Evan Longoria Encourages Kids to
Read Your Way to the Ballpark with the Tampa Bay Rays!

The Pinellas Public Library Cooperative countywide summer reading partnership with the Rays kicked off on June 12th at the Pinellas Park Public Library with an event filled with games, food, and giveaways. Special Guest Tampa Bay Rays 3rd Baseman Evan Longoria, a two-time Gold Glove Award (2009, 2010) winner, spoke to the crowd about the importance of reading and then shared two special books with the kids.

Families can still pick up their “Reading with the Rays: Read Your Way to the Ballpark” score cards at any PPLC public library. The program includes opportunities for youth to circle the bases on their game card and win great prizes like a Rays poster, gel bracelet, and signature Evan Longoria arm sleeve. Once you read 24 hours and make it to Home Plate, kids will be eligible to receive a reading certificate and one free ticket to a Rays baseball game, dates listed on the score card!

Along with our other major partner, the Tampa Bay Times’ Newspaper in Education, PPLC and the Rays Baseball Foundation, the official charity of the Tampa Bay Rays, are promoting this program designed to emphasize the importance of continued literacy throughout the summer months. Join us as we “read our way to the ballpark” this summer!

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

Viva Florida 500 Kicks Off in Pinellas

The Pinellas Public Library Cooperative joined the Pinellas County Historical Society at Heritage Village to Kick Off the countywide events associated with the 500th anniversary of Juan Ponce de Leon’s arrival on Florida’s east coast. As part of the festivities of the day, the time capsule was presented to Pinellas County Commissioner Charlie Justice. Mary Brown, the PPLC Executive Director, welcomed attendees and joined in the time capsule presentation with RoseMarie Kafer from the Pinellas County Historical Society, Commissioner Charlie Justice and USF lecturer Jim Schnur.

Pinellas County residents can participate in programs, book discussions, youth storytimes and crafts, and special activities associated with this commemorative historical event at their public libraries this summer. Participants at the kick off enjoyed live music, family crafts and storytelling, as well as the presentation by Jim Schnur entitled “Early Footprints in the Sand: Pre-Columbian Settlements along the Pinellas Peninsula and the Legacies of First Contact”.

We welcome you to come and explore Florida’s rich history. More events throughout 2013 can be found at the PPLC Website at http://www.pplc.us/vivaflorida2012.shtml.

From left to right, PPLC Executive Director Mary Brown, RoseMarie Kafer, Commissioner Charlie Justice, and Jim Schnur with the time capsule.
Adult Programs

Clearwater Public Library System

Main Library
Films on the Bluff: Tuesday, July 9, 2:00-4:30 pm. Art house and independent films shown monthly.

Attack of the ‘B’ Movie Marathon: Tuesday, July 16, 11:00 am-6:00 pm. The best of Hollywood’s ‘B’ movies will be shown in a day-long marathon for the brave of heart, and will include monster and sci-fi films. Games and prizes throughout the day for all ages.

I Love My Library Digital Photography Contest: June 1 – July 26. Open to all ages. Enter your digital photo in one of several categories. Winning entries become the property of the library and may be featured on the library’s website and social networks. Grand prize for winners in each category. Visit www.myclearwater.com/cpl for details.

Beach Branch
Writer’s Support Group: Wednesdays, July 3 & 17, 1:00-3:00 pm. A workshop for writers and would-be writers led by journalist Ann Garris. Join us for help and encouragement.

Clearwater Beach Shell Crafters Club: Thursday, July 11 & 25, 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 447-5882.

Countryside Branch
Big Screen Biographies @ Countryside Library: Wednesdays, 2:00 pm. Join us for a weekly film. July 3: Seabiscuit; July 10: Bono; July 17: Queen Victoria; July 24: Robert DeNiro; July 31: Bobby Flay.

Socrates Café: Sunday, July 21, 1:30-2:30 pm. Come to the monthly open discussion group based on the book by Christopher Phillips. Attendees exchange thoughtful ideas and personal philosophies while embracing the Socratic Method of dialogue. Topics are voted on monthly, so no preparation is required. Join us with an open mind and the desire for intelligent conversation with your peers. More information about the concept of the Socrates Cafe can be found here: http://www.philosopher.org/Socrates_Cafe.html

Morton Plant Health Lecture Series: “Recognizing and Handling Stress”. Wednesday, July 24, 12:00-1:00 pm. Join us for a lecture presented Dr. Cynthia Miller, MD. This is an ongoing partnership series between Morton Plant Healthcare, the Clearwater Aging Well Center and Countryside Library.

The Book Group @ Countryside: Thursday, July 18, 2:30-3:30 pm. Join us for this month’s outstanding read, Devil in the Grove by Gilbert King.

2nd Saturday Family “Dig Into Stories” Program: Saturday, July 13, 2:00-3:00 pm. Join us for a special family program to discover family stories – the old will become new again.

North Greenwood Branch
Spoken Word Poetry: Thursday, July 25, 4:00-6:00 pm. Poets perform original poetry and famous works for a lively audience. Spoken work artists welcome.

Bridge Club: Fridays, 12:30-3:30 pm. For older adults interested in playing bridge.

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.

Family Zumba: Saturday, July 13, 2:00-3:00 pm. Zumba instructor Claudia Garzon leads and exhilarating workout.

Deaf Literacy Center
Adult Beginners Sign Language: Wednesday July 3, 17 & 31, 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: Wednesday July 3, 17 & 31, 7:00 pm. ASL course that includes basic Sign Language vocabulary, daily phrases and facts about the Deaf community and culture.

Palm Harbor Library
Individual Tutoring for the Deaf: Call for appointment.

Adult Beginners Sign Language: Tuesdays, June 4-August 20, 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, June 4-August 27, 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, June 20-August 15, ASL course that includes basic Sign Language vocabulary, daily phrases and facts about the Deaf community and culture.

Adult Intermediate Sign Language: Thursdays, June 20-August 15, 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, and Thursdays, call for appointment.

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

Adult Beginners Sign Language: Mondays, June 17-August 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: Mondays, June 17-August 13, 7:00 pm. ASL course that includes Conversational Sign Language, Stories, Songs and skits.

Dunedin Public Library
Tuesdays at Two Film Program: Movies are shown at 2:00 pm in the Community Meeting Room.

Caregiver Stress Seminar: Monday, July 1, 2:00 pm. This seminar will be presented by Caregiver Advocate, Linda Burhans.

Casual Scrabble Club: Monday, July 1, 6:00 pm. Open to adults and high school age and up. Bring your own board.

Rocks Rock-Rockhounding 101: Monday, July 15, 7:00 pm. This program will be presented by Jerri Heer of the Suncoast Gem and Mineral Society.

Adult Summer Reading Luncheon and Program: Saturday, July 20, 11:30 am-1:00 pm. The luncheon will be catered by Marguerite. The program, “An Archaeological Dig in St. Petersburg”, will be presented by Mac Perry. Program attendance only is free. The luncheon is $5.00 per person. Tickets will be available at the Adult Reference Desk.

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 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 the Literacy Office or visit the website at www.scorepinellas.org.

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, July 2, 6:30 pm. New members are encouraged to attend!

ELCLC Cinema: Tuesday, July 9, 1:00 pm. Come join us for our exciting monthly program! Watching a movie is a great way to spend an afternoon. Donations are gratefully accepted. Call for details.

Advisory Board Meeting: Tuesday, July 9, 6:30 pm. The public is welcome to attend.
Adult Programs

Chef’s Table: Friday, July 12, 12:00 pm. Find a recipe from your favorite cook book, prepare the dish at home, then bring it to the library to share with other fabulous cooks at a yummy potluck!

The Florida Civil War Years: Saturday, July 13, 11:00 am. As part of our Viva 500 celebration, Keith Kohl, a Civil War historian, will give a presentation on Florida’s role in the Civil War. He will give a powerpoint presentation, pinpoint places of historical interest on a large map, and come dressed as a Civil War soldier.

Authors Showcase: Tuesday, July 16, 6:30 pm. This month’s featured speaker is Suzin Carr, author of the children’s book I Choose. The book was illustrated by Ms. Carr’s 7 year old son, Chandler. Please join us for an enlightening talk.

Leepa-Ratner Museum of Art: Wednesday, July 24, 2:00 pm. Sharon Bresen, Docent at the Museum of Art, will give a presentation on upcoming exhibits showing at Leepa-Ratner. The Leepa-Ratner Museum is a valuable local showcase for connoisseurs of fine art.

Sylvie’s Boot Camp - I-Pad, Kindle, and Nook Classes: These educational classes are available on some Saturdays. Please call for dates and times.

ELCL Writer’s Critique Group: The 2nd and 4th Monday of every month from 6:00-7:45 pm. This is a workshop for writers of all levels. Read excerpts of your works in progress and receive helpful feedback.

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

International Film Movement: Tuesday, July 2, 4:00 pm. Rust & Bone.

World of Humor Film: Tuesdays, July 30, 4:00 pm.

Summer Film Series: Wednesdays, 2:30 pm.

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. Learn some new two letter words.

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

Community Involvement: Tuesday, July 2, 9:00-11:00 am. A representative from Congressman C.W. Bill Young’s office will be available on the first Tuesday of the month to listen to your questions, concerns and suggestions.

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.

Women’s AA Club: Fridays, 5:45 pm.

SCORE Face-to-Face Counseling: Tuesday, July 23, get free and helpful business advice from locally based business mentors on the fourth Tuesday of the month. Call for appointment.

