

Pinellas Library Cooperative Welcomes New Board Members

The Pinellas Public Library Cooperative is pleased to announce its newly elected Board members for the 2010 – 2011 fiscal year. The Cooperative welcomes elected members Donald Mahoney of Safety Harbor and Kay Campbell of Clearwater to their new Board positions. Additionally, we are pleased to have Karen Lewis of East Lake fill the At-Large District 1 seat appointed by the Pinellas Board of County Commissioners. Mr. Mahoney, a resident of Safety Harbor, has been a lifetime library supporter. He currently serves in the Friends of the Library for the Safety Harbor Public Library as well as the Safety Harbor Library Foundation and was instrumental in the original building construction of the library. Additionally, Mr. Mahoney has been a member of the Pinellas County Metropolitan Planning Board and served on the Safety Harbor City Commission. His interests also include other local cultural institutions and he has been a member of the Safety Harbor Museum Board. Mr. Mahoney brings his lifelong commitment to libraries and his belief in their positive impact on the community to his new position with the PPLC Board. Ms. Campbell, a resident of Clearwater, has spent her career working with arts and education organizations throughout Pinellas County. She has served in leadership positions with the Grants Collaborative of Tampa Bay, the

Pinellas County Education Consortium and the Arts in Education Task Force. Additionally, Ms. Campbell has been an advisory council member for the Clearwater Arts Alliance, the Education Committee for The Florida Orchestra, the Arts Advisory Committee for the Largo Cultural Center, and the K-20 Arts Education Advisory Council with the University of South Florida, Tampa. She also brings library experience to her position with a background as a Media Specialist for Pinellas County Schools. Ms. Lewis, a resident of East Lake, serves as the Board of County Commissioners At-Large District 1 representative. She has served in leadership positions in the community and has been a board member for the Communities in Schools of Hillsborough (CIS) as well as the Agency for Community Treatment Services (ACTS). A graduate of Leadership Tampa, Ms. Lewis brings a background in industrial engineering and has held positions with the Florida Power Corporation during her career in addition to her current position with Tampa Electric Company. Ms. Lewis brings her expertise in customer service relations to her position with the PPLC Board.

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

2010 Teen Read Week Author Event



The Pinellas Public Library Cooperative participated in another successful Teen Read Week celebration with Young Adult Author Sherri L. Smith. Ms. Smith provided eight writers' workshops/lectures including a live broadcast as part of Pinellas County Schools' Meet the Author program. She spoke throughout Pinellas County with middle and high school-aged students about the importance of reading. Programming with Ms. Smith, the author of the recent novel *Flygirl* and *Hot, Sour, Salty, Sweet*, was made possible through a partnership between the public libraries and public schools in Pinellas and Hillsborough counties.

TOP: Martha Loyd, Gulfport Library with Diane Oldja, Boca Ciega High School, Sherri Smith, author and Emily Spiegel, Boca Ciega High School.

BOTTOM: Sherri Smith at the Pinellas County Schools Meet the Author studio broadcast.



PPLC Board Members Volunteer at the Times Festival of Reading

Pinellas Public Library Cooperative Library Directors, Board Members and staff attended the *Times* Festival of Reading at the University of South Florida, St. Petersburg campus Saturday, October 23. As part of the community outreach provided by the Board, reading festival attendees had an opportunity to learn more about their local public library and community programming. We look forward to everyone's support for countywide library reading initiatives and programs in 2011.

PPLC Board Members, Mona Johnson, Madelyn Liss and Danielle Harkins volunteer at the PPLC booth at the *Times* Festival of Reading in St. Petersburg.



Computer Classes

Clearwater Public Library System

Main Library

Drop-In Computer Training: Tuesdays, 10:30 am-2:30 pm. Whether you're a first-time computer user or you just need help with a few computer questions, the library can help you with e-mail, searching the internet for information, Facebook, Twitter and other social networking websites, using the library's catalog and other electronic resources, and opening and printing photos or documents and more. Appointments are not required, but space is limited.

Beach Branch

Drop-In Computer Training: Mondays, 2:00 pm-4:00 pm. Whether you're a first-time computer user or you just need help with a few computer questions, the library can help you with e-mail, searching the internet for information, Facebook, Twitter and other social networking websites, using the library's catalog and other electronic resources, and opening and printing photos or documents and more. Appointments are not required, but space is limited.

Countryside Branch

Drop-In Computer Training: Wednesdays, 1:00 pm-3:00 pm. Whether you're a first-time computer user or you just need help with a few computer questions, the library can help you with e-mail, searching the internet for information, Facebook, Twitter and other social networking websites, using the library's catalog and other electronic resources, and opening and printing photos or documents and more. Appointments are not required, but space is limited.

North Greenwood Branch

Drop-In Computer Training: Fridays, 1:00 pm-3:00 pm. Whether you're a first-time computer user or you just need help with a few computer questions, the library can help you with e-mail, searching the internet for information, Facebook, Twitter and other social networking websites, using the library's catalog and other electronic resources, and opening and printing photos or documents and more. Appointments are not required, but space is limited.

East Branch

Drop-In Computer Training: Thursdays, 11:30 am-1:30 pm. Whether you're a first-time computer user or you just need help with a few computer questions, the library can help you with e-mail, searching the internet for information, Facebook, Twitter and other social networking websites, using the library's catalog and other electronic resources, and opening and printing photos or documents and more. Appointments are not required, but space is limited.

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

Adult Computer Class: Tuesdays & Thursdays, 11:00 am. Due to the holidays, there will be no classes December 20-December 30.

East Lake Community Library

Computers 101 with Sean: Fridays, 5:00-6:00 pm. Just the basics. A one-on-one tutor is here to help you. Registration required.

Computer Boot Camp with Rachel: Saturdays, 2:00-4:00 pm. An hour of one-on-one coaching designed to enhance computer skills. Registration required.

Computer Basics and Advanced with Mike: Saturdays, 12:00-4:00 pm. All skill levels will benefit from this one-on-one assistance. Excel and more! Registration required.

Gulf Beaches Public Library

E-mail Class: Wednesday, December 8, 1:00 pm.

Internet Class: Wednesday, December 15, 1:00 pm.

Open Forum: Monday, December 20, 1:00 pm.

Facebook: Monday, December 27, 1:00 pm

Gulfport Public Library

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

Largo Public Library

You Don't Know Google! Optimize Your Research: Saturday, December 4, 10:30 am. In this class, you'll learn how to: use effective search phrases, perform a boolean search (it's easier than it sounds!), and get a general "tour" of Google. There will also be an overview of Google Maps.

Oldsmar Public Library

Blogging & Social Networks: Tuesday, December 14, 2:00 pm. What blogging is, how to set up your own blog, and why you would want to blog. Class is lecture/discussion followed by Q & A.

Palm Harbor Public Library

Each class is limited to six people on a first come, first served basis. Please register at the Reference Desk on the day of the class, registration begins when the library opens. Classes last approximately two hours.

Computer Basics: Tuesday, December 7, 3:00 pm & Wednesday, December 8, 11:00 am. Learn the basics of computer hardware, software, the mouse and the keyboard.

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

Introduction to Email: Monday, December 13, 1:00 pm. Learn the basics of using e-mail with Yahoo.

Pinellas Park Public Library

Introductory Computer Classes: Call for class schedule. Prior registration (at the Reference Desk) recommended.

Special Session Computer Class: Wednesday, December 8, 7:00 pm. For more information, visit www.marcomp.com/sked.htm.

Safety Harbor Public Library

Please visit our website for the most up-to-date listing of computer classes.

Computer Classes: Classes limited to 9 students. Registration required.

One-on-One Computer Training: Sign up for a 45 minute one-on-one computer lesson with a librarian or student tutor.

Computer Drop in Session: Wednesday, December 1, 1:00-4:00 pm. Have a question about email, cut and paste, or anything else? Drop in with your individual computer questions.

Introduction to Microsoft Windows: Monday, December 6, 2:30 pm. Students must be comfortable using a mouse and have some computer experience.

