

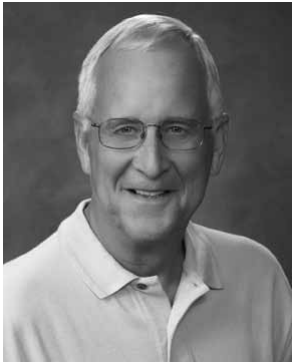
Pinellas Library Cooperative Welcomes New Board Members

The Pinellas Public Library Cooperative is pleased to announce its newly elected and appointed Board members for the 2012 – 2013 fiscal year. The Cooperative welcomes elected members John Doran of Clearwater and Gary Lewis of Oldsmar to their new Board positions. Additionally, we are pleased to have Cecilia Burke, resident of the Seminole-Largo area of unincorporated Pinellas County, fill the At-Large District 2 seat appointed by the Pinellas Board of County Commissioners. Mr. Doran, a resident of Clearwater, is an active member of the community serving in many capacities. Mr. Doran recently completed his term as a City Council Member and served as the city representative on the Downtown Development



John Doran

Board, the Main Street Joint Venture, the Pension Advisory Committee, the Courtney Campbell Causeway Scenic Corridor Advisory Committee, the Pinellas Homeless Leadership Network, and the Pinellas Planning Council. He currently is a member of the Clearwater All-America Sertoma Club, the Clearwater Beach Association, the



Gary Lewis

Clearwater Beach Chamber of Commerce, the Clearwater Regional Chamber of Commerce, the Friends of the Clearwater Library, Sister Cities, League of Women Voters, NAACP, 7th Infantry Division Association, and the American Legion Post 7 Clearwater. Mr. Doran's educational background includes a Masters degree in Business Administration and a Juris Doctorate. Mr. Doran brings his skills as an attorney and a CPA in addition to his long-term commitment to his community to his position on the Board.

Mr. Lewis, a resident of Oldsmar, served in the U.S. Coast Guard for twenty-six years. He was the supply officer on three of the United States Coast Guard's largest ships. In addition to his professional successes, Mr. Lewis has served as the President as well as the Secretary/Treasurer of his homeowners association. Since retirement, Mr. Lewis has been an active volunteer in his community. He was recognized as the 2010 Volunteer of the Year by the Oldsmar Public Library. Mr. Lewis is an asset to the Board and will bring a unique vision to library service in Pinellas County. Mrs. Burke, a resident of the Seminole-Largo area of unincorporated Pinellas County, was appointed the Board of County Commissioners At-Large District 2 representative. A graduate of Leadership St. Pete, she served eight years as Governor Bush's appointment to the Juvenile Welfare Board, was chairman of the Pinellas County Childcare Licensing Board, and held leadership positions with Oakhurst Elementary PTA and St. Petersburg Collegiate High PSTA. For several years she was active with the Pinellas County homeschool community; a group of avid library users. Cecilia's prior career included campaign manager for education advocate State Senator Don Sullivan; committee staff for Congressman Dan Burton; and executive director of the Deerfield Beach Chamber of Commerce, at which time she was recognized as Deerfield Beach's Woman of the Year.



Cecilia Burke



St. Pete Beach Honors Tucker, the Reading Therapy Dog

The St. Pete Beach Public Library has lost a dedicated volunteer, a large part of the heart of our library family. Many in the community adore him. He is known throughout the Tampa Bay area for his numerous donations and volunteering spirit. From being a "2008 Yerrid's Hero" (through the Tampa Bay Lightning organization), to volunteering at the Ronald McDonald House in St. Petersburg, the Fish Broil on Pass-A-Grille, and here at the library. Tucker the Reading Therapy Dog has given billions of smiles, untold comfort, and the courage to read aloud to people of every age. Tucker first came to the St. Pete Beach Public Library in 2006; he was an instant "hit." His program here focused on reading skills and enabling children to read aloud to both family and total strangers when they were shy and uncertain. Tucker gave self confidence to those young readers while giving their caregivers a peek at that confidence in the first stage of the growing excitement of 'I read it myself!'

Tucker not only helped the children and astounded the caregivers; he delighted the rest of the library staff and patrons alike. He is so much a part of us that in 2009 at the funeral of our past library director, Roberta L. Whipple, he came to the service and gave comfort.

Tucker was very excited in April, three years ago, when at the age of 10 he became a father of five boys, three of whom still 'live at home'! Tucker is an indispensable part of our library family history now; he mentored so many new readers, so many moments of delight, so much good in one furry, wiggly package. We were so very lucky that day in 2006 when Kathleen asked if I'd heard of Therapy Dogs; lucky to have known Tucker and his family! Ranger, Skeeter, Parker and their mom, Paige along with their humans, Kathleen & Jim, have our most heart-felt sympathy for their loss.

Adult Programs

Clearwater Public Library System

Main Library

Book Lover's Bistro: Tuesday, December 4, 12:00-3:30 pm. Book discussion group meets over lunch to discuss past best sellers and popular titles. Call for more information and discussion titles. This month, Books to Film. Discuss the novel *On the Beach* and then view the 1959 film.

Films on the Bluff: Tuesday, December 11, 2:00-4:30 pm. Art house and independent films shown monthly.

Sunset on the Roof: Tuesdays, 30 minutes before sunset. Enjoy beautiful sunsets from the Main Library's rooftop terrace. Rooftop will open 30 minutes before sunset. Weather permitting. Meet at the grand staircase on the first floor.

Beach Branch

Clearwater Marine Aquarium presents—Our Fascinating Marine Life Neighbors: Tuesday, December 4, 1:30 pm. This hands-on discussion will focus on CMA's rescue, rehabilitation, and release work with dolphins, sea turtles, and others, as well as updates on current resident animals, including Winter, the world-famous dolphin of the film *Dolphin Tale*. Also learn about the results of the 2012 sea turtle nesting season and get a close-up look at marine animal artifacts, such as shells, skulls, and even Winter's artificial tail.

Writer's Support Group: Wednesdays, December 5 & 19, 1:00-3:00 pm. A workshop for writers and would be writers led by journalist Ann Garriss. Join us for help and encouragement.

Clearwater Beach Shell Crafters Club: Thursdays, December 13 & 27, 1:00 pm. Create shell crafts such as photo frames, wreaths, wall plaques, etc. using shells found on the beach. Sponsored in part by Beach Friends of the Library. To join, please call 727-447-5882.

Countryside Branch

Big Screen Biographies @ Countryside Library: Wednesdays, 2:00 pm. Join us for a weekly film. December 5: *Albert Einstein*; December 12: *Herbert Hoover*; December 19: *Wyatt Earp*; December 26: *Santa Claus*.

Holiday Drive In Movie Special – A Frank Capra Classic: Saturday, December 8, 2:00 pm. Join us for our holiday drive in movie special screening of Frank Capra's wonderful holiday film starring Jimmy Stewart and Donna Reed. Bring your lawn chairs, blankets and pillows and get comfortable in our meeting room to enjoy this classic tale.

Health and Wellness Lecture Series: Wednesday, December 26, 12:00-1:00 pm. Join us for our partnership lecture series with the Clearwater Aging Well Center and Morton Plant Mease. For more information, please call 727-953-6821.

Countryside Annual Community Drum Circle: Thursday, December 27, 3:00 pm. Once again, let's bang out the old year and welcome the new with Steve Turner and the Giving Tree Drum Circle. Every age will enjoy!

North Greenwood Branch

Thursday Afternoon @ the Movies: Thursday, December 6, 2:00-4:00 pm. Join us for an afternoon movie. Adults only please

East Branch

ESOL Tutoring: Mondays, 4:00-6:00 pm. Literacy tutors and students practice Conversational English.

Stitch in Time Charity Stitching Group: Fridays, 2:00-4:30 pm. Join us at our weekly get-together to create items to donate for anyone in need.

Yoga: Thursday, December 13, 3:00-4:00 pm. Practice Hatha yoga with Luz.

The Life and Times of Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings: Saturday, December 1, 2:00 pm. Join us to celebrate one of Florida's best-loved authors, Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings, portrayed by Karen De Vos.

3rd Annual Posada Party: Saturday, December 15, 2:00 pm. Celebrate the holidays with us through music, crafts and games.

Christmas Party: Saturday, December 22, 2:00 pm. Come celebrate the holidays with a viewing of a classic holiday film.

Deaf Literacy Center

Palm Harbor Library

Individual Tutoring for the Deaf: Call for appointment.

Adult Beginners Sign Language: Tuesdays, September 11-December 11, 6:00 pm. ASL course that includes basic Sign Language vocabulary, daily phrases and facts about the Deaf community and culture.

Adult Intermediate Sign Language: Tuesdays, September 11-December 11, 7:00 pm. ASL 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 13-December 13, 6:00 pm. ASL course that includes basic Sign Language vocabulary, daily phrases and facts about the Deaf community and culture.

Adult Intermediate Sign Language: Thursdays, September 13-December 13, 7:00 pm. ASL course that includes basic Sign Language vocabulary, daily phrases and facts about the Deaf community and culture.

Safety Harbor 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 10-December 10, 6:00 pm. ASL course that includes basic Sign Language vocabulary, daily phrases and facts about the Deaf community and culture.

Adult Intermediate Sign Language: Mondays, September 10-December 10, 7:00 pm. ASL course that includes Conversational Sign Language, Stories, Songs and skits.

Dunedin Public Library

Tuesdays at Two Film Program: 2:00 pm.

Dunedin Garden Club: Saturday, December 1, 1:00 pm. For more information please call 447-6814.

Casual Scrabble Club: Monday, December 3, 6:30 pm. Please bring your own board. Adults and teens, high school and up are welcome to join us.

