The East Lake Community Library Ground Breaking – February 19th

The Friends of the East Lake Library, the East Lake Library Advisory Board, staff and patrons finally broke ground on February 19th for the East Lake Community Library’s “New Beginning”. The ground breaking commenced at 11:00AM and included an overview of the Phase 1 expansion, dedications, refreshments, and lots of fun! The program included special guest speaker Commissioner Susan Latvala.

Local, individual and business involvement is essential for community development and growth. In these economic times it is essential that individuals and businesses support community services that have been traditionally supported by the public sector. In the East Lake community, there are but a few physical reminders of community services. The East Lake Community Library has stood out for over a decade as a local beacon of community service. But it has rapidly outgrown its physical environment and was in dire need of expansion. We had reached that conclusion some time ago and are now ready to launch our library’s “New Beginning”. Although the “official” ground breaking is over, we welcome you to witness the expansion, explore the library and visit with our friendly staff.

You may, however, wish to learn more about how you can join the growing list of the library’s supporters, either as a volunteer, a Friend of the Library or as one of our Ground Breakers. Information is available at the library that will help you understand the many ways that you can support your community. Thank you for your support to our East Lake Community Library!

Celebrate Teen Tech Week: Mix & Mash @ your library
March 6 – 12, 2011

The fifth annual Teen Tech Week celebration, an initiative of the Young Adult Library Services Association, will be March 6 – 12, 2011. The American Library Association’s Teen Tech Week is “a national initiative aimed at teens, librarians, educators, parents and other concerned adults that highlights non-print resources at the library.” This year’s theme celebrates teens’ ability to be creative as well as safe when using online resources and tools. The Pinellas Public Library Cooperative member libraries will be hosting special programming to celebrate this national effort.

Dunedin Public Library
Starlight Stravaganza (Ages 12 - 18)
Wednesday, March 9, 6:00 pm.
Registration is required. Call (727) 298-3080

Largo Public Library
TNT: Tuesday Night Teens (Ages 13-18)
Tuesday, March 8, 5:00 pm.
Learn new things, work on your writing – new theme each month. Call (727) 587-6715

Pinellas Park Public Library
Gaming Night
Friday, March 11, 7:00 pm.
A night of games and snacks.
Registration required. Call (727) 541-0718

St. Pete Beach Public Library
Teen Wii
Fridays in March, 4:00 pm.
Test your Wii skills. Call (727) 363-9238

St. Petersburg Main Library
Tween Thing (Ages 9-12)
Monday, March 7, 4:30 pm.
Theater-Games-Books-Crafts!
Call (727) 893-7724

Check your local library for more programming opportunities.
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, 2:00-4:00 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.

Drop-In Computer Training: Wednesdays, 1:00-3:00 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.

South Greenwood Branch

Drop-In Computer Training: Fridays, 1:00-3:00 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. Please call Rosa to schedule.

Dunedin Public Library

Computer Classes: Tuesdays & Thursdays, 11:00 am. Please check the Library website for a complete list of the class schedule.

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.

Computers 102 with Sean: Saturdays, 9:30-11:30 am. Computer 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, March 9, 1:00 pm.

Open Forum: Monday, March 14, 1:00 pm.

Internet Class: Wednesday, March 16, 1:00 pm.

Facebook: Monday, March 21, 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 Docs: Saturday, March 19, 10:30 am. You can use Google Docs to make your work portable, accessible from anywhere and easy to share with collaborators.

Palm Harbor Public Library

Surfing the Web: Wednesday, March 2, 3:00 pm. Learn how to surf the web with Sean! Learn how the Internet works, what web addresses mean, and how to use some interesting sites. Please register the day of the class.

Introduction to Facebook: Monday, March 7, 1:00 pm. Want to learn how to create Facebook page? Join us and learn how to create a profile, reconnect with friends and upload and tag photos. Registration is online and you must have a valid email account!

Introduction to Word: Monday, March 14, 1:00 pm. Learn how to use Microsoft Word! Please register the day of the class.

How Do I Use This *%& Thing?! Tuesday, March 15, 11:00 am & Thursday, March 24, 6:00 pm. Got a new device for Christmas and don’t know how to use it? Drop in for hands on training on how to use your new electronic toy. Smart phones, e-readers, cameras, etc. Please note: This is not a repair shop! We are not licensed to fix broken electronics.

Digital Photos & Photosharing: Wednesday, March 16, 3:00 pm. Learn to download, edit and share your photos using PhotoBucket. Registrants must bring their camera and USB cords. Participants must be proficient in mouse, keyboard, email and internet use. Registration is online.

How Do I Use My Laptop? Friday, March 18, 3:00 pm. You bought a new laptop (or your kid bought you a laptop) but you don’t know how to use it? Bring it in for a basic tutorial. Learn about hardware and software, how to use the keypad, keyboard, open files and programs. Registration required.

Pinellas Park Public Library

Introductory Computer Classes: For class schedule and to register, contact the Reference Desk.

Safety Harbor Public Library

Please visit our website or call the Library for the most up to date listing of computer classes.

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

Four Part Series - March Basic Skills Classes. Registration required. Class 1 - Computer and Windows Basics: Wednesday, March 9, 2:00-3:45 pm. This class will cover computer components and structure, including the keyboard and review of the mouse, as well as Windows basics. Class 2 - Using the Computer 1: Wednesday, March 16, 2:00-3:45 pm. This class will cover files, folders and how to create and navigate them, including deleting, cutting and pasting, renaming, drop and drag features and more. Class 3 - Using the Computer II: Wednesday, March 23, 2:00-3:45 pm. This class will introduce the hard drive, how it works, cleaning and fragmentation, special programs such as Notepad, picture viewers, flash drives, and digital camera reading and memory cards. Class 4 - Introduction to the Internet: Wednesday, March 30, 2:00-3:45 pm. This class will cover Internet security, password approaches, and Internet basics, including Internet Service Providers, accessing websites, and printing from the Internet.

St. Petersburg Public Library System

Main Library

How Do I Email at the Library? Wednesday, March 2, 10:00 am. All registrants for the above class at Main Library must have valid PPLC library card & basic computer skills. Registration required.

Johnson Branch

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

North Branch

Computer Tutoring for Individuals: Tuesdays 2:00 pm, Wednesdays 9:00 & 10:00 am & Thursdays 2:00 pm. Registration required.

Computer Classes: Saturday, March 5, 10:00 am: Beginning Computing & Saturday, March 19, 10:00 am, Beginning Internet. Registration required.

West Community Library

Supervised Computer Time: Fridays, 1:30-3:30 pm. Get help with all your computer issues; beginners and advanced users welcome.

Internet Basics: Friday, March 4, 10:00 am. Learn how to use the internet. Registration required.

Microsoft Excel Basics: Saturday, March 5, 10:30 am. Registration required.

Learn more about Google: Friday, March 11, 10:00 am. Control what people know about you.

irs.gov: Gear up for tax season with a lesson in using the IRS website, call to register.

