 pm.
Great Books Lecture and Discussion: Thursday, April 8, 1:30 pm. Monthly book discussion series.
Circulo de Lectura: Wednesday, April 28, 1:00 pm. Spanish language book discussion group.

Countryside Branch

Reading Group @ Countryside: Thursday, April 15, 2:30 pm. Join the book club and discuss 700 Sundays by Billy Crystal.

East Branch

Mystery Readers Club: Tuesday, April 20, 12:00 pm. Book discussion group.

Dunedin Public Library

Great Books Discussion Group: Wednesday, April 7, 2:00 pm.
Great Decisions Discussion Group: Thursday, April 22, 2:00 pm.
Contemporary Books Discussion Group: Tuesday, April 27, 7:00 pm. The Leopard by Giuseppe Lampedusa.

East Lake Community Library

Book Club: Wednesday, April 7, 6:30-7:45 pm. This month's selection will be The Bonesetter's Daughter by Amy Tan.

Gulf Beaches Public Library

Great Books: Saturday, April 10, 12:00-2:30 pm. Chekhov by Maxim Gorky.
Chatterbooks: Tuesday, April 20, 10:30 am. Look Homeward, Angel by Thomas Wolfe.

Gulfport Public Library

Coffee/Talk: Thursday, April 15, 10:00 am. Hunger (Svalt), by Knut Hamsun. Stop by the Reference Desk to pick up a discussion guide and reserve a copy of the book.
The G & O Book Club: Saturday, April 17, 1:30 pm. A philosophical discussion group based on the works of early 20th century mystic G. I. Gurdjieff and philosopher P. D. Ouspensky.

Largo Public Library

Booktalking with Iris: Wednesday, April 14, 12:00 pm.
The Last Word Book Club: Wednesday, April 7, 6:00 pm. Madame Bovary by Gustav Flaubert.

Oldsmar Public Library

Oldsmar Book Club: Thursday, April 22, 12:00 pm. People of the Book by Geraldine Brooks.

Palm Harbor Public Library

PHIL's Book Club: Monday, April 12, 11:00 am or 7:00 pm. Join us as we discuss The Piano Shop On The Left Bank by Thaddeus Carhart about a demure little shop front Pairs hangout, where locals, from university professors to pipefitters, gather on Friday evenings to discuss music, instruments, love and life over a glass of wine.

Pinellas Park Public Library

Book Discussion: Thursday, April 15, 2:00 pm. Join the group for a discussion of Death in Holy Orders by P. D. James.

Safety Harbor Public Library

Book Discussion/Signing: Wednesday, April 14, 6:00 pm. Peter Meinke, Poet Laureate of St. Petersburg, professor, and author of award winning poetry collections. Readings from The Shape of Poetry and Lines from Newhatel.

St. Pete Beach Public Library

Book Discussion: Tuesday, April 20, 10:30 am. Rabbit at Rest by John Updike.
**Computer Classes**

**Deaf Literacy Center**

**Safety Harbor 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**

**Document Templates in Word 2003**: Thursday, April 1, 11:00 am.
**Excel 2003 Basics, Part 1**: Tuesday, April 6, 11:00 am.
**Excel 2003 Basics, Part 2**: Thursday, April 8, 11:00 am.

**Managing Complex Lists in Excel**: Tuesday, April 20, 11:00 am.
**Saving and Opening Files in Excel**: Thursday, April 22, 11:00 am.

**PowerPoint 2003 Basics, Part 1**: Tuesday, April 27, 11:00 am.
**PowerPoint 2003 Basics, Part 2**: Thursday, April 29, 11:00 am.

**East Lake Community Library**

**Computer Boot Camp**: Mondays, 6:00-7:00 pm, Tuesdays, 5:00-6:00 pm, & Saturdays, 2:00-4:00 pm. An hour of one-on-one coaching designed to enhance computer skills with the help of high school students. Registration required.

**Computers 101**: Fridays, 4:00-5:30 pm. Just the basics, a one-on-one tutor is here to help you. Registration required.

**Gulf Beaches Public Library**

**E-mail Class**: Wednesday, April 14, 1:00 pm.
**Basic Internet Class**: Wednesday, April 21, 1:00 pm.
**Facebook**: Monday, April 26, 1:00 pm.

**Gulfport Public Library**

**One-on-One Computer Instruction**: Call for appointment.
**Suncoast Computer Users Group**: Thursday, April 8, 6:00 pm.

**Largo Public Library**

**You Don’t Know Google!**: Saturday, April 10, 9:30 am. Did you know that you can write a paper and create a slide show or spreadsheet using Google? This class will give you an overview of Google Docs and its uses.

**Oldsmar Public Library**

**Internet Basics**: Tuesday, April 13, 2:00 pm. Class is lecture/discussion followed by Q&A.

**Palm Harbor Public Library**

**Computer Basics**: Monday, April 5, 11:00 am or 3:00 pm. Learn the basics of computer hardware, software, the mouse and the keyboard. Registration required and begins at 9:00 am on the day of class.

**Buy & Sell on eBay**: Friday, April 9, 2:00 pm. Learn the basics of using eBay to buy and sell items. Registration required and begins at 12:00 pm on the day of class.

**Introduction to Email**: Monday, April 12, 1:00 pm. Learn the basics of using e-mail with Yahoo. Registration required and begins at 9:00 am on the day of class.

**Surfing The Web**: Monday, April 19, 1:00 pm. Learn to use the internet, addresses and links. Registration required and begins at 9:00 am on the day of class.

**eBooks & Downloadable Audio Books**: Friday, April 16, 3:00 pm. This is a new 1 hour class is designed to help you access these free services that are available through our database page at www.palmharborlibrary.org. Registration required and begins at 9:00 am on the day of class.

**Pinellas Park Public Library**

**Special Session Computer Class**: Wednesday, April 14, 7:00 pm. For more information visit www.marcomp.com/sked.htm.

**Safety Harbor Public Library**

**Please visit our website or call the library for complete listing of computer classes. Registration required for all classes. April Classes are full.**

**One-on-One Computer Training**: Sign up for a 45 minute one-on-one computer lesson. Call for appointment.

**Intergenerational Computer Assistance**: High School students are available to train and tutor seniors and adults of any age on Sundays, 1:15-4:15 pm. Call for appointment.

**St. Pete Beach Public Library**

**Tech Talk with Chad Mairn**: Saturday, April 17, 11:00 am. Topic: Wii, Augmented Reality, and more.

**St. Petersburg Public Library System**

**Main Library**

**How Do I Email @ the Library?**: Wednesday, April 7, 10:00 am. Registrants must have a valid library card and basic computer skills. Registration required.

**How Do I Search the www @ Library?**: Wednesday, April 21. Registrants must have a valid library card and basic computer skills. Registration required.

**Johnson Branch**

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

**North Branch**

**One-on-One Computer Training**: Tuesdays, 2:00 pm, Wednesdays, 9:00 am or 10:00 am. Registration required.

**South Branch**

**One-on-One Computer Training**: Tuesdays & Thursdays, 2:00-4:00 pm. Registration required.

**West Community Library**

**Supervised Lab Time**: Fridays, 1:30-3:30 pm. Get help with all your computer issues, beginners and advanced users welcome. Registration required.