Cookielicious: Tuesday, December 4, 7:00 pm. Join us for a fun evening with Tampa Bay Times Food Editor, Janet Keeler, who will talk about cookies, baking and her *Cookielicious Cookiebook*...just in time for holiday baking. We'll also have refreshments, including some of the delicious cookies from the 150 scrumptious recipes in the book. Following the program you'll have the opportunity to buy a signed copy of the book.

Holiday Concert with the East Lake High School Madrigal Singers: Monday, December 10, 3:00 pm. Ring in the holidays with a festive afternoon of music by these talented young singers under the direction of Choral Director, Rob Knabel. Refreshments will be served.

Quick and Easy Appetizers for Holiday Entertaining: Tuesday, December 11, 7:00 pm. Looking for some quick, easy and cheap holiday appetizers that will dazzle your family and friends? Rita Fabula will show you how in this entertaining cooking demo. Although Rita tries to prepare enough for the whole crowd, the first 15 people to arrive are guaranteed a taste. Doors open at 6:30 pm.

Festive Piano with Raffi and Roman Kasparian: Tuesday, December 20, 7:00 pm. Dr. Raffi Kasparian is the official accompanist for the United States Army Chorus and has delighted audiences throughout the United States, Canada and the Philippines. His son, Roman, will join him for a couple of Christmas duets. Roman has been taking lessons for 7 years and has recently been admitted into the prestigious Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology. Refreshments will be served.

SCORE Small Business Counseling: Free small business counseling is offered on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. The counseling is provided by a S.C.O.R.E. volunteer and is open to those starting up a small business or for existing businesses. Call for an appointment, or sign up at the Adult Information Desk. To learn more about S.C.O.R.E. visit their website at www.scorepinellas.org.

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 an appointment.

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

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

Literacy Program: The Literacy Council of Upper Pinellas (LCUP), located at the Dunedin Public Library, is looking for tutors. Unlock the door to success by helping someone learn to read, speak and write English. For additional information please call our Literacy Office or visit the website at www.lcupinfo.com.

Outreach Program for Adults: If someone you know is homebound in Dunedin and would like monthly deliveries of library materials (books and/or cassette/CD books), please call our Outreach Department.

East Lake Community Library

The Friends of East Lake Library: Tuesday, December 4, 6:30 pm. New members are encouraged to attend!

ELCL Writer's Critique Group: The 2nd Monday of this month from 6:00-7:45 pm. There will not be a meeting on December 24. This is a workshop for writers of all levels. Read excerpts of your works in progress and receive helpful feedback.

Adult Programs

Volunteer Breakfast: Saturday, December 8, 8:00 am at Wentworth Country Club. Sponsored by the Friends of East Lake Library, this breakfast is held in appreciation of all of the volunteers' hard work all year long by helping the library in its day-to-day activities and tasks and the giving of their time.

Advisory Board Meeting: Tuesday, December 11, 6:30 pm. The public is welcome to attend.

Freethinkers Meeting: Saturday, December 8 & Saturday, December 22, 3:00-4:00 pm. Join us for an open discussion group.

Window Stars! Saturday, December 22, 11:00 am. Miss Cheryl will teach you how to make stars that will make your windows festive for the holidays!

Sit and Sew: The third Wednesday of every month from 6:00-7:45 pm. Share your NEEDLE ARTS skills! Bring any projects you are working on. All needle crafts are encouraged. Enjoy quality time "stitched" with tips and new ideas. Sewing machines are welcome!

ELCL Quilters: The fourth Wednesday of every month from 6:00-7:45 pm. Get started on a lifetime of beautiful projects today! All skill levels welcome.

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 4, 4:00 pm. *Foreign Letters*. Life brightens when a young Israeli girl meets a Vietnamese refugee her age. The two teach each other about life in America, but they eventually hurt and betray each other. Ellie must give up her most prized possession to save their friendship.

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, 1:00-4:00 pm. Get a cerebral workout with these scrabble piranhas.

Writer's Group: Mondays, 10:00 am-12:00 pm. We welcome all writers. Bring a few pages of your work in progress to be critiqued by the group.

Gulfport Public Library

SCORE Face-to-Face Counseling: Suspended for the holidays, will resume on Tuesday, January 22, get free and helpful business advice from locally based business mentors. Call to set up an appointment.

Real Estate News You Can Use Forum: Wednesday, December 5, 5:00-6:45 pm. FMI, call Stephanie Slavick, 727-202-7011.

Free Thinkers Open Twelve Step Meeting: Tuesdays, 5:45 pm, FMI, call 727-360-9069.

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

Beginning Spanish Classes: Thursdays, 9:30-10:30 am.

Business Debtors Anonymous Meeting: Thursdays, 4:30 pm. FMI, call 727-238-1688.

Free Family Movie Day: Saturday, December 15, two movies, starting at 10:30 am and 1:30 pm. Enjoy flicks with popcorn provided by the Circle of Friends of Gulfport Library.

Largo Public Library

Kick Back at the Library-Winter Edition: Thursday, December 27, 2:00 pm. Looking to relax after all the holiday hoopla? This is your chance to drink some hot cocoa, have a snack, listen to music, and make a grown-up craft. All ages are welcome.

Story Circle Writer's Group: Wednesday, December 5, 6:00 pm. The Story Circle is a chance for writer's to share their stories and develop their skills. The group is facilitated by author and writing coach, Jan Golden.

Poets Live: Monday, December 10, 6:30 pm.

Socrates Cafe: Thursday, December 13, 1:00 pm. The Socrates Cafe is a volunteer-led program that allows people from all backgrounds to exchange ideas and opinions on a variety of topics in a fun, inclusive environment.

Family Tree Maker User Group: Saturday, December 1, 10:00 am. Questions & Answers and a demonstration of how to use the Family Tree Maker genealogical database software.

City Directories in Genealogy Research: Monday, December 3, 10:00 am. This class explores the history of this resource, the research value of the information they provide, and where to find the records.

Rootsweb: Tuesday, December 4, 6:00 pm. Get the most out of this huge, free website.

Maps in Genealogy Research: Monday, December 10, 6:00 pm. Road, political, migration, city directory, and insurance.

Ancestry.com: Wednesday, December 12, 10:00 am. Search techniques for getting the most from this huge collection of databases.

Computers in Genealogy: Saturday, December 15, 10:00 am. Question and answer session on the use of computers in genealogy research and record keeping.

Workshop Tour of the Genealogy Department: Saturday, December 15, 1:00 pm.

Source Citations in Genealogy: Monday, December 17, 10:00 am. An introduction to the content of proper source citations. Use of modern genealogy programs to enter citations will also be covered (PAF, Roots Magic, and Family Tree Maker will be addressed).

MS Word in Genealogy: Wednesday, December 19, 6:00 pm. Indexing, table of contents, footnotes/endnotes.

Rootsmagic User Group: Saturday, December 22, 10:00 am. Questions and answers and a demonstration of how to use the RootsMagic genealogy database software program.

Oldsmar Public Library

Movies & Popcorn: Friday, December 7, 1:00 pm. Join us for a movie on the big screen! Call the library for more information.

SCORE Free Small Business Counseling: Tuesday, December 4 & 18, 10:00 am-12:00 pm & 1:00-3:00 pm, 1 hour one-on-one session with a SCORE business counselor (Pinellas County Chapter 115). To register or for more information, please call (813) 749-1181 or visit the Library's Reference Desk.

Palm Harbor Public Library

Thrilling Tales-A Story Time for Adults: Thursday, December 6, 1:00 pm. Things are not always what they seem, even during the holidays! *The Changing of the Guard*, by Rod Serling and *The Catbird Seat*, by James Thurber are two stories focusing on this theme. Just bring your imagination, sit back, and enjoy!

WWII Traveling Heroes Exhibit: Friday, December 7, 1:00-3:00 pm. WWII artifacts and costumed re-enactors from the Central Florida World War II Museum present a program and display to honor our veterans on Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day.

Cookieicious: Tuesday, December 18, 6:00 pm. Janet Keeler, Tampa Bay Times Food Editor, introduces her homemade cookies as she discusses her book, *Cookieicious*. Light refreshments and a book signing follow the program. Registration requested.

Clam Bayou Jazz Band: Friday, December 21, 2:00 pm. A library favorite, this jazz group will present "Christmas in New Orleans," to celebrate the holiday season.

Every Christmas Story Ever Told: And Then Some! Friday, December 21, 6:00 pm AND Saturday, December 22, 2:00 pm. Showcase Arts Foundation has a holiday event for the entire family. This play has fun costume changes and pulls from holiday stories from around the world. A \$5.00 donation is requested.

Chess Gathering: Thursdays, 12:30-2:30 pm & 5:30-7:30 pm. Chessboards and light refreshments will be provided. All ages and skill levels are welcome.

Tai Chi for Movement and Balance: Mondays & Wednesdays, 1:00 pm-2:00 pm-Intermediate Level and 2:00 pm-3:00 pm-Beginner Level. Registration for Beginners takes place in-person on the day of the class. Seniors-please join the group for a fall-prevention program developed at the Oregon Research Institute. No classes December 12 & 24.

Socrates Café: Thursday, December 6, 6:00 pm & Thursday, December 20, 1:00 pm. You don't need to know philosophy to join this discussion group. Stimulating conversations on a variety of subjects!

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

Safety Harbor Public Library

Friends of the Library Book Sale: Saturday, December 1, 9:00 am-3:00 pm. All genres of books available; many for only \$1.00!

Manifesting Abundance-Creating Wealth with the Stock Market: Thursday, December 6, 6:30 pm. Meet author and investor, Jim Delvecchio, and learn about ways to explore the link between your attitude and success. Jim will describe ways to find your inner genius, save money, and get out of debt.