Seminole Community Library

Discover MS Word & Windows Programs: Saturdays, March 12 & 19, 9:00 am-1:00 pm. SPC registration required/$55.00 fee.

Tarpon Springs Public Library

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

Internet Basics: Wednesday, March 16, 3:00 pm. Registration required.
Adult Programs

Clearwater Public Library System

Main Library

Films on the Bluff: Tuesday, March 8, 2:00 pm. Join us for a monthly film.

Caricature, Intrigue, and Uncertainty in the Cinema of the Coen Brothers: Thursday, March 17, 5:15 pm. Film lecture on the Coen Brothers, presented by Dr. Phillip Sipiora, professor at the University of South Florida.

Enjoy the Sunset on the Rooftop Terrace: Wednesdays, 30 minutes before sunset. Enjoy the breathtaking view from the Main Library's rooftop terrace.

Beach Branch

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

Writers’ Support Group: Wednesdays, March 2 & 16, 1:00 pm. A workshop for writers and would-be writers. Join us for help and encouragement.

Films on the Beach: Tuesday, March 1, 2:00 pm. Join us, and 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 weekly film.

Dunedin Garden Club: Sat., March 5, 1:00 pm. For information, call (727) 447-6814. Self Defense for Adults with Shihan Walter Evans: Saturday, March 12, 10:00 am. Sign up at the Adult Reference Desk.

Starvation in Ireland: An International Diplomatic Crisis: Tuesday, March 15, 6:30 pm. Join us for a 10-minute play written and performed by Dunedin Highlands Middle School students Jessica Hamacher and Jaime Kay. They won first place in the National History Day competition. The play precedes the program on Irish saints.

The Three Major Saints of Ireland: Patrick, Bridgit, Malachi: Tuesday, March 15, 7:00 pm. This program will be presented by Yvonne McMorrough. You are invited to arrive at 6:30 pm to see the 10-minute play on the Potato Famine that took first place in the Dunedin Highlands Middle School National History Day competition.

Norah’s Children Fifth Anniversary Book Discussion: Wednesday, March 16, 2:00 pm. In honor of the fifth anniversary of the publication of the Irish family saga, the author, Ann O’Farrell, will lead the discussion. Extra copies of the book will be available at the Adult Reference Desk. Irish finger food will be served.

Book Talk and signing with Barbara Sorey and Christine Wiggall Morris: Tuesday, March 22, 7:00 pm. Barbara Sorey and Christine Wiggall Morris will talk about their memoirs of growing up in Clearwater. The stories reflect an existence that was familiar to many African Americans trying to maintain normalcy in their lives with love, strength and support while dealing with the hostilities of bigotry and prejudice.

Hey Boomers, Dust off Your Backpacks! Tuesday, March 29, 7:00 pm. Author Linda Brown challenges leading edge Baby Boomers to recapture their 1960’s backpacking style – this time on Social Security. A book-signing will follow the program.

Irish Folk Concert: Wednesday, March 30, 7:00 pm. Irish Folk Concert with professional Irish folksinger, Jimmy Crowley. Jimmy Crowley has been touring Ireland and the U.S. for decades and has established himself not just as a tradition bearer, but also as a stylish songwriter. He recorded his first of 8 albums in 1977. You can check him out at www jimmycrowley.com.

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

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

Literacy 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 SHINE: Every Wednesday the SHINE agency of the Florida Department of Elder Affairs offers free unbiased counseling on Medicare and other health-related issues. Call for appointment.

SCORE Small Business Counseling: Free small business counseling is offered on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. 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

Penguin Gourd Painting! (Ages 14 & up) Saturday, March 26, 11:00 am. Connie Worrell from the Florida Gourd Society will show you how to paint these adorable penguins! Registration required.

Author Showcase: Tuesday, March 15, 6:30-8:00 pm. Diane Sawyer will talk about mysteries, from the idea to the finished novel and everything in between. Expect a lively interactive presentation! All five of her mystery novels will be available.

The Friends of East Lake Library: Tuesday, March 1, 6:30 pm. New members are encouraged to attend!

Writers’ Critique Group: Monday, March 14 & Monday, March 28, 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, March 8, 6:00 pm. The public is welcome!

Salon: Wednesday, March 9, 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.

ELCLI Quilters: Wednesday, March 23, 6:00-7:45 pm. Get started on a lifetime of beautiful projects today! All skill levels welcome.

Chess and Board Game 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!
Adult Programs

Gulf Beaches Public Library
Food for Thought Fundraiser: Saturday, March 5, 6:00-9:00 pm. $20 per ticket in advance, $30 at the door. Dine on great cuisine furnished by some of the best restaurants up and down the beaches, while listening to steel drums and enjoying a glass of wine. We really appreciate the support our fantastic local eateries are giving us in these times, contributing not only delicious samples of their best entrees but the wait staff to serve them. Their generosity makes the event possible. Please plan on joining us again this year.

AARP Free Tax Assistance: Tuesdays & Thursdays, 10:00 am-1:30 pm.

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

International Film Movement: Tuesday, March 1, 4:00 pm. Jaffa. In the heart of Jaffa, Reuven’s garage is a family business. His daughter Mali and his son Meir, as well as Toufik, a young Palestinian, work there. No one suspects that Mali and Toufik have been in love for years. As the two lovers are secretly making their wedding arrangements, tension builds between Mei and Toufik.

World of Humor Film: Tuesday, March 29, 4:00 pm. The Chorus. An unemployed music teacher becomes the supervisor at a boarding school for the rehabilitation of minors. Dismayed by the repressive administration, he works to transform the students’ lives through music.

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.

Travelers’ Club: Wednesday, March 16, 3:00-4:00 pm. Share your extreme “Whoa! That’s incredibly gorgeous!” experience.

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

Poetry Group: Tuesday, March 15, 6:00-8:00 pm.

Gulfport Public Library
Art Exhibit: Works by Gulfport Senior Artists Workshop. Through March 24. Gallery Walls, Frances Purdy Friends Room. Opening reception: Fri., March 4, 6:00-8:00 pm.

Free Thinkers Open Twelve Step Meeting: Tuesdays, 6:00-7:00 pm. Call for information.

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

AARP Tax Service: Fri., 10:00 am-4:00 pm, through April 15. Free service for seniors or others with low or fixed incomes. Bring all tax papers and copy of last year’s return.

Gulfport Relay for Life Meeting: Thursdays, March 10 & 31, 5:00 pm.

Scrapbookers Club for Teens & Adults: Saturday, March 12, 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.

Crafts Club: (All ages) Saturday, March 12, 1:30-3:00 pm. Presented by Pat Brinkley.

MUFON (Mutual UFO Network) Meeting: Saturday, March 26, 12:00-3:00 pm.

Genealogy Discussion Group: Saturday, March 26, 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, February 28, 1:00-3:00 pm. Presented by local chapter of Brandeis University Women.