**Scanning & Saving Documents**: Friday, April 9, 10:00 am. Registration required.

**Microsoft Word Basics**: Fri., April 16, 10:00 am. Registration required.

**Ask A Pro**: Friday, April 23, 10:00 am. Registration required.

**Intro to Social Media**: Friday, April 30, 10:00 am. Registration required.

**Seminole Community Library**

**Buying & Selling on Ebay**: Tuesday, April 6 & 13, 5:30-9:30 pm. SPC registration required/$25.00 fee.

**Get Comfortable With Your Computer**: Saturday, April 10, 1:00-5:00 pm. SPC registration required/$25.00 fee.

**Discover MS Word & Windows Programs**: Saturday, April 17, 1:00-5:00 pm. SPC registration required/$25.00 fee.

**More MS Word & Windows Programs**: Tuesdays, April 24 & May 4, 5:30-9:30 pm. SPC registration required/$49.00 fee.

**Welcome to E-mail & the Internet**: Saturday, April 24, 1:00-5:00 pm & Saturday, March 27, 1:00-5:00 pm. SPC registration required/$25.00 fee.

**Tarpon Springs Public Library**

**Computer Basics**: Thursday, April 8, 1:00 pm. Registration required.

**Internet Basics**: Wednesday, April 14, 3:00 pm. Registration required.

**Microsoft Word**: Thursday, April 22, 1:00 pm. Registration required.

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Adult Programs

Clearwater Public Library System

Main Library
Films on the Bluff: Tuesday, April 13, 2:00 pm. Join us for a monthly film.
Sherlock Holmes Film Festival: Saturday, April 17, 1:00 pm. Sherlock Holmes film festival for families - movies, trivia and more!

Beach Branch
Video Gaming for Adults: Wednesdays, 1:00 pm. Play the library Wii with your friends.

Writers’ Support Group: Wednesdays, April 3 & 17, 1:00 pm. A workshop for writers and would be writers. Join us for help and encouragement.

Films on the Beach: Tuesday, April 6, 2:00 pm. Bring your friends to the Beach Library and Recreation Center for a film.

Countryside Branch
Film Series @ Countryside Library: Wednesdays, 2:00 pm. Join us for a film.

East Branch
AARP Tax Aide: Monday, April 5 & 12, 10:00 am or Wednesday, April 14, 10:00 am. The AARP Tax Aide volunteers are available to assist older adults and low income people in preparing and filing their federal income 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: (8-week session) Tuesdays, January 12-May 11, 6:00 pm. Basic sign language vocabulary, daily phrases and facts about the Deaf community and culture.

Adult Intermediate Sign Language: (8-week session) Tues., January 12-May 11, 7:00 pm. Daily phrases and facts about the Deaf community and culture.

Pinellas Park Public Library
Individual Tutoring for the Deaf: Thursdays, 2:00-4:00 pm. Call for appointment.

Adult Beginners Sign Language: (15-week course) Thursdays, January 28-May 13, 6:00-7:00 pm. Basic sign language vocabulary, daily phrases and facts about the Deaf community and culture.

Safety Harbor Library
ADA, an ASL Guide for Your Rights: Thursday, April 29, 7:00 pm. This ASL workshop will focus on explaining the three (3) ADA titles that apply to the Deaf community and will help answer common questions. Learning about these can empower you to become an effective advocate for yourself and for your friends and family. Event sponsored by Project N.A.D.I.N.E. & call VRS.

Individual Tutoring for the Deaf: Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, call for appointment.

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

Adult Beginners Sign Language: (15-week session) Mondays, January 25-May 17, 6:00 pm. Basic sign language vocabulary, daily phrases and facts about the Deaf community and culture.

Adult Intermediate Sign Language: (15-week session) Mondays, January 25-May 17, 7:00 pm. Conversational sign language, stories, songs and skits.

St. Petersburg Library South Branch
Individual Tutoring for the Deaf: Tuesdays, 4:00-5:00 pm. Call for appointment.

Adult Beginners Sign Language: (8-week session) Tuesdays, January 26-March 2, 6:00 pm. Conversational sign language, stories, songs and skits.

Adult Intermediate Sign Language: (8-week session) Tuesdays, January 26-March 2, 7:00 pm Basic sign language vocabulary, daily phrases and facts about the Deaf community and culture.

Dunedin Public Library

Tuesdays at Two Film Program: 2:00 pm. April 6: Invention of Lying; April 20: Love Happens; April 27: The Blind Side.

Friends Annual Donation Drive: Saturday, April 10, 10:00 am-1:00 pm. DVDs, CDs, books and magazines donations accepted.

Friends Annual Book Sale: Friday & Saturday, April 16 & 17, 10:00 am-3:00 pm. A large selection of materials for sale at a great price. A Friends Members-Only preview is scheduled for Thursday night, 6:00-8:00 pm. You may join the Friends of the Library at the door.

Dunedin Books-a-Party Open House & PPLC 20th Anniversary Celebration: Saturday, April 17, 10:00 am-4:00 pm. Join us for events throughout the day to celebrate the Dunedin Public Library. Cake Decorating Contest (must pre-register), Library Demonstrations and a Trivia Contest are just some of the activities. Call the Library for more information.

Toxins Everywhere—What Are We To Do? Tuesday, April 20, 7:00 pm. Program presented by Dr. Pat Snair.

Dunedin International Chorale: Sunday, April 25, 3:00 am. Chorale is under the direction of JoAnn Metropopolis.

Genealogy Assistance: Thursdays, 1:00-4:00 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 additional information.

Free Medicare Counseling with S.H.I.N.E.: Every Wednesday. 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

The Friends of East Lake Library: Tuesday, April 6, 6:30 pm. New members are encouraged to attend.

Writers’ Critique Group: Monday, April 12 & Monday, April 26, 6:30-7:45 pm. This is a workshop for writers of all levels. Read excerpts of your works in progress and receive helpful feedback.

Advisory Board Meeting: Tuesday, April 13, 6:00 pm. The public is welcome.

Salon: Wednesday, April 14, 6:30 pm. You’ve heard the buzz, now come and join us! Get here early for a seat at our new philosophical inquiry group.

Authors Diane Marcou and Steven Lamb: Tuesday, April 20, 6:30 pm. Co-authors of The Smuggler’s Ghost, this pair will discuss their book and memoir writing. A different slant on how to write personal narratives which have a present immediacy to them.

Movie Club: Wednesday, April 21, 6:30-7:45 pm. It’s back! Watch the movie of the month at home and come in to discuss it with your friends.

ELCL Quilters: Wednesday, April 28, 6:30-7:45 pm. A brand new offering at the library. Get started on a lifetime of beautiful projects today.

Gulf Beaches Public Library

AARP Tax Assistance: Free tax help every Tuesday & Thursday from 10:00-1:30 pm until April 15.

International Film Movement: Tuesday, April 6, 4:00 pm. Storm. A prosecutor works to build her case against a Yugoslavian war criminal, facing threats of violence and traitors on her staff.

Travel Film: Wednesday, April 7, 2:00 pm. Southern Ontario.

World of Humor Film Series: Tuesday, April 27, 4:00. The Valet. An Italian CEO caught with his supermodel mistress claims she is dating his valet – but he has a smart wife.