St. Pete Beach Public Library

Computer Classes: Saturday, December 4, call for time. "Flickr/Picassa" with Chad Mairn.

St. Petersburg Public Library System

Johnson Branch

One-on-One Internet Training: Tuesdays & Saturdays, 10:00 am. Registration required.

North Branch

One-on-One Computer Training: Tuesdays, 2:00 pm, Wednesdays, 9:00 am or 10:00 am. Sessions are one hour long, registration required.

Beginning Computing/Internet Class: Saturday, December 4 & 18, 10:00-11:00 am.

West Community Library

Registration is required for all computer classes.

Supervised Computer Time: Fridays, 1:30-3:30 pm. Come get help with all your computer issues. Beginners and advanced users welcome.

Internet Basics: Friday, December 3, 10:30 am.

Email Basics: Saturday, December 4, 10:30 am.

Tech Q & A: Friday, December 10, 10:00 am. Bring your toughest computer questions; you can even bring your computer!

Microsoft Word Basics: Fri., December 17, 10:00 am.

Tarpon Springs Public Library

Registration is required for all computer classes due to limited seating.

One-on-One Mouse Training and Practice: Call or stop by for an appointment.

Internet Basics: Wednesday, December 8, 3:00 pm.

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Adult Programs

Clearwater Public Library System

Main Library

Deck The Halls: Wednesday, December 1, 3:00 pm. Join *HGTV Design Star* contestant Jason Champion in a holiday decorating program that touches on all themes and colors.

Films on the Bluff: Tuesday, December 14, 2:00 pm. Join us for a monthly film.

Enjoy the Sunset on the Rooftop Terrace: Wednesdays, 5:30 pm. Enjoy the breathtaking view from the Main Library's rooftop terrace at sunset. The terrace will open 30 minutes before sunset.

Beach Branch

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

Writers' Support Group: Wednesdays, December 1 & 15, 1:00 pm. A workshop for writers and would-be writers. Join us for help and encouragement.

Films on the Beach: Tuesday, December 7, 2:00 pm. Bring your friends to the Beach Library and Recreation Center for a film.

Healthy Party Foods Cooking Class: Monday, December 13, 11:30 am. Join us for a free cooking class with Rita Fabula.

Countryside Branch

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

Magician Bill Kahn: Thursday, December 2 & 9, 2:00 pm. Join us for a magic show.

Happy New Year: Wednesday, December 29, 3:30 pm. Say goodbye to 2010 and welcome 2011 with Steve Turner's Drumming Circle at the Countryside Library. All ages welcome!

North Greenwood Branch

Thursday Afternoon at the Movies: Thursday, December 2, 2:00 pm. For adults only.

East Branch

ESOL Café: Tuesdays, 5:30 pm. Join us every Tuesday for English conversation practice.

Mystery Readers Club: Tuesday, December 14, 12:00 pm. Join the Mystery Readers Club in a lively discussion on books covering the theme for the month.

Maneja Sus Emociones: Thursday, December 2, 4 & 23, 5:30 pm.

Deaf Literacy Center

Palm Harbor Public Library

Individual Tutoring for the Deaf: Tuesdays 2:00-4:00 pm. Call for appointment.

Adult Beginners Sign Language: Tuesdays September 14-December 7, 6:00 pm (12-week session). ASL crash course that includes basic Sign Language vocabulary, daily phrases and facts about the Deaf community and culture.

Adult Intermediate Sign Language: Tuesdays September 14-December 7, 7:00 pm (12-week session). ASL crash course where you can learn 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: Thursdays, September 16-December 9, 6:00-7:00 pm (12-week course). ASL crash course that includes basic Sign Language vocabulary, daily phrases and facts about the Deaf community and culture.

Adult Intermediate Sign Language: Tuesdays, Sept 16-Dec 9, 7:00 pm. ASL crash course that includes basic Sign Language vocabulary, daily phrases and facts about the Deaf community and culture.

Safety Harbor Public Library

Individual Tutoring for the Deaf: Mondays, Wednesdays, & Thursdays. Call for appointment.

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

Adult Beginners Sign Language: Mondays, September 13-December 6, 6:00 pm (12-week session). ASL crash course that includes basic Sign Language vocabulary, daily phrases and facts about the Deaf community and culture.

Adult Intermediate Sign Language: Mondays, September 13-December 6, 7:00 pm (12-week session). ASL crash course that includes Conversational Sign Language, stories, songs and skits.

St. Petersburg Public Library South Branch

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

Adult Beginners Sign Language: Tuesdays September 14-December 7, 6:00 pm. ASL crash course that includes Conversational Sign Language, stories, songs and skits.

Adult Intermediate Sign Language: Tuesdays, September 14-December 7, 7:00 pm. ASL crash course that includes 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. December 7: *Disney's A Christmas Carol*; December 14: *The Road to Christmas*; December 21: *The Bishop's Wife*; December 28: *White Christmas*.

Holiday Cookies, Cocoa and Storytelling: Tuesday, December 7, 6:30 pm. The Tampa Bay Storytellers Guild will host this delightful evening of holiday storytelling for all ages.

Medicare Advantage Plan Changes: Wednesday, December 8, 2:00 pm. Become aware of the Medicare changes for 2011. The Medicare Seminars will be presented by a specially trained S.H.I.N.E. volunteer from the Florida Department of Elder Affairs local office – Area on Aging of Pasco-Pinellas, Inc.

Ruth Eckerd Children's Chorus Holiday Concert: Tuesday, December 14, 7:00 pm. The Children's Chorus will present a holiday concert for all ages. Refreshments will be served following the concert.

Genealogy Assistance: Thursdays, 1:00-3:00 pm. Members of The Caladesi Chapter of the DAR are here to assist you.

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

Literacy Council of Upper Pinellas Tutoring Program: Unlock the door to success by helping someone learn to read, speak and write English. Volunteer with the Literacy Council of Upper Pinellas. For additional information please call the Literacy Office or visit the website at www.lcupinfo.com.

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, December 7, 6:30 pm. New members are encouraged to attend!

Writer's Critique Group: Monday, December 13, 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, December 14, 6:00 pm. The public is welcome!

Salon: Wednesday, December 15, 6:30 pm. You've heard the buzz, now come and join us! Get here early for a seat at our round-table discussion group.

ELCL Quilters: Wednesday, December 22, 6:00-7:45 pm. Get started on a lifetime of beautiful projects today! All skill levels welcome.

Adult Programs

East Lake Community Library (cont.)

Chess Club: Fridays, 4:30-5:30 pm. All skill levels are welcome, and if you are new to the game, a tutor will show you how to play!

Gulf Beaches Public Library

Alcoholics Anonymous: Wednesdays, 8:00-9:00 pm. This group meets on the grounds of the library in the back patio.

International Film Movement: Tuesday, December 7, 4:00 pm. *Only When I Dance*. Two teenagers from Rio de Janeiro pursue the dream of becoming professional ballet dancers.

World of Humor Film: Tuesday, December 28 at 4:00 pm. *The Closet*. Francois Pignon, a very bland sort of man who works as an accountant in a condom factory, is about to be fired. His new neighbor helpfully creates photos and spreads the rumor that Francois is gay so that the factory management might be afraid they'll be sued for sexual discrimination.

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

Scrabble: Fridays, 1:30-4:00 pm. Exercise the circuitry of your gray matter.

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

Poetry Group: Tuesday, December 21, 6:00-8:00 pm.

Gulfport Public Library

Free Thinkers Open Twelve Step Meeting: Tuesdays, 6:00-7:00 pm. For information, call (727) 916-0916.

Gulfport Creative Short Story Writers: Wednesdays, 10:00 am-12:00 pm.

Scrapbookers Club for Teens & Adults: Saturday, December 11, 1:00-3:00 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.

Genealogy Discussion Group: Saturday, December 18, 1:00-3:00 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.

Short Stories Study Group: Monday, December 27, 1:00-3:00 pm. Presented by local chapter of Brandeis University Women.