Cookieicious with Janet Keeler: Saturday, December 8, 1:00 pm. Janet Keeler, food and travel editor for the Tampa Bay Times and an admitted cookie addict, created, gathered and tested more than 5,000 recipes from her own recipe box and those suggested by her loyal readers. The result? A "cookieicious" book containing 150 of the most scrumptious cookies. Join Janet for a delicious cookie tasting and author talk - just in time for those holiday baking bonanzas. Copies of *Cookieicious* will be available for sale and for signing. Registration required.

Establishing a Home-Based Business: Thursday, December 13, 6:00-8:00 pm. Thinking of starting a business out of your home? Learn about important considerations for establishing a successful home-based business. Janet Shellenberger and Juan Fret from Pinellas County SCORE provide information on planning, tax information, legal regulations, and funding considerations. SCORE Pinellas provides free business counseling, consulting, mentoring and training for startup companies and entrepreneurs. For more information on SCORE, visit <http://www.scorepinellas.org/>. Registration required.

Get Crafty @ Your Library-Mini Salt Scrubs: Wednesday, December 19, 2:00 pm. Mix and decorate a jar of scented salt scrub as a gift for yourself or someone special. Registration required.

Adult Programs

SCORE Small Business Counseling: Tuesday, December 11, appointments from 10:00 am-2:00 pm. Free and confidential small business advice. Registration required.

Story Circle Network Writer's Group: Wednesday, December 19, 6:00 pm. Join fellow writers for writing assistance, sharing, ideas, and guidance. (This group meets monthly on the third Wednesday.)

Heart & Soul Cinema: Sunday, December 16, 1:30 pm. Join us for a screening of a great family film about a young man that overcomes significant obstacles and fulfills his dreams of playing football for Notre Dame University. There will be an introduction and light refreshments served prior to the movie. The MPAA rating for this film is PG. Call for film title and more information.

St. Pete Beach Public Library

E-Reader Hour: Mondays, 1:00-2:00 pm. Help with downloading library books to your e-reader. Bring Apple and Amazon user name and password along with e-reader.

Deck Our Halls: Wednesdays, December 5 & 12, 1:00-4:00 pm. Create an ornament to hang on our tree while listening to sounds of the season.

St. Petersburg Public Library System

Main Library

Socrates Café' Discussion Group: Thursday, December 13, 6:00-7:30 pm. Open to any member of the public who wishes to freely discuss a question which is chosen by vote. There are no prerequisites & no reading or other preparation is required.

Mirror Lake Branch

Needle Craft Club: 2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month, 1:00-3:00 pm. Needle crafts include knitting, crocheting, needlepoint, embroidery and quilting. All skill levels are welcome.

North Branch

Book Sale: Friday, December 1, 10:00 am-2:00 pm. Sponsor by Friends of North Branch

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.

Family Event: (All ages) Saturday, December 1, 2:00 pm. Sensei Walter Evans, will present *Focus on Self Defense*, a karate demonstration.

The Family Yarn Crafters: (Age 8 & up) Saturday, December 8 & 22, 12:00-2:00 pm. Please bring your own supplies & creative ideas.

Reading Buddies: Our Reading Buddies program matches elementary age kids with adult Reading Buddies. Kids practice their reading skills by reading out loud to their Buddies. To register your child for the program or volunteer to be a Buddy, call branch.

Seminole Community Library

Based on the Book Cinema: Sunday, December 23, 2:00pm. *Goodbye, Mr. Chips* (1939). Free popcorn and soda courtesy of the Friends of the Seminole Library.

Cinema at Sundown: Thursday, December 13, 6:30 pm: *Smoke Signals* (1998). Thursday, December 27, 6:30 pm: *Flypaper* (2011)—this film is unrated, but contains violence and pervasive strong language. Free popcorn and soda courtesy of the Friends of the Seminole Library.

Classic Movie Matinee: Fridays, 1:00 pm. December 7: *Ocean's Eleven* (1960). December 14: *It Happened on 5th Avenue* (1947). December 21: *Remember the Night* (1940). December 28: *The Poseidon Adventure* (1972). Free popcorn and soda courtesy of the Friends of the Seminole Library.

Pause for Poetry: Wednesday, December 19, 7:00 pm. Calling all bards! Enjoy a supportive atmosphere where lovers of poetry share their works and/or read favorite selections aloud. Spoken word encouraged. Writers and non-writers welcome.

Socrates Café: Monday, December 17, 1:00 pm.

Seminole Chess Club: Wednesdays, 6:30-8:30 pm, for intermediate and advanced players only.

The Stone Soup Group/Coupon Exchange: Wednesday, December 5 & 19, 3:30 pm. Bring your extra coupons, low/no cost activities, recipes, how-to solutions or other special offers to our exchange program. LEGOs @ the Library program will be available at the same time!

Sunday Musicales: Sunday, December 9, 3:00 pm. Billy Scott—music and memories.

Thrilling Tales: Thursday, December 6. Enjoy hearing entertaining stories read aloud by a skilled reader. This month's selection is *Merry Christmas, Mr. Chips* by James Hilton. For more information call Michael Bryan, 727-394-6923.

Two Towers Chess Club: Monday, December 10, 3:30-5:30 pm, for all skill levels.

SPC Toastmasters: Tuesday, December 4, 11, & 18, 6:15 pm.

Florida Native Plant Society: Wednesday, December 19, 6:30 pm.

H.E.A.L.: Wednesday, December 12, 1:00 pm.

Hidden Stitches: Monday, December 3, 6:30 pm.

Pinellas County Healthy Families: Monday, December 17, 5:00 pm.

Pinellas Opera League: Sunday, December 16, 1:30 pm.

Recycling & Sustainability: Monday, December 3, 10:00 am.

Sean Scott Seminar: Monday, December 3, 2:00 pm.

SHINE: Wednesday, December 5, 12, & 19, 10:00 am.

St. Petersburg Loves to Write: Saturday, December 1 & 15, 10:00 am. Open to the public. Writers of all genres—and at all stages of the writing process—are welcome.

Tampa Bay Hepatitis Support Group: Wednesday, December 26, 6:00 pm.

Tarpon Springs Public Library

One-On-One Genealogy Assistance: Tuesday afternoons. Call or stop by the library, no appointment necessary.

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.

One-on-One E-Book Training: Call or stop by the library to schedule an appointment. Learn how to download free e-books from the library to your Kindle, Nook, iPad or Smartphone.

History Discussion Group: Wednesday, December 5, 2:30 pm. Come be a part of the discussion.

Tarpon Springs Library Needlecraft Group: Monday, December 10, 6:30-8:30 pm. Bring your projects, share ideas, or ask questions. All skill levels welcome. Come out and enjoy the company of other needle crafters!

Tarpon Springs Public Library Genealogy Research Group: Monday, December 17, 6:30 pm. A free casual exchange of genealogy research methods and tips for online and traditional searching. We welcome beginners and advanced researchers.

Tarpon Springs Library Needlecraft Group: Wednesday, December 26, 6:30-8:30 pm.

Teen Programs

Clearwater Public Library System

Main Library

What Can You Do With...?: Sunday, December 16, 2:00 pm. Recycle, reuse, and repurpose old items to create new gifts that your friends and family will want to have.

North Greenwood Branch

Teen Club: Wednesday, December 5, 4:30-5:45 pm. Enjoy gaming, music and more with other teens who share your interests.

East Branch

Bilingual Homework Help: Tuesdays, 5:00 pm. Bilingual homework help for kids in elementary and middle school. (No homework help December 18 or 25).

3rd Annual Posada Party: Saturday, December 15, 2:00 pm. Celebrate the holidays with us through music, crafts and games.

Dunedin Public Library

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

Dunedin Youth Volunteers: Monday, December 3, 6:30 pm. Our teen volunteer group meets once a month to plan, assist and create programs for the youth of the community.

An Unexpected Journey: (Ages 12-18) Monday, December 10, 6:00 pm. Begin the journey to Mordor. Breakfast, second breakfast and elevensies will be served. Registration required.

Teen Slippery Soap: (Ages 12-18) Monday, December 17, 6:00 pm. Grab the rope and have a slippery time at our annual soap program. Registration required.

The Dark Knight Rises Movie: (Ages 12-18) Wednesday, December 19, 5:00 pm. You don't have to wait on the list – watch the new DVD release with us.

Gulfport Public Library

Teen Game Zone: Wednesdays, 3:00-4:00 pm. Challenge your friends on the latest XBOX 360 games or just hangout. Free Refreshments.

Free Family Movie Day: Saturday, December 15, two movies, starting at 10:30 am and 1:30 pm. Enjoy flicks with popcorn provided by the Circle of Friends of Gulfport Library.

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Teen Programs

Largo Public Library

Loungin' at the Library: Wednesdays, 1:00 pm: High School, 3:30 pm - Middle School. December 5: Tic Tac Toe Games; December 12: Movie (TBA); December 19: Winter Bingo.

Teen Library Council: Monday, December 3, 5:00 pm. Need volunteer hours? Join the Teen Library Council to participate in teen programming and other library activities. Pick up an application in the Teen Room.

The Teen Scene: Monday, December 10, 5:00 pm. It's all about you! Join other kids in a fun enrichment program with a different theme each month. This month, participate in foil art creations.

Oldsmar Public Library

Battle of the Books Training: (Grades 3-8) Mondays, December 3 & 10, 6:00 pm. Prepare and train for the Battle of the Books.

Palm Harbor Public Library

The following programs are reserved for teens ages 13-18, unless otherwise noted.

Simple Gifts Mini-Workshops: (Ages 10-16) Mondays, December 3, 10, 17, 3:30-5:00 pm. Homemade gifts are the best – create your own for family and friends by attending one or more sessions. Registration required.

Life-Size Clue Game! (Ages 8 & up) Saturday, December 29, 2:00 pm. Play the game of Clue for real! Help figure out who killed Mr. Body. Participants may play alone or part of a team. Registration required. This program is sponsored by the Youth Advisory Board.