Investment Club: Thursdays, 2:30 pm. Join a group of experienced investors in an exchange of ideas about the current market and investment opportunities.

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

Stretching Class: A six weeks exercise class continues to meet every Monday at 10:30 am until April 8. Registration required.
**Adult Programs**

**Scrabble**: Fridays, 1:30-4:00 pm. Word games like Scrabble have been shown to encourage your brain to form new patterns and complex neural networks. This can lead to more brainpower, increased skill, and improved concentration and memory with minimal investment!

**Gulfport Public Library**

Read-A-Thon: Take a refreshing "Reading Break" at the library. Readers of all ages are invited to pick up a reading log to record minutes you spend reading at the Library during National Library Week. Read at whatever time you choose and for as long as you like. At the end of NLW, we’ll tally up the logs and publish the total number of in-library reading-time!

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

AARP Tax Service: Fridays, April 2 & 9, 10:00 am. No new clients admitted after 3:00 pm. A free service for seniors or others on low or fixed incomes. First-come first-served. Bring all tax papers and a copy of last year’s return.

Scrapbookers Club for Teens & Adults: Saturday, April 10, 1:00 pm. Bring your pictures, books and questions, and prepare to have a great time! Some supplies available, but you furnish your own 12x12 scrapbook album.

Coffee/Talk Movie: Wednesday, April 14, 1:30 pm. Hunger (Sviał). Based on the novel by Knut Hamsun. Directed by Henning Carlsen, stars Per Oscarsson, with Gunnel Lindblom. (Swedish, b/w, English subtitles, 1 hr 52 minutes)

Genealogy Discussion Group: Saturday, April 24, 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.

**Largo Public Library**

TRACES BUSeum: April 13, 1:00-4:00 pm. TRACES Center for History and Culture will be bringing their traveling museum to the Largo Public Library! The BUSeum is a fully self-contained museum in a retrofitted 40 foot school bus. The exhibit, *Hold on the Homefront: German POW’s in the U.S. 1943-1946*, tells the story of the German POW’s who were held in 660 camps in the United States.

Trashy Fashion Preview: Thursday, April 1, 4:00 pm. Come to the gallery and see some of the previous entries in Largo’s annual Trashy Fashion Show! Learn how they were assembled and get a close up look at fashions that were made from at least 75% recycled materials.

Brown Bag Movies: Thurs., 12:30 pm. Bring your own lunch & watch movies from every era. Popcorn & soda are provided. April 1: *Cabaret*; April 8: *A Fish Called Wanda*; April 15: *The Truman Show*; April 22: *Good Night, & Good Luck*. Poets Live! Monday, April 12, 6:30 pm. Present your poetry or just listen to the poetry of others.

English as a Second Language Conversation Hour: Tuesdays, 6:30 pm. This English Conversation Group is for adults who speak English as a Second Language (ESL). We focus on practical, everyday topics: making phone calls, going to job interviews, asking for directions, stating personal opinions and more. If you are a non-native English speaker who wants to have fun and meet people from all over the world while practicing your spoken English, then this is the place for you.

Family Tree Maker User Group: Saturday, April 3, 10:00 am. Call (727) 595-4521 or email Bryan84@tampabay.rr.com to register.

Genealogy Numbering Systems and How to Use Them: Monday, April 5, 6:00 pm. Call (727) 595-4521 or email Bryan84@tampabay.rr.com to register.

Military Records: Tuesday, April 6, 6:00 pm. Call (727) 595-4521 or email Bryan84@tampabay.rr.com to register.

Getting Started in Genealogy: Wednesday, April 7, 10:00 am. Call (727) 595-4521 or email Bryan84@tampabay.rr.com to register.

African-American Research Issues and Techniques: Saturday, April 10, 10:00 am. Call (727) 595-4521 or email Bryan84@tampabay.rr.com to register.

Internet Site Exploration: Tuesday, April 13, 6:00 pm. Call (727) 595-4521 or email Bryan84@tampabay.rr.com to register.

**Oldsmar Public Library**

Free Tax Assistance from AARP: Tuesdays, 3:00-7:00 pm & Wednesdays, 9:00 am-1:00 pm, through April 14. Open to the public on a first come, first served basis.

Small Business Counseling: Tues., April 6 & 20, 10:00 am-12:00 pm or 1:00-3:00 pm. Sign up for a free 1 hour one-on-one session with a business counselor from Pinellas County Chapter 115 of SCORE. Registration required.

**Oldsmar Historical Society**

Friends of the Library: Thursday, April 15, 12:00 pm. General Meeting held in the City Council Chambers to honor past Presidents of the Friends of the Oldsmar Library.

Spring Book Sale: Saturday, April 17, 9:00 am-2:00 pm. Browse the book sale while enjoying cake in celebration of the PPLC 20th Anniversary & the ALA National Library Week. Sponsored by the Friends of the Oldsmar Library. Proceeds will benefit library projects.

**Palm Harbor Public Library**

Chess Club: Thursdays, 10:30 am-12:30 pm or 5:30-7:30 pm. Join Jim and others for chess, chessboards and light refreshments will be provided. All ages and skill levels are welcomed.

Showcase Repertory Theatre: Thursday, April 1, 7:00 pm & Saturday, April 3, 2:00 pm. The Showcase Repertory Theatre, a division of the Showcase Arts Foundation will perform Love And Deception, short scenes and monologues from award-winning plays that all share the common theme of being deceived by love. Requested donation is $10.00.

Palm Harbor Writers’ Group: Tuesdays, April 6 & 20, 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. Comments and suggestions are welcomed. Email the group at phwriters@verizon.net or call Joydine Tiedeman at (727) 786-3133.

Master Gardeners Plant Clinic: Wednesdays, 10:00 am-2:00 pm. Bring your gardening and landscaping questions to be answered as well as plant samples to the Plant Clinic for the experts to look at.

Socrates Café: Wednesday, April 7, 6:00-7:45 pm & Thursday, April 15, 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.

Armchair Travelers Series: Thursday, April 8, 2:00 pm. Join experienced world travelers and local travel agents as they share exotic locales and popular tourist destinations.

Master Gardeners—Common Landscape Mistakes: Wednesday, April 14, 2:00 or 6:15 pm. A popular, informative program for Florida gardeners. Please call the Pinellas County Extension at (727) 582-2673 to register.

Money Matters–Income Producing Investments: Thursday, April 15, 10:00 am. This monthly series of free seminars provided by LPL Financial Services. Registration required.

Clam Bayou Jazz Band Concert: Friday, April 16, 3:00 pm. For your listening enjoyment, join us for some toe-tapping, finger snapping Dixieland music. This months selection is “Swing Into Spring”.

Bahamian Book Bash: Thursday, April 22, 6:00-9:30 pm. A fundraising community event benefiting the Palm Harbor Library and featuring Florida author Bob Morris.

Suncoast Genealogy Society Workshop: Saturday, April 24, 1:00-4:30 pm. The Suncoast Genealogy Society members meet for a genealogy workshop.

Suncoast Genealogical Society General Meeting: Monday, April 26, 6:45 pm. Members meet for their monthly meeting and have discussions related to research techniques and tools as well as special presentations on various subjects related to genealogy.