Largo Public Library

Book Signing: Sunday, December 5, 1:00-3:00 pm. Visit with local author, Ray Weaver, as he promotes his new book, *Tightrope to Justice*, a murder mystery about a woman on a search to find her uncle's killer. Books will be available to purchase.

Water Your Mind @ the Socrates Café: Thursday, December 9, 10:30 am. The Socrates Cafe is an opportunity for people from all backgrounds to get together to exchange ideas and opinions on a variety of topics in a fun, interactive environment.

Brown Bag Movies: Thursdays, 12:30 pm. Bring your own lunch and watch movies from every era. Popcorn and soda are provided. December 2: *October Sky*; December 9: *Seven Brides for Seven Brothers*; December 16: *The Man who would be King*; December 23: *It's a Wonderful Life*; December 30: *Mr. Holland's Opus*.

Poets Live! Monday, December 13, 6:30 pm. Present your poetry or just listen to the poetry of others.

Booktalking with Iris: Wednesday, December 8, 12:00 pm.

Genealogy Classes: Call Bob Bryan at 9727) 595-4521 or email Bryan84@tampabay.rr.com to reserve your space.

Documentation: Wednesday, December 1, 10:00 am. Document sources for your genealogical data.

Searching Internet for Online Scanned Books: Thursday, December 2, 10:00 am. Google books, heritage quest, ancestry.com.

Family Tree Maker User Group: Saturday, December 4, 10:00 am. Questions & answers and demonstration of how to use the Family Tree Maker genealogical database software.

Census Timelines: Monday, December 6, 10:00 am. Focuses on analyzing groups of similar questions asked in different census years including instructions given to the census takers. We will give tips on strategies for using this information.

Elements of Genealogical Proof: Tuesday, December 7, 6:00 pm.

Rootsweb: Wednesday, December 8, 10:00 am. Get the most from this huge, free website.

Researching With the US Census Before 1850: Tuesday, December 14, 10:00 am. This class examines the characteristics of the pre-1850 census, the information available, and some strategies for analyzing those census years.

Ancestry.com: Wednesday, December 15, 10:00 am. Search techniques for getting the most from this huge collection of databases.

Computer Interest Group: Saturday, December 18, 10:00 am. The Computer Interest Group or Computers in Genealogy group, is an informal discussion group in a question and answer format on anything related to the use of computers in genealogy. Typical subjects include: new websites, email problems, using digital cameras, scanners, downloading files and finding them on your computer, genealogy software programs, etc.

Oldsmar Public Library

Small Business Counseling: Tuesday, December 7 & 21, 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.

Palm Harbor Public Library

Business Resource Network: Our Business Specialist, Jeneé Skipper is trained to provide technical assistance on issues ranging from business start-ups to major expansion and relocation. She will be at the library Tuesdays & Thursdays from 12:00-4:30 pm & Wednesdays by appointment.

Master Gardeners Plant Clinic: Wednesdays, December 1 & 8, 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.

Chess Club: Thursdays, December 2, 9, 16 & 30, 12:00-2:00 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.

Thrilling Tales! A Story Time For Adults: Thursday, December 2, 1:00 pm. A selection of oral readings from a variety of well known and lesser known short story authors are presented for your listening pleasure. Just bring your imagination and an hour of your time. Light refreshments will be served. *Christmas Is A Sad Season For The Poor* by John Cheever will be discussed.

Socrates Café: Thursday, December 2, 6:00-7:45 pm & Thursday December 16, 1:00- 2:45 pm. You don't need to know philosophy to join this discussion group. If you need some intellectual stimulation and want to share your opinion on a variety of subjects, visit our blog at: palmharborsocratescafe.blogspot.com

Palm Harbor Writers' Group: Tuesdays, December 7 & 21, 6:30-8:00 pm. This group meets at the Palm Harbor Community Center located at 1500 16th Street in Palm Harbor. A reading and discussion group for local writers. Comments and suggestions are welcomed. Email the group at phwriters@verizon.net or call the Chairperson, Mark Turley at (727) 466-7238 or email him at truchero50@hotmail.com.

Clam Bayou Jazz Band: Friday, December 17, 3:00 pm. Stomp your feet, clap your hands, and join in the musical merriment with the Clam Bayou Jazz Band, a free concert sponsored by the Friends of Palm Harbor Library.

Genealogy Assistance: Genealogy volunteers are available at the library Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 1:00-4:00 pm to help you with your genealogy questions.

Adult Programs

Sweet Tomatoes “Fun-Raiser” Night: Wednesday, December 8, 5:00-8:00 pm. Pick up at fun-raiser flyer in the library and bring it to the Sweet Tomatoes at 31151 US 19 North in Clearwater and 20% of the proceeds will be donated to the Palm Harbor Library Teen Collection. The flyer must be presented at the time of purchase.

Safety Harbor Public Library

Get Crafty at Your Library–Pinecone Ornaments: Wednesday, December 1, 2:00 pm. Make beautiful handcrafted ornaments and decorations out of natural materials. Registration required, materials provided.

Book Sale: Saturday, December 4, 9:00 am-3:00 pm. Friends of the Library Book Sale. Most items \$1.00. Books of all genres-Perfect for holiday gifts!

Holiday Concert: Sunday, December 5, 3:00 pm. Join us for an afternoon concert with opera tenor Philip Tropea. Light refreshments served. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

Create a Wildlife Habitat: December 8, 2:00 pm. Final session of four part series; More Food for Wildlife: Squirrel Feeders. Complete the application process to register your Wildlife Habitat.

Job Workshop for Professionals–How to Locate Part-Time Contract Work: Thursday, December 9, 6:30 pm. Are you looking for part-time, short term contract work? Learn how to find and successfully apply for these positions.

SCORE Small Business Counseling: Tuesday, December 14, appointments 10:00 am-2:00 pm. Registration required.

Story Circle Network-Writers’Group: Wednesday, December 15, 6:00 pm. Join fellow writers for writing assistance, sharing, ideas, and guidance.

Holiday Concert performed by the Espiritu Santo School Chorus: Thursday, December 16, 3:30 pm. Holiday entertainment provided by the Espiritu Santo chorus.

Heart & Soul Cinema: Sunday, December 19, 1:30 pm. Join us for the 2007 romantic drama, *Evening*, starring Claire Danes, Toni Collette, and Vanessa Redgrave. Based on the novel by Susan Minot. There is a short introduction prior and discussion after the movie.

St. Pete Beach Public Library

Local Author Series–Marsha Mathews: Saturday, December 18, 11:00 am.

Film: Tuesday, December 28, 10:30 am. *Breakfast at Tiffany’s*.

Meet Vice Mayor Jim Parent: Wednesday, December 29, 6:30 pm.

St. Petersburg Public Library System

North Branch

Winter Book Sale: Friday, December 3, 9:00 am-5:00 pm & Saturday, December 4, 9:00 am-2:00 pm

Game Time at the Library: Saturday, December 18, 3:30–5:00 pm. Board games, puzzles for all ages, feel free to bring in your favorite game to share with others.

South Branch

Knitting at South Branch: Thursdays, 11:00 am. Free knitting class for knitting 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

Basic Skills for English Language Learners: Saturday, December 4, 11 & 18, 1:00 pm. Get started speaking, reading and writing in English. Registration required.

Feng Shui: Saturday, December 4, 2:00 pm. Feng Shui professional, Diane Gallin will present this free workshop; focus on sprucing up your home for the holidays using the Chinese art of placement.

St Petersburg Writers’ Club: Thursday, December 2 & 16, 6:30 pm. Anyone interested in writing is invited to attend.

Volunteer Training: Saturday, December 11, 10:00 am. Get trained to volunteer here at the West St. Petersburg Community. For more information call Kelly Malizia.

Seminole Community Library

Classic Movie Matinee: Fridays, 1:00 pm. Free popcorn & sodas provided by the Friends of the Library. December 3: *Look For the Silver Lining*; December 10: *Dark Victory*; December 17: *Showboat*; December 24: *Meet Me in St. Louis*; December 31: *Scorpio*.