Palm Harbor Library Youth Advisory Board: (Ages 13-18) Thursdays, 5:00-6:00 pm. The Youth Advisory Board (YAB) strives to serve the library and community by planning relevant programs and completing volunteer projects. Membership is open to all teens that complete an application. Attendance at weekly meetings and participation in various service activities and programs is expected. Come join us!

Pinellas Park Public Library

Origami Workshop: Tuesday, December 11, 6:30 pm. Registration required.

Safety Harbor Public Library

Please visit our website or call x118 for the most up to date listing of teen programs.

Teen Library Advisory Board: (Ages 15-18) Thursdays, December 6, 13, & 20, 5:00-6:00 pm. Join TLAB and participate in planning and implementing programs for teens!

Socrates Café: (Ages 13-18) Thursday, December 20, 6:00-7:00 pm. Join other teens to discuss and debate hot topics, controversies, and issues.

Mad Hatter's Tea Party-Teen Book Club: (Ages 13-18) Friday, December 7, 3:30 pm. Stop by the library and pick up *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland* by Lewis Carroll. Come to our Mad Hatter's Tea Party to have tasty treats, discuss the book, and play a few games. Wear your most outrageous hats!

St. Petersburg Public Library System

Main Library

Knights of the Square Table Chess Group: (All ages) Monday, December 10, 3:30-5:30 pm. Join the fun – challenge others.

West Community Library

Teen Nights: (Ages 13-19) Thursday, December 13, 6:30-8:00 pm. Teen night takes on a Holiday theme. Teen Holiday family night with Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer. Games & fun.

Teen Book Discussion Group: (Ages 13- 19) Friday, December 14, 2:00 pm. A Teen Book Discussion group that focuses on Young Adult & Adult Literature. For more information, please call 727.341.7183.

Seminole Community Library

Library Youth Advisory Board Meeting: (Grades 6-12) Monday, December 10, 7:00 pm. LYAB members get to meet new people, help choose materials for the YA collection and earn volunteer credits. Snacks are served at every meeting!

Two Towers Chess Club: (All ages) Monday, December 10, 3:30-5:30 pm. All skill levels welcome.

Seminole Chess Club: (All ages) Wednesdays, 6:30-8:30 pm. For novice, intermediate and advanced players. Basic instruction not available at the meetings. Players should already know the moves, rules and etiquette of chess.

Pause for Poetry: (All ages) Wednesday, December 19, 7:00 pm. Enjoy a supportive atmosphere where lovers of poetry share their own poems and/or read favorite selections.

Tarpon Springs Public Library

Crafts and Cookies: (Ages 10-17), Saturday, December 8, 2:00 pm. Bring your appetite and creative skills to make your own tree ornaments and decorate cookies to eat here or take home to share. All supplies provided. Registration required.

Manga Book Club: (Ages 12 & up) Monday, December 3 & 17, 6:30 pm. If you like manga, graphic novels and anime, then this club is the place for you! Come hang out and discuss manga and anime and meet other teens who share your interests. Each month new titles and series will be selected to read and discuss.

Computer Classes

Clearwater Public Library System

Main Library

Computer Help: Wednesdays, 10:30 am-12:30 pm. Meet with library computer techs for assistance using e-readers, computers, or the Internet. You can use library laptops or bring your own.

Beach Branch

Computer Help with Ray: Mondays, 1:00-3:00 pm, except December 24 and 31. All types of computer help provided by Ray Pedersen, former IBM employee.

Countryside Branch

Computer Help: Thursdays, 12:30-3:30 pm. Meet with computer techs in the library for assistance using e-readers, computers, or the Internet. You can use library laptops or bring your own.

North Greenwood Branch

Computer Help: Mondays, 4:00-6:00 pm. Meet with our computer techs for assistance using e-readers, computers, or the Internet. You can use the library's laptops or bring your own. No registration required.

East Branch

Computer Help: Tuesdays, 2:00-5:00 pm. Meet with library computer techs for assistance using e-readers, computers, or the Internet. You can use library laptops or bring your own.

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

Windows Media Player, Part 1: Tuesday, December 4, 11:00 am.

Downloading ebooks for a Kindle: Saturday, December 8, 10:00 am.

Downloading ebooks for a Nook: Saturday, December 8, 11:30 am.

I-tunes, Part 1: Tuesday, December 11, 11:00 am.

I-tunes, Part 2: Thursday, December 13, 11:00 am.

Freerag Music: Tuesday, December 18, 11:00 am.

Downloadable Audiobooks from Overdrive: Thursday, December 20, 11:00 am.

East Lake Community Library

Lego Robotics Tutoring: Please call for details of times and dates that a tutor will be available. This program is for tutoring only, it is not an East Lake Library sponsored team. Ages: Middle School and up. Registration required.

Computer Boot Camp: Please call for your one-on-one session with our teen computer experts. Registration required.

Master Computer Class: Saturdays. All skill levels will benefit from this one-on-one assistance. Word, Excel, and more! Registration required.

Gulf Beaches Public Library

All classes at 1:00 pm. If you are bringing a laptop, please set it up before the class begins.

E-mail Class: Wednesday, December 12, 1:00 pm.

Internet Class: Wednesday, December 19, 1:00 pm.

Gulfport Public Library

One-on-One Computer Instruction: Mondays & Wednesdays, 10:30 am-1:00 pm. First come, first served.

eSalon: Tuesdays, 3:00-5:00 pm. Meet informally with others to discover new ways of using your eReader, tablet, and/or mp3 player. New to you? Learn the basics.

Find Us On Facebook! <https://www.facebook.com/GulfportLibraryFL>

Largo Public Library

Appy Hour: Thursday, December 6, 3:00 pm. Do you have a mobile device? Do you want to learn about some cool apps for productivity and entertainment? If you answered yes, then this is the class for you!

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

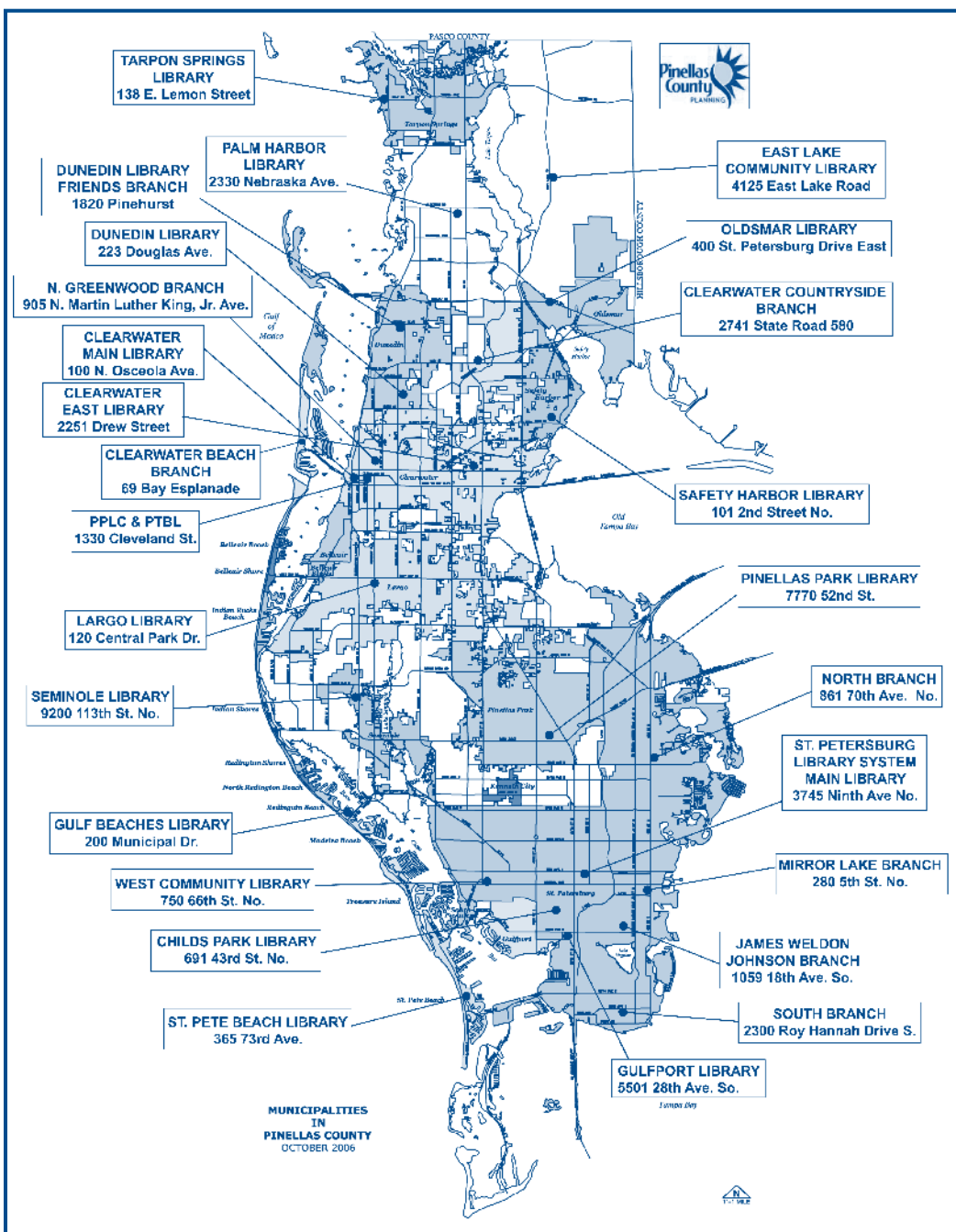
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SERVICES