A Word to the Wise-Health and Wellness Issues: Tuesday, April 27, 6:00 pm & Wednesday, April 28, 12:00 pm. A monthly health program presented by Dr. Amar Patel, a specialist in chiropractic medicine. Topics include fibromyalgia, stress management, arthritis and other pertinent health issues.

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

New Tutor Orientation: Thursday, April 29, 6:00-8:00 pm. The Literacy staff prepares new volunteers for tutoring.

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MISSION STATEMENT
PPLC provides leadership, resources and opportunities to enhance the quality, value, and availability of library services to members.

VISION STATEMENT
PPLC will lead the way for world-class library services to its members.

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: 441-8408
Fax: 441-8938
www.pplc.us
Mon - Fri 9am - 4pm

Born to Read
1330 Cleveland Street
Clearwater, FL 33755-5103
Phone: (727) 449-2861
Fax: (727) 441-8938
Mon - Fri 9:30am - 4pm

Deaf Literacy Center
101 Second Street North
Safety Harbor, FL 34695
Phone: (727) 724-1525 x232
www.pplc.us/tbl
TDD: (727) 724-1529
http://dealliteracyscenter.org
Mon - Thurs 9am - 8pm

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

Clearwater System
Clearwater System
Main Library & Offices
100 N. Osceola Avenue
Clearwater, FL 33755
Phone: 562-4970
http://myclearwater.com/cpl
Mon - Thur 10am - 7pm
Fri 12pm - 5pm
Sat-Sun 12pm - 5pm

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

Dunedin Library
223 Douglas Avenue
Dunedin, FL 34698
Phone: 298-3080
http://www.dunedin.gov.com
Mon - Wed 9:30am - 8pm
Thu - Fri 9:30am - 6pm
Sat 9:30am - 5pm
Sun 1pm - 5pm

Friends Branch
1920 Pinehurst
Dunedin, FL 34698
Phone: 812-4548
Mon - Tues 2pm - 6pm
Wed 3pm - 7pm
Thur 2pm - 6pm

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

Gulf Beaches Library
200 Municipal Drive
Madeira Beach, FL 33708
Phone: 391-2828
http://www.gulfbeacheslib.org
Mon, Wed - Fri 10am - 6pm
Tue 10am - 8pm
Sat 10am - 5pm

Gulfport Library
5501 28th Avenue South
Gulfport, FL 33707
Phone: 893-1074
Reference: 893-1073
http://www.mygulfport.us/gpl
Mon - Fri 10am - 7pm
Saturday 10am - 4pm

Largo Library
120 Central Park Drive
Largo, FL 33771
Phone: 587-6715
Reference: 587-6748
TDD: 587-6778
http://www.largopubliclibrary.org
Mon - Wed 9am - 8pm
Thu - Fri 9am - 6pm
Sat 9am - 5pm
Sun 1pm - 5pm

North Pinellas Library
2507 7th Street North
St. Petersburg, FL 33712
Phone: 893-9502
Sat 10am - 5pm

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

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

Pinellas Park Library
7770 52nd Street
Pinellas Park, FL 33781
Phone: 541-0718
Reference: 541-0719
http://www.pinellas-park.com/library
Mon - Thu 9am - 8:30pm
Fri - Sat 9am - 5pm
Sun 1pm - 5pm

Safety Harbor Library
101 2nd Street North
Safety Harbor, FL 34695
Phone: 724-1525
http://www.cityofsafetyharbor.com/library
Mon - Thu 9:30am - 8pm
Fri 9:30am - 6pm
Sat 9am - 3pm
Sun 1pm - 5pm

St. Pete Beach Library
365 73rd Avenue
St. Pete Beach, FL 33706
Phone: 363-9238
http://www.stpetebeach.org
Sun & Mon Closed
Tues - Wed 10am - 8pm
Thu - Fri 10am - 6pm
Sat 10am - 5pm

St. Petersburg System
Main Library
3745 Ninth Avenue North
St. Petersburg, FL 33713
Phone: 893-7724
Reference: 893-7928
http://www.spcollege.edu/scl
Mon - Thu 7:30am - 9pm
Fri 7:30am - 4pm
Sat 10am - 5pm

Tarpon Springs Library
138 E. Lemon Street
Tarpon Springs, FL 34689
Phone: 943-4922
http://tarponspringslibrary.org
Mon - Wed 10am - 9pm
Thu - Fri 10am - 6pm
Sat 10am - 5pm

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Adult Programs

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Safety Harbor Public Library

National Library Week: April 10-17. Design a Bookmark to help us celebrate! Create a bookmark using the theme, Communities Thrive @ Your Library. Open to adults and youth with awards to the best! Call for details.

Nutrition and Wellness Program: Thursday, April 1, 6:30 pm. Ashleigh Gass, BSc, CSW, Certified Nutrition Consultant will answer your questions on how to eat better and make the correct choices to promote well being.

Celebrate National Poetry Month @ Your Library: Thursday, April 8, 6:30 pm. Join us for poetry readings and discussions with local poets and writers.

Dinner Theater-Players of Safety Harbor present Wait Until Dark: Friday, April 9 & Saturday, April 10, 6:30 pm, and a brunch performance Sunday, April 11, 1:30 pm at the Safety Harbor Resort and Spa’s Baranoff Theater. Tickets available at the Library and Spa. Call for information.

The Shape of Poetry with Peter Meinke: Wed., April 14, 6:00 pm. Meet Peter Meinke, Poet Laureate of St. Petersburg, professor, and author of award winning poetry collections. Readings from The Shape of Poetry and Lines from Neuchatel.

Stories of Florida-Con Sabor! Thu. April 22, 6:30 pm. Blending traditional, international and personal tales, bilingual storyteller Carrie Sue Ayvar takes her audience on a journey into the imagination connecting people, languages, and cultures. A program for all ages, the program will be signed in ASL. This program is in celebration of the Pinellas Public Library Cooperative’s 20th anniversary and is presented in conjunction with the Florida Humanities Council. Refreshments will be served.

SCORE Small Business Counseling: Tuesday, April 13 & 27, appointments from 10:00 am-2:00 pm. Registration required.

Just in Time Literacy Training: Saturday, April 17, 12:30-4:30 pm. Unlock the door to success by helping someone learn to read, speak and write English. Attend training for four hours to be mentored and assigned a student in Safety Harbor. Presented by the Literacy Council of Upper Pinellas. For more information visit: www.wclcupinfo.com

Heart & Soul Cinema: Sunday, April 18, 1:30 pm. Join us for the Academy Award and Golden Globe nominated film Across the Universe, along with an introduction and lively discussion after the movie.

Story Circle Network-Writers Group: Wednesday, April 21, 6:00 pm. Join fellow writers for writing sharing, ideas, and guidance.

Get Crafty @ Your Library-Decoupage Glass Bottles: Wednesday, April 21, 2:30 pm. Turn an empty bottle into art. Bring your own bottle, other materials provided. Registration required.

Friends of the Library Book Sale: Sat., April 24, 9:00 am-3:00 pm. All genres and types of books for sale, most for $1.00. All proceeds benefit the Library.

St. Pete Beach Public Library

PPLC 10th Anniversary Party: Saturday, April 17, 12:00 pm.