Largo Public Library

Story Circle Writer’s Group: Wednesday, July 3, 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, July 8, 6:30 pm. Participate in this volunteer-led group for poetry enthusiasts.

Socrates Cafe: Thursday, July 11, 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.

Free Thinkers Open Twelve Step Meeting: Tuesdays, July 1, 8, 15, & 22, 3:00 pm. Our movie watching experience has been forever changed by these movies. Popcorn and soda provided.

Library of Congress Website: Tuesday, July 16, 6:00 pm. Investigate what genealogy help the site provides, including veterans’ information, historic newspapers, digital collections, photographs, and use of the catalog.

Computers in Genealogy: Saturday, July 20, 10:00 am. Question and answer session on the use of computers in genealogy research and record keeping.

Census Tracking: Tuesday, July 23, 6:00 pm. Uncover relationships and lost ancestors in this class that focuses on using a strategy when searching through census records.

Tracing Living Persons: Wednesday, July 24, 10:00 am. Explore suggested methods and learn tips for finding living kinfolk that you never knew.

Genealogical Proof: Tuesday, July 30, 6:00 pm. This class explains how to evaluate the evidence that we collect as we build our family trees.

Oldsmar Public Library

SCC Small Business Counseling: 1st & 3rd Tuesday, 10:00 am-12:00 pm & 1:00-3:00 pm. Free 1 hour one-on-one session with a SCORE business counselor. Register at the Reference Desk or by phone.

Movies & Popcorn: Friday, July 5, 1:00 pm. Join us for a movie on the big screen! Call the Library for movie title.

Adult Summer Reading program: (Ages 18 & up) Read books & enter to win prizes - turn in reading slips by August 3. Check the library’s website for more information.

Palm Harbor Public Library

Socrates Cafe: Thursday, July 18, 1:00 pm. If you like intellectual stimulation and want to share your opinion on a variety of subjects, you will enjoy this group.

Master Gardeners Plant Clinic: Wednesdays, 10:00 am-2:00 pm. The Pinellas County Master Gardeners provide a weekly gardening help desk. Bring your gardening and landscaping questions and plant samples!

Master Gardener Program – Green Invaders in Your Garden: Thursday, July 11, 2:00 or 6:15 pm. A popular, informative program for Florida gardeners. Space limited. Please call the County Extension Service to reserve a seat at (727) 582-2603.

Tai Chi for Movement and Balance

Intermediate Class: Mondays & Wednesdays, 1:00-2:00 pm.

Beginners Class: Mondays & Wednesdays, 2:00-3:00 pm. Join us for a fall-prevention program for seniors, developed at the Oregon Research Institute. Registration required.

Landscaping with Florida Wildflowers: Tuesday, July 16, 6:30 pm. Are you looking for professional assistance with your landscaping? Pam Brown, UF/IFAS Extension Agent Emeritus, will present a program incorporating basic landscape design featuring Florida’s more common native flowers.

Managing Your Money: Monday, July 8, 1:00 pm. These continuing tough economic times make it increasingly important to establish financial goals and take control of your money. This workshop evaluates wants and needs, setting financial goals, steps to build a spending and savings plan, and using a money management calendar as a planning tool.

Friday Movie Matinees: Friday July 12, 2:00 pm. The Red Violin (Canada/Italy) Invite a friend and enjoy the movie followed by a round table discussion. Please register one week prior to the showing.

Thrilling Tales! A Story Time for Adults: Thursday, July 11, 1:00 pm. The Seventh Man by Haruki Murkami. Join us for a selection of oral readings for your listening pleasure. Bring your imagination and an hour of your time.

Digging Out From Under Closet Clutter: Tuesday, July 23, 6:30 pm. Can you use help when it comes to making decisions on what to discard from your bedroom closets and then organizing the clothing and items that remain? Kara Beck, wardrobe consultant, will assist you in learning how to clear closet clutter and get organized!

“Underground Cities Armchair Travel” and Closing Luncheon: Saturday, July 27, 12:00 pm. Join us for the Groundbreaking Reads closing luncheon, catered by Marguerites Catering and Café of Dunedin. Registration is required with a non-refundable luncheon fee of $5.00 being paid at the Adult Services desk by Friday, July 19.

Safety Harbor Public Library

Viva Florida 500 Writing Contest: (All ages) June 1-August 15. We are celebrating the 500th anniversary of Juan Ponce de Leon’s arrival on Florida’s east coast with a short story writing contest. The goal is to learn more about our state, whether it is Florida’s unique history, wildlife, culture, or people, through writing. The whole family can participate in this contest! Please visit our website, www.cityofsafetyharbor.com/library, click on “Programs” and click on the image of Viva Florida 500 for submission guidelines, age categories, and prize information.
Adult Programs

“Ground Breaking Reads” Adult Summer Reading Program: June 10-July 20. Read or listen to a book, fill out an entry slip, and be eligible to win weekly prizes.

Making the Most of Your Closet Fashion Series – Class #2: Dressing on a Budget: Thursday, July 11, 6:30 pm. This is the second class in a 3-part series on making your wardrobe work for you. In this one hour workshop, wardrobe and fashion stylist, Kara Beck will explain how to look fashionable while still keeping within a reasonable budget. Kara Beck has worked on numerous fashion shows at the Miami Beach International Fashion Week and at Nordstrom’s Department Store.

Class #3: Closet Organization will be held on Thursday, August 15.

Dig Local Produce with Gateway Organic Farms: Monday, July 22, 2:00-3:00 pm. Gateway Organic Farms owners, Pam and Hank Sindlinger, will share information about sustainable agriculture, the slow food movement, and growing your own food.

SCORE Small Business Counseling: Tuesdays, July 9 & 23, appointments available from 10:00 am-2:00 pm. Free and confidential small business advice. Registration required.

Story Circle Network Writer’s Group: Wednesday, July 17, 6:00 pm. Join fellow writers for writing assistance, sharing, ideas, and guidance. (This group meets monthly on the third Wednesday.)

Safety Harbor Writers and Poets Library Group: Thursday, July 25, 6:00-7:00 pm. This monthly gathering of writers is meant to be a platform for those in search of forming or joining a writers’ group, connecting to others with similar writing goals, and as a mentor group for writers in need of constructive tips and ideas on how to make their current or future group successful. Bring something to share (optional) and if time permits, we will discuss the strengths and also how your work may improve. (This group meets monthly on the fourth Thursday.)

Heart & Soul Cinema Special Bastille Day Celebration-The Diving Bell and the Butterfly: Sunday, July 21, 1:30 pm. Celebrate French cinema @ the Library and join us for a screening of the 2007 film based on the true story of Elie magazine editor, Jean-Dominique Bauby, who suffered a stroke and lived with an almost totally paralyzed body. Film is in French and English with English subtitles. The MPAA rating for this film is PG-13.

St. Pete Beach Public Library

World War II Film Series: Mister Roberts, Wednesday, July 3, 2:00 pm.

City Commissioner Jim Parent: Wednesday, July 31, 6:30 pm. Monthly roundtable discussion of local issues, concerns.


Wednesday, July 31, 6:30 pm. Monthly City Commissioner Jim Parent:

Fellowship of the Rings. July 22:

World War II Film Series: St. Pete Beach Public Library

and English with English subtitles. The MPAA rating for this film is PG-13.

Viva Florida 500 Film Festival: Saturday, July 6, 11:00 am. Join us each month for the screening of a theatrical release or documentary film featuring Florida as a topic or locale. Call the library for the current month’s showing.

Genealogy Assistance: One-on-one research help on Tuesday afternoons. Other times are available by appointment; please call the library.

Genealogy Research Group: Monday, July 15, 6:30-8:30 pm and Friday, July 19, 2:30-4:30 pm. A wide range of topics are explored for family history research, organization, and writing. Beginners and advanced researchers are welcome. Bring your laptop or call the library to reserve one.

Needlecraft Group: Monday, July 8 and Wednesday, July 24, 6:30-8:30 pm. Open to anyone who knits, crochets, embroiders, or does any other needlecraft. All skill levels are welcome.

Writers Group: Fridays, 10:00 am-1:00 pm. Bring your manuscript to read and have critiqued. For more information contact David Edmonds at (727) 942-9540.

Reading Partners -Reading Buddies: Elementary school children read aloud to adult volunteers. Call branch for more information

Seminole Community Library

Cinema at Sundown: Thursday, July 11, 6:00 pm: Back to the Future (1985). Thursday, July 25, 6:00 pm: Into the White (2012)—this film is rated R for language. Free popcorn and soda courtesy of the Friends of the Seminole Library.


Gizmos, Gadgets & Geezers: Need help with your phone, laptop, tablet, MP3 player, or E-Reader? Members of the Library Youth Advisory Board are here to help you become comfortable with the ever-changing world of technology. Call for appointment.

Pause for Poetry: Wednesday, July 17, 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.

Seminole Chess Club: 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.

Special Summer Concert: Sunday, July 21, 3:00pm. The Dynamic Duo—Tony Pavone & Pete Bottichio.

Two Towers Chess Club: Mondays, July 8 & 22, 3:30-5:30 pm. All skill levels welcome.

SPC Toastmasters: Tuesdays, 6:15 pm.

Hidden Stitches: Monday, July 1, 6:00 pm.

Sean Scott Seminar: Monday, July 1, 2:00 pm.

"Summer" Stone Soup Group/Coupon Exchange: Monday, July 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29, 1:00-3:00 pm. Bring your extra coupons, low/no cost activities, recipes, how-to solutions or other special offers to our exchange program. LEGO@ the Library program will be available at the same time!