Sean Scott Elder Law Seminar: Monday, December 6, 2:00 pm.

H.E.A.L. (Human Ecology Action League): Wednesday, December 8, 1:00 pm.

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

Recycling & Sustainability: Monday, December 6, 10:00 am.

SPC Toastmasters: Tuesdays, 6:15 pm.

SHINE Seminar-Part D & 2011 Medicaid Advantage Plan Changes: Wednesday, December 8, 10:00 am.

Libertarian Party of Pinellas County: Thursday, December 9, 7:00 pm.

Sunday Musicales: Sunday, December 12, 3:00 pm. Philip Tropea, tenor vocalist.

Based on the Book Cinema: Sunday, December 19, 2:00 pm. *Out of Africa*, based on the book by Isak Dinesen/Karen Blixen. Starring Meryl Street & Robert Redford.

The Founders’ Constitution: Thursday, December 16, 7:00 pm. “Representation”: How did the Founders understand this fundamental idea of American democracy?

Ripping Yarns! Thursday, December 2, 12:10 pm. *The Baby in the Icebox* by James M. Cain; Thursday, December 16, 12:10 pm. *The Changing of the Guard* by Rod & Anne Serling.

Pinellas Science Fiction Club: Wednesday, December 29, 10:00 am.

The Two Towers Chess Club: Mondays, December 13 & 27, 3:00-5:00 pm. This club is for chess player of all ages and all levels of play. A Chess coach will be on hand to teach, encourage & critique. Boards & pieces will be provided or feel free to bring your own. Call for information or email mbryan@myseminole.com.

Tarpon Springs Public Library

Genealogy Assistance with Genealogist Debbe Hagner: Fridays, 1:00-5:00 pm. Appointments and requests are also taken by email: debbehagner@yahoo.com

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, December 1, 1:30-3:00 pm.

Friends of the Tarpon Springs Library 2010 Annual Meeting: Saturday, December 4, 11:00 am. Event held at the Riverside Venue in Tarpon Springs. Guest speaker: Jeff Klinkenberg of the St Petersburg Times. Cost is \$27 per person and includes lunch. Registration required.

Tarpon Springs Library Needlecraft Group: Mondays, December 13 & 29, 6:30-8:30 pm. New group open to anyone who knits, crochets, embroiders, or does any other needlecraft. Bring your projects, share ideas, or ask questions. All skill levels welcome.

History Discussion Group: Wednesday, December 1, 1:30-3:00 pm.

Candlelight Concert: Thursday, December 16, 5:30 pm. Performance by the Tarpon Springs High School Choir. Free concert open to all. Concert will be held outside in front of the library, don’t forget to bring your lawn chairs.

Tarpon Springs Public Library Genealogy Research Group: Monday, December 20, 6:30 pm. New group offering a free casual exchange of genealogy research methods and tips for online and traditional searching. We welcome beginners and advanced researchers. Please bring your own laptop or call the library to reserve one.

PPLC Member Library Policies & Services

MISSION STATEMENT

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

VISION STATEMENT

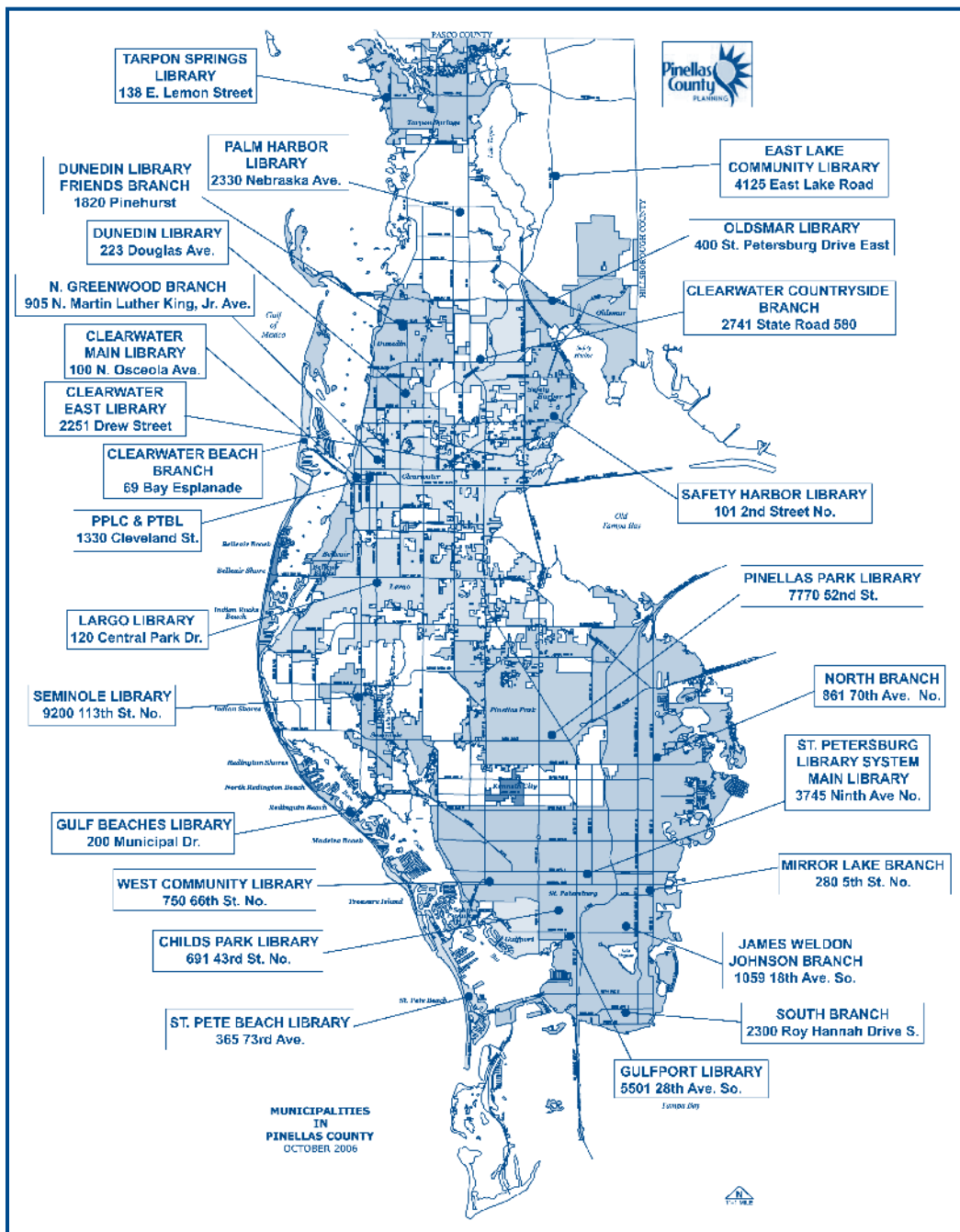
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- Internet access
- Interlibrary loan
- Literacy classes and tutoring
- Programs for adults and young adults
- Reference assistance and reader's advisory
- Story hours and children's activities

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
Fax: (727) 724-1533
TDD: (727) 724-1529
<http://deafliteracycenter.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

Beach Branch

69 Bay Esplanade
Clearwater, FL 33767
Phone: 562-4970
Sat & Sun Closed
Mon - Fri 1pm - 5pm

Countryside Branch

2741 State Road 580
Clearwater, FL 33761
Phone: 562-4970
Mon - Thur 10am - 7pm
Fri Closed
Sat - Sun 12pm - 5pm

East Branch

2251 Drew Street
Clearwater, FL 33765
Phone: 562-4970
Sun Closed
Mon - Thur 10am - 7pm
Fri - Sat 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.dunedingov.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://www.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>
Sunday 1-5
Mon-Wed 9-8
Thurs & Fri 10-6
Saturday 10-5

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 & Wed 10am - 6pm
Tues & Thurs 12 noon - 8pm
Fri 12pm - 5pm
Sat 10am - 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 9:30am - 5pm
Sun 1pm - 5pm