Largo Public Library
Dali on Tour, The Traveling Exhibition-What is Surrealism? Sunday, March 20, 2:00 pm. Join us for this program suited to all ages to learn about surrealism. View a slide presentation on the new museum, enjoy creating a melting clock craft with your kids and have some light snacks.

Docent-Led Tour of Dali on Tour, The Traveling Exhibition: Wednesday, March 23, 11:00 am.

Water Your Mind @ the Socrates Café: Thursday, March 10 & 24, 10:30 am. The Socrates Café 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.


Ebooks: Wednesday, March 16, 5:00 pm. Would you like to download ebooks from the library? Come to our hands on class to learn how! Participants will learn how to browse for ebooks, place a hold, and check out ebooks form the library’s digital catalog.

Poets Live! Monday, March 14, 6:30 pm. Present your poetry or listen to the poetry of others.

Booktalking with Iris: Wednesday, March 9, 12:00 pm.

Genealogy Classes: Call Bob Bryan at (727) 595-4521 or email Bryan84@tampabay.rr.com to reserve your space.

Family Tree Maker User Group: Saturday, March 5, 10:00 am.

Genealogy Utilities-Part 2: Wednesday, March 2, 10:00 am.

Internet Site Exploration: Monday, March 7, 6:00 pm.

Getting Started In Genealogy: Tuesday, March 8, 6:00 pm.

Courthouse Records: Monday, March 14, 6:00 pm.

Digital Cameras In Genealogy: Tuesday, March 15, 6:00 pm.

National Archives: Wednesday, March 16, 6:00 pm.

Newspapers In Genealogy Research: Monday, March 21, 6:00 pm.

Family History Writers’ Workshops: Tuesday, March 22, 6:00 pm.

Microsoft Word In Genealogy-Indexing: Wednesday, March 23, 10:00 am.

Rootsmagic User Group Meeting: Saturday, March 26, 10:00 am.

Google Your Family Tree: Monday, March 28, 10:00 am.

Immigration Records And Ships Passenger Lists: Tuesday, March 29, 10:00 am.

Photo Organization & Basic Image Enhancement Using Picasa: Wednesday, March 30, 10:00 am.

Oldsmar Public Library

Bibliography

Oldsmar Public Library
Business Resource Network: Our Business Specialist, Jenée 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, 12:00-4:30 and Wednesdays by appointment.

Palm Harbor Public Library
Business Resource Network: Our Business Specialist, Jenée 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, 12:00-4:30 and Wednesdays by appointment.

Palm Harbor Public Library

Oldsmar Public Library
Business Resource Network: Our Business Specialist, Jenée 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, 12:00-4:30 and Wednesdays by appointment.
Green Ribbon Arts: Tuesday, March 15, 4:00 pm. Small ideas that can update your environment. Learn interior design tricks of the trade on a budget!

Clam Bayou Jazz Band: Friday, March 18, 3:00 pm. Stomp your feet, slap 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.

Suncoast Genealogy Society: Saturday, March 26, 1:30 pm. Discussions on research techniques, tools and a special presentation on genealogy that varies each month.

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

Safety Harbor Public Library

Health and Wellness Seminar--Key Concepts to Reach Your Goals: Thursday, March 3, 6:30 pm. Join Ashleigh Gass, BSc, CSCS, MSc, for a discussion about the importance of food choices and exercise selection for health and optimal body composition. In this presentation, Ashleigh will cover the key concepts necessary for you to actually reach your health goals.

SCORE Small Business Counseling: Tuesdays, March 8 & 22, 10:00 am-2:00 pm. Registration required.

AIM for Jobs--Your Complete Job Search Plan: Tuesday, March 8, 6:30-9:00 pm. Join Ashleigh Gass, BSc, CSCS, MSc, for an introduction to the three keys to ensure the right attitude for a job search. Learn a step by step plan for a successful job search strategy. Presented by Lee B. Savage, author of AIM for Jobs.

Book Sale: Saturday, March 12, 9:00 am-3:00 pm. Friends of the Library Book Sale. Most items, $1.00. All genres of books in good condition.

Story Circle Network Writers’ Group: Wednesday, March 16, 6:00 pm. Join fellow writers for writing assistance, sharing, ideas, and guidance.

Heart & Soul Cinema: Sunday, March 20, 1:30 pm. Join us for the 1998 seven Oscar winning film, *Shakespeare in Love*, starring Gwyneth Paltrow, Joseph Fiennes, and Geoffrey Rush about a young Shakespeare, out of ideas and short of cash, who meets his ideal woman and is inspired to write one of his most famous plays. There is a short introduction prior and discussion after the movie.

Get Crafty @ Your Library-Learn to Quilt Series: Wednesday, March 23, 2:30 pm. In this second of a four part series, swap material; learn about making quilting squares, and how to stitch them. Registration required.


Job Workshop-Resources for Starting Your Own Consulting/Freelance Business: Thursday, March 31, 6:30 pm. This workshop is designed for professionals who are retired, between jobs, or anyone with a desire to market their expertise as an independent consultant. The seminar will cover networking and making connections, what to charge for services, and relevant websites to kick start your consulting career. Presented by John Sattler, Certified Personnel Consultant.

AIM for Jobs-Your Complete Job Search Plan: Tuesday, March 8, 6:30 pm. Attitude, Initiative, and Motivation (AIM) are the three keys to ensure the right attitude for a job search. Learn a step by step plan for a successful job search strategy. Presented by Lee B. Savage, author of AIM for Jobs.

St. Pete Beach Public Library

Local Author Series: Monday, March 14, 2:00 pm: R. D Hilber, author of *Passion of the Knight*; Wednesday, 16, 2:00pm: Jackie Minniti, author of *Project June Bug*; Monday, 28, 2:00 pm: Vicki Morgan, author of *Running Away Life Offstage*.

Film: Tuesday, March 22, 10:30 am. *Moby Dick*.

Introduction to Genealogy: Wednesday, March, 23, 2:00pm. Presented by Bob Bryan.

Residents Discussion: Wednesday March 30, 6:30 pm. Meet and talk with Vice Mayor Jim Parent.

St. Petersburg Public Library System

Main Library

AARP Tax Assistance: Wednesdays and Thursdays, 9:30 am-3:30 pm, *(Exception: March 23).* Free tax preparation assistance to low-income and senior households.

Author Discussion: Saturday, March 5, 2:00 pm. Author Gelareh Asayesh, discusses her book *Saffron Sky* and life as an Iranian-American woman.

Florida Writers' Association: Thursday, March 10, 5:30 pm. Speaker: Janet Connor, author of *Writing Down Your Soul*.

Master Gardener Lecture Series#3 Water Conservation: Wednesday, March 23, 2:00 pm. Christine Claus, Pinellas Water Conservation Coordinator, will discuss individual & county efforts to minimize water use. Register at www.pinellascountyextextension.org or call (727) 582-2100.