St. Petersburg Public Library System

North Branch

English for Speakers of Other Languages: Wednesdays, 3:30-5:00 pm. For new speakers of the English language. It’s free start anytime, all are welcome.

Game Time at the Library: Saturday, April 24, 3:30-5:00 pm. Board games, puzzles for all ages, feel free to bring in your favorite game to share with others. Light refreshments served.

South Branch

Knitting at South Branch: Thursdays, 11:00 am. Free knitting class for novices. Join us to learn or just to knit with the group. Registration required.

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

West Community Library

St Petersburg Writer’s Club: Thursday, April 1 & 15, 6:30 pm Anyone interested in writing is invited to attend.

Movie Showing: To commemorate Earth Day An Inconvenient Truth, will be shown.

Seminole Community Library

Classic Movie Matinee: Fridays, 1:00 pm. Free popcorn & sodas provided by the Friends of the Library. April 2: Call Me Madam; April 9: Bus Stop; April 16: Boomerang; April 23: Spellbound; April 30: Chisum.

Suncoast Fibromyalgia: Saturday, April 10, 11:00 am.

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

Sean Scott Medicaid Seminar: Monday, April 5, 2:00 pm.

Ikebana International: Thursday, April 1, 1:00 pm.

Suncoast Bonzai Society: Saturday, April 24, 10:00 am.

Hidden Stitches: Monday, April 5, 6:00 pm.

H.E.A.L.: Wednesday, April 14, 1:00 pm.

Christians for Biblical Equality: Thursday, April 15, 6:00 pm.

AARP Tax Assistance: Until April 15. Tuesdays & Wednesdays 9:00am-8:00 pm, Thursdays 9:00 am-4:00 pm.

Recycling & Sustainability: Saturday, April 17, 10:00 am.

SPC Toastmasters: Tuesdays, 6:15 pm.

SHINE: Wednesday, April 21, 10:00 am.

PPLC 20th Anniversary: Saturday, April 17, 10:00 am.

Sunday Musicals: Sunday, April 11, 3:00 pm. Philip Tropia Tenor/Romantic vocal music.

Based on the Book Cinema: Sunday, April 25, 2:00 pm. Les Miserables, based on the book by Victor Hugo.

The Founders’ Constitution: Thursday, April 15, 7:00 pm. “The Federal Convention” What was the Federal Convention really supposed to do?

The Two Towers Chess Club: Mondays, April 13 & 26, 3:00-5:00 pm. This club is for chess player of all ages and all levels of play. Chess coach Craig Van Tilburg will be on hand to teach, encourage & critique. Boards & pieces will be provided or feel free to bring your own. Call for information or go online to mbryan@mysemilcom.

Tarpon Springs Public Library

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

AARP Free Tax Help: Mondays & Tuesdays, 10:00 am-1:30 pm through April 13. First come, first served. No reservations or phone calls.

Writers’ Group: Fridays, 10:00 am-1:00 pm. Bring your manuscript to read and have critiqued. Contact Lloyd Wilson at (727) 267-5612 for more information.

History Discussion Group: Wednesday, April 7, 1:30 pm.

Author Talk with Ursula Schafer: Thursday, April 8, 4:00 pm. Author Ursula Schafer will speak about her book, Stories Life Wrote: A Woman’s Story of Courage, Learned from the Ashes of World War II. Copies of the book will be available for sale and signing. Program sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

Movies at Your Library Series: Sat., April 10, 2:00 pm. Call for this month’s movie.

National Library Week “Know Your Community” Contest: (All ages) Monday, April 12-Saturday, April 17. View photographs at the library of various Tarpon Springs locations and guess where in the community the pictures were taken. Prizes provided by the Friends of the Library.

Friends of the Library Special Sale of Children’s Books: Saturday, April 17, 10:00 am-5:00 pm. At the Friends Used Book Store in the library, a large selection of children’s books will be offered at discount prices.

PPLC 20th Anniversary Celebration: Saturday, April 17, 1:00-3:00 pm. Fun activities for all ages. Come enjoy cake, crafts, and more.

Poetry and Jazz Night: Wed., April 21, 7:00 pm. Celebrate National Poetry Month & Jazz Appreciation Month with an evening of jazz music performed by solo jazz guitarist, Tom Stewart. We will also have an open mic for attendees to read poetry or just listen to others. All ages welcome. Light refreshments will be served.

History Discussion Group: Wednesday, April 21, 1:30 pm.

Movies at Your Library Series: Saturday, April 24, 2:00 pm. Call for this month’s movie.

Friends of the Library Cookbook and Supper Club: Wednesday, April 28, 6:00 pm. Hosted by Pat Dugan. This month’s topic is Florida strawberries. Share your favorite salad, soup or dessert strawberry recipes and food prepared from the recipes. Registration required.

Bay Knit Wits: Wednesday, April 28, 6:30 pm. Knitting and crochet group.
Teen Programs

Clearwater Public Library System

Main Library

Girls Gone Glam: Sat., April 3, Check-in begins at 12:15 pm. Event, 1:00 pm. – 4:00 pm. This event is open to Pinellas County students who will be attending prom this year. All students are required to show a valid Pinellas County School I.D. upon check-in. Limit one gown per student while supplies last.

Sherlock Holmes Film Festival: Saturday, April 17, 1:00 pm. Sherlock Holmes film festival for families - movies, trivia and more!

Beach Branch

Wii Video Gaming for Teens: Tuesdays, Wednesdays, & Thursdays, 3:00 pm. Play the library Wii with your friends.

Countryside Branch

Storytelling Workshop: (Grades 6-12) Saturday, April 17, 1:00 pm. A workshop for students interested in the art of storytelling.

East Branch

Young Adult Movie Event: Saturday, April 3, 1:30 pm. Showing of Talento De Barrio.

Dunedin Public Library

Dunedin Youth Volunteers: Monday, April 12, 6:30 pm. Our teen volunteer group meets once a month to plan, assist and create programs for the youth of the community.

Teen Checkers: (Ages 12-18) Thursday, April 1, 4:00 pm. Compete with your peers for the prestigious top award. Enjoy a snack and have lots of fun. Registration required and begins two weeks prior to program.

Teen Candles: (Ages 12-18) Monday, April 26, 6:00 pm. Learn the elegant art of simple candle creations. Materials provided. Registration required and begins two weeks prior to program.

East Lake Community Library

Saturday Night at the Library: Saturday, April 24, 5:30-8:00 pm. Come and join us for fun activities, food, and to top it off, a special Earth Day-themed movie!

Teen Tutors: (Grades 6-12) Fridays, 4:00-6:00 pm. Free assistance with math, English, and reading. Registration required.

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

Gulfport Public Library

Read-A-Thon: Take a refreshing "Reading Break" at the library. Readers of all ages are invited to pick up a reading log to record minutes you spend reading at the Library during National Library Week. Read at whatever time you choose and for as long as you like. At the end of NLW, we’ll tally up the logs and publish the total number of in-library reading-time!

Scrapbookers Club for Teens & Adults: Saturday, April 10, 1:00 pm. Bring your pictures, books and questions, and prepare to have a great time! Some supplies available, but you furnish your own 12x12 scrapbook album.