- Book discussions and reviews
- Books, CDs, DVDs, and magazines for checkout
- Computer classes
- Downloadable audiobooks & eBooks
- Downloadable music
- Countywide automation system and book delivery and return
- Friends of the Library and volunteer groups
- Internet access
- Interlibrary loan
- Literacy classes and tutoring
- Programs for adults and young adults
- Reference assistance and reader's advisory
- Story hours and children's activities

POLICIES

- A resident of the unincorporated areas of Pinellas County or one of the member cities is entitled to a free library card.
- Residents of non-member cities may receive a card valid for one year upon payment of \$100. Note: Some cities reimburse all or part of this fee.
- One Cooperative card is good at all Cooperative libraries.
- Cards issued to residents are valid for three 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

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 10am - 7pm
Fri 12pm - 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 9am - 1pm
Wed 3pm - 7pm
Tues & Thur 2pm - 6pm

East Lake Community Library

4125 East Lake Road
Palm Harbor, FL 34685
Phone: 773-2665
http://www.eastlakelibrary.org
Mon 10am - 5pm
Tues - Wed 10am - 8pm
Thu - Fri 10am - 5pm
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
Fax: 344-6386
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: 587-6715
TDD: 587-6778
http://www.largopubliclibrary.org
Sunday Closed
Mon-Wed 9am - 8pm
Thurs & Fri 10am - 6pm
Saturday 10am - 5pm

Oldsmar Library

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

Palm Harbor Library

2330 Nebraska Avenue
Palm Harbor, FL 34683
Phone: 784-3332
http://www.palmharborlibrary.org
Mon & 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 - 8 pm
Tues - 10am - 6pm
Thur - Fri 10am - 6pm
Sat 10am - 2pm

St. Petersburg System

Administrative Offices

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

Main Library

3745 Ninth Avenue North
St. Petersburg, FL 33713
Phone 893-7724
Reference: 893-7928
http://www.splibraries.org
Mon, Wed, Fri 10am - 6pm
Tue, Thu 10am - 8pm
Sat 10am - 6pm
Sun 12pm - 6pm

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 10am - 8pm
Tues, Thur, Fri 10am - 6pm
Sat 12pm - 6pm

Mirror Lake Branch

280 5th Street North
St. Petersburg, FL 33701
Phone: 893-7268
Mon & Wed 10am - 7pm
Tues, Thur, Fri 10am - 6pm
Sat 9am - 5pm

North Branch

861 70th Avenue North
St. Petersburg, FL 33702
Phone: 893-7214
Mon, Wed, Fri - Sat 10am - 6pm
Tues & Thur 10am - 8pm
Sat 10am - 6pm

South Branch

2300 Roy Hanna Drive S.
St. Petersburg, FL 33712
Phone: 893-7244
Mon, Wed, Fri 10am - 6pm
Tues & Thur 10am - 8pm
Sat 12pm - 6pm

West Community Library

@ SPC Gibbs Campus
6700 8th Ave. 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 7:30am - 9pm
Fri 7:30am - 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
Email: tslibrary@pplc.us
Mon - Wed 10am - 9pm
Thu - Fri 10am - 6pm
Sat 10am - 5pm

Computer Classes

Largo Public Library (cont.)

Library eBooks on Your Kindle: Monday, December 3, 3:00 pm. Learn how to download library books to your Kindle or by using the Kindle app. This class is specifically for Kindles and mobile device owners using a Kindle app.

Library eBooks on Your eReader: Monday, December 10, 3:00 pm. Learn how to browse for ebooks, place a hold, and check out ebooks from the library's digital catalog. This class is not intended for Kindle owners.

iPads for Beginners: Tuesday, December 11, 3:00 pm. Are you baffled by your iPad? Can't figure out how to get an app or how to erase a photo? This is the class for you! This beginners' class is meant to make you more familiar and comfortable with your device.

iPads for Beginners 2: Tuesday, December 18, 3:00 pm. Join this class if you'd like to learn app organization, navigation tips, and how to use some of the apps that came with the device, like Calendar and Contacts

Oldsmar Public Library

Drop-in Computer Help: Wednesday, December 5 & 19, 3:00-5:00 pm, Need individual help with the computer or the Internet? We will have teen volunteers available to assist you one-on-one or in a small group. First come first served.

Introduction to eReading: Tuesday, December 11, 2:00 pm. Find out what you need to get started reading eBooks. Get an overview of devices, software and formats. Class is lecture/discussion followed by Q. & A.

Pinellas Park Public Library

Introductory Computer Classes: Call for class schedule. Registration required.

Safety Harbor Public Library

Intergenerational Computer Tutoring: Sundays, 1:00-4:00 pm. Call for information and to schedule an appointment, or go to <http://computer-class.webs.com/>

One-on-One Computer Tutoring with Dan: Mondays, Tuesdays & Wednesdays, evenings by appointment. Let Dan help you with your computer questions. Call for information and to schedule an appointment.

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

St. Pete Beach Public Library

E-Reader Hour: Mondays, 1:00-2:00 pm. Help with downloading library books to your e-reader. Bring Apple and Amazon user name and password along with e-reader.

Basic iPad Users Group: Tuesday, December 4 & Friday, December 7, 10:30 am.

Learn to download e-books, other tips and tricks for beginners. Registration required.

Advanced iPad Users Group: Friday, December 14, 10:30 am. Share e-book and other app experiences. Registration required.

St. Petersburg Public Library System

Registration required for all computer classes.

Johnson Branch

One-on-One Internet Training: Thursdays, 10:30-11:30 am. Registration required.

Mirror Lake Branch

Basic Computing: Tuesday, December 11, 2:00 pm. All registrants must have valid PPLC library card. Registration required.

West Community Library

Supervised Lab Time: Fridays, 1:30-3:30 pm. Get help with all your computer issues.

Microsoft Word Basics: Tuesday, December 4 & 11, 6:00 pm. Learn the first steps to working with Microsoft Word.

Microsoft Excel Basics: Thursday, December 6 & 13, 12:30 pm. Learn the first steps to working with Microsoft Excel.

Tarpon Springs Public Library

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

One-on-One Computer Training: By appointment only. Free one hour training with a volunteer. Registration required.

Children's Programs

Clearwater Public Library System

Main Library

Bright Minds Preschool Storytime: (Ages 3-6) Wednesdays, December 5, 12, 19, 10:30-11:45 am. Children and caregivers will enjoy participating in age-appropriate literacy activities including stories, songs, and a craft. Younger siblings welcome.

Movin' & Groovin' Storytime: Mondays, December 3, 10, 17, 10:30-11:10 am. Bring stories alive through body movement and yoga in this class designed for children 3 to 6 years old. Parents and caregivers are encouraged to participate. Wear comfortable clothes and bring a towel or mat.

Little Ones Music & Stories: (12-36 mos) Tuesdays, December 4 & 18, 10:30-11:10 am. A program designed for toddlers filled with fun music, movement, and exciting stories.

Jump, Jive & Jam! Tuesday, December 11, 10:30 am. A specialized dance based fitness class for children 3 to 6 years old.

Doggone Reading Fun: Sunday, December 15, 12:30-4:30 pm. Paws for Friendship Inc. will bring four therapy trained dogs to the library for preregistered 20 minute reading sessions. Reluctant readers, or children who might not enjoy reading aloud, are often eager to read in the presence of an adoring and nonjudgmental pup. Call to reserve a session for your young reader

Discovery Stations: Thursday, December 20, 10:30 am-11:15 am. Children will experience hands-on fun while exploring, playing, and learning at activity centers using objects they can play with and art materials. Adult participation required.

Dascaloja Puppeteers Winter Wonder Show: Saturday, December 29, 2:00-2:45 pm. Puppets featuring the winter season.

Holiday Crafts with Miss Connie: (Grades K & up) Saturday, December 15, 2:00-3:00 pm. Registration required. Create crafts to celebrate the holiday season.

Preschool Holiday Crafts: Saturday, December 15, 2:00 pm. Simple holiday crafts will be available for preschoolers to make and take as gifts or decorations.

Countryside Branch

Baby Tuesdays: Tuesdays, 10:30-11:00 am. Early learning experiences. December 4: *Baby Yoga*, Bring baby for relaxing yoga practice with Lucky Cat Yoga. December 11: *Baby Book Club*, Bring a favorite book to recommend - ideas for holiday gifts of good reading.

After School Specials: Tuesdays, 4:00-4:45 pm. December 4: Art; December 11:

Dramatic Improv. After school activity geared toward elementary school children. Create an art project, follow a chapter book, practice a language, or act out a play...

learn something new! Ask about weekly subjects at the desk. **Homework Help:** Wednesdays, December 5 & 12, 3:00-5:00 pm. Teen volunteers help elementary age students with their homework.

The Preschool Place/After Hours Book Club: Thursdays, December 6 & 13, 10:30-11:15 am. Traditional pre-school storytime followed by the "After Hours Book Club" for older participants. Stories and crafts.

Countryside Annual Community Drum Circle: Thursday, December 27, 3:00 pm. Once again, let's bang out the old year and welcome the new with Steve Turner and the Giving Tree Drum Circle. Every age will enjoy!

North Greenwood Branch

Doggone Reading Fun: Thursday, December 13, 4:30-6:00 pm. Paws for Friendship Inc. will bring three therapy trained dogs to the library for pre-registered 20-minute reading sessions. Reluctant readers, or children who might not enjoy reading aloud, are often eager to read in the presence of an adoring and non-judgmental pup. Register your child online at myclearwater.com/cpl for a session at the library.

Holiday Cheer: Thursday, December 20, 4:30-5:30 pm. Celebrate the holidays with crafts and games. Youth and teens welcome.

East Branch

Bi-lingual Homework Help: Tuesdays, 5:00 pm. Bilingual homework help for kids in elementary and middle school. (No homework help December 18 and 25)

Homework Help: Wednesdays, 3:00-5:00 pm. Bright futures scholars are available to tutor elementary school children in various subjects. (No homework help December 19 and 26).