North Branch

Beginning Spanish Class: Wednesdays, 4:00-5:30 pm, $42.00 a month. Registration required, classes end March 30.

Intermediate Spanish Class: Fridays, 4:00-5:30 pm, $42.00 a month. Registration required, classes end March 30.

Friends of North Branch Present: Nan Coulton, performing *The Sunshine City & Mrs. Tidbet*. Nan Coulton performs her character, Mrs. Tidbet who takes the audience on a nostalgic journey back to Saint Petersburg in the 1920’s. Call for date and time.

South Branch

Knitting Class: 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 for branch information.

West Community Library

St Petersburg Writers’ Club: Thursday, March 3 & 16, 6:30 pm. Anyone interested in writing is invited to attend.

Volunteer Training: Saturday, March 12, 10:00 am. Want to give your time to the library? Come out and volunteer with us. Registration required.

Seminole Community Library


Author Talk-Tim Dorsey: Wednesday, March 9, 6:00 pm.

Recycling & Sustainability: Monday, March 7, 10:00 am.

Sean Scott Seminar: Monday, March 14, 2:00 pm.

SHINE Seminar: Wednesday, March 9, 10:00 am.

SPC Toastmasters: Tuesdays, 6:15 pm.

Suncoast Bonzai Society: Saturday, March 26, 10:00 am.

Fast French for Travelers: Tuesdays, March 29 & April 5, 6:00-9:00 pm. SPC registration required/$45.00 fee.

Outdoor Photography-On the Road Again: Thursdays, March 3-March 24, 6:00-9:00 pm. SPC registration required/$99.00 fee.

Intro to Image Editing: Fridays, March 18-April 8, 1:00-4:00 pm. SPC registration required/$99.00 fee.

AARP Tax Assistance: Tuesdays & Wednesdays 9:00am-8:00 pm, SPC registration required/$99.00 fee.


Seminole Science Fiction Club: Sunday, March 6, 1:00 pm.

Sunday Musicals: Sunday, March 14, 3:00 pm. The Needless Hoarsemen.

Based on the Book Cinema: Sunday March 27, 2:00 pm. *The Age of Innocence*, based on the book by Edith Wharton.

The Founders’ Constitution: Thursday, March 17, 7:00 pm. Was protecting rights the Constitution’s primary purpose?

The Two Towers Chess Club: Mondays, March 14 & 28, 3:00-5:00 pm. This club is for chess player of all ages and all levels of play. An experienced chess coach will be on hand to teach, encourage & critique. Boards & pieces will be provided of feel free to bring your own. For more information call 394-6923 or mbryan@myseminole.com.

Tarpon Springs Public Library

AARP Free Tax Assistance: Mondays & Tuesdays, 10:00 am-2:00 pm. First come, first served. No phone calls or reservations. Tax forms available at the library.

Genealogy Assistance with Genealogist Debbe Hagner: Call or stop by to schedule an appointment.

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

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- Friends of the Library and volunteer groups
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- Literacy classes and tutoring
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- Reference assistance and reader’s advisory
- Story hours and children’s activities

POLICIES
- A resident of the unincorporated areas of Pinellas County or one of the member cities is entitled to a free library card.
- Residents of non-member cities may receive a card valid for one year upon payment of $100. Note: Some cities reimburse all or part of this fee.
- One Cooperative card is good at all Cooperative libraries.
- Cards issued to residents are valid for five years.
- Cards issued to non-residents are valid for one year.
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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) 724-1525
http://deafliteracycenter.org
Mon - Thurs 9am - 8pm

Talking Book Library
1330 Cleveland Street
Clearwater, FL 33755-5103
Phone: (727) 441-9958
Fax: (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: (727) 469-9100
http://myclearwater.com/cpl
Mon - Thu 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 S80
Clearwater, FL 33761
Phone: 562-4970
Mon - Thu 10am - 7pm
Fri Closed
Sat - Sun 12pm - 5pm

East Branch
2251 Drew Street
Clearwater, FL 33765
Phone: 562-4970
Sun Closed
Mon - Thu 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

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
Madiera Beach, FL 33708
Phone: 391-2828
http://www.gulfbeacheslibrary.org
Mon, Wed - Fri 10pm - 6pm
Tue 10am - 8pm
Sat 10am - 5pm

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

Largo Library
120 Central Park Drive
Largo, FL 33771
Phone: 587-6715
http://www.largopubliclibrary.org
Monday - Saturday 1-5
Mon - Wed 9-8
Thurs & Fri 10-6
Saturday 10-5

Oldsmar Library
5000 West Bay 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

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

St. Pete Beach Library
365 73rd Avenue
St. Pete Beach, FL 33706
Phone: 363-9238
http://www.stpetebeach.org
Mon - Thu 10am - 8pm
Fri 10am - 6pm
Sat 9:30am - 5pm
Sun 1pm - 5pm

St. Petersburg Library
420 Central Avenue South
St. Petersburg, FL 33701
Phone: 893-7244
Tues & Thu 9am - 5pm
Mon, Wed, Fri - Sat 9am - 5pm

Tampa Library
101 N. Franklin Street
Tampa, FL 33602
Phone: 893-7244
Sun, Thurs & Fri 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

Seminole Library
9200 113th Street North
Seminole, FL 33772-2800
Phone: 394-6905
http://www.spccollege.edu/scl
Mon - Thu 7:30am - 9pm
Fri 7:30am - 6pm
Sat 10am - 5pm
Sun 1pm - 5pm

Tampa Springs Library
138 E. Lemon Street
Tampa Springs, FL 34469
Phone: 943-4922
http://tampaspringslibrary.org
Mon - Wed 10am - 9pm
Thu - Fri 10am - 6pm
Sat 10am - 5pm

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 - 8pm
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 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

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

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

(Telephone hours when classes not in session)

Seminole Library
9200 113th Street North
Seminole, FL 33772-2800
Phone: 394-6905
http://www.spccollege.edu/scl
Mon - Thu 7:30am - 9pm
Fri 7:30am - 6pm
Sat 10am - 5pm
Sun 1pm - 5pm

(Telephone hours when SPC classes not in session)

Tarpon Springs Library
138 E. Lemon Street
Tampa Springs, FL 34469
Phone: 943-4922
http://tampaspringslibrary.org
Mon - Wed 10am - 9pm
Thu - Fri 10am - 6pm
Sat 10am - 5pm

(Telephone hours when SPC classes not in session)
Teen Programs

Clearwater Public Library System

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

Countrywide Branch

Hack the SAT: Sunday, March 6, 2:00 pm. Hack the SAT author Eliot Schrefer conducts a highly effective yet lighthearted seminar on how to improve your SAT test scores.

North Greenwood Branch

Video Gaming for Tweens: (Grade 6 & up) Thursday, March 24, 3:00 pm. Play Wii with your friends.