Suncoast Bonzai Society: Saturday, July 27, 10:00 am.

Tarpon Springs Public Library

Viva Florida 500 Film Festival: Saturday, July 6, 11:00 am. Join us each month for the screening of a theatrical release or documentary film featuring Florida as a topic or locale. Call the library for the current month’s showing.

Genealogy Assistance: One-on-one research help on Tuesday afternoons. Other times are available by appointment; please call the library.

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Computer Classes

Clearwater Public Library System

Main Library

Computer and e-Reader 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. All types of computer help provided by Ray Pedersen, former IBM employee.

Countrywide Branch

Computer and e-Reader Help: Thursdays, July 11, 18, & 25, 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 and e-Reader 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.

East Branch

Computer and e-Reader 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

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

Dunedin Public Library

No classes July 2 & 4.

To Be Announced: Tuesday, July 9, 11:00 am.

To Be Announced: Thursday, July 11, 11:00 am.

To Be Announced: Tuesday, July 16, 11:00 am.

To Be Announced: Thursday, July 18, 11:00 am.

To Be Announced: Tuesday, July 23, 11:00 am.

To Be Announced: Thursday, July 25, 11:00 am.

To Be Announced: Tuesday, July 30, 11:00 am.

East Lake Community Library

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

If you are bringing a laptop, please set it up before the class begins.

E-mail Class: Wednesday, July 10, 1:00 pm.

Open Forum: Monday, July 15, 1:00 pm.

Internet Class: Wednesday, July 17, 1:00 pm.

Facebook: Monday, July 22, 1:00 pm.

Gulfport Public Library

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

Largo Public Library

Library eBooks on Your Kindle: Tuesday, July 16, 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 Tablet: Wednesday, July 24, 3:00 pm. Do you want to read ebooks on your tablet or mobile phone? Come to this class and learn how to browse for ebooks, place a hold, and check out ebooks from the library’s digital catalog using your device. This class is intended for smartphone owners, and tablets including iPads;Samsung Galaxys, Kindle Fires, Nook Colors, or Nook HDs.

iPads for Beginners 2: Tuesday, July 9, 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.

Appy Hour-Groundbreaking Apps: Wednesday, July 17, 3:00 pm. There are a lot of apps out there, but some have made a big difference in communication, entertainment, and productivity. This class will feature apps that have been groundbreakers.

Oldsmar Public Library

Drop-in Computer Help: 1st & 3rd Wednesday, 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. Bring your own laptop or smartphone, or use library computers. First come, first served.

Computer Class-Linux: Tuesday, July 9, 2:00 pm. Learn about the advantages and disadvantages of this free alternative to the Windows operating system. Lecture/demonstration followed by Q & A.

Palm Harbor Public Library

One-on-One Computer Instruction: Available daily this summer. Whether you need help surfing the net; creating a Word document, or setting up an e-mail account, our teen techs can help. Registration required.

Pinellas Park Public Library

One-on-One Technology Clinic: Thursdays, 6:00-7:00 pm. Bring your specific questions about your e-reader, tablet, laptop. Help is offered on a first-come-first served basis.

Saftey Harbor Public Library

Tony’s Beginning Computer Series Part 1: Wednesdays, July 3 & 10, 2:00-4:00 pm. A beginner’s series for learning the basics about using Windows. Registration required.

Tony’s Beginning Computer Series Part 2: Wednesdays, July 17, 24 & 31, 2:00-4:00 pm. Learn the basics about email, searching the internet and other computer applications. Registration required.

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, by appointment during evening hours. Let Dan help you with your computer questions. Call for appointment.

Book-a-Librarian Mobile Device Help: Mondays, July 1 & 8 and Fridays, July 19 & 26, 2:30-4:30 pm. Have a question about an e-reader, MP3 player or your mobile phone? Make an appointment with a librarian for help. Call for appointment.

St. Pete Beach Public Library

e-Reader Hour: Mondays, 2:00-3:00 pm. Help with downloading library books to your Kindle, Nook, etc.

I Just Got My iPad…Now What? Tuesday, July 9, 10:30 am. Registration required.

iPad e-Books: Friday, July 12, 10:30 am. Registration required.

iPad Advanced Users Group: Friday, July 19, 10:30 am. Registration required.

St. Petersburg Public Library System

Registration required for all computer classes.

Johnson Branch

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

Mirror Lake Branch

Basic Computing: Tuesday, July 9, 2:00 pm. All registrants must have valid PPLC library card. Registration required.

North Branch

One-on-One: Computer help with volunteer computer tutors.

South Branch

One-on-One: Computer help with volunteer computer tutors. Call branch for appointment.

West Community Library

Supervised Lab Time: Fridays, 1:30-3:30 pm. Get help with all your computer issues. Beginners & advanced users welcome.

Excel Basics: Thursday, July 11, 12:30 pm. Learn the basics of Microsoft Excel.

Word Basics: Thursday, July 18, 12:30 pm & Tuesday, 12:30. Come learn the first steps to using Microsoft Word.

Internet Basics: Thursday, July 25, 12:30 pm. Learn how to use online library resources.

Tarpon Springs Public Library

Computer Training: One-on-one instruction tailored to your needs. Call or stop by for a one-hour appointment.
Teen Programs

Clearwater Public Library System

Main Library

40 Days of Summer: Take the weekly challenge and get a chance to win the grand prize Samsung seven-inch tablet PC. http://facebook.com/cplsteens.

Game On! Sundays, July 7 & 21, 1:00-4:00 pm. Pick up a controller and battle your friends, show off your dance moves, or rock out on the drums.

Salvage Day: Sundays, June 14 & 28, 1:00-4:00 pm. We supply the junk, you supply the creativity. Help us get rid of our leftover material while we all watch a movie.

Hunting for Cache: Tuesday, July 9, 3:00-5:00 pm. Learn about the geocaching craze by finding a few local ‘caches’ and creating your own. Supplies limited. Please pre-register.

Attack of the ‘B’ Movie Marathon: Tuesday, July 16, 11:00 am-6:00 pm. The best of Hollywood’s ‘B’ movies will be shown in a day-long marathon for the brave of heart, and will include monster and sci-fi films. Games and prizes throughout the day for all ages.

Viva 500 – Teen Style: Wednesday, July 3, 4:30-6:30 pm. Discover the paranormal history of Pinellas County and enjoy Florida crafts and treats.

Shipwrecked: Wednesday, July 17, 2:30-4:00 pm. Shipwrecked? Learn ways to get yourself off an island. Create a note in a bottle, bury your treasure for safe keeping, and more pirate survival skills.

Pirate Raid: Wednesday, July 24, 2:30-4:00 pm. Pirates are invading the teen room! Play card games, drink root beer, and sword play with cardboard tubes. If you cheat you’ll have to walk the plank! Dressing as a pirate is encouraged!

Underground Art: Saturday, July 13, 20 & 27, 2:00-4:30 pm. Deconstruct old things then reconstrust them into new. Learn how to make Steampunk fashion, zombie dolls, and more.

Countryside Branch

TheNotReallyImprov Group: Mondays, 2:30-3:15 pm. Fourth graders and up practice the art of improv through storytelling.

Chess Club: Wednesdays, 3:30-5:00 pm. All skill levels welcome – don’t forget to bring your own board.

MAO: Thursday, July 11, 2:00-3:00 pm. Learn the card game where it is against the rules to explain the rules.

Book Mosaics with Nancy Kraus: Thursday, July 25, 2:00-2:50 pm. Inventive art from literature. Limited enrollment – registration required.

2nd Saturday Family “Dig Into Stories” Program: Saturday, July 13, 2:00-3:00 pm. Join us for a special family program to discover family stories – the old will become new again.

College Prep Series: Saturday, July 27, 2:00-3:00 pm. What to expect when you go to college for the first time. Join alumni teen volunteers that have experienced the freshman year you’re about to enter – everything from sharing a bathroom to getting the classes you need. Parents and students welcome.

40 Days of Summer Teen Challenge: June 10 – August 4. Teens age 13 to 18 can register to meet five weekly challenges posted on the library’s Facebook page and get a chance to win the grand prize, a Samsung seven-inch tablet PC. See what it’s all about on http://facebook.com/cplsteens.

North Greenwood Branch

Underground Library: Tuesday, July 16, 2:00-3:30 pm. What would the library be like if there were fewer rules? It’s here in our secret library where noise, music, and games are allowed, and you’re invited!

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

40 Days of Summer Teen Challenge: June 10 – August 4. Teens age 13 to 18 can register to meet five weekly challenges posted on the library’s Facebook page and get a chance to win the grand prize, a Samsung seven-inch tablet PC. See what it’s all about on http://facebook.com/cplsteens.

East Branch

Stop Action Movie Production with a Florida Twist: Tuesdays, July 23 & 30, 4:30-6:30 pm. Celebrate Florida’s 500th birthday by writing, producing shooting a short stop-action movie! We will provide the cameras, computers and materials. You supply the talent.

Marcela’s Masters Storytime Extravaganza: Tuesdays, 11:00 am-12:00 pm. Stories about artists’ lives and their art. Make your own art piece and be an artist yourself. Story time for the whole family.

Family Zumba: Saturday, July 13, 2:00-3:00 pm. Zumba instructor Claudia Garzon leads and exhilarating workout.

40 Days of Summer Teen Challenge: June 10 – August 4. Teens age 13 to 18 can register to meet five weekly challenges posted on the library’s Facebook page and get a chance to win the grand prize, a Samsung seven-inch tablet PC. See what it’s all about on http://facebook.com/cplsteens.