St. Pete Beach Library

365 73rd Avenue
St. Pete Beach, FL 33706
Phone: 363-9238
<http://www.stpetebeach.org>
Sun Closed
Mon. & Wed 10am - 8pm
Tues - 10am - 6pm
Thur - Fri 10am - 6pm
Sat 10am - 2pm

St. Petersburg System

Main Library
3745 Ninth Avenue North
St. Petersburg, FL 33713
Phone 893-7724
Reference: 893-7928
<http://www.splibraries.org>
Mon, Wed, Fri, Sat 9am - 6pm
Tue, Thu 9am - 8pm
Sun 10am - 6pm

Administrative Offices

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

Childs Park Branch

691 43rd Street South
St. Petersburg, FL 33711
Phone: 893-7714
Mon & Thu 10am - 7pm
Tues, Wed, Fri 10am - 5:30pm
Sat 10am - 2pm

James Weldon Johnson Branch

1059 18th Avenue South
St. Petersburg, FL 33705
Phone: 893-7113
Mon & Wed 9am - 7pm
Tues, Thur, Fri 9am - 6pm

Mirror Lake Branch

280 5th Street North
St. Petersburg, FL 33701
Phone: 893-7268
Mon & Wed 9am - 7pm
Tues, Thurs, Fri 9am - 6pm

North Branch

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

South Branch

2300 Roy Hanna Drive S.
St. Petersburg, FL 33712
Phone: 893-7244
Tues & Thu 9am - 8pm
Mon, Wed, Fri - Sat 9am - 6pm

West Community Library

@ SPC Gibbs Campus
750 66th St. North
St. Petersburg, FL 33710
Phone: 341-7199
Mon - Thu 7:30am - 9pm
Fri 7:30am - 4pm
Sat 10am - 5pm

(Reduced hours when classes not in session)

Seminole Library

9200 113th Street North
Seminole, FL 33772-2800
Phone: 394-6905
<http://www.spcollege.edu/scl>
Mon - Thu 9am - 8pm
Fri 9am - 6pm
Sat 10am - 5pm
Sun 1pm - 5pm
(Reduced hours when SPC classes not in session)

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

Teen Programs

Clearwater Public Library System

Beach Branch

Wii Video Gaming for Tweens and Teens: Tuesdays, 4:00 pm, Wednesdays & Thursdays, 3:00 pm. Play Wii at the library with friends.

Countryside Branch

College Application and Essay Help: Saturday, December 4, 2:00 pm. Overview about how to write the collage applications essay. If you have a typed double-spaced rough draft the presenter will give individual tips.

East Branch

Wii Gaming Party: Thursday, December 30, 4:00 pm. Celebrate winter break by playing play Wii and eating some holiday treats. Bring your friends.

Dunedin Public Library

Dunedin Youth Volunteers: Monday, December 6, 6:30 pm. Tonight's meeting will be held at Casa Tina's Restaurant in downtown Dunedin for a special Fundraiser sponsored by Casa Tina's. Registration required and begins two weeks prior to program.

Casa Tina's Third Annual Fundraiser: (All ages) Monday, December 6, 5:00-10:00 pm. Casa Tina's Staff & the Community That Cares fundraiser proceeds will help us raise money for the new Library playground. Casa Tina's is located at 365 Main St., Downtown Dunedin. Registration required and begins two weeks prior to program.

Sci-Fi Saturday: (Ages 10-15) Saturday, December 11, 12:00 pm. December's movie is *Howard the Duck*.

North Pole Soap Workshop: (Ages 12-18) Monday, December 13, 6:00 pm. Learn the newest soap-making techniques from the North Pole Elves. Materials provided. Registration required and begins two weeks prior to program.

North Pole Gingerbread Houses: (Ages 10-15) Monday, December 20, 6:00 pm. Share your sweet gingerbread house architecture skills with us. Materials provided. Registration required and begins two weeks prior to program.

Tropical Typhoon – Leftover Crafts: (Ages 10-18) Wednesday, December 29, 6:00 pm. Let's wish 2010 farewell with an awesome luau party with crafts and snacks. Registration required and begins two weeks prior to program.

East Lake Community Library

Teen Craft Club: Saturday, December 18, 4:00-6:00 pm. "Origami Lantern". These make great decorations for the holidays or your room!

Adopt-a-Family: In conjunction with The Salvation Army, we will put together a "giving tree" of gift suggestions for a local family in need. We will collect gifts and then closer to the holidays, we will wrap and deliver them!

Math Tutor: Tuesdays, 5:00-6:30 pm. A special new offering for assistance with Algebra, Trigonometry, and Calculus.

Teen Tutors: (All ages) Wednesdays. Free assistance with Math, English, and Reading! Call for times, registration required.

Chess Club: Fridays, 4:30-5:30 pm. All skill levels are welcome, and if you are new to the game, a tutor will show you how to play!

Gulf Beaches Public Library

Anime Club: Join other teens to watch and talk about your anime faves & compare your manga art.

Gulfport Public Library

Gulfport Creative Short Story Writers: Wednesdays, 10:00 am-12:00 pm.

Scrapbookers Club for Teens & Adults: Saturday, December 11, 1:00-3:00 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

Teen Library Council: (Ages 13-18) Tuesday, December 7, 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.

Teen Tuesday: (Ages 13-18) Tuesday, December 14, 5:00 pm. Join other kids in an enrichment program with a different theme each month! Work on writing and craft projects in this after-school event.

Oldsmar Public Library

Homework Help for Elementary Age Kids: Wednesday, December 1, 3:00-6:00 pm. Teen volunteers interesting in helping children Grades K through 5 with Spelling, Math and Reading should call Heidi at (813) 749-1179.

Palm Harbor Public Library

Palm Harbor Library Youth Advisory Board: (Ages 13-18) Thursdays, December 2 & 9, 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. Hours may be counted for Bright Futures Scholarships!

Games2U! (Ages 11 & up) Wednesday, December 29, 1:00-4:00 pm. This program will beat the winter blues for sure. We're bringing in a truck-load of video games, literally! Games2U will be at Palm Harbor Library with their mobile videogame theater, so gear up to play your favorites!

Pinellas Park Public Library

Teen Book Discussion: Friday, December 17, 7:00 pm. Holiday Lock-in. Registration required and begins December 4.

Safety Harbor Public Library

Teen Library Advisory Board: Thursdays, December 2, 9, & 16, 5:00 pm. Plan teen events and make a difference in your Library.

St. Pete Beach Public Library

Get NetSmartz: Complete the Online Internet Safety Program & register to win a \$10 Target Gift Card. Call for information.

St. Petersburg Public Library System

Main Library

Tween Thing: (Age 9-12) Monday, December 6, 4:30 pm. Theater, games books, and crafts; come see what fun is in store for you!

Knights of the Square Table Chess Group: Monday, December 13, 3:30-5:30 pm. All are welcome!

Teen Scene: (Ages 13-19) Thursday, December 16, 3:30 pm. Join the fun, games & lively discussions.

South Branch

Tween Authors Group: (Middle school students) Wednesday, December 15, 3:30 pm. Share your writing and learn from others.

West Community Library

Young Adult Library Club Holiday Fiesta: (Ages 15-21) Wednesday, December 8, 2:30 pm. Young Adult group that plans library programs for teens throws a holiday fiesta.

Teen Night: (Ages 13-19) Thursday, December 16, 6:00 pm. Teen night takes on a Holiday theme. Help prepare for Santa's visit! Games and fun included.

Seminole Community Library

Library Youth Advisory Board: (Grades 6-12) Mondays, December 6 & 20, 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

Teen Cookies & Crafts: (Ages: 11-17) Saturday, December 4, 2:00 pm. Make a holiday craft and decorate cookies. Registration required.

Children's Programs

Clearwater Public Library System

Main Library

Bright Minds Preschool Story Time: (Ages 3-6) Wednesdays, December 1, 8, & 15, 10:30 am. Children and caregivers will enjoy participating in age appropriate literacy activities including stories, songs, and a craft.