East Branch

Gaming @ the East Library: Thursday, March 24, 3:30 pm. Play the library’s Wii or one of our new board games Jenga, Battleship, Apples to Apples, Sorry, Yahtzee, Uno. Bring your friends.

Deaf Literacy Center

Dunedin Public Library

Dunedin Youth Volunteers: Monday, March 7, 6:30 pm. Our teen volunteer group meets once a month to plan, assist and create programs for the youth of the community. Registration required and begins 2 weeks prior to program.

Starlight Stravaganza–Teen Tech Week: (Ages 12-18) Wednesday, March 9, 6:00 pm. Celebrate Teen Tech Week! We’ll use technology to have fun and learn new things. Sweets and surprises galore. Registration required and begins 2 weeks prior to program.

Wacky Wednesday Teen Movie: (Ages 10-18) Wednesday, March 23, 6:00 pm. This month’s feature is Battle for Terra.

Star Wars vs. Star Trek—Third Annual ET Day: (Ages 10-15) Saturday, March 26, 2:00 pm. Join us for a fan face-off with games and activities. Competition is fierce! Prizes and surprises for all. Registration required and begins 2 weeks prior to program.

Garish Games: (Ages 10-18) Monday, March 28, 6:00 pm. Join your peers in a variety of sports, games and pizza. Registration required and begins 2 weeks prior to program.

East Lake Community Library

Penguin Gourd Painting! (Ages 14 & up) Saturday, March 26, 11:00 am. Connie Worrell, from the Florida Gourd Society, will show you how to paint these adorable penguins! Registration required.

Teen Writing Group: Saturday, March 5 & 19, 1:00-2:00 pm. Teens who love to write work on projects, including a library newspaper for teens.

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

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

Chess and Board Game 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!

Teen Council: Saturdays, 12:00-1:00 pm. Gather with the ELCL. Teen council to help coordinate events for the teens in our community. Bring a friend! Meeting in the back reading room, ask for Rachel.

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, March 12, 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

Dali for Teens: (Ages 13-18) Tuesday, March 22, 5:00 pm. Learn about Salvador Dali and his art, eat some snacks, and make a geometric paper ball craft.

Teen Library Council: Tuesday, March 1, 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.

TNT-Tuesday Night Teens: (Ages 13-18) Tuesday, March 8, 5:00 pm. It’s dyn-o-mite! Join other kids in an enrichment program with a different theme each month! Learn new things, work on your writing, or do craft projects.

Tosho-Con Event Planning: Tuesday, March 15, 5:00 pm. Become a volunteer for this yearly event. Meet each month to participate in the planning process for our very own teen anime convention.

Oldsmar Public Library

Teen Coffee House: Thursday, March 17, 6:00 pm.

Palm Harbor Public Library

Dealing With Bullies: (Ages 6-14) Thursdays, March 3, 10 & 17, 6:30 pm. For parents & students. This three-week program for parents and students focuses on self defense, cyberbullying, and techniques from community experts on how to avoid and/or deal with bullies. Registration required and begins February 1.

Teen Career Exploration Evening: Thursday, March 31, 6:00 pm. Check out some cool careers and chat with representatives from different professions. Parents are welcome! (This is not a hiring event. Teens and guardians only, please.)

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. Hours may be counted for Bright Futures Scholarships!

Pinellas Park Public Library

Origami Workshop: Tuesday, March 8, 6:30 pm. Learn the art of paper folding from local origami expert Virgil Manning. Registration required.

Gaming Night: Friday, March 11, 7:00 pm. Celebrate Teen Tech Week with a night of games and snacks with your friends. Registration required.

Safety Harbor Public Library

Teen Library Advisory Board: Thursdays, 5:00 pm. Plan teen events and make a difference in your Library! Special Third Thursday Teen Event planned for March 17. Check the teen webpage for details.

St. Pete Beach Public Library

Teen Wii: Fridays, 4:00 pm. Teenagers can test their Wii skills.

Get Ready for St. Patrick’s Day: Thursday, March 10, 4:00 pm.

St. Petersburg Public Library System

Mix & Mash @ Your Library-Teen Tech Week: March 6-12. Teen Tech Week is a national initiative aimed at teens, librarians, educators, parents and other concerned adults that highlight non-print resources at the library. Yalsa (Young Adult Library Services Association).

Main Library

Twen Thing: (Age 9-12) Monday, March 7, 4:30 pm. Theater-Games-Books-Crafts; come see what fun is in store for you!

Knights of the Square Table (Chess Group): Monday, March 14, 3:30-5:30 pm. Join the fun and challenge others.

Teen Scene: (Ages 13-19) Thursday, March 17, 3:30 pm. Join the fun, games & lively discussions!

South Branch

Twen Authors Group: (Middle school students) Wednesday, March 16, 3:30 pm. Share your writing and learn from others.

West Community Library

Young Adult Library Council: (Ages 15-21) Wednesday, March 16, 2:30 pm. Leprechaun Fiesta. Limerick reading, food & games.


Seminole Community Library

Library Youth Advisory Board: (Grades 6-12) Monday, March 7 & 21, 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/sc/teens/index.htm

Tarporn Springs Public Library

Teen Craft: (Ages 10-17) Saturday, March 12, 2:00 pm. Duck tape creations, supplies provided. Learn to be creative using this unique product. Registration required.

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**Main Library**

- **Little Ones Music & Stories:** (12-36 mos) Tuesdays, March 1 & 15, 10:30 am. A program filled with fun music, movement, and exciting stories.
- **Bright Minds Preschool Story Time:** (Ages 3-6) Wednesdays, 10:30 am. Children and caregivers will enjoy participating in age appropriate literacy activities including stories, songs, and a craft.
- **Jump, Jive and Jam!** (Ages 3-6) Tuesdays, March 8, 22 & 29, 10:30 am. A specialized dance-based fitness class.

**Countryside Branch**

- **Family Story Time:** Thursdays, 10:30 am. Stories and activities for preschoolers and toddlers.
- **Homework Help:** Wednesdays, 3:00 pm. Teen volunteers are available to help elementary age students with their homework.
- **Little Ones Music and Stories:** (12-36 mos) Monday, March 14, 10:30 am. A program filled with fun music, movement, and exciting stories.
- **Jump, Jive, & Jam!** (Ages 3-6) Monday, March 28, 10:30 am. A specialized dance-based fitness class.

**Main Library**

- **The Tricky Dogs Show:** Tuesday, March 29, 2:00 pm. A family-friendly, circus style dog act.
- **North Greenwood Branch**
- **St. Patrick’s Day Limericks & Lollipops Celebration:** (Grades 4-6) Thursday, March 17, 3:30 pm. Celebrate St. Patrick’s Day by reading limericks and learn to create your own. Enjoy green snacks, as well. Register online or at the North Greenwood Branch Library.

**Magic Show with Cesar Domico:** Tuesday, March 29, 3:00 pm. A dynamic comedy magic show including interaction with the audience.