Dunedin Public Library

Please Note: All teen programs require registration. Registration begins two weeks prior to the program. Please be prompt to our programs. We will close the door and allow no admittance at 10 minutes after each program begins.

Teen Superhero Boot Camp: (Ages 12-18) Monday, July 8, 6:00 pm. Scale tall buildings in a single bound. Learn to be faster than the Flash. See if you qualify to be a superhero. Registration required.

Philip’s 3D Puzzle Club: (Ages 8-14) Tuesday, July 9, 6:00 pm. Create and build with us.

Talent Show: (All ages) Saturday, July 13, 2:00 pm. Sign up to share your talent with us. Prizes! Registration required.

Super Speed Stacking: (Ages 8-14) Tuesday, July 16, 6:00 pm. Test your skills, compete with your friends and improve your concentration.

Apples to Apples Teen Tournament: (Ages 12-18) Saturday, July 20, 1:00-4:00 pm

Mortal Instruments-City of Bones: (Ages 12-18) Monday, July 22, 6:00 pm. Enter the “institute” and join us for a supernatural battle. Thrills, games and fun. Registration required.

Harry Potter Birthday Party: (Ages 12-18) Wednesday, July 31, 6:00 pm. It’s our favorite Hogwart student’s birthday and we’re going to celebrate. The top five readers of the Summer Reading Program will each win a gift card at this party. Registration required.

East Lake Community Library

Teen Movie Night: Saturday, July 13, 3:00 pm. Join the Teen Group (everyone 13 years old and older) and see a movie that will be exciting to everyone (Hint: Gandalf and Bilbo would approve). Snacks and drinks will be provided.

Teen Tutors: Saturdays, 3:00-4:00 pm. Free assistance with Math, English, Reading, and Biology! All ages. Call for times. Registration required.

Gulfport Public Library

Beneath the Surface Teen Summer Reading Program:

Movie and Ice Cream Halfway Party: Wednesday, July 3, 4:00-6:00 pm. We’re celebrating you making it halfway through the summer reading program by throwing a movie and ice cream party in your honor. Go You!

Paracord Survival Bracelets: Wednesday, July 10, 4:00-6:00 pm. Wanna look rugged this summer? Come learn how to make a paracord bracelet; it’s the same super durable material used in parachutes and can withstand pretty much anything.

Viva Florida! Paranormal Edition... Wednesday, July 17, 4:00-6:00 pm. We’ll be celebrating Florida’s 500th birthday with cupcakes and a paranormal speaker who will let us know if our library is haunted.

Mustache Party: Wednesday, July 24, 4:00-6:00 pm. I mustache you a question! Have you ever wanted to go incognito? Come disguise yourself and cool mask or deck yourself out with glasses and a mustache.

Steampunk Projectiles: Wednesday, July 31, 4:00-6:00 pm. We will be transforming nerf guns into steampunk inspired artillery.

FMU on all Summer programs, ask any of our staff or call the library.

Largo Public Library

Dig Into Your Family History: Monday, July 1, 5:00 pm. Wonder why you look the way you look? In this program, get to the roots of your geography and create a personal time capsule.

You - Beneath the Surface: Monday, July 8, 5:00 pm. Look into yourself and research your self-expression through clothes, writing, art, and more!

Viva Florida-Teen Style: Thursday, July 11, 3:00 pm. Play games and learn about the paranormal activity in Florida, then have a snack and make a craft in this program surrounding Florida’s 500th anniversary of discovery.

Creatures of the Garden: Monday, July 15, 5:00 pm. Investigate all creatures that might live in a garden, real or imagined. From gnomes, to fairies, to frogs, this program explores it all.

Undersea Shipwrecks: Monday, July 22, 5:00 pm. During this program, discover underwater life and the shipwrecks off Florida’s coasts.

Down the Rabbit Hole: Monday, July 29, 5:00 pm. Spend the evening in Wonderland! Stay for tea time and croquet using pink flamingos and hedgehogs.

Clearwater Public Library System

Teen Summer programs: (Grades 6-12) Check the library’s website for more information.

Game & Movie Day: Saturday, July 6, 1:00-3:00 pm. Hang out, play games, and watch a movie with us.

Beneath the Earth Day: Tuesday, July 9, 3:00-4:00 pm. Live in a garden, real or imagined. From gnomes, to fairies, to frogs, this program explores it all.

Undersea Shipwrecks: Monday, July 22, 5:00 pm. During this program, discover underwater life and the shipwrecks off Florida’s coasts.

Dunedin Public Library

Teen Summer Reading program: (Grades 6-12) Read books & fill out reading slips for weekly prize drawings-turn in reading slips by August 3.
Palm Harbor Public Library

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

Your Career, Your Finances, and YOU-Teen Financial Literacy: (Ages 12-18) Tuesday, July 16 & Friday, July 19, 2:00-4:30 pm. Bank of America and Junior Achievement are partnering with the Pinellas Public Library Cooperative to give a two-part workshop series on financial literacy and job readiness for teens. One program will focus on teen job skills, such as interviewing and resume writing, and the other program will focus on budgeting, credit cards, and personal finance. Each program will include incentives, giveaways, educational games, and a free meal. Registration required.

Palm Harbor Library Youth Advisory Board: Thursdays, July 11, 18, & 25, 5:00 pm. The Youth Advisory Board (YAB) strives to serve the Palm Harbor Library and community by planning relevant programs for the youth of Palm Harbor, and completing volunteer projects. Membership is open to all teens. (Ages 13 – 18) that complete a YAB application. Attendance at weekly meetings and participation in various service activities and programs is expected. Come join us! Hours may be counted for Bright Futures Scholarships!

Subculture Series: Wednesdays, 2:00-4:00 pm. July 3: Steampunk; July 10: Goths and Geeks!; July 17: Anime; July 24: Mash-up Party! Kids from 11 – 16 are invited to dive into the interesting world of subcultures this summer. Please register for each program.

Drop-in Gaming: Monday July 8 & 22, 3:00-4:30 pm. Wii games, board games, role-playing games, and more! 

Beneath the Surface Book Chat: Thursday, July 11, 5:00 pm & Thursday, July 25, 5:00 pm. Spend an hour with summer reading participants to chat about anything and everything you’ve been reading. Munchies and drinks available!

Harry Potter Birthday Bash: (Ages 11-16) Wednesday, July 31, 4:00-5:30 pm. Meet some of your favorite Harry Potter characters, learn lessons from Hogwarts professors, and join friends for a day of magic you’ll never forget!

Pinellas Park Public Library

Origami Workshop: Tuesday, July 9, 6:30 pm. Registration required.

Teen Art Showcase: May 1 – July 31. Entries may include fiction or non-fiction essays, poetry, photography, and black ink or pencil artwork.

Teen Summer Reading: June 10 – July 26. Choose books you like to read and fill out a form available at the Youth Services Desk. Anyone who enters is eligible to win gift certificates in a weekly drawing.

CSI Experience: Wednesday, July 10, 6:30 pm. A representative from the Pinellas County Sheriff’s Office shows us how forensics is used to help solve real crimes. Registration required.

Dive into Archaeology: Wednesday, July 17, 6:30 pm. Find out about underwater archaeology and Florida shipwrecks through this presentation and hands-on activities. Registration required.

Harry Potter’s Cartooning: (Ages 11-16) Thursday, July 18, 1:30-3:30 pm. Learn how to draw and color cartoons. Registration required and begins July 10.

Safety Harbor Public Library

Beneath the Surface Teen Summer Reading Program: (Ages 13-18) June 10-August 2. Read or listen to a book, fill out an entry slip, and be eligible to win cool prizes! Mosaic: June 10-July 26. Mosaic is a Pinellas County Teen Publication. Talented teens entering grades 6 – 12 may submit fiction, nonfiction, poetry, photography, or artwork to the library for possible publication in Mosaic. The top five entries will be submitted for publication. Registration forms can be found online or in the Teen area of the library.

Teen Creative Writing Workshop: (Ages 12-18) Tuesdays, July 2, 9, 16, & 23, 6:00-7:30 pm. This five-week workshop will focus on key elements of writing, such as subject/pplot, character and story development, pacing setting, dialogue, and point of view. We will also discuss ways to earn an income as a writer - yes, even before you are an adult! If you are an aspiring writer of any level and you enjoy great storytelling through writing, join us to experiment with words and find your voice. Bring a notebook, a pencil, and an imagination! Registration required.

Teen Clothing Swap: (Ages 13-18) Teens, get ready for a whole new wardrobe! Drop off clean and gently used clothing (no undergarments, please!) before Monday, August 5 and swap them for new-to-you items on Saturday, August 10, 2:00-4:00 pm.

Viva Florida 500 Writing Contest: (All ages) June 1-August 5. We are celebrating the 500th anniversary of Juan Ponce de Leon’s arrival on Florida’s east coast with a short story writing contest. The goal is to learn more about our state, whether it is Florida’s unique history, wildlife, culture, or people, through writing. The whole family can participate in this contest! Please visit our website, www.cityofsafetyharbor.com/library, click on “Programs” and click on the image of Viva Florida 500 for submission guidelines, age categories, and prize information.

Your Career, Your Finances, and YOU-Teen Financial Literacy: (Ages 12-18) Monday, July 22 & Tuesday, July 30, 5:00-7:30 pm. Bank of America and Junior Achievement are partnering with the Pinellas Public Library Cooperative to give a two-part workshop series on financial literacy and job readiness for teens. One program will focus on teen job skills, such as interviewing and resume writing, and the other program will focus on budgeting, credit cards, and personal finance. Each program will include incentives, giveaways, educational games, and a free meal. Registration required.