Largo Public Library

TRACES BUSuem: April 13, 1:00-4:00 pm. TRACES Center for History and Culture will be bringing their traveling museum to the Largo Public Library! The BUSuem is a fully self-contained museum in a retrofitted 40 foot school bus. The exhibit, Held on the Homefront: German POW’s in the U.S. 1943-1946, tells the story of the German POW’s who were held in 660 camps in the United States.

Teen Library Council: (Ages 14-18) Tues., April 6, 5:00 pm. Need volunteer hours? Join the Teen Library Council to participate in teen programming and other library activities. Fill out an application in the Teen Room.

Wii Encounter: (Ages 13-18) Thursdays, 2:00 pm. Put your Wii skills to the test. Line up with your friends for a Wii encounter for a little fun after school.

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

Chain Maille Jewelry Making: (Ages 13-18) April 20, 5:00 pm. Come to this hands-on class and learn the art of chain maille. Participants will receive a brief history of chain maille and leave with a cool piece of art.

Written Out-Teen Poetry Club: (Ages 13-18) Tuesday, April 27, 5:00 pm. Share your poems and create new ones. Join library staff for writing workshops, crafts, and snacks.

Oldsmar Public Library

Teen Advisory Board meeting: (Ages 12 & up) Tuesday, April 20, 6:30 pm. Help plan teen programs for the library. New members are welcome.

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, that complete an application. Attendance at weekly meetings and participation in various service activities and programs is expected. Come join us!

National Library Week And Poetry Month Creative Writing Contest: (Ages 13-18) Write a creative short story or poem (1,500 words maximum) for a chance to win prizes and a spot in the Pinellas County teen publication, Mosaic. Submit your entries to the library’s Adult Services Desk between Monday, April 5, and Saturday, April 17. Prizes will be awarded for the best short story and the best poem in two age categories: 13-15 and 16-18. No special submission forms or guidelines are required, but make sure you name and phone number are shown on a cover sheet. Good luck and most of all, have fun!

Safety Harbor Public Library

Teen Writing: Monday, April 5 & 19, 4:30-5:30 pm. Teens gather to share and critique original writings.

Players of Safety Harbor Teen Drama Group: Auditions will be held in the late April for a teen production. Call for more information.

Share Funniest or Favorite YouTube: Wednesday, April 28, 6:30 pm. Fun and food!

St. Petersburg Public Library System

Main Library

Tweem Thing: (Age 9-12) Monday, April 5, 4:30 pm. Theater, games, books, & crafts. Come see what fun is in store for you!

Teen Text Book Discussion: (Ages 13-19) Tuesday, April 6, 5:30 pm. Call for more information.

Knights of the Square Table: Monday, April 12, 3:30-5:30 pm. All ages welcome.

Tweem Authors’ Group: Wednesday, April 28, 3:30 pm. For middle school students.

West Community Library

Young Adult Library Council: (Ages 15-21) Wednesday, April 21, 12:30 pm. Young adult group that plans library programs for teens.

Teen Night: (Ages 13-19) Thursday, April 22, 6:30 pm. Game Night!

Seminole Community Library

Library Youth Advisory Board: (Grades 6-12) Monday, April 6 & 19, 7:00 pm. Get to meet new people, help choose materials for the YA collection, plan teen events and earn volunteer credits. Snacks are served at every meeting. Call the Youth Services Department for more information or use the library’s teen page at http://www.spcollege.edu/sci/teens/index.htm.

Tarpon Springs Public Library

National Library Week “Know Your Community” Contest: (All ages) Monday, April 12-Saturday, April 17. View photographs at the library of various Tarpon Springs locations and guess where in the community the pictures were taken. Prizes provided by the Friends of the Library.

PPLC 20th Anniversary Celebration: Saturday, April 17, 1:00-3:00 pm. Fun activities for all ages. Come enjoy cake, crafts, and more.

Knit Club: (Ages 7-18) Saturday, April 17, 2:00 pm. Learn how to knit and share your projects.
Children’s Programs

Clearwater Public Library System

Main Library

Leap Into Spring Worry Free! Thursday, April 1, 1:00 pm. Make a worry doll.
A whimsical workshop based on Guatemalan worry dolls.

Little Ones Music & Stories: (12-36 mos) Tuesdays, April 6 & 20, 10:30 am.
A program for toddlers filled with fun music and exciting stories.

Jump, Jive & Jam! (Ages 3-6) Tuesdays, April 13 & 27, 10:30 am. A specialized dance-based fitness class.

Bright Minds Preschool Story Time: (Ages 3-6) Wed., 10:30 am. Participate in age appropriate literacy activities including stories, songs, and a craft.

Countryside Branch

April Fool’s Story Time: Thurs., April 1, 10:00 am. Teen Volunteers join library staff to make this an extra special silly story time complete with a silly craft.

Chapter Book Tuesdays: Tuesdays, 3:30 pm. Join us after school at the library. Cool prizes for answering questions following each chapter and surprise activity each week.

Family Story Time: Thursdays, 10:00 am. Bring your toddlers and preschoolers to enjoy stories and songs.

Homework Help: Wednesdays, 3:00 pm.

Kids Chess: Wednesdays, 3:30 pm.

North Greenwood Branch

Mad Science, Fire & Ice: Thursday, April 1, 3:00 pm. Audiences will be amazed as they experience the effects of very hot and very cold temperatures and what affects they can create with our friend Eggbert and in a show-stopping exothermic reaction. Volunteers will get to see matter transform from one state to another by tasting a fizzing Mad Science “burp” potion, and taking a Mad Science bubble bath and shower. They will also be in a scary movie scene using dry ice special effects.

East Branch

Family Story Time: (18 mos & up) Thursdays, 11:00 am. Stories, finger plays, songs, crafts, and short movies.

Learn to Draw Cartoons: (Ages 4 & up) Friday, April 2, 2:00 pm. A workshop that teaches children how to draw cartoons.

Deaf Literacy Center

Palm Harbor Library

Infant/Toddler Sign Language: (Ages 3 & under) Tuesdays, April 6-May 11, 10:30 am. 6-week course. Our fun and interactive signing classes will teach you how to include signs naturally while interacting with your child through daily routines, play time, story time and music. Registration required.

Children’s Sign Language: (Ages 6-12) Tuesdays, April 6-May 26, 4:30 pm. 8-week course. Learn basic sign language vocabulary, stories, songs and activities in a fun way. Registration required.

Pinellas Park Library

Children’s Sign Language: (Ages 5-12) Thursdays, March 11-May 6, 3:30 pm. ASL crash course that includes sign language vocabulary, stories and crafts or activities for children.

Safety Harbor Library

Children’s Sign Language: (Ages 5-12) Mondays, April 5-May 17, 4:00 pm. ASL crash course that includes sign language vocabulary, stories and crafts or activities for children.

St. Petersburg Library South Branch

Children’s Sign Language: (Ages 5-12) Tuesdays March 9-May 11, 4:30 pm. An interactive crash course that includes sign language vocabulary, stories and crafts or activities for children.

Dunedin Public Library

Baby & Me Story Time: (18 mos & under) Mondays, 10:00 am. Join us for an introduction to stories, rhymes and songs. 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.