**East Branch**

- **Family Story Time:** Wednesdays, 10:30 am. Toddlers and preschoolers will enjoy stories, songs, a movie and a craft.
- **Chess Club:** Tuesdays, March, 8, 15, 22 & 29 3:00 pm. All ages and levels are welcome to join the chess club. Instruction and chessboards are provided. Compete with others in a rousing chess challenge.
- **Lego Club:** Saturday, March 19, 2:00 pm. Use the library's Legos or bring your own.

**Youth Art Event:** Saturday, March 26, 2:00 pm. Celebrate Youth Arts Month at the library.

- **Balloon Magic:** Monday, March 28, 2:00 pm. A magical comedy show featuring Doug Capen, followed by balloon sculpting. Each child will leave with a balloon creature of their choice.
- **Deaf Literacy Center**
- **Palm Harbor Library**
- **Infant/Toddler Sign Language:** (Ages 3 & under) Mondays, January 3-February 14, 10:45 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.
- **School Age Children's Sign Language:** (Ages 6-12) Tuesdays, January 4-May 17, 4:30 pm. Come and 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, January 13-May19, 3:30 pm. ASL crash course that includes Sign Language vocabulary, stories, crafts and activities for children.

**Safety Harbor Library**

- **Children’s Sign Language:** (Ages 5-12) Mondays, January 17-May 23, 4:30 pm. ASL crash course that includes Sign Language vocabulary, stories, crafts, and activities for children.
Children’s Programs

Chess and Board Game 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

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.

April Fool’s Day Party: (School age) Friday, April 1, 2:30 pm.

Gulfport Public Library

Crafts Club: (All ages) Saturday, March 12, 1:30-3:00 pm. Presented by Pat Brinkley.

Largo Public Library

Curious Kids Meet Salvador Dali: (Ages 3-5) Thursday, March 24, 11:00 am. It’s a new twist on our weekly Curious Kids’ Club! This week, children will learn more about art and surrealism with stories and crafts.

Family Fun-O-Rama: Monday, March 7, 14, 28, 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) Tuesdays, 10:00 am. Join Ms. Cynthia in songs, rhymes, finger plays, and a few surprises!

Toddler Tales: (18-36 mos) Wednesdays, 10:00 am. Join Ms. Angela for themed stories, music and extended story activities.

Curious Kids: (Ages 3-5) Thursdays, 11:00 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, March 13, 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 Holes, based on the book by Louis Sachar.

Ready Readers’ Book Club: (Ages 5-7) Sunday, March 20, 2:00 pm. Ready, Set, READ! Children will explore some of our favorite beginning reader and chapter books that combine short sentences with pictures. Register at the Children’s Desk.

Pup Pals Reading Dogs: Saturday, March 26, 10:00 am-12:00 pm. Improve your reading skills and make a new furry friend by reading to therapy-trained dogs. Registration required.

Kids’ Book Club Adventure: (Ages 8-10) Sunday, March 27, 2:00 pm. Go on a reading adventure! Join Ms. Angela for a book talk and activity. Register at the Children’s Desk.

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, March 2 & 16, 3:00-6:00 pm. Teen volunteers help elementary age children with worksheets, spelling, math and reading.

Lego Club: (Ages 5 & up) Wednesday, March 9, 3:00 pm. Program sponsored by Friends of the Oldsmar Library.

Reading Fur Fun-Dog Tales! (Ages 5 & up) Tuesday, March 15, 4:00-5:00 pm. Children read stories aloud to a registered therapy dog. Reading sessions are first come first served. Program recommended for children who are afraid of dogs or for anyone who is allergic to dogs.

Palm Harbor Public Library

Mother Goose Rhyme Time: (Age 2 & under) Mondays, 10:00 am. Miss Sam offers nursery rhymes, songs and finger plays for our youngest library members.

Toddler Story Time: (18 mos-3 yrs, siblings welcome) Mondays, 11:00 am. A rollicking interactive story time with great books, songs and finger plays with Miss Lois!

Granny Jane’s Story Corner: (Ages 3 & up) Wednesdays, 3:00 pm. Granny Jane’s waiting for you to select some books to read together… or, if you like, you may read to her!

NEW! After School Special: (Ages 3-10) Tuesdays, 4:00 pm. Take a break from school and homework! Join us in the reading zone for a family story time.

Starbucks Story Time: (Ages 3 & up) Thursday, March 17, 1:00 pm. Warm up with some great stories and a hot cup of coffee or cocoa at the family story time at Palm Harbor Starbucks, US 19 and Nebraska Avenue.

Organic Gardening For Tweens: (Ages 9-12, children only) Wednesdays, 3:00 pm. A nine week program, which continues until the end of March, in which participants prepare, maintain, and harvest vegetables and herbs in the library’s gardens while learning all about organic gardening. Registration required.

Mars Needs Moms! (Ages 6-9, children only) Wed., March 2, 4:00-5:00 pm. Celebrate the new movie based on Berkley Breathed’s hilarious book with fun games and a Martian craft. Registration required.

First Steps Parent/Child Workshop: (Ages 1-3, siblings up to age 4 welcome) Wednesdays, March 2, 9 & 16, 10:30-11:30 am. A four-week series, complete with opportunities for play with your child, parenting resources, and community professionals to answer your questions. Registration required.

Dealing with Bullies-A Series For Parents & Students: (Ages 6-14, parents & students) Thursdays, March 3, 10, 17, 6:30-7:30 pm. Bullying is something most children encounter in one form or another. This three-week program for parents and students focuses on self-defense, cyberbullying, and techniques from community experts on how to avoid and/or deal with bullies. Registration required.

Kids’ Chess Class: (Ages 8-12) Thursdays, 4:00-5:00 pm. Six-week beginning chess class! Learn moves and strategies as well as competitive play. Registration required.

4’s & 5’s Medieval Fun: (Ages 4-5, children only) Sat., March 5, 2:00-3:00 pm. Brave knights and fair ladies…let the celebration begin with fun stories, games, and a craft activity. Registration required.

Porcupine Painting! (Ages 9-12, children only) Mondays, March 7 & 14, 4:30-5:30 pm. Celebrate the impressionist style of Vincent Van Gogh by creating a masterpiece using “porcupine painting” techniques. This is a two-session workshop, and space is limited. Registration required.

Wee Sing with Mrs. Music: (Ages 1-4) Saturday, March 26, 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!

Spring Break Specials-Red Cross Babysitting Training Class: (Ages 12-18, children only) Monday, March 28, 10:00 am-4:00 pm. This is an all day babysitting certification course. To register and for more information, please call Jocelyn at the American Red Cross at (727) 446-2358.

Spring Break Specials-Wimpy Kid Party: (Ages 7-12, children only) Tuesday, March 29, 2:00-4:00 pm. Get down and wimpy with the Ugly Truth! Celebrate the release of the latest Wimpy Kid movie based on the books by Jeff Kinney. Join us anytime between 11:00 and 1:00 for crafts, games, and trivia contests with prizes.