SAT Practice Test and Information Session: Saturday, July 13, 10:00 am-12:00 pm. Select Choice College Prep and Tutoring will be holding an informational and practice test session for high school students and their parents on Saturday, July 13, at 10:00 am. While the students are taking a practice SAT test, their parents are welcomed to attend the informational session to understand the test, its scores, and how it relates to scholarships and college acceptance. Registration required.

St. Pete Beach Public Library

Your Career, Your Finances, and YOU-Teen Financial Literacy: (Ages 12-18) Mondays, July 29 & August 5, 5:30-8:30 pm. Bank of America and Junior Achievement are partnering with the Pinellas Public Library Cooperative to give a two-part workshop series on financial literacy and job readiness for teens. One program will focus on teen job skills, such as interviewing and resume writing, and the other program will focus on budgeting, credit cards, and personal finance. Each program will include incentives, giveaways, educational games, and a free meal. Registration required.

Teen Scene: Thursday, June 13, 4:00 pm. Discussion and activities: Gregor the Overlander series by Suzanne Collins.

St. Petersburg Public Library System

Main Library

Your Career, Your Finances, and YOU-Teen Financial Literacy: (Ages 12-18) Mondays, July 8 & 15, 6:00-8:30 pm. Bank of America and Junior Achievement are partnering with the Pinellas Public Library Cooperative to give a two-part workshop series on financial literacy and job readiness for teens. One program will focus on teen job skills, such as interviewing and resume writing, and the other program will focus on budgeting, credit cards, and personal finance. Each program will include incentives, giveaways, educational games, and a free meal. Registration required.

Knights of the Square Table Chess Club: (All ages) Monday, July 8, 3:30-5:30 pm. Join the fun – challenge others.

West Community Library

Teen Nights: (Ages 13-19) Thursdays, July 11, 18, & 25, 6:00-8:00 pm. Games & fun.

Seminole Community Library

Your Career, Your Finances, and YOU-Teen Financial Literacy: (Ages 12-18) Mondays, July 8 & 15, 6:00-8:30 pm. Bank of America and Junior Achievement are partnering with the Pinellas Public Library Cooperative to give a two-part workshop series on financial literacy and job readiness for teens. One program will focus on teen job skills, such as interviewing and resume writing, and the other program will focus on budgeting, credit cards, and personal finance. Each program will include incentives, giveaways, educational games, and a free meal. Registration required.

“Beneath the Surface” Teen Reading Club (Grades 6-12) Fill out weekly entry forms, for books read, to enter the weekly drawing for gift cards.

Two Towers Chess Club: (All ages) Monday, July 8 & 22, 3:30-5:30 pm. All skill levels welcome.

Twee Tuesdays (Grades 5-7) Tuesdays, 2:00-3:00 pm. Join your peers for friendship and fun! A different event will be offered each week, including games, crafts, drama, guest speaker and more! Bring a friend and enjoy making new ones!

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, July 17, 7:00 pm. Enjoy a supportive atmosphere where lovers of poetry share their own poems and/or read favorite selections.

Teen Thursdays: (Grades 8-12) Thursday, July 11, 18 & 25, 2:00-4:00 pm. Gather together each Thursday and enjoy a different themed activity each week. Feel free to bring a friend, and enjoy making new ones!

Tarpon Springs Public Library

Manga Book Club: (Ages 12 & up) Mondays, July 1 & 15, 7:30 pm. If you like manga, graphic novels and anime, then this club is the place for you! Hang out and meet other teens who share your interests. Each month new titles and series will be selected to read and discuss. Members will also enjoy watching popular anime episodes.

Your Career, Your Finances, and YOU-Teen Financial Literacy: (Ages 12-18) Saturdays, July 20 & 27, 1:00-3:30 pm. Bank of America and Junior Achievement are partnering with the Pinellas Public Library Cooperative to give a two-part workshop series on financial literacy and job readiness for teens. One program will focus on teen job skills, such as interviewing and resume writing, and the other program will focus on budgeting, credit cards, and personal finance. Each program will include incentives, giveaways, educational games, and a free meal. Registration required.
MISSION STATEMENT
PPLC provides leadership, resources and opportunities to enhance the quality, value, and availability of library services to members.

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

SERVICES
- Book discussions and reviews
- Books, 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.
Children’s Programs

Clearwater Public Library System
Main Library

Let’s Grow Baby-oh! Mondays, 10:30-11:15 am. A gentle and fun introduction to literacy through stories, songs, and finger plays for children ages birth to 18 months. Please bring a blanket for baby and you. Stay for play and social time after the program.

9th Period Shows – Tomb Readers: Monday, July 1, 11:30 am-12:30 pm. Take a hilarious tour of the world’s greatest archeological finds using comedy, magic, music, puppets and live animals in this interactive show. Groups of ten or more must register in advance.

Ronald McDonald: Monday, July 8, 2:00-3:00 pm. Enjoy magic with Ronald McDonald. Don’t forget to bring your camera. Groups of 10 or more must register in advance.

Junior Library Camp: July 15-19, 1:00-4:00 pm. Call to register. For those who are already registered. Students will enjoy a week of fun and games, library literacy activities, crafts, and more.

Discover Prehistoric Florida: Monday, July 15, 2:00-3:00 pm. Archaeologists from the Florida Public Archaeology Network at USF will show what it was like to live in prehistoric Florida, complete with real artifacts and replicas of tools that ancient Floridians would have used to survive. Groups of 10 or more, please register in advance.

Red, White & Blue Crafts: Tuesday, July 2, 3:30 pm. Celebrate Independence Day with red, white and blue crafts. Stick around for a 4th of July Family Storytime at 5:30 pm.

Summer Family Story Time: Tuesdays, 5:30-6:30 pm. Families dig into reading, including children of all sizes and their favorite adults.

Showtime with the Dascaloja Puppets: Wednesday, July 3 & Thursday, July 18, 10:30-11:30 am. Ages 5 and up will enjoy this production featuring teen volunteers who bring modern stories folktales and songs to life with puppets. Also includes some live dances, audience participation and skits.

Growing Up Reading – Summer Story Time: Wednesdays, except July 3, 10:30-11:45 am. Lots of fun with books, crafts, songs, and participation activities.

Leah’s Cartooning Party: Wednesday, July 17, 2:00-2:45 pm. Leah teaches drawing and coloring cartoons. Registration required.

The Main Thing: Thursday, July 11 & 25, 2:00-3:00 pm. Something different every Thursday. Call to register.

Dive Into Archaeology: Thursday, July 18, 2:00-3:00 pm. Learn about historic people through the things they lost underwater! Hands-on activities include mapping and recording shipwrecks and building a boat. Presented by archeologists from the Florida Public Archaeology Network of USF. Grades 3 and up. Registration required.

Summer Reading Finale: Monday, July 29, 2:00-3:00 pm. The whole family will enjoy different craft tables, games and prize drawings. Please no groups of more than 10 children.

Doggone Reading Fun: Thursdays, July 11, 18, & 25, 11:30 am-1:00 pm. Paws for Friendship, Inc, will bring trained therapy 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 nonjudgmental pup. Call to reserve a session.

East Branch

Family Zumba: Saturday, July 13, 2:00-3:00 pm. Zumba instructor Claudia Garzon leads and exhilarating workout.

Read! Build! Play! (Ages 2-5) Wednesday, July 10, 11:00-11:45 am. A special time that incorporates books and building with Duplo blocks.

Doggone Reading Fun: Monday, July 15, 4:30-6:00 pm. Paws for Friendship, Inc, will bring trained therapy 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 nonjudgmental pup. Call to reserve a session.

Summer Reading Wrap-Up Party: Tuesday, July 31, 2:00-3:00 pm. Close out this summer’s reading programs with a fun mix of crafts, games and prize drawings.

Earthlings Dig Into Reading – Musical Program: Tuesday, July 24, 2:00-3:00 pm. Enjoy the Earthlings’ electric Washboard Band as they share songs about underground topics, including reading.

Doggone Reading Fun: Thursdays, July 11, 18, & 25, 11:30 am-1:00 pm. Paws for Friendship, Inc, will bring trained therapy 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 nonjudgmental pup. Call to reserve a session.

Discovery Prehistoric Florida: Tuesday, July 2, 2:00-3:00 pm. Archaeologists from the Florida Public Archaeology Network at USF will show what it was like to live in prehistoric Florida, complete with real artifacts and replicas of tools that ancient Floridians would have used to survive.

Mad Science – Fire & Ice Show: Tuesday, July 9, 2:00-3:00 pm. Experience the effects of very hot and very cold temperatures in a show-stopping exothermic reaction. See matter transform from one state to another with a fizzing Mad Science “burp” potion, and Mad Science bubble bath and shower. See how scary movie scenes use dry ice as special effects.
Children’s Programs

Book & Origami Club: Wednesday, July 3, 2:00-3:30 pm. Enjoy the ancient art of paper folding while being introduced to great books. Each week is a different themed origami project and book.

Create Club: Wednesdays, July 17, 24, & 31, 2:00-4:00 pm. Use legos/duplos, play-doh, or Mr. Potatohed to create your own masterpiece. You can even participate in the 51 Lego Quest Challenges. Materials provided.

Mother Goose on the Loose: Thursdays, 11:00-1:30 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.

Magic with Cesar Domico: Saturday, July 6, 2:00-3:00 pm. Unforgettable laughs and illusions with magician, Cesar Domico.