Music Mash: (Ages 5 & under) Mondays, 3:30 pm. Join us for a mix of music and movement. We’ll dance to the music, play some instruments and incorporate lots of movement.

Read with a Furry Friend: (All ages) Tuesdays, 3:00 pm. Read with Cherry or Debbie, the therapy dogs.

Toddler Time: (18-36 mos) Wednesdays, 10:00 am or 11:00 am. This is an exciting introduction to the ABCs, incorporating song, stories, finger plays, a short video and crafts. Please choose one Toddler Time for your child to attend and make it your regular time.

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

Family Saturday Stories: (All ages) Saturday, April 3, 2:00 pm. Too busy during the week? Then take a break with the family and join us for stories, songs and crafts! Theme: “Spring Fling.”

Tiny Tales @ the Community Center: (Ages 5 & under) Tuesday, April 6, 10:00 am. Join us for a special story time at the Community Center. Theme this month: “Birds of a Feather.”

Lego Club 2010: (Ages 5 & up) Wednesday, April 7, 4:00 pm. Let your creativity soar.

Sunday Fun Days: (All ages) Sunday, April 11, 1:00-4:30 pm. Stop in the Youth Department for a special make & take craft. Theme this month: “April Showers Bring May Flowers.”

Special Story Time - We Love Cats & Dogs! (Ages 5 & under) Friday, April 16, 10:30 am. Hear stories about our pets and play a bean bag game. Registration required and begins 2 weeks prior to program.

Shel Silverstein: (Ages 5-12) Wednesday, April 21, 6:30 pm. Celebrate National Poetry Month with a tribute to one of our favorite poets. We’ll make fun crafts and create poetry. Registration required and begins 2 weeks prior to program.

Beachy Fun: (Ages 5-12) Thursday, April 22, 4:30 pm. We’ll celebrate Earth Day by making a beach craft, hearing stories and having a snack. Registration required and begins 2 weeks prior to program.

East Lake Community Library

Earth Day Plants: Saturday, April 17, 1:00 pm. Celebrate Earth Day with us. Plant seedlings in paper pots that you can transfer to your garden.

Lego Club: (All ages) Thursdays, 4:00 pm. Join your friends and make new creations at this popular new offering.

Spanish Tutoring: (All ages) Saturdays, 10:30-12:00 am. Get one on one help with your Spanish. Registration required.

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

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

Preschool Story Time: (Ages 3-5) Tues., 11:00 am. Come for a story & a craft.

Teen Tutors: (Ages 6-13) Saturdays, 11:00-2:00 pm. Free assistance with math, English, and reading. Registration required.

Gulf Beaches Public Library

Baby & Me Story Time: (Infant-2 yrs) Wednesdays, 10:30 am. Short stories told with themed props, learn songs, finger plays and dance, with play time afterward.
Children’s Programs

**Wild Things Story Time & Art Class:** (Ages 2-4) Fridays, 10:30 am. The Friday, April 2 story hour will be held on Thursday, April 1. Stories, songs, and finger plays, followed by an art/craft class at 11:00 am.

**Earth Day Party:** Friday, April 23, 3:30-4:30 pm. Crafts and stories to celebrate the beauty of nature and the earth. (We’ll be making Litter Bugs.) Non-electronic games will be played, like London Bridges, dominoes, cards, jacks and pick-up sticks.

**Gulfport Public Library**

**Read-A-Thon:** Take a refreshing “Reading Break” at the library. Readers of all ages are invited to pick up a reading log to record minutes you spend reading at the Library during National Library Week. Read at whatever time you choose and for as long as you like. At the end of NLW, we’ll tally up the logs and publish the total number of in-library reading-time!

**Largo Public Library**

**TRACES BUSeum:** April 13, 1:00-4:00 pm. TRACES Center for History and Culture will be bringing their traveling museum to the Largo Public Library! The BUSeum is a fully self-contained museum in a retrofitted 40 foot school bus. The exhibit, *Held on the Homefront: German POW’s in the U.S. 1943-1946,* tells the story of the German POW’s who were held in 660 camps in the United States.

**Family Fun-O-Rama:** First-Sunday a.m. Refreshments will be served.

**Honeymoon Island Family Storycraft:** (Ages 3 & up) Saturday, April 10, 1:30 pm. Location: Rotary Centennial Nature Center at Honeymoon Island State Park, 1 Causeway Blvd., Dunedin. A special children’s story time with related crafts, a fun way to learn about nature. A free program with paid park admission of $8.00 per car, up to 8 people per carload.

**Pinecrest Family Storytime:** (Ages 18 mos-3 yrs) Wednesdays, 10:00 am. Nursery rhymes, stories, and finger plays.

**Ready Readers Book Club:** (Ages 5-7) Sunday, April 18, 2:00 pm. Ready, Set, Read! Have a talk and activity on beginning readers’ books that combine short sentences with pictures and the next level, chapter books. Registration required.

**Oldsmar Public Library**

**Toddlers’ Book Club:** (Ages 2-3) Wednesdays, 10:00 am. A fun-filled interactive half hour of stories and songs.

**St. Petersburg Public Library**

**Story Time:** (Ages 3 & up) Thursdays, 10:00 am. Program includes short stories, songs, and activities to encourage early literacy.

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

**Palm Harbor Public Library**

**Toddlers’ Book Club:** (Ages 2-3) Wednesdays, 10:00 am. A fun-filled interactive half hour of stories and songs.

**Snuggle Up Story Time:** (Ages 3 & up) Mondays, 7:00 pm. Wear your pajamas and bring your teddy bears for Miss Chris’ rollicking evening story-time guaranteed to keep you awake! Pajamas are optional.

**Starbucks Story Time:** (Ages 3 & up) Tuesday, April 6, 10:00 am. Take a coffee break and meet us for stories and snacks at Palm Harbor Starbucks, US 19 and Nebraska Avenue.

**Mainly Mother Goose:** (Ages 2 & under) Tuesdays, 10:00 am. Nursery rhymes, songs and finger plays for our youngest library members.

**Granny Jane’s Story Corner:** (Ages 2 & up) Wednesdays, 3:00 pm. Some old classics and new favorites – you can pick the stories for her to read aloud or you can read to her!

**Leap Into Art @ Leepa-Rattner!** (Ages 3 & up) Thursday, April 1, 6:00-7:00 pm. Join us at the Leepa-Rattner Museum of Art Interactivity Gallery located at 600 Klosterman Road on the campus of St. Pete College for an hour of art-related stories and an art activity provided by the museum staff. The program is free for children. Adults have a $5.00 museum admission fee.

**First Steps Parent/Child Workshop, Spring Series:** (Ages 1-3, siblings 4 & under welcome) Wednesdays, 10:00-11:00 am. A four-week series of parent/child workshops that include play, community resource professionals, parenting materials and an opportunity to have fun with your child. Registration required and began March 8.

**Honeymoon Island Family Storycraft:** (Ages 3 & up) Saturday, April 10, 1:30 pm. Location: Rotary Centennial Nature Center at Honeymoon Island State Park, 1 Causeway Blvd., Dunedin. A special children's story time with related crafts, a fun way to learn about nature. A free program with paid park admission of $8.00 per car, up to 8 people per carload.