Leap Into Art @ Leepa-Rattner: (Ages 4 & up) Wednesday, March 30, 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 do have a $5.00 museum admission fee.

Spring Break Specials-Creative Cupcakes: (Ages 6-9, children only) Thursday, March 31, 1:00 pm. The bakers from Publix are coming to the library to teach cupcake decorating. Registration required and begins March 1.

Free Homework Help for Students: Mondays-Thursdays, 3:30-5:30 pm (when school is in session). For all elementary grades. Teen homework helpers will assist with assignments, reports, or reinforcing basic skills. This is a free service and is offered on a first come/first served basis.

NEW!!! Homework Help For Special Needs Students: Tuesday evenings, by appointment only. A certified teacher specializing in special needs students will offer FREE homework help on Tuesday evenings. Call for appointment.

Pinellas Park Public Library

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

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 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.

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

Magic Tree House Adventure: Sunday, March 20, 2:00 pm. Registration required.

Origami Workshop: Tuesday, March 8, 6:30 pm. Learn the art of paper folding from local origami expert Virgil Manning. Registration required.

Adventures in Art: (Grades 3-6) Wednesday, March 16, 3:00 pm. Learn about famous painters and their artistic styles, and then try it yourself. Registration required.

Safety Harbor Public Library
Toddler Time: (18-36 mos) Mondays, 10:00 am. Registration required. (February 28 will feature the stories of Dr. Seuss.)

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

Preschool Story Time: (Ages 3 & under) Tuesdays, 10:30 am.

Baby & Me: (18 mos & under) Fridays, 10:00 am.

St. Pete Beach Public Library
Mother Goose Story Time: (Ages 3 & under) Thursdays, 11:00 am.

Dolphin Club: (Ages 3-5) Thursday, March 24, 4:00 pm. Stories, activities or crafts.

Tucker the Reading Therapy Dog: Tuesday, March 29 & Thursday, March 31, 4:00 pm.

Ogdens Nash: Thursday, March 31, 2:00 pm.

St. Petersburg Public Library System

Main Library

Bookaneers Book Club: (Ages 7-12) Wednesday, March 2, 4:00 pm.

Craft Corner: (All ages) Wednesday, March 9 & 23, 2:30-4:00 pm.

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

Rainbow Fish Puppet Show: Mondays March 7 & 21, 10:00 am. Performed by the St. Petersburg Junior League. Groups must pre-register by calling Youth Services Dept.

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

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

Child Park Branch

Story Time: (Ages 5-10) Fridays, 4:00 pm.

Johnson Branch

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

Mirror Lake Branch

Humpty Dumpty: (Crawlers) Mondays, 10:30 am.

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

Story Time: (Crawlers & walkers) Wednesdays, 4:00 pm.

Preschool: Friday, March 4 & 18, (Ages 3-4) 10:00 am, & (Ages 4-5) 10:30 am.

North Branch

Mother Goose Story Time: (Ages 2 & under) Mondays, 11:00 am & Wednesdays, 10:00 am. Stories, songs and finger plays.

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

Family Story Time: (All ages) Wednesdays, 6:30 pm. Stories, songs & crafts.

Family Game Time: (All ages) Saturday, March 26, 3:30 pm. Games & other activities.

Puppet Show: Sat., March 19, 3:00 pm. Little Red Riding Hood. Fun for all ages.

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, March 8, 4:30 pm.

West Community Library

Afterschool Program: (Ages 6-12) Thursday, March 17, 3:30 pm. St. Patrick’s Day stories & crafts.

Preschool Story Time: (Ages 3-5) Tuesdays & Wednesdays, 10:00 am. Songs, puppets, finger plays & stories.

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

Seminole Community Library

Family Movie: Saturdays, 2:00 pm. Films for all ages—free popcorn and sodas provided by the Friends of the Library. March 5: Megamind; March 12: Fernweh: The Last Rainforest; March 19: White Lion; March 26: The Jetsons.

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. No Toddler Story Time Tuesday, March 8.

Preschool Story Time: (Ages 3-5) Tuesdays, 10:30 am. Join us for thirty minutes of stories, books, songs, movement activities. No Preschool Story Time Tuesday, March 8.

Twilight Tales: (Family program) Tuesdays, 8:30 pm. This 45-60 minute program is geared for elementary ages, although all ages are welcome. Stories, games, short films & a craft. No Twilight Tales on Tuesday, March 8.

Legos at the Library: (Elementary students) Wednesday, March 9, 3:30-4:30 pm. Legos will be supplied so bring your imagination and share you building ideas.

Toddler Nature Walk: (Ages 2-5) Thursday, March 17, 11:00 am. Join a SPC biology professor on a 30-minute nature walk of the grounds of the library/college campus to see local wildlife. 20 tickets will be available at 10:30 am before Toddler Story Time in the Program Room.

Afterschool Program: Booknic! (Ages 6-12) Wednesday, March 2, 3:30 pm. Bring your favorite book to share while we have a yummy picnic snack and play library baseball.

Spring Break Game Day: Tuesday, March 29, 1:00-3:00 pm. Come and get “board” at the library with fun board games, Wii games, Legos and crafts.

Spring Break Movie-Tangled: Wednesday, March 30, 1:00 pm.

Sunday Fun Day! Visit the Youth services department on Sundays from 1:30-4:30 pm to make a fun craft.

Tarpon Springs Public Library

Preschool Story Time: (Ages 3-5) Thursdays, 10:15 am. Join us for age appropriate stories, fun, puppet shows, crafts and more!

Mother Goose Toddler Time: (Ages 1-3) Fridays, 10:15 am or 11:00 am. Registration required. Stories, music and fun just right for toddlers and their caregivers.

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

Happy Birthday Dr. Seuss! (All ages) Wednesday, March 2, 3:00 pm. Join us for stories, crafts, games and fun in honor of the birthday of Dr. Seuss.

Mardi Gras Craft: (All ages) Saturday, March 5, 10:00 am-4:00 pm. "Laissez les Bontemps rouler!" Let the good times roll! Stop in and create your own Mardi Gras mask.

N-Rich: (Ages 10-14) Wednesday March 9, 4:00 pm. Our first N-Rich program will be presented by Ranger Chris Berman, resident ranger on Anclote Key. Ranger Berman will be speaking on the history of the Anclote Lighthouse. This program targets children between the ages of 10 and 14 but other ages may also attend and parents are welcome. Light refreshments will be served. Program sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

Dots of Different Color: (All ages) Saturday, March 19, 2:00 pm. Seventh-grader Madeline Wilks will read her children's book, Yellow Dot, Red Dot, and talk about discrimination and diversity in honor of International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (March 21). Program to be followed by a craft.

Family Movie: (All ages) Tuesday, March 29, 1:00 pm. Take a break from Spring Break and come in to watch a current release family movie.

Tarpon Springs Aquarium: (All ages) Wednesday, March 30, 2:00 pm. Come learn about the Tarpon Springs Aquarium and meet one of its residents.