Discover Prehistoric Florida: Saturday, July 20, 2:00-3:00 pm. Archaeologists from the Florida Public Archaeology Network at USF will show what it was like to live in prehistoric Florida, complete with real artifacts and replicas of tools that ancient Floridians would have used to survive.

Summer Reading Finale: Saturday, July 27, 2:00-3:00 pm. The whole family will enjoy different craft tables, games and prize drawings.

Deaf Literacy Center

Instructor Sign Language: (Ages 5 & under) Tuesdays, 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, story time and music.

Palm Harbor Public Library

Baby Sign Language: (Ages 3-5) Mondays, June 10-July 8, 10:45am. Instructor Sign Language: (Ages 5 & under) Tuesdays, 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. Registration required.

Beginners Sign Language: Mondays, June 10-August 5, 11:45 am. ASL course that includes basic Sign Language vocabulary, daily phrases and facts about the Deaf community and culture.

Intermediate Sign Language: Mondays, June 10-August 5, 12:45 pm. ASL course that includes Conversational Sign Language, Stories, Songs and skits. Registration required.

Safety Harbor Library

Children’s Sign Language: (Ages 5-12) Mondays, June 17-August 13, 4:30 pm. ASL course that includes Sign Language vocabulary, stories and crafts or activities for children.

Dunedin Public Library

Please note: There will be no Story Times or Music Mash during the week of July 4th. Also, there will be no Story Times or Music Mash from July 22-August 15. Registration begins 2 weeks prior to a program unless noted otherwise. Please be prompt to our programs. We will close the door and allow no admittance at 10 minutes after each program begins.

Baby & Me Storytime: (18 mos & under) Mondays, 10:00 am. Join us for an introduction to stories, rhymes and songs. We’re focusing on the six steps to early literacy to encourage baby to reach milestones. This is a fun-filled literacy experience for baby and caregiver.

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

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

Preschool Story Time: (Ages 3-5) Thursdays, 10:00 or 11:00 am. Join us for a fun time as we enjoy thematic books, songs, fingerplays, literature-based videos and crafts. Our theme this year is all about the alphabet and will feature a different letter each week. Please choose one Preschool Story Time for your child to attend and make it your regular time.

Family Movie: (All ages) Sunday, July 7, 2:00 pm. A movie about a mean guy with minions.

Philip’s 3D Puzzle Club: (Ages 8-14) Tuesday, July 9, 6:00 pm. Create and build with us.

Night Owls Family Story Time: (Ages 3 & up) Tuesday, July 9, 6:30 pm.

Boyd Hill Nature Preserve - Tortoises: (Elementary Ages) Wednesday, July 10, 2:00 pm. Learn about turtles. 200 free tickets will be given out first come, first served starting ½ hour before program.

LEGO Club: (Ages 5-12) Wednesday, July 10, 4:00 pm. Make and Take Crafts: (Youth of all ages) Friday, July 12, 2:00-4:00 pm. Talent Show: (Children of all ages) Saturday, July 13, 2:00 pm. Sign up to share your talent with us. Prizes! Registration required.

Family Movie: (Youth and families) Sunday, July 14, 2:00 pm. A movie about a nanny and a chimney sweep.

Super Speed Stacking: (Ages 8-14) Tuesday, July 16, 6:00 pm. Test your skills, compete with your friends and improve your concentration.

Giving Tree Drum Circle: (Elementary ages) Wednesday, July 17, 2:00 pm. Get a drum and bang it with us. 200 free tickets will be given out first come, first served, starting ½ hour before program.

Home Grown Goodness: (Elementary ages) Wednesday, July 17, 4:00 pm. Join Nan Jensen as we learn how food gets from the garden to our tables. We’ll make some cool concoctions, too. Registration required.

Make and Take Crafts: (All ages) Friday, July 19, 2:00-4:00 pm.

Family Movie: (Youth and families) Sunday, July 21, 2:00 pm. A movie about some little blue guys and one little blue girl.

Make and Take Crafts: (All ages) Friday, July 26, 2-4:00 pm.

Katie Adams’ Pirates: (Youth and families) Saturday, July 27, 2:00 pm. Hear some scary pirate stories about Florida!

End of Summer Reading Crafts: (Youth of all Ages) Sunday, July 28, 1:00-4:30 pm. Celebrate your summer of reading by doing some fun left over crafts.

East Lake Community Library

Infant Massage & Yoga: Wednesdays, 10:00 am. Learn calming massage and yoga techniques for your infant up to crawling age.

Kids’ Book Club: Thursdays, 1:00 pm during the summer vacation (this is a new program that started June 13 and ends on Thursday, August 1). Each week, the children will decide what book to read for the next Book Club meeting. If you love to read and discuss books, this is the place for you this summer!

Read to Bailey: Monday, July 15, 11:30 am, after Lego Club. Children can read to Bailey, a wonderful therapy dog who can help you improve your reading skills. Come join the Tail-Wagging Tutor!

Summer Art Camp with Lauren: Monday, July 15 - Friday, July 19 and Monday, July 29 - Friday, August 2. Classes start at 12:00 pm. Enjoy an hour of crafts and creativity! There will be an art show at the end of the class. Registration required.

Mr. McWiz and the Wonders of Air Pressure: Friday, July 26, 11:00 am. Mr. McWiz will demonstrate the Wonders of Air Pressure!

Saturday Matinee: Saturday, July 27, 1:00 pm. Donations are gratefully accepted. Call for details.

Lego Club: (All ages) Mondays, 10:30 am. Join your friends and make new creations at this popular offering!

Teen Tutors: Free assistance with Math, English, and Reading and Biology! 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. Come 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

New! Read 1000 Books Before Kindergarten Challenge! Get your packet of info and register now.

Baby & Me Storytime: (Ages 2 & under) Wednesdays, 10:30 am. Short stories, puppets, songs and fingerplays followed by some baby play & good times.

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.

Early Readers Library Time: (Ages 3-7) Fridays, 4:30-5:00 pm. Stories and games & new stuff.

Book Buddies: Thursdays, 11:15 am-12:00 am. Come read to our adorable pet therapy dogs. Something light. After all, it is the summer.
Summer Reading Program: (School ages) Tuesdays, 2:00 pm.

- **July 2, Sensing Nature.** Has a coyote been through your backyard?
  Learn how to spot local Florida creatures.
- **July 9, Dinosaurs.** Dinosaurs tag IN the library. Carnivores vs. herbivores.
- **July 16, Plants.** Debbie, the City of Madeira Beach landscaper, will tell us how to dig in.
- **July 23, Diary of a Wimpy Kid.** Play Cheese Touch and the Shame Game for a chance to win whoopee cushions and Splat Eggs.

**The Littles**

- Children's Desk. July 9 - book this summer! Check out the book and read it on your own, then

**Summer Reading Club:** We invite you to read 15 books with your toddler or preschooler. Every week they will receive a prize from the Treasure Chest. If you complete the challenge by the end of the summer, you will be invited to an end of summer celebration!

**Gulfport Public Library**

**Summer Storytime & Summer Storytime Garden Jamboree:** Thursdays, 10:30-11:00 am. Join us every Thursday for stories & activities selected for toddlers & preschoolers. Don’t miss our special SS Garden Jamboree on the last Thursday of every month this summer. Sing songs, play instruments & have a great time in the new Circle of Friends Garden!

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**Dig into Reading Summer Program for Grades K-5:**

**Construction Production:** Wednesday, July 3, 2:00-3:00 pm. We’ll get our hands dirty and dig into some fun construction site crafts & activities.

**Whimsical Wind Chimes:** Wednesday, July 10, 2:00-3:00 pm. Let’s get crafty by making our very own wind chimes to hang from a tree or by a window!

**Mummy Mania:** Wednesday, July 17, 2:00-3:00 pm. We’ll dig into ancient Egypt and discover the treasures in ancient pyramids like mummies!!

**Busy Burrowers:** Wed., July 24, 2:00-3:00 pm. We’re going underground to learn about all the animals that live beneath our feet.

**Angry Bird feeders:** Wednesday, July 31, 2:00-3:00 pm. Love angry birds? Why not feed them with your handmade bird feeder!

**Largo Public Library**

**Family Roots Storytime:** (All ages) Mondays, 10:30 am.

**Just Dig It! Storytime:** (All ages) Mondays, 6:00 pm.

**Wiggly Worms Storytime:** (Ages 3-5) Tuesdays, 10:30 am.

**Little Diggers Storytime:** (12-18 mos) Wednesdays, 9:00 am.

**Ready, Set, Grow Storytime:** (Ages 9-12 Wednesdays, 2:00 pm.

**Burrowing Babies Storytime:** (Ages 1 & under) Thursdays, 10:30 am.

**Creeping Critters Storytime:** (Ages 6-8) Thursdays, 2:00 pm.

**Summer Book Club:** (Ages 6-12) Tuesdays, 2:00 pm. Go-pher a good story, games and crafts. Preregistration required but age-eligible walk-ins will be accommodated, if possible.

**Dig Into Movies:** Wednesdays, 6:00 pm. Cool off and wind down your summer evening with a movie and snack at Largo Public Library. A family program for all ages. Call for movie titles.

**Pup Pals Reading Dogs:** Saturday, July 27, 10:00 am-12:00 pm. Improve your reading skills and make a furry friend by reading to therapy-trained dogs. Register in the Children’s Department.

**Library Legos:** (Ages 5-12) Saturdays, 2:00-4:00 pm. Whether you are new to LEGO or have been building for years, the Largo Public Library has a program for you! Challenge yourself to create a new LEGO masterpiece every week this summer. All materials are provided.