Mother Goose on the Loose: Thursdays, 11:00-11:30 am. Infants and toddlers ages up to three years with their caregivers have rollicking fun with traditional nursery rhymes and songs in this multi-sensory early literacy program. (No story time on December 20 and 27).

Viva Saturdays: Saturdays, 12:00-1:00 pm. Enjoy the fun of sharing stories in English and Spanish with all the family while making crafts. (No program December 15).

Lego Club: Saturday, December 8, 2:00-3:30 pm. Use library Legos or bring your own.

Children's Programs

3rd Annual Posada Party: Saturday, December 15, 2:00 pm. Celebrate the holidays with us through music, crafts and games.

Deaf Literacy Center

Clearwater Countryside Branch

Infant/Toddler Sign Language : (Ages 5 & under) Tuesday, December 11, 10:30 am. This fun and interactive signing class will teach you how to include signs naturally while interacting with your child through daily routines, playtime, storytime and music.

Palm Harbor Library

Baby Sign Language: (Ages 3-5) Mondays, December 4 & 11, 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, playtime, storytime and music. Registration required.

School Age Children's Sign Language: (Ages 6-12) Tuesdays, September 11-December 11, 4:15 pm. Come and learn basic Sign Language vocabulary, stories, songs and activities in a fun way! Registration required.

Safety Harbor Library

Children's Sign Language: (Ages 5-12) Mondays, September 10-December 10, 4:30 pm ASL course that includes Sign Language vocabulary, stories and crafts or activities for children.

Infant/Toddler Sign Language: (Ages 3 & under) Thursdays, December 6 & 13, 10:30 am. This fun and interactive signing classes will teach you how to include signs naturally while interacting with your child through daily routines, playtime, storytime and music. Registration required.

Dunedin Public Library

There will be no Story Times or Homework Help from December 17-January 6.

Baby & Me Story Time: (18 mos & under) Mondays, 10:00 am. Join us for an introduction to stories, rhymes and songs. We're focusing on the six steps to early literacy to encourage baby to reach milestones.

Music Mash: (Ages 5 & under) Mondays, 3:30 pm. Join us for a mix of music and movement using some expressive props.

Toddler Times: (18-36 mos) Wednesdays, 10:00 or 11:00 am. Utilizing early literacy skills, toddlers will experience the exciting world of reading with books, songs, finger plays, short literature based video and a craft.

Special Preschool Story Time at the Neighborly Care Center: (Ages 3-5) Thursday, December 6, 10:00 am. Help us spread some holiday spirit with our senior friends. We will meet at Neighborly Care, 820 New York Avenue, Dunedin, for stories, songs and a snack.

Preschool Story Time: (Ages 3-5) Thursday, December 13, 10:00 or 11:00 am. Join us for a fun time as we enjoy thematic books, songs, fingerplays, literature-based videos and crafts. Each week we'll focus on early literacy skills important to reading development.

Homework Help: (Elementary and middle school age) Tuesdays & Thursdays, 3:00-5:00 pm. Need some help with your homework? Come and have our teen volunteers help you.

Sunday Stories: (All ages) Sunday, December 2, 2:00 pm. Bring the whole family to enjoy a special story time with books, music and a movie. This month's theme is "Holiday Sweets".

Tiny Tales @ the Community Center: (Ages 5 & under) Tuesday, December 4, 11:00 am. Join us for a special story time at the Dunedin Community Center in the Kid's Room. Theme this month is "Holidays".

LEGO Club: (Ages 5-12) Wednesday, December 5, 4:00 pm. Bring your imagination for an hour of creativity and building fun.

Grandparent's Breakfast: (Youth and their family) Friday, December 7, 9:30 am. Join us for this annual holiday tradition. Enjoy breakfast and entertainment by Mrs. Music – full of fun holiday songs and spirit, and a visit from Rudolph! Registration required.

Dunedin Holiday Parade and Old Fashioned Christmas: (All ages) Saturday, December 8, 4:00 pm. The Library will be in the parade as usual this year, and we'll be telling stories and making crafts in the Chamber of Commerce afterwards – stop by and see us!

Night Owls Family Story Time: (Ages 3 & up) Tuesday, December 11, 7:00 pm. An evening story time for the entire family. Includes stories, songs, literature based movie and a special craft. Pajamas optional.

Gingerbread Jam! Book Cooks: (Ages 3-5) Friday, December 14, 10:30 am. We'll share some stories and make a gingerbread snow scene at this sweet program. Registration required.

Holiday Bingo: (Families) Saturday, December 15, 2:00 pm. Ring in the holidays with some old fashioned family fun. We'll play several games of BINGO and use peppermints to cover.

Sunday Fun Day: (All ages) Sunday, December 16, 1:00-4:30 pm. Stop in the Youth Department for a special make & take craft. This month's theme is: Jingle Bells.

Ice Age 4 Movie: (All ages) Thursday, December 20, 4:00 pm. Come and enjoy the newest *Ice Age* movie complete with popcorn.

East Lake Community Library

Read to Shorty! Wednesday, December 12, 3:15 pm, after Lego Club. Children can read to Shorty, a wonderful therapy dog who can help you improve your reading skills. Come join the Tail-Wagging Tutor!

Art Class with Lauren: Enjoy a day of Christmas crafts and creativity! Your beautiful crafts can be donated to someone in need. You must register in order to attend.

Saturday Matinee: Donations are gratefully accepted. Call for details.

Window Stars! Saturday, December 22, 11:00 am. Miss Cheryl will teach you how to make stars that will make your windows festive for the holidays!

Lego Club: (All ages) Wednesdays, 2:15 pm. Join your friends and make new creations at this popular offering!

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

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. Join Miss Cheryl for a story and a craft!

Yoga Story Time: First Tuesday of the month, 11:00 am-12:00 pm. A popular program at East Lake Community Library! Bring the whole family for a special story intertwined with fun and healthy yoga postures!

Gulf Beaches Public Library

Baby & Me Storytime: (Ages 2 & under) Wednesdays, 10:30 am. Short stories, puppets, songs and fingerplay followed by a play session.

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

First Friday @ 4:00 pm: (School ages) December 7. Read to a Book Buddy dog, play games, do a craft, and celebrate bookdom with us.

Gulfport Public Library

Holiday Crafts Fun: Saturday, December 8, 11:00 am-12:00 pm.

Reading Assistance Dog Maya: Thursday, December 13, 3:30-4:30 pm. Call to schedule an appointment.

Free Family Movie Day: Saturday, December 15, two movies, starting at 10:30 am and 1:30 pm. Enjoy flicks with popcorn provided by the Circle of Friends of Gulfport Library.

StoryTime: Thursdays, 10:30-11:00 am. Stories & activities selected for preschoolers.

Largo Public Library

Sunset Stories: Mondays, December 3, 10, & 17, 6:00 pm. Relax and enjoy tales and activities. Join us at this story experience for the whole family!

Alphabet Kids: (Ages 3-5) Tuesdays, December 4, 11, & 18, 10:30 am. Enjoy themed stories, songs, and more in this program designed to help prepare your child to attend school.

Wobbly Walkers: Wednesdays, December 5, 12, & 19, 9:00 am. Join us for stories, fingerplays, music, and movement activities. For walking children ages 12 to 18 months with an adult helper.

Toddler Tales: (18-36 mos) Wednesdays, December 5, 12, & 19, 10:30 am. This program includes themed stories, music, and extended story activities that encourage early literacy.

First Steps: Thursdays, December 6, 13, & 20, 10:30 am. Join us in this lap-sit program for an introduction to stories, songs, and fingerplays. For babies who are not yet walking and their parents/caregivers. We recommend one baby per lap.

Early Release Day Movies: Wednesdays, December 5, 12, & 19, 2:30 pm.

Family Storystop: Wednesday, December 5, 6:00 pm. Bring the whole family to an interactive evening storytime. This program will feature stories, songs, and other creative activities.

Library Legos: (Ages 5-12) Wednesday, December 12, 6:00 pm. Whether you are new to LEGOs, or have been building for years, the Largo Public Library has a program for you! At each program meeting, you will be presented with a themed building challenge and books to help inspire your creativity. All materials are provided for this hour-long program.

Character Bingo: Thursday, December 6, 4:00 pm. Learn about historical figures, famous people, or book characters in this program that combines interesting stories and trivia with a bingo game of the same theme.

Children's Programs

Pup Pals Reading Dogs: Saturday, December 8 & 22, 10:00 am-12:00 pm. Improve your reading skills and make a new furry friend by reading to therapy-trained dogs. Register in the Children's Department.

All Booked Up: (Ages 6-12) Saturday, December 8, 2:00 pm. *Judy Moody & Stink: The Holly Joliday* by Megan McDonald. So many books, so little time. Join us to read, discuss, share, and have fun! Please register at the Children's Desk.

Puppets Aplenty: Friday, December 28, 11:00 am. Listen to stories and watch a puppet show during this 30-minute program for all ages with a different theme each month.

Winter Tales Puppet Show: Wednesday, December 19, 6:00 pm. Bits 'N Pieces Puppet World presents 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 Sing-Along with marionettes. These three family-friendly stories will warm your heart. There will also be a make-and-take puppet workshop following the show!

Winter Break Movies: Wednesday, December 26, Thursday, December 27, Friday, December 28, Wednesday, January 2, Thursday, January 3, & Friday, January 4, 2:00 pm. Join us each day for some special winter-themed movies.

Holly Jolly Storytime: Saturday, December 22, 2:00 pm. Get into the holiday spirit with this special storytime event for all ages.

Oldsmar Public Library

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

Preschool Storytime: (Ages 3-5) Thursdays, 10:00 am. Program includes stories and a simple craft and lasts about ½ hour.