Little Ones Music & Stories: (12-36 mos) Tuesdays, December 7 & 21, 10:30 am. A program filled with fun music, movement, and exciting stories.

Winter Holiday Crafts: (Grades K & up) Wednesday, December 8, 3:30 pm. Registration required. Make fun crafts to celebrate the winter holidays.

Jump, Jive and Jam! (Ages 3-6) Tuesdays, December 14 & 28, 10:30 am. A specialized dance-based fitness class.

Magic with Cesar Domico: Monday, December 20, 2:00 pm. A dynamic comedy magic show.

Countryside Branch

Homework Help: Wednesdays, 3:00 pm. Teen Volunteers available to help elementary age students with their homework.

Waiting Games: Wednesdays, 3:30 pm. Have to wait your turn for homework help? Bring a board and try your hand at chess, checkers, or even bridge!

Family Story Time: Thursdays, 10:30 am. Stories and activities for preschoolers and toddlers.

Chapter Book Tuesdays: December 7 & 14, 3:30 pm. Join us to read a chapter book.

Recyclable Crafts: (All ages) Tuesday, December 28, 2:00 pm. Plan to recycle more in 2011 while making a fun craft from recyclable materials.

Happy New Year: (All ages) Wednesday, December 29, 3:30 pm. Say goodbye to 2010 and welcome 2011 with Steve Turner's Drumming Circle at the Countryside Library.

East Branch

Family Story Time: Wednesday, December 1, 8, & 15, 10:30 am. Toddlers and preschoolers will enjoy stories, songs, a movie and a craft.

Family Story Time: Wednesdays, December 1, 3 & 15, 10:30 am. Stories and activities for preschoolers and toddlers.

Bilingual Homework Help: (All ages) Thursday, December 2 & 9, 4:30 pm. College students will provide homework help in English and in Spanish. Tutoria bilingüe esta disponible para todas las materias por estudiantes universitarios.

Lego Club: Saturday, December 11, 2:00 pm. Lego club meeting. Use the library's Legos or bring your own.

Origami Holiday Crafts: Thursday, December 16, 4:00 pm. Learn how to wrap a present without any tape and make fun decorations for the season.

Posada Party: Saturday, December 18, 1:00 pm. Holiday party at the East Library.

Puppet Show, Bits N Pieces presents "Winter Tales": Tuesday, December 21, 1:00 pm. Winter Tales includes three favorite winter stories: The Elves and the Shoemaker performed with hand puppets; Hans Brinker and the Silver Skates with shadow puppets; and Scrooge's Silly Sing-a-Long with marionettes. A puppet making workshop will follow the performance.

Family Movie Event: My Neighbor Totoro: Tuesday, December 28, 2:00 pm. Watch the beloved anime about a young girl and her forest friends. Afterwards we'll make candy sushi!

Deaf Literacy Center

Palm Harbor Public Library

School Age Children's Sign Language: (Ages 6-12) Tuesdays, September 14-December 6. Learn basic Sign Language vocabulary, stories, songs and activities in a fun way. Registration required.

Pinellas Park Public Library

Children's Sign Language: (Ages 5-12) Thursdays, September 14-December 7, 3:30 pm. ASL crash course that includes Sign Language vocabulary, stories and crafts or activities for children.

Safety Harbor Public Library

Signing Winter Wonderland Stories at Your Library: Friday Dec 17, 6:00 pm. Celebrate the Holidays with dinner, sweet treats, ASL stories, Holiday music, crafts and fun games for the kids. Signing Santa and Elves will help us celebrate.

Children's Sign Language: (Ages 5-12) Mondays, September 13-December 6, 4:30 pm. ASL crash course that includes Sign Language vocabulary, stories and crafts or activities for children.

Infant/Toddler Sign Language: (Ages 3 & under) Thursdays, December 2 & 9, 10:30 am. 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.

St. Petersburg Public Library South Branch

Children's Sign Language: (Ages 5-12) Tuesdays, September 14-December 7, 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, December 6 & 13, 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.

Music Mash: (Ages 5 & under) Mondays, December 6 & 13, 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, December 7 & 14, 3:00 pm. Read with Cherry or Debbie, the therapy dogs.

Toddler Time: (18-36 mos) Wednesdays, December 1, 8, & 15, 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, December 2, 9, & 16, 10:30 am (On December 9, Story Time will be held at the Neighborly Care Center, 820 New York Ave, Dunedin). Join us for a fun time as we enjoy thematic books, songs, finger plays, literature-based videos and crafts. Each week we will focus on early literacy skills important to reading development.

LEGO Club: (Ages 5-12) Wednesday, December 1, 4:00 pm. Let your creativity soar. Registration required & begins 2 weeks prior to program.

The Music of Nancy Lynn Cooper: (All ages) Saturday, December 4, 10:00 am. Join us for a morning of music and family fun.

Sunday Stories: (All ages) Sunday, December 5, 2:00 pm. Bring the whole family for stories and fun. Theme is "Jolly Holiday".

Tiny Tales @ the Community Center: (Ages 5 & under) Tuesday, December 7, 10:00 am. Join us for a special story time at the Community Center. This month's theme is "Christmas Goodies".

Candyland Creations: (Ages 5-12) Wednesday, December 8, 6:30 pm. Join us for an evening of gumdrops and peppermint sticks as you decorate your own gingerbread house. Registration required & begins 2 weeks prior to program.

Story Time at Neighborly Care: (Ages 3-5) Thursday, December 9, 10:30 am. We will meet for stories, crafts and holiday songs with our senior friends at Neighborly Care, 820 New York Ave.

Grandparents Breakfast featuring Tony the Balloon Guy: (All ages) Friday, December 10, 9:30 am. Join us for a special performance, snacks and crafts with Grandma, Grandpa or your favorite older person. Registration required & begins 2 weeks prior to program.

Sunday Fun Days: (All ages) Sunday, December 12, 1:00-4:30 pm. Stop in the Youth Department for a special make & take craft. This month's theme is "Holiday Fun."

Little Hands Craft Club: (Ages 2-5) Tuesday, December 14, 10:30 am. We will make a handprint Christmas ornament keepsake. Registration required & begins 2 weeks prior to program.

Children's Programs

Jolly Gingerbread Jam: (Ages 5-12) Saturday, December 18, 3:00 pm. Join us for an afternoon of gingerbread fun with cookies, crafts and lots of good fun. Registration required & begins 2 weeks prior to program.

East Lake Community Library

Lego Club: (All ages) Wednesdays, 3:00 pm. Join your friends and make new creations at this popular offering!

Reading with Rachel: (Grades K-5) Wednesdays. Free assistance with reading and comprehension. Call for times, registration required.

Teen Tutors: Wednesdays. Free assistance with Math, English, and Reading! Call for times, registration required.

Spanish Tutoring: (All ages) Wednesdays. Get one on one help with your Spanish at this new library offering! Call for times, registration required.

Story Time Puppet Show and Craft: (All ages) Mondays, 7:00 pm. Miss Jane and our Teen Library Council produce and star in amusing puppet shows every week.

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

Preschool Story Time: (Ages 3-5) Tuesdays, 11:00 am. Come join Miss Cheryl for a story and a craft!

Chess Club: Fridays, 4:30-5:30 pm. All skill levels are welcome. If you are new to the game, a tutor will show you how to play!

Gulf Beaches Public Library

Christmas Party: (School age children) Friday, December 17, 3:30-5:00 pm. Cookies, crafts & stories.

Baby & Me Story Time: (Ages 2 & under) Wednesdays, 10:30 am. Short stories, puppets, songs and finger plays.

Wild Things Story Time & Art Class: (Ages 2-4) Fridays, 10:30 am. Stories, puppets, songs, finger plays, followed by an art/craft class at 11:00 am.

Gulfport Public Library

To be announced - check the *Gulfport Gabber* each week for updates.

Largo Public Library

Gingerbread Delight: Monday, December 20, 6:30 pm. Join us for a delicious family story time. Hear gingerbread stories, sing songs, then decorate your very own gingerbread treat!