**The Selfish Giant:** Friday, July 12, 2:00 pm. Learn how the giant’s garden grows at this special puppet show.

**Drumming With Giving Tree:** Friday, July 19, 2:00 pm. Drum up your own beat in this hands-on music program.

**Fire & Ice:** Friday, July 26, 2:00 pm. Unearth the science of fire and ice in this action-packed program for kids.

**Oldsmar Public Library**

**Viva Florida 500 - Summer Scavenger Hunt:** (Family activity) Join the Library and the Oldsmar Historical Society on this fun interactive scavenger hunt around Oldsmar. Learn interesting facts about Oldsmar history and help celebrate the 500th anniversary of Juan Ponce de Leon’s discovery of Florida. Call for more information.

**Summer Reading Incentive Program:** (Grades K-5) Turn in completed reading logs by August 3. Check the library’s website for more information.

**Movie Mondays:** (All ages) Mondays, 2:00-3:30 pm. Join us each week for new releases and a few older favorites that have sequels coming out this summer. Call for movie title.

**Toddler Time:** (18 mos-3 yrs) Mondays & Tuesdays, 10:00-10:30 am. Stories, songs, and finger plays that reinforce early literacy skills. The program lasts about 20 minutes with a playtime immediately following.

**Summer Story Times:** (Ages 3 & up) Thursdays, 10:00-10:45 am. Join us each week for a fun themed program that includes stories, activities, games, a short video, and a craft.

**Summer Book Club:** (Grades 2-5) Thursdays, 2:00-3:00 pm. Each week a different genre of books will be discussed – July genres are July 11: *Graphic novels & Illustrated Fiction* & July 18: *Poetry & Drama*, July 25: *Thrillers & Scary stories*. Plus, every time you attend you can enter the drawing to win an Amazon Kindle E-reader at the end of summer! The more discussions you attend, the better chance you’ll have to win!

**Fun Fridays:** (All ages) July 5 & 19 (Board games), July 12 & 26 (LEGO Club) 2:00-4:00 pm

**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:** Mondays, 10:00 am. Join Miss Chris for your child’s FIRST story time with nursery rhymes and songs! Infants – age 2.

**Critter Corner:** (Ages 3 & up) Tuesday, July 9 & 23, 1:00 pm. A family story time focusing on different wild animals of North America.

**I Dig Reading Family Story Time:** Tuesdays, 6:30 pm. This family program includes stories and activities for everyone. No registration necessary, but we request a minimum age of three so that all participants can enjoy the program.

**Starbucks Story Time:** (Ages 3 & up) Tuesday, July 9, 10:30 am. Take a coffee break and meet us at Starbucks in Palm Harbor (US19N and Nebraska Avenue) for some yummy stories.

**Leap Into Art at Leepa-Rattner:** (Ages 3 & up) Wednesday, July 31, 3:00 pm. Art-related stories and an art activity at the Interactive Gallery of The Leepa-Rattner Museum (located on the Tarpon Springs campus of St. Pete College – Belcher Road entrance). The program is free for children and museum members (all others - $6.00).

**Dig Into Reading for 4’s and 5’s:** Wednesdays, July 10, 17, & 24, 11:00 am. Also, Dig Into Reading for Ages 6 – 8. Kids are invited for an hour of stories, games and crafts. Preregistration required but age-eligible walk-ins will be accommodated, if possible.

**Digging for Your Roots:** Tuesdays, July 2 & 9, 1:00 pm. An introduction into genealogy for Ages 6 – 8. Make a family tree and learn about where your family came from! Registration required.

**Digging for Your Roots:** Tuesdays, July 16, 23, & 30, 1:00 pm. The Suncoast Genealogy Society will help kids ages 9 - 12 learn about their family tree and using genealogy resources. Space is limited, registration required.

**American Girls - Meet Felicity:** Tuesday, July 2, 2:30-3:30 pm. Kids ages 7 – 12 are invited to enjoy crafts, games and fun as we meet Felicity, a spunky girl growing up in colonial Williamsburg just as the Revolutionary War begins.

**Friday Summer Special: I Dig Butterflies:** Friday, July 12, 2:00-3:00 pm. Children ages 7 and up are invited as Dale McClung, from the Florida Monarch Butterfly Farm in St. Petersburg, presents a program about butterflies and how you can attract them to your own backyard. Registration required.

**Dirty Art:** (Ages 3 & up) Saturdays, July 13 & 20, 1:30-2:30 pm. Kids ages 7 – 12 are invited to register for this two-session workshop to create their own piece of art.

**Dig Into Movies-Family Flick Night:** Thursday, July 18, 6:00-7:45 pm. A classic swashbuckling movie based on Robert Louis Stevenson’s novel about buried treasure and pirates will be presented for ages 8 and up.

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Children’s Programs

MOSt’s Got Matter: Thursday, July 25, 1:00 pm for ages 4-5, and at 2:00 pm for ages 6-7. Registration required. Get ooey, gooey and slimy as we discover how to change the world around us.

Pirate Tales: Friday, July 26, 2:00 pm. This family program is for ages 3 and up. Katie Adams’ Make-Believe Theater presents stories of pirate life with singing, a treasure chest of costumes and props, audience participation and more!

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 Birth-3) 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 is a Treasure: Thursdays, 2:00 pm. The Library’s summer program may include storytelling, puppets, music, theater, games and/or crafts. Kids receive tokens for coming to the programs and for time spent reading. The tokens are traded for prizes.

July 11: Dig into Asian folklore and a Japanese summer festival.

July 18: Burrow into animal escapades as they each search for their own treasures. Launch your own treasure hunt throughout the Library.

July 25: End of Summer party & bazaar. Redeem your tokens for very cool prizes!

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, July 9, 6:30 pm. Learn the art of paper folding. Paper is provided. Registration required.

Visiting Guests/Shows: Tuesdays, 2:00 pm.

July 9: Pinellas County Speaker’s Bureau presents: No such Place as Away. Learn what happens to your garbage after you throw it away.

July 16: Leah’s Cartooning: Learn how to draw and color cartoons.


Safety Harbor Public Library

Toddler Time: (Ages 2-5) Mondays, 10:30-11:15 am. Bring your young one to the library to listen to stories, sing songs, dance, and do fingerplays.

Preschool Story Time: (Ages 3-5) Wednesdays, 10:30 - 11:15 am. Read stories, sing songs, do a craft, and participate in other fun literary activities.

Baby & Me: (Ages 0-2) Thursdays, July 12, 19, & 26, 10:00-10:30 am. Enjoy special time with your baby while you listen to stories, sing songs, and learn fingerplays followed by a play session.

Tail-Waggin’ Tutors – A Dog is a Reader’s Best Friend: Monday, July 15, 4:15-5:15 pm, and Friday, July 26, 3:30-4:30 pm. Join Oliver and Yeager, these dogs are specially trained to listen patiently while a child practices reading and gains more confidence.

LEGO League: (Ages 6 & up) Saturday, July 14, 3:00-4:30 pm and every Saturday, 3:00-4:30 pm. Bring your friends and join us for creative building with LEGO.

ZumbAtomic: (Ages 4-12) Tuesday, July 1, 1:00 pm. Boys and Girls are invited to Shake, Wiggle, and Giggle with this crazy cool dance fitness program set to World Rhythms such as Salsa, Merengue, Cumbia, Reggaeton, Hip-hop and more. Parents love ZumbAtomic because it increases their child’s focus, self-confidence, coordination, and metabolism, and kids love it because it’s FUN! Registration required.

Children’s Chess: Wednesday, July 3, 3:30 pm. Learn how to play chess at the library with other children!

Wonders of Nature: (All ages) Tuesday, July 9, 1:00 or 2:00 pm. A wildlife show that combines amazing free flight behaviors from beautiful raptors, parrots, and other animals, with humor, conversation, and audience participation.

Summer Movie: Wednesday, July 10, 2:30 pm. Watch a movie at the library! See the movie of a small-time circus magician who must use illusion, ingenuity and even a bit of wizardry to save the land of Oz. Please call the library for more information.

Wee Discoveries: (Ages 2-5) Thursday, July 11, 11:15 am-12:15 pm. Come play with age-appropriate discovery stations designed to encourage creativity in learning with STEM goals in mind. Adult participation required.

Kids Yoga & Story Time: (Ages 3-10) Friday, July 12, 4:00 pm. Enjoy a fun total mind and body workout with basic yoga and interactive stories for children. Don’t forget stretchy clothes and a mat if you have one! Registration required.

Craft – Dinosaur Diaramas: (Ages 4-12) Tuesday, July 16, 3:30 pm. Would you like to create a prehistoric paradise? We have a fun Dinosaur program planned for you – we will supply basic materials but feel free to bring favorite Dino toys from home to add to your diorama!

Tricky Dogs Show: (All ages) Tuesday, July 16, 1:00 pm. A fast paced, high energy comedy dog act, starring six little terriers, one poodle and their pet human Rick Martin. The Tricky Dogs Show guarantees riotous laughter every time.

St. Pete Beach Public Library

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

Wildcard Wednesday (story and activities): Wednesdays, 1:00-3:00 pm.


St. Petersburg Public Library System

Main Library

Craft Corner: Mondays, 10:00 am-12:30 pm. & Fridays 1:00-3:00 pm. Make & Take Crafts.

Family Story Time: (All ages) Thursdays, 6:30 pm. Stories, Music & Crafts.

Humpty Dumpty: (Ages 3 & under) Thursdays, 10:15 & 11:00 am.