Battle of the Books Training: (Grades 3-8) Mondays, December 3 & 10, 6:00 pm. Prepare and train for the Battle of the Books.

LEGO Club: (All ages) Wednesday, December 12 & December 15, 3:00 pm. Get creative with our LEGO & DUPLO blocks – kids of all ages are encouraged to stop by & play. Program sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

Netsmartz – Internet Safety Program: (Grades K-12) Complete the Netsmartz Internet Safety program at the library and receive a free kid's meal at Pollo Tropical.

Palm Harbor Public Library

Mother Goose Rhyme Time: (Ages 2 & under) Wednesdays, 10:00 am. Join "Miss Goose" for your child's FIRST story time with nursery rhymes and songs! No program on December 26.

Toddler Story Time: (18 mos- 3 yrs) Mondays, 10:00 am. A rollicking interactive story time with great books, songs and fingerplays. No programs on December 24 & 31.

Starbucks Story Time: (Ages 3 & up) Tuesday, December 10, 1:30 pm. Take a coffee break and meet us at Starbucks in Palm Harbor (US19N and Nebraska Avenue) for some yummy stories.

Candy Cane Corner Family Holiday Stories: (Ages 3-8) Thursdays, December 6, 13, & 20, 6:30 pm. A stocking full of fun stories about the holidays.

Simple Gifts Mini-Workshops: (Ages 10-16) Mondays, December 3, 10, & 17, 3:30-5:00 pm. Homemade gifts are the best – create your own for family and friends by attending one or more sessions. Preregistration required.

Every Christmas Story Ever Told: And Then Some! Friday, December 21, 6:00 pm & Saturday, December 22, 2:00 pm. Showcase Arts Foundation has a holiday event for the entire family. This play has fun costume changes and pulls from holiday stories from around the world. A \$5.00 donation is requested.

Life-Size Clue Game! (Ages 8 & up) Saturday, December 29, 2:00 pm. Play the game of Clue for real! Help figure out who killed Mr. Body. Participants may play alone or part of a team. Registration required. This program is sponsored by the Youth Advisory Board.

Homework Help: (Grades 1-5) Mondays-Thursday, 3:30-5:30 pm. Teen volunteers are available in the Children's Room for free homework help and reading assistance. The service is available whenever school is in session and is on a first come, first served basis.

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 or 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: (Elementary school) 1st and 3rd Wednesdays, 2:30-3:00 pm. This is a reading incentive program for elementary school students. Children hear about great books and earn stickers and patches for reading.

Tail Waggin' Tutors: 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month, 3:00-5:00 pm. 15-minute scheduled sessions that allow children to read aloud to a therapy dog. Registration required.

Origami Workshop: Tuesday, December 11, 6:30 pm. Learn the art of paper folding. Paper is provided. Registration required.

Sunday Spectaculars-Snack with Santa: December 16, 2:00 pm. Registration begins December 1.

Safety Harbor Public Library

Tail-Waggin' Tutors – A Dog is a READER'S Best Friend: Saturday, December 1, 11:00 am & Thursday, December 20, 6:30-7:30 pm. Is your child nervous about reading? Tail-Waggin' Tutors may be the perfect answer. These dogs are specially trained to listen patiently while a child practices reading and gains more confidence. Sessions are held the first Saturday and the third Thursday of the month.

LEGO League: (Ages 4 & up) Saturdays, 3:00-4:30 pm. Bring your friends and join us for an hour of creative building with LEGOS.

Baby & Me: (18 mos & under) Fridays, December 7, 14, & 21, 10:00-10:30am. Come and listen to a few stories, songs, and fingerplays followed by a play session.

Books & Blankets Story Time: Tuesday, December 11, 6:30-7:00 pm. Come in your pajamas and snuggle down with your favorite blanket or stuffed animal for 30 minutes of sleepytime stories.

Preschool Story Time: (Ages 2-6) Wednesdays, December 5, 12, & 19, 10:30-11:15 am. Read stories, sing songs, do a craft, and participate in other fun literary activities.

Holiday Story Time with Mrs. Claus! (Ages 2-6) Wednesday, December 5, 10:30 am. Read special holiday stories with a very famous person!

Toddler Time: (19 mos-3 yrs) Mondays, December 3, 10, & 17, 10:30-11:15 am. Bring your young one to the library to listen to stories, sing songs, dance, and do fingerplays.

Wee Sing: (Ages 1-5) Tuesdays, December 4, 11, & 18, 10:00-10:45am. Learn familiar songs with a twist! This program incorporates foreign and sign language, music sticks, and more for an interactive, musical learning experience!

Children's Chess: Wednesday, December 5, 3:30 pm. Learn how to play chess at the library!

Early Release Movie: Wednesday, December 12, 2:30 pm. Watch a movie at the library! See the movie of a brave, Scottish Lassie who uses her skills to save her family from a terrible curse. Please call the library for more information.

Homework Help: (Grades 2-12) Mondays & Thursdays, 3:00-5:00 pm. Bright Futures Scholarship students will be at the library to tutor and assist students who are struggling with their homework. Sign up at the Children's Reference desk when you get here. First come, first served; no reservations. Tutors will be here when school is in session, but not during school breaks/vacations.

Gingerbread Houses: (Ages 12 & under) Tuesday, December 18, 3:30 pm. Make and decorate a gingerbread house! Bring your favorite candy to share and help decorate. Registration required.

Shadow Puppet Show: (Ages 2-6) Wednesday, December 19, 10:30-11:15 am. Come to see a special shadow puppet story time of *The Night Before Christmas*.

Story Time à la Française: (Ages 2-6) Thursday, December 13, 6:00-7:00 pm. Bonjour! Read stories and sing songs while learning French with Mademoiselle Amanda.

Build a Castle Workshop: (Ages 4 & up) Monday, December 10, 5:00 pm. Build your own castle and knights to guard it with Dean Mackey. Registration required as space is limited to 20 groups of four.

Whimzy House Presentation: (Ages 2 & up) Saturday, December 22, 11:00 am. Katie Bush will give a presentation on her latest book about the Whimzy House in Safety Harbor! Followed by a book signing and a neat bowling ball craft.

St. Pete Beach Public Library

Mother Goose Story Time: (Ages 3 & under) Thursdays, 11:00 am. December 6: *Happy Sugar Plum Tree*; December 13: *Early to Bed*; December 20: *Gingerbread Couple*; December 27: *Little Boy Blue*.

Lego Club: Monday, December 10, 4:00 pm. Designed to inspire, entertain, and stimulate your elementary-age child's creativity.

Family Fun: Monday, November 19, 2:00-4:00 pm. Crafts & stories.

St. Petersburg Public Library System

No Story Times December 17-31.

Main Library

After School Story Time: Tuesdays, 4:00 pm.

Bookaneers Book Club: (Ages 9-12) Wednesday, December 5, 4:00 pm.

Children's Programs

Craft Corner: Wednesday, December 12 & 26, 2:30 pm.

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

Library LEGO Mania: Wednesday, December 19, 3:30-4:30 pm.

Humpty Dumpty: (Infants & crawlers) Thursdays, 10:15 & 11:00 am. A special story time for children up to 18 months. Come join us for movement music & fun with rhymes & puppets.

Mother Goose Story Time: (Ages 3 & under) Thursdays, 3:00 pm, Fridays 10:15 or 11:00 am. Songs, puppets, finger-plays and stories.

Preschool Story Time: (Ages 3-5) Wednesdays, 10:15 am & Thursdays, 2:00 pm. Stories & songs

The Pout-Pout Fish Puppet Show: Monday, December 3, 10:30 am. Performed by Junior League of St. Petersburg. Groups of 10 or more, please call to reserve a spot.

Super Saturday Story Time: (All ages) Saturday, December 15, 11:00 am.

Tail Waggin' Tutors: Monday, December 3, 3:30-4:30 pm. Practice reading with one of our reading therapy dogs. Call to register.

Childs Park Branch

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

Johnson Branch

Preschool Story Time: (Ages 3-5) Tuesdays, 10:15 am. Stories & songs.

Library LEGO Mania: Wednesday, December 26, 3:30-4:30 pm.

Mirror Lake Branch

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

Preschool Story Time: (Ages 3-5) Mondays, 10:15 am. Stories & songs.

North Branch

Family Story Time: Tuesdays, 6:30 pm.

Mother Goose Story Time: (Ages 3 & under) Wednesdays, 10:15 am. Songs, puppets, finger-plays & stories.

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

Library LEGO Mania: Wednesday, December 5, 3:30-4:30 pm.

Puppet Show & Craft: (All ages) Saturday, December 15, 3:00 pm.

South Branch

After School Story Time: Mondays, 3:30 pm.

Library LEGO Mania: Wednesday, December 12, 3:30-4:30 pm.

Mother Goose Story Time: (Ages 3 & under) Thursdays, 10:15 am. Songs, puppets, finger-plays & stories.

Preschool Story Time: (Ages 3-5) Thursdays, 11:00 am. Stories & songs.

Superstar Readers Book Club: (Ages 8-12) Tuesday, December 11, 4:30 pm.

West Community Library

READ Dog Program: Tuesday, December 11, 3:00-5:00 pm. Be the first to sign up for this special reading event. A specially trained dog will be available to listen to children read. Activities like this boost children's confidence in reading ability. For more information or to sign up to participate, please call 727.341.7185.

After School Story Time: (Ages 6-12) Thursday, December 6, 3:30 pm. Featuring stories & crafts.

Mother Goose Story Time: (Ages 3 & under) Tuesdays, 9:30 am. Songs, puppets, finger-plays & stories.

Preschool Story Time: (Ages 3-5) Tuesdays, 10:30 am. Stories & songs, finger-plays & stories.

Santa comes to Story Time: Thursday, December 13, 6:30 pm. Christmas crafts & stories.