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Book Discussions

Clearwater Public Library System
Main Library

Book Lovers Bistro: Tuesday, March 1, 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, March 10, 1:30 pm. Monthly book discussion series. Call for more information and discussion titles.

Circulo de Lectura: Wednesday, March 23, 1:00 pm. Spanish language book discussion club. Call for more information and discussion titles.

Countryside Branch
Reading Group @ Countryside: Thursday, March 17, 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, March 15, 12:00 pm. Join the Mystery Readers’ Club in a lively discussion on books covering the theme for the month.

Dunedin Public Library
Great Books Discussion Group: Wednesday, March 2, 2:00 pm. The Three Musketeers, by Alexandre Dumas.

Contemporary Books Discussion Group: Tuesday, March 22, 7:00 pm.

East Lake Community Library
Book Club: Wednesday, March 2, 6:30-7:45 pm. This month’s selection will be We Need to Talk About Kevin by Lionel Shriver.

Gulfport Public Library
Coffee/Talk Book Club: Thursday, March 17, 10:00-11:30 am. Our 16th annual series of monthly discussions continues with How the Irish Saved Civilization, by Thomas Cahill. Stop by the Reference Desk to pick up a discussion guide and reserve a copy of the book.

Largo Public Library
The Last Book Club: Wednesday, March 2, 6:00 pm. This month’s book is Sarah’s Key by Tatiana de Rosnay.

Oldsmar Public Library
“Books & Brews” Book Discussion Group: (Age 21 & up) Tuesday, March 1, 6:00 pm at the Oldsmar Tap House, 300 State Street East. House Rules by Jodi Picoult.

Oldsmar Book Club: Thursday, March 24, 12:00 pm. Snow Angel by Jamie Carie.

Palm Harbor Public Library
PHIL’s Book Club: Monday, March 14, 11:00 am & Tuesday, March 8, 7:00 pm. Join us as we discuss Who’s Afraid Of Virginia Woolf? by Edward Albee, a dark comedy play, that portrays husband and wife, George and Martha, in a searing night of dangerous fun and games.

Pinellas Public Library
Adult Book Discussion: Thursday, March 17, 2:00 pm. Plainsong, by Kent Haruf.

Safety Harbor Public Library
Book Signing-Tammie Stein: Monday, March 7, 7:00 pm. Meet Tammie Stein at this off site author signing at the Whistle Stop Grill & Bar, 915 Main Street, Safety Harbor. Tammie will sign her newest release Kindred.

Book Discussion Group: Wednesday, March 9, 6:00 pm. Join us to discuss Storm Front, by Jim Butcher. Limited copies of the book available at the Library. Sponsored by the Clearwater Branch of the National League of American Pen Women.

Great Women Exploring Nature: Thursday, March 24, 6:30 pm. Author and naturalist Linda Taylor will discuss her book, Great Women Exploring Nature: How Wild Florida Influenced Their Lives, a work combining history, travel, nature, and art and how a thread of Florida’s wild nature wove itself into the lives of Harriet Beecher Stowe, Marjory Stoneman Douglas, Zora Neale Hurston, and other well known female authors.

St. Pete Beach Public Library
Book Discussion: Tuesday, March 15, 10:30 am. Join us for a discussion of Moby Dick by Herman Melville.

St. Petersburg Public Library System
Main Library
“Murder by the Book” Mystery Book Club: Thursday, March 3, 6:30 pm. Call or check online for the latest title.

Sci-Fan Book Club: Tuesday, March 15, 6:30 pm. Alien Years by Robert Silverberg.

Pinellas County Genealogy Research Group: Monday, March 7, 7:00 pm. Genealogy research tips for online and traditional searching. We welcome beginners and advanced researchers. Please bring your tips for online and traditional searching. We welcome beginners and advanced researchers. Please bring your tips for online and traditional searching.

Tarpon Springs Public Library, continued

Tarpon Springs Public Library Genealogy Research Group: Monday, March 21, 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.

North Branch
Tarpon Springs Library Needlecraft Group: Thursday, March 17, 10:30 am. Call or check online for the latest title.

South Branch
Tarpon Springs Book Club: Saturday, March 19, 10:00 am. Check online or call for latest title.

West Community Library
Book Club: Saturday, March 19, 10:30 am. After the Flood by Margaret Atwood. All are welcome to attend.

Seminole Community Library
Booktalkers: Wednesday, March 2, 2:00 pm. Ben MacIntyre: Operation Mincemeat: How a Dead Man & a Bizarre Plan Fooled the Nazis and Assured an Allied Victory.

Great Books Discussion Group: Wednesday, March 16, 2:00 pm. Rameau’s Nephew, by Diderot.

Backwards Travellers Historical Fiction Club: Tuesday, March 15, 2:00 pm. The Red Tent by Anita Diamant.

Super Novels: Thursday, March 24, 2:00 pm. The Scarlet Letter by Nathaniel Hawthorne.

Tarpon Springs Public Library
Expand Your Horizons Book Club: Wednesday, March 9, 3:30 pm. Call for this month’s title.

Book Discussion Group: Thursday, March 24, 12:00 pm. Rebecca by Daphne du Maurier.

Adult Programs

Tarpon Springs Public Library, continued

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: Wed., March 2 & 16, 1:30 pm.

Movies @ Your Library Series: Saturday, March 5 & 26, 2:00 pm. Call for this month’s titles.

Business Start-Up Basics: Tuesday, March 8, 7:00 pm. Free seminar presented by the Pinellas County Chapter of SCORE. Registration required.

Tarpon Springs Library Needlecraft Group: Monday, March 14, 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. Enjoy the company of other needlecrafters!

The Committed Bookers: Thursday, March 17, 10:30 am. Call or check online for the latest title. Each member takes a turn at leading a book discussion.

The Real Deal: Thursday, March 24, 6:30 pm. Call or check online for the latest title.

North Branch
Classics Up Close: Tuesday, March 22, 2:00 pm. Call or check online for the latest title.

South Branch
Book Club: Wednesday, March 9, 2:00 pm. Call or check online for latest title.

Mahogany Book Club: Saturday, March 19, 10:00 am. Check online or call for latest title.

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An Evening of Irish Music and Songs: Wednesday, March 16, 7:00 pm. Live performance by Chris Morgan and his band. All ages welcome and admission is free.

Tarpon Springs Public Library Genealogy Research Group: Monday, March 21, 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.

Tarpon Springs Library Needlecraft Group: Wednesday, March 23, 6:30-8:30 pm.

Art in the Afternoon: Thursday, March 24, 3:30 pm. Program partnership with the Leepa-Rattner Museum of Art featuring a presentation and demonstration by an artist.

The Library of the Week:

March 11: Seminole Community Library

Change in hours: Seminole Community Library

Monday, March 7 – Thursday, March 10, 9:00 am-8:00 pm.

Library Closings for the Month of March 2011

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