**Poems To Make You Laugh:** (Ages 8 & up, children only) Saturday, April 10, 2:00-3:00 pm. In celebration of National Poetry Month, come tickle your funny bone by enjoying hilarious poems by Shel Silverstein, Jack Prelutsky and more and learn how to write some of your own. Registration required and began March 1.

**Wacky Wednesday:** (Ages 3 & up) Wednesday April 14, all day. Games, contests and activities to celebrate National Library Week. See how many book characters you can identify wandering around the library!

**Book Buddies:** (Ages 9-12, children only) Sat., April 17, 11:00 am-12:00 pm. Teen Book Buddies from the Youth Advisory Board will share their favorite stories (or bring your own) along with crafts and activities to celebrate National Library Week. Registration required and began March 1.

**Homework Helpers:** Don’t get into a homework war with your kids! During the school year, high school volunteers assist students in elementary and middle school with homework assignments, reading reinforcement and researching and writing reports. This free service is offered on a first-come, first-served basis in the Children’s Room, Monday-Thursday afternoons, 3:30-5:30 pm, while school is in session.

**Pinellas Park Public Library**

**Dora and Diego Bilingual Fiesta:** Sunday, April 18, 2:00 pm. Registration required and begins April 1.

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

**Mother Goose:** (Ages 3 & under) Tuesday, April 6, 10:00-10:30 am. Program may include rhymes, finger plays, stories and songs.

**Reading Patch Club:** (Elementary age students) Tuesdays, 3:00-3:30 pm. This is 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**

**Stories of Florida-Con Sabor!** Thursday, April 28, 6:30 pm. Blending traditional, international and personal tales, bilingual storyteller Carrie Sue Ayvar takes her audience on a journey into the imagination connecting people, languages, and cultures. A program for all ages, the program will be signed in ASL. This program is in celebration of the Pinellas Public Library Cooperative’s 25th anniversary and is presented in conjunction with the Florida Humanities Council. Refreshments will be served.
Children’s Programs

Math Club: Saturday, April 3, 10, & 17, 10:00 am. Brush up on your skills and get tutoring help. Call Vinay at (727) 726-3386 for more information.

Toddler Time: (18 mos-2 ½ yrs) Mondays, 10:00 am. Registration required.

Family Story Time: (All ages) Mondays, 7:00-7:45 pm. Pajamas welcome.

Preschool Story Time: (Ages 5 & under) Tuesdays, 10:30 am.

Baby & Me: (Infant-18 mos) Mondays, 9:45 am. Registration required.

St. Pete Beach Public Library

Mother Goose Time: (Ages 3 & under) Thursdays, 11:00 am. Stories, scampering & coloring practice.

St. Petersburg Public Library System

Main Library

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

Bookaneers Book Club: (Ages 7-12) Wednesday, April 7, 4:00 pm.

Cat in the Hat Puppet Show: Performed by the St. Petersburg Junior League, Mondays, 10:00 am, April 12 & 26. Groups must pre-register.

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

Kids Craft Corner: (All ages) Wednesday, April 14, 2:30-4:00 pm. Make and take craft projects.

Mother Goose: (Ages 3 & under) Tuesday, 11:30 am & Fridays, 9:30 or 10:30 am.

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

Saturday Puppet Shows: (All ages) Saturday, April 10, 11:00 am.

Children’s Programs

Chipmunks: (Ages 3-5) Tuesdays, 10:30 am.

Half Time: (Ages 3) Wednesdays, 11:00 am.

Family Story Time & Craft: (All ages) Thursday, April 1, 2:00 pm.

Mother Goose Story Time: (Ages 3 & under) Mondays, 11:00 am & Wednesdays, 10:00 am.

Preschool: (Ages 3-5) Wednesdays 11:00 am.

Family Story Time & Craft: Tuesday, April 20, 6:30 pm.

South Branch

Mother Goose: (Ages 3 & under) Wednesdays, 10:15 am.

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

Born to Read Receives Support from St. Petersburg Junior League

The Pinellas Public Library Cooperative’s Born to Read program was recently awarded a $500 Enabling Fund Grant from the Junior League of St. Petersburg to support family literacy programming and materials. These funds will support Born to Read families throughout Pinellas County through their public libraries. The Junior League of St. Petersburg funds will assist Born to READ and enable families to break the chronic cycle of illiteracy and poverty. These at-risk families in Pinellas County include teen parents, poverty level families, ESOL families and families with special needs. Children’s books, parenting guides and other literacy resources will be purchased with these funds to benefit those individuals in the Pinellas community.

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

Celebrate National Library Week!

April 11 – 17

Communities Thrive @ your library

Superstar Readers at South Branch: (Ages 8-12) Tuesday, April 13, 4:30 pm.

Family Story Time & Craft: Tuesday, April 20, 6:30 pm.

West Community Library

Mother Goose: (Ages 3 & under) Tuesdays & Wednesdays, 11:00 am. Songs, puppets, finger plays and stories.

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

After-School Program: (Ages 6-12) Thurs., April 22, 3:30 pm. Stories & crafts.

Seminole Community Library

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

Family Movie: Sat., 2:00 pm. Films for all ages--free popcorn & sodas provided by the Friends of the Library. April 3: Ring of Bright Water; April 10: Alvin & the Chipmunks: The Squeakquel; April 17: Imagine That; April 24: Astro Boy.

Baby Time: (Infant-18 mos) Friday, April 23, 10:00 am. Lap sit program which includes finger plays, music, nursery rhymes and a play time.

Toddler Story Time: (18 mos-3 yrs) Tuesdays & Thursdays, 10:30 am. Twenty minutes of short stories, books, songs and movement activities based on a weekly theme for toddlers and their caregivers.

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

LEGOS Club: (Elementary students) Wednesday, April 14, 3:30 pm. The hour long program is open to all those in elementary school. LEGOs will be supplied so bring your imagination and share your building ideas.

Special Story Time-Hooray for Arbor Day: (Preschoolers) Tuesday, April 20, 11:00 am. Celebrate Arbor Day with stories about trees, crafts and other fun activities.

Tarpon Springs Public Library

Preschool Story Time: (Ages 3-5) Thursdays, 10:15 am.

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

Family Movie: (All ages) Thursday, April 1, 2:00 pm. Up, registration required.

Craft Club: (Ages 6-12) Friday, April 2, 4:30 pm. Registration required.

National Library Week “Know Your Community” Contest: (All ages) Monday, April 12-Saturday, April 17. View photographs at the library of various Tarpon Springs locations and guess where in the community the pictures were taken. Prizes provided by the Friends of the Library.

Friends of the Library Special Sale of Children’s Books: Saturday, April 17, 10:00 am-5:00 pm. At the Friends Used Book Store in the library, a large selection of children’s books will be offered at discount prices.

PPLC 20th Anniversary Celebration: Saturday, April 17, 1:00-3:00 pm. Fun activities for all ages. Come enjoy cake, crafts, and more.

Knit Club: (Ages 7-18) Saturday, April 17, 2:00 pm. Learn how to knit and share your projects.

Lego Club: (Ages 6-12) Tuesday, April 20, 3:00 pm. Join others to share ideas, work together and build masterpieces. LEGO pieces supplied.