Seminole Community Library

Family Movie Matinee: (All ages) Saturdays, 2:00 pm. Free popcorn and soda provided by The Friends of the Library! Please call for movie titles and additional information.

LEGOs @ the Library: (All ages) Wednesday, December 5 & 19, 3:30 pm. Open to all elementary aged children, with a play area provided for younger siblings. LEGOs will be supplied, so bring your imagination and share your building ideas.

Two Towers Chess Club (All ages) Monday, December 10, 3:30-5:30 pm. All skill levels welcome.

Seminole Chess Club: (All ages) Wednesdays, 6:30-8:30 pm. For novice, intermediate and advanced players. Basic instruction not available at the meetings. Players should already know the moves, rules and etiquette of chess.

Night Owls: (Elementary ages & family) Tuesday, December 4, 11, & 18, 6:30 pm. A program of books, games, science projects, crafts and more! Geared toward elementary ages, but all ages are welcome.

Wiggle, Giggle and Sing: (Age 5 & under) Thursdays, 10:30 am. Shake a parachute, toss a bean bag, and other "wiggly, giggly" musical activities.

Toddler Story Time: (18-36 mos) Tuesday, December 4, 11, & 18, 10:30 am. 20 minutes of short stories, songs, and movement activities based on a weekly theme.

Preschool Story Time (Ages 3-5) Tuesday, December 4, 11, & 18, 11:30 am. 30 minutes of stories, songs, and movement activities based on a weekly theme.

Baby Steps Story Time: (18 mos & under) Wednesdays, 10:00 am. A lap sit program featuring finger plays, music, nursery rhymes and a playtime.

"A Walk in the Park" with Professor Maura Scanlon: (Toddler and preschool ages) Thursday, December 13, 11:00 am. Join a SPC biology professor on a 30 minute nature walk on the grounds of the library/college campus to see local wildlife. Space is limited. 20 tickets will be available at the Youth Services desk 30 minutes before the walk begins.

Pause for Poetry: (All ages) Wednesday, December 19, 7:00 pm. Enjoy a supportive atmosphere where lovers of poetry share their own poems and/or read favorite selections.

Homeschool Nature Club: (PK-grade 5) Thursday, December 6, 2:00 pm. Join area homeschooling families for nature story time, discussion and activities in the library, followed by outside observation, journaling and drawing of local wildlife on the library/college campus grounds.

Family Movie Matinee: (All ages) Wednesday, December 26, 2:00 pm. Join us for an additional movie showing over Winter Break. Free popcorn and soda provided by The Friends of the Library! Please call for movie title and additional information.

New Year's Eve Open House in the Youth Services Department: (All ages) Monday, December 31, 10:00 am-5:00 pm. Stop by the YS department for special "New Year's" crafts, games and punch!

Tarpon Springs Public Library

Preschool Story Time: (Ages 3-5) Thursdays, 10:15 am. Themed story time with finger plays, books, music and puppet show followed by a craft. No story time on December 20 & 27.

Mother Goose Toddler Time: (Ages 1-3) Fridays at 10:15 or 11:00 am. Early literacy fun with music, stories, finger plays and activities. Registration required. No toddler time on December 21 & 28.

Craft Club: (Ages 6-12) Friday, December 7, 4:30-5:30 pm. Create a masterpiece. Registration required.

Greek/English Bilingual Story Time: Monday, December 10, 1:00 pm. Join us for an interactive story time for speakers of Greek, English or both. All ages welcome but program geared to preschool and elementary ages.

Spanish/English Bilingual Story Time with Mrs. Music: (All ages) Wednesday, December 12, 3:00 pm. Spanish and English songs, rhymes and fun for the whole family

Tarpon Springs Holiday Parade: Saturday, December 15, 10:00 am. Downtown Tarpon Springs. Come to cheer on the Tarpon Springs Library Float in this annual welcome to the holidays.

Make'n Take Holiday Craft: (All ages) Saturday, December 15, 10:00 am-3:00 pm. Get ready for Santa's visit. Stop in Youth Services department to make a Santa Stop Here Door Hanger.

Early Release Holiday Movie: Wednesday, December 19, 3:00 pm. Start the holidays with an action-paced fun adventure filled with kids and puppies trying to rescue the dog orphanage from an unscrupulous tycoon. All ages welcome. Rated PG.



Book Discussions

Clearwater Public Library System

Main Library

Circulo de Lectura: Wednesday, December 19, 1:00-2:00 pm. Spanish language book discussion group. Call for titles.

Countryside Branch

The Book Club @ Countryside: Call for meeting time. This month: *A Big Little Life* by Dean Koontz.

East Branch

Mystery Reader's Club: Tuesday, December 11, 12:00 pm. Join our lively discussion of books covering a new theme each month.

Dunedin Public Library

Great Books Discussion Group: Wednesday, December 5, 2:00 pm. *Hound of the Baskervilles* and *Study in Scarlet*, by Arthur Conan Doyle. Two Sherlock Holmes mysteries.

Contemporary Books Discussion Group: Tuesday, January 8, 7:00 pm. *The Yacoubian Building* by Alaa Al Aswany.

East Lake Community Library

Book Club: The first Wednesday of every month from 6:30-7:45 pm. This month's selection will be *The Family Fang* by Kevin Wilson. Come and join in our lively discussion.

Gulf Beaches Public Library

Chatterbooks on Tuesday @ 10:30 pm: December 18: *Caleb's Crossing* by Geraldine Brooks.

Gulfport Public Library

Coffee/Talk Book Club: Thursday, December 20, 10:30 am. *Cannery Row* by John Steinbeck; discussion with coffee & light refreshments. Stop by the Circulation Desk to pick up a copy. Sponsored by the Circle of Friends of Gulfport Library.

Largo Public Library

Last Word Book Discussion Group: Wednesday, December 5, 6:00 pm. *In Sunlight, in a Beautiful Garden* by Kathleen Cambor.

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

Oldsmar Public Library

Books & Brews Book Discussion Group: (Age 21 & up) Tuesday, December 4, 6:30 pm. Jack Willie's Bar Grill and Tiki, 1013 St. Petersburg Drive West, *Life of Pi* by Yann Martel.

Palm Harbor Public Library

PHIL's Book Club: Monday, December 10, 11:00 am & Tuesday, December 11, 7:00 pm. *Love Medicine* by Louise Erdrich. Library Director Gene Coppola leads this lively book discussion group. Copies of the book are available at the library.

Pinellas Park Public Library

Book Discussion: *Cat Coming Home: A Joe Grey Mystery* by Shirley Rousseau Murphy – Thursday, December 20, 2:00 pm.

Safety Harbor Public Library

Cookieicious with Janet Keeler: Saturday, December 8, 1:00 pm. Janet Keeler, food and travel editor for the Tampa Bay Times and an admitted cookie addict, created, gathered and tested more than 5,000 recipes from her own recipe box and those suggested by her loyal readers. The result? A "cookieicious" book containing 150 of the most scrumptious cookies. Join Janet for a delicious cookie tasting and author talk - just in time for those holiday baking bonanzas. Copies of *Cookieicious* will be available for sale and for signing. Registration required.

Words & Wine Book Club: Monday, December 17, 6:30 pm. Join us for our book club held at Whistle Stop Bar and Grill, 915 Main Street. December's title is *Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close* by Jonathan Safran Foer. Limited copies of the books are available at the library.

St. Pete Beach Public Library

Book Discussion Group: Tuesday, December 11, 10:30 am. *Holidays on Ice* by David Sedaris.

Book Discussion Group Film: Tuesday, December 18, 10:30 am. *Elf*.

St. Petersburg Public Library System

Main Library

Murder by the Book Mystery Book Club: Thursday, December 6, 6:30 pm. *Deadly Decisions* by Kathy Reichs.

Sci-Fan Book Club: Tuesday, December 18, 6:30 pm. Call or check online for latest title.

Mirror Lake Branch

Classics Up Close: Tuesday, December 18, 2:00 pm. Call 822.4969 for information about this month's selection.

North Branch

Thursday Morning Group: Thursday, December 6, 11:00 am. Call or check online for latest title.

The Real Deal: Thursday, December 27, 6:30 pm. Call or check online for latest title.

Carl G. Jung Society Reading Group: Saturday, December 8, 10:00 am.

South Branch

Book Club: Wednesday, December 12, 2:00 pm. *Hotel on the Corner of Bitter & Sweet* by Jamie Ford.

Mahogany Book Club: Saturday, December 15, 10:00 am. Call for latest title.

West Community Library

Book Club: Saturday, December 15, 10:30 am. *The Three Weissmans of Westport* by Cathleen Schine. Everyone welcome.

Seminole Community Library

Backward Travelers Historical Fiction Book Discussion: Tuesday, December 18, 2:00 pm. *Clara and Mr. Tiffany* by Susan Vreeland.

Booktalkers: Wednesday, December 5, 2:00 pm. *The Age of Innocence* by Edith Wharton.

Great Books Reading and Discussion Group: Wednesday, December 19, 2:00 pm. *The Education of Henry Adams* [selection] by Adams.

Super Novels: Thursday, December 20, 2:00 pm. *Pere Goriot* by Honore de Balzac.

Tarpon Springs Public Library

Expand Your Horizons Book Club: Wednesday, December 12, 3:30 pm.

Shepherd's Abiding by Jan Karon.

Mystery, Murder and Mayhem Book Club: Wednesday, December 19, 7:00 pm. *A Killer's Christmas in Wales* by Elizabeth Duncan

LIBRARY CLOSINGS FOR DECEMBER 2012

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December 31

Clearwater Beach Branch
Gulf Beaches Public Library
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St. Petersburg West Community Library:

Closed Saturday, December 22 - Tuesday, December 25, & Saturday, December 29 - Monday, December 31.

December 25

All libraries closed.