Liang Acrobatic And Comedy Show: Monday, December 27, 6:30 pm. Bring the whole family for an educational and fun performance by acrobat, Liang and comedian, Bill to celebrate the New Year!

Family Fun-O-Rama: Monday, December 6 & 13, 6:30 pm. Join Ms. Linda on Monday nights for stories, crafts and family fun. Pajamas and slippers are encouraged.

Itsy Bitsy Baby Time: (18 mos & under) Tuesday, December 7 & 14, 10:00 am. Join Ms. Cynthia in songs, rhymes, finger plays, and a few surprises!

Toddler Tales: (18-36 mos) Wednesday, December 1, 8, & 15, 10:00 am. Join Ms. Angela for themed stories, music and extended story activities. For children ages 18 to 36 months.

Curious Kids: (Ages 3-5) Thursday, December 2, 9, & 16, 10:00 am. Join Ms. Melissa for themed stories, crafts, and music in this hands-on story time designed for kids who are curious about the world around them.

Books On The Big Screen: Sunday, December 12, 2:00 pm. Books can reel you in the same way movies do! Read the book and then compare it to the movie version in this family program where books come to life on film. This month's film is *The Polar Express*, based on the book by Chris Van Allsburg.

Oldsmar Public Library

Toddler Time: (18 mos-3 yrs) Tuesdays, 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.

Homework Help: (Grades K-5) Wednesday, December 1, 3:00-6:00 pm. Teen volunteers help elementary age children with worksheets, spelling, math and reading. Teens interested in helping should call Heidi at (813) 749-1179.

Lego Club: (Ages 5 & up) Wednesday, December 8, 3:00 pm. Children are encouraged to stop in and play! Sponsored by the Friends of the Oldsmar Library.

Reading Fur Fun-Dog Tales! (Ages 5 & older) Tuesday, December 21, 4:00-5:00 pm. Children read stories aloud to a registered therapy dog. Reading sessions are first come first served. Program not recommended for children who are afraid of dogs or have allergies to dogs.

Palm Harbor Public Library

Toddler Story Time: (18 mos-3 yrs, siblings welcome) Mondays, December 6 & 13, 10:00 am. A rollicking interactive story time with great books, songs and finger plays with Miss Lois!

Mother Goose Rhyme Time: (Ages 2 & under) Wednesdays, December 1, 8 & 15, 10:00 am. Miss Sam offers nursery rhymes, songs and finger plays for our youngest library members.

Granny Jane's Story Corner: (Ages 3 & up) Wednesdays, December 1, 8 & 15, 3:00 pm. Granny Jane loves to read to kids! Choose some books to read together.

Starbucks Story Time: (Ages 3 & up) Thursday, December 16, 1:00 pm. Take a coffee break and meet us for yummy stories and special treats at Palm Harbor Starbucks, US 19 and Nebraska Avenue.

The Haven Of RCS Giving Tree: Select an "ornament" for our Giving Tree and bring your new unwrapped gifts to the Children's Desk by Saturday, December 11. All gifts will be distributed to children and teens who are victims of domestic violence.

Parents Day Out: (Children only, Ages 5-9) Saturday, December 4, 12:00-4:00 pm. Teen member of the Youth Advisory Board will provide an afternoon of games, activities, movies and refreshments for younger children. Since this is a fundraiser for YAB, a donation of \$4.00 per child is requested on the day of the program. Registration required and began Monday, November 1.

Countdown To Christmas: (Ages 3 & up) Tuesdays, December 7, 14 & 21, 4:00 pm. A family holiday story time in the Children's Room as we count down to Christmas.

Holiday Card Making: (Children only, Ages 9-12) Wednesday, December 8, 3:30 pm. Make beautiful holiday cards using advanced techniques for family and friends. Registration required and began Monday, November 1.

Cookies And Milk With Santa! (Ages 3 & up) Thursday, December 9, 3:30-5:30 pm. Santa is coming to Palm Harbor Library, so bring your lists and cameras! Parents must pre-register at the Children's Desk to reserve a time slot since space is limited. Cookies, milk and coloring sheets will be provided while you wait for Santa. In-person, pre-registration began Monday, November 15.

Fancy Nancy's Splendiferous Holiday Celebration: (Ages 4-6) Saturday, December 11, 10:30 am. Join us for a fun-filled hour of holiday stories and crafts with the popular picture book character. Registration required and began Monday, November 1.

Wee Sing with Mrs. Music: (Ages 1-4) Saturday, December 18, 11:00-11:45 am. A monthly parent/child music program using instruments, songs, puppets, and props in which children experience the joy of music and songs! Age-eligible walk-ins welcome!

Peter And The Wolf: (Ages 4 & up) Monday, December 27, 11:00 am. Ventriloquist Mark Simpson will be bringing his hilarious friend, Dan the Dummy, to "help" Miss Lois tell the famous classic tale of *Peter and the Wolf*. Hear the story and the music as well as laugh at Dan's antics!

Children's Programs

Leap Into Art @ Leepa-Rattner! (Ages 4 & up) Wednesday, December 29, 4:00 pm. Join Miss Lois 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 and museum members. All others have a \$5.00 museum admission fee.

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: (Ages 3 & under) Tuesdays, 10:45-11:05 am & Wednesdays, 10:30-10:50 am. Program may include rhymes, finger plays, stories and songs.

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

Reading Patch Club: Tuesdays, 3:30 pm. A reading incentive program for elementary school students.

Snack with Santa: Sunday, December 19, 2:00 pm. Registration required.

Adventures in Art—Holiday Gift Making: Wednesday, December 15, 3:00-4:00 pm. Registration required.

American Girl Program—Celebrate the Holidays: (Ages 5 & up) Friday, December 3, 7:00 pm. Registration required and began November 19.

Safety Harbor Public Library

Make and Take Holiday Present: (Ages 10 & under) Wednesday, December 8, 1:30-3:30 pm. Stop by the youth department to make a gift for someone special. Materials provided, one gift per child.

Holiday Story Time: (Ages 5 & under) Tuesday, December 14, 10:30 am.

Best Friends Stuffed Animal Party: (Grades K-5) Tuesday, December 21, 10:30-11:30 am. Bring your favorite, stuffed animal best friend to this holiday party.

Safety Harbor Holiday Parade: Saturday, December 18, 1:00 pm. Look for the Library float in the holiday parade on Main Street!

St. Pete Beach Public Library

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

Tucker the Reading Therapy Dog: Tuesdays, December 21 & 28, 4:00 pm.

Get Ready for a Magical Season: Thursday, December 16, 4:00 pm. Mermaids & unicorns.

Celebrate Toys: Thursday, December 30, 4:00 pm. Craft & color your own Toy Story characters.

Get NetSmartz: Complete the Online Internet Safety Program & register to win a \$10 Target Gift Card.

St. Petersburg Public Library System

Main Library

Bookaneers Book Club: (Ages 7-12) Wednesday, December 1, 4:00 pm. *The Heroes of Olympus: The Lost Hero* by Rick Riordan

Craft Corner: Wednesday, December 8 & 22, 2:30-4:00 pm.

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

Rainbow Fish Puppet Show: Performed by the St. Petersburg Junior League, Mondays December 6 & 13, 10:00 am. Groups must pre-register.

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

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

Childs Park Branch

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

Johnson Branch

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

Mirror Lake Branch

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

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

Preschool: Fridays, December 3 & 17, (Ages 3-4) 10:00 am, & (Ages 4-5) 10:30 am.

North Branch

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

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

South Branch

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

Preschool Story Time: (Ages 3-5) Thursdays, 11:30 am.

Superstar Readers: (Ages 8-12) Tuesday, December 14, 4:30 pm. *When you Reach Me* by Rebecca Stead.

West Community Library

Reminder: there will be no story time the week of December 20-31, 2010.

Afterschool Program: (Ages 6-12) Thursday, December 16, 3:30 pm. Featuring Christmas stories & crafts.

Special Preschool Children's Christmas Story Time & Craft: (Ages 5 & under) Monday, December 6, 10:00 am. Come hear stories & make a holiday craft with us.

Santa comes to Story Time: Thursday, December 16, 6:45 pm.

Mother Goose: (Ages 3 & under) Tuesdays, December 7 & 14 or Wednesdays, December 1, 8 & 15, 11:00 am.

Preschool Story Time: (Ages 3-5) Tuesdays, December 7 & 14 or Wednesdays, December 1, 8 & 15, 10:00 am.

Seminole Community Library

Twilight Tales: (Families) Tuesdays, December 7, 14, & 21, 6:30 pm. A 45-60 minute program geared for ages 4 and up, although all ages are welcome, featuring stories, songs, and other fun activities. Jammies, slipper & favorite stuffed animals are always welcome.

Family Movie: Saturdays, 2:00 pm. Films for all ages—free popcorn and sodas provided by the Friends of the Library. December 4: *Beauty and the Beast*; December 11: *Shrek Forever After*; December 18: *The Search for Santa Paws*.

Afterschool Program: Wednesday, December 1, 3:30-4:30 pm. Get in the holiday spirit with an hour of stories, games, crafts and fun.

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

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

Legos Club: (Elementary students) Wednesday, December 8, 3:30-4:30 pm. The hour long program is open to all those in elementary school. Legos will be supplied so bring your imagination and share you building ideas.

Tarpon Springs Public Library

Preschool Story Time: (Ages 3-5) Thursdays, December 2 & 9, 10:15 am.

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

Craft Club: (Ages 6-12) Friday, December 3, 4:30 pm. Registration required.

Lego Club: (Ages 6-12) Wednesday, December 15, 3:00 pm. Join others to share ideas, work together and build masterpieces. Lego pieces supplied.

Saturday Holiday Craft: (All ages) Saturday, December 18, 10:00 am-2:00 pm. Stop by and create a fun craft!

Family Movie: (All ages) Tuesday, December 21, 1:00 pm. *How to Train Your Dragon* (PG).

Book Discussions

Clearwater Public Library System

Main Library

Book Lovers Bistro: Tuesday, December 7, 12:00 pm. Book discussion group meets over lunch to discuss past best sellers and popular titles. Call for more information and discussion titles.

Great Books Lecture and Discussion: Thursday, December 9, 1:30 pm. Monthly book discussion series. Call for more information and discussion titles.

Circulo de Lectura: Wednesday, December 15, 1:00 pm. Spanish language book discussion club. Call for more information and discussion titles.

Countryside Branch

Reading Group @ Countryside: Thursday, December 16, 2:30 pm. Join the book club to discuss a different book each month. Call the library for more information.

East Branch

Mystery Readers Club: Tuesday, December 14, 12:00 pm. Join us for a lively discussion on books covering the theme for the month.

Dunedin Public Library

Great Books Discussion Group: Wednesday, December 1, 2:00 pm. *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* by Mark Twain.

Great Decisions Discussion Group: Thursday, December 16, 2:00 pm. Topic: "Enhancing security through peacebuilding".

Contemporary Books Discussion Group: Tuesday, December 28, 7:00 pm. *I-Jaam: An Iraqi Rhapsody* by Sinan Antoon.

East Lake Community Library

Book Club: Wednesday, December 1, 6:30-7:45 pm. This month's selection will be *The Other Boleyn Girl* by Philippa Gregory

Gulf Beaches Public Library

Great Books: Saturday, December 11, 12:45-2:45 pm.

Chatterbooks: Tuesday, December 21, 10:30 am. *The Children's Book* by A. S. Byatt.

Gulfport Public Library

Coffee/Talk Book Club: Thursday, December 16, 10:00-11:30 am. Our 16th annual series of monthly discussions continues with *The Forgotten Garden* by Kate Morton. Stop by the Reference Desk to pick up a discussion guide and reserve a copy of the book.

Largo Public Library

The Last Word Book Club: Wednesday, December 1, 6:00 pm. *Olive Kitteridge* by Elizabeth Strout.

Oldsmar Public Library

Books & Brews-Book Discussion Group: (Age 21 & up) Tuesday, December 7, 6:00 pm, at the Oldsmar Tap House, 300 State Street East. *The Stupidest Angel* by Christopher Moore

Palm Harbor Public Library

PHL's Book Club: Monday, December 13, 11:00 am & Tuesday, December 14, 7:00 pm. Join us as we discuss *Hotel On The Corner Of Bitter And Sweet* by Jamie Ford, a novel that tells a heartwarming story of fathers and sons, first loves, fate, and the resilient human heart. Set in the ethnic neighborhoods of Seattle during World War II and Japanese American internment camps of the era, the times and places are brought to life

Pinellas Park Public Library

Adult Book Discussion: Thursday, December 16, 2:00 pm. *Life of Pi* by Yann Martel.

Safety Harbor Public Library

Book Discussion: Wednesday, December 8, 6:00 pm. Join us to discuss *The Street Lawyer*, by John Grisham. Copies of the book available at the Library. Sponsored by the Clearwater Branch of the National League of American Pen Women.

St. Pete Beach Public Library

Book Discussion: Tuesday, December 21, 10:30 am. *Breakfast at Tiffany's*.

St. Petersburg Public Library System

Main Library

Murder by the Book Mystery Book Club: Thursday, December 2, 6:30 pm. Call or check online for the latest title.

Sci-Fan Book Club: No meeting this month.

The Committed Bookers: Thursday, November 18, 10:30 am. Call or check online for the latest title. Each member takes a turn at leading a book discussion.

Mirror Lake Branch

Classics Up Close: Tuesday, December 28, 2:00 pm. Call or check online for the latest title.

North Branch

Thursday Morning Group: Thursday, December 2, 11:00 am. Call or check online for latest title.

Carl G. Jung Society Reading Group: Saturday, December 11, 10:00 am. Call or check online for latest title.

South Branch

Book Club: Wednesday, December 8, 2:00 pm. Call or check online for latest title.

Mahogany Book Club: Saturday, December 18, 10:00 am. Check online or call for latest title.

West Community Library

Book Club: *The Thousand Autumns of Jacob De Zoet* by David Miller. All are welcome to attend. Call for date & time.

Seminole Community Library

Booktalkers: Wednesday, December 1, 2:00 pm. *Goodbye Columbus* by Philip Roth.

Great Books Discussion Group: Wednesday, December 15, 2:00 pm. *City of God* by St. Augustine.

Backwards Travelers Historical Fiction Club: Tuesday, December 21, 2:00 pm. *Patriot Hearts* by Barbara Hambly.

Super Novels: Thursday, December 16, 2:00 pm. *Persuasion* by Jane Austen.

Tarpon Springs Public Library

Expand Your Horizons Book Club: Tuesday, December 7, 3:30 pm. Discover and discuss books that add that certain something special to your life! Contact library for this month's title.

LIBRARY CLOSINGS FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 2010

December 23

Clearwater Countryside Library
Oldsmar Public Library
Pinellas Park Public Library
Tarpon Springs Public Library

December 24

Clearwater Public Library System
Dunedin Public Library
East Lake Community Library
Gulf Beaches Public Library
Gulfport Public Library
Largo Public Library
Oldsmar Public Library
Palm Harbor Public Library
Pinellas Park Public Library
Safety Harbor Public Library
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December 25

All libraries closed.

December 26

Clearwater Public Library System

December 31

Clearwater Public Library System
Dunedin Public Library
Gulf Beaches Public Library
Gulfport Public Library
Largo Public Library
Oldsmar Public Library
Pinellas Park Public Library
Safety Harbor Public Library
St. Pete Beach Public Library
St. Petersburg Public Library System
Tarpon Springs Public Library

St. Petersburg Library System: Week of December 20-23, all six Libraries will close at 6:00 pm, & West, Monday, December 20, 9:00 am - 8:00 pm, December 21-22, 9:00 am-6:00 pm, Closed Thursday, December 23 - Sunday, December 26, 2010, Monday, December 27, 9:00 am-8:00 pm, December 28-29, 9:00 am-6:00 pm, Closed Thursday, December 30 -31, 2010