Library LEGO Mania: Wednesdays, 3:30-4:30 pm. Come build with us!

Preschool Jams: (Ages 3-5) Wednesdays, 10:15 am & Thursdays, 2:00 pm. Music, dancing & rhythm instruments.

Roll Over & Read: Monday, July 1, 3:30-4:30 pm. Reduce anxiety & rebuild reading skills. Call location to register for a session.

Super Saturday Puppet Show & Craft: (All ages) Saturday, July 13, 11:00 am.

Summer Program: (Grades K-5) Thursdays, 2:30 pm. Stories, participation activities, music, craft with a different theme each week & special guests.

Toddlers Tunes: (Ages 3 & under) Thursdays, 3:00 pm & Fridays, 10:15 & 11:00 am. Songs, puppets & finger plays.

Children’s Park Branch

Summer Program: (Grades K-5) Tuesdays, 10:30 am. Stories, participation activities, music, crafts, with a different theme each week & special guests.

Johnston Branch

Summer Program: (Grades K-5) Fridays, 10:30 am. Stories, participation activities, music, crafts, with a different theme each week & special guests.

The Sixth Annual Spelling Bee: (Grades 1-6) Wednesday, July 10, 6:00 pm.

The Third Annual Geography Bee: (Grades 1-6) Wednesday, July 31, 6:00 pm. Study materials for both Bees are available at the Johnson Branch or online at www.SPLIBRARIES.org. Students compete in three age groups. Prizes are awarded the top three finishers in each group.

Mirror Lake Branch

Toddlers Tunes: (Ages 3 & under) Mondays, 11:00 am. Songs, puppets, finger-plays & stories.


Roll Over & Read: Wednesday, July 11, 3:30-4:30 pm. Reduce anxiety & rebuild reading skills. Call location to register for a session.

Summer Program: (Grades K-5) Wednesdays, 2:30 pm. Stories, participation activities, music, crafts, with a different theme each week & special guests.
Children’s Programs

North Branch

Family Story Time: Tuesdays, 6:30 pm. Stories, Music & Crafts.

Toddler Tunies: (Ages 3 & under) Wednesdays, 10:15 am. Songs, puppets & finger plays.

Preschool Jams: (Ages 3-5) Wednesdays, 11:00 am. Music, dancing & rhythm instruments.

Summer Program: (K-5 grade) Mondays, 2:30 pm. Stories, participation activities, music, crafts, with a different theme each week & special guests.

South Branch

Toddler Tunies: (Ages 3-7 under) Thursdays, 10:15 am. Songs, puppets & finger plays.

Preschool Jams: (Ages 3-5) Thursdays, 11:00 am. Music, dancing & rhythm instruments.

Roll Over & Read: Friday, July 5, 3:30-4:30 pm. Reduce anxiety & rebuild reading skills. Call location to register for a session.

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

Summer Program: (Grades K-5) Tuesdays, 2:30 pm. Stories, participation activities, music, crafts, with a different theme each week & special guests.

West Community Library

Toddler Tunies: (Ages 3 & under) Tuesdays, 9:30 am. Songs, puppets, finger-plays & stories.

Preschool Jams: (Ages 3-5) Tuesdays, 10:30 am. Music, dancing & rhythm instruments.

Summer Program: (Grades K-5) Wednesdays, 2:30 pm. Stories, participation activities, music, crafts, with a different theme each week & special guests.

Seminole Community Library

“Dig into Reading” Read-to-Me Reading Club: (Pre-readers ages 2-5) Turn in a completed reading log to receive a prize. One prize per child, please.

“Dig into Reading” Club: (Grades K-5) Bring in your reading log weekly to receive an incentive and an entry form for our weekly prize drawings.

“Dig into Reading” Craft Sunday: Sundays, 1:30-4:00 pm. Drop in for a weekly themed make-and-take craft.

Jumpin’ & Jammin’: (Elementary ages) Mondays, 10:30 am. Get ready for a fast paced, 30 minutes of crazy movements to awesome, energy packed songs.

“Summer” LEGO@ the Library: (All ages) Mondays, 1:00-3:00 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) Mondays, July 8 & 22, 3:30-5:30 pm. All skill levels welcome.

“Little Diggers” Story Time: (18 mos & under) Tuesdays, 10:30 am. 20 minutes of short stories, songs and movement activities based on a weekly theme, followed by a puppet show presented by our teen volunteers!

“Big Diggers” Story Time: (Ages 3-5) Tuesdays, 11:30 am. 30 minutes of short stories, songs and movement activities based on a weekly theme, followed by a puppet show presented by our teen volunteers!

Dig-o-logy: (Reading age and family) Tuesdays, 7:00 pm. A program of books, games, science experiments, crafts and more! Dig into a different subject each week. Geared toward elementary ages, but all ages are welcomed.

“Baby Sprouts” Story Time: (18 mos & under) Wednesdays, 10:00 am. A lap sit program featuring books, finger plays, songs and a playtime.

Wonderful Wednesdays: (All ages) Wednesdays, 2:00-3:00 pm. Join us this summer for a weekly program featuring guest performers and presenters. Generously sponsored by The Friends of the Library!

Pause for Poetry: (All ages) Wednesday, July 17, 7:00 pm. Enjoy a supportive atmosphere where lovers of poetry share their own poems and/or read favorite selections.

Wiggle, Giggle and Sing! (Ages 5 & under) Thursday, July 11, 18 & 25, 10:30 am. Shake a parachute, toss a bean bag, and other “wiggly, giggly” musical activities

Family Garden Club: (All ages) Thursday, July 11, 18 & 25 & 26, 6:30-7:30 pm. Learn some gardening basics and enjoy creating special garden projects and crafts.

Reading with the Dogs: (Reading ages) Fridays, 10:00 am-1:00 pm. Enjoy a one-on-one reading opportunity with one of our visiting therapy dogs.

Family Movie Matinee: (All ages) Saturdays, 2:00 pm. Free popcorn and soda provided by The Friends of the Library!

Tarpon Springs Public Library

Sock Puppets: (All ages) Tuesday, July 2, 3:00 pm. Bring your creativity and a masterpiece. Registration required.

Whee Sing with Mrs. Music: (Ages 1 & up) Wednesday, July 3, 10:30 am. Join us for a preschool singing program. Have fun learning colors, numbers, letters, sign language and Spanish.

Special Make & Take Holiday Crafts: (All ages) Wednesday, July 3, 12:00-3:00 pm. Join us to make 4th of July Craft.

Family Movies: (All ages) Tuesday, July 9, 2:00 pm. Current release movie for the family. Call for title.

Books We Love to Sing: (Ages 2 & up) Wednesday, July 10, 10:30 am. Join Miss Christine for stories, music and lots of audience participation.

Mr. Ray’s Creepy Crawlers: (Ages 6-12) Wednesday, July 10, 2:00 pm. Registration required. Registration begins July 8.

Toddler Tunies: (Ages 1-3) Friday, July 12, 10:30 am. A selection of our favorite songs, rhymes, and dances. Learn with fun and music.

Paper Airplane Workshop: (All ages) Friday, July 12, 3:00 pm. Learn about the history of the paper airplane and how to make the best ever paper airplanes.

Self Defense Workshop for Children & Families: (All ages) Tuesday, July 16, 7:00 pm. Learn safety awareness skills and effective escape techniques in Shihan Walter Evan’s self-defense workshop.

Weekly Reading Logs: (Ages 12 & under) Begins June 17. Pick up a reading log from the Youth Services staff. Fill in the amount of time you read or someone reads to you. Return the reading log to receive a reward and pick up another reading log.

Great Explorations Children’s Museum: (Ages 6-12) Wednesday, July 17, 2:00 pm. Kid Chemistry. Registration required. Registration begins July 15.

The Magic of Air Pressure with Mr. McWiz: (All ages) Friday, July 19, 3:00 pm. Science fun for the whole family. Registration required.

Music with Mar: (Ages 1-6) Thursday, July 25, 10:30 am. Music and movement for your child's development.

Seminole Community Library

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Seminole Community Library

Friday, July 19 through Sunday, August 18; library opens at 9:00am Monday through Friday and closes at 8:00pm Monday through Thursday.
Clearwater Public Library System

Countrywide Branch

Book Group @ Countryside Library: Thursday, July 18, 2:30 pm. Join us for this month’s outstanding read, Devil in the Grove by Gilbert King.

East Branch

Mystery Reader’s Club: Tuesday, July 16, 12:00-2:00 pm. Lively discussion on books covering the theme for the month.

East Lake Community Library

Book Club: The first Wednesday of every month from 6:30-7:45 pm. This month’s selection will be Restoration by Olaf Olafsson. This novel is about the life of British author Iris Origo, who lived on a multi-farm estate in Italy during World War II where she sheltered refugee children from the Germans. Come join in our lively discussion.

Gulf Beaches Public Library

Chatterbooks: Tuesdays, 10:30 am. July 16, Moloka’i by Alan Brennert.

Gulfport Public Library

Coffee/Talk Book Club: Thursday, July 18, 11:00 am (Note new time). The Light Between Oceans, by M.L. Stedman. 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, July 3, 6:00 pm. The Glass Castle by Jeannette Walls.

Booktalking with Iris: Wednesday, July 10, 12:00 pm. Listen to a talk on popular titles each month.

Oldsmar Public Library

Books and Brews: (Ages 21 & up) Tuesday, July 2, 6:30 pm, at the Oldsmar Tap House, 300 State Street East, Me Talk Pretty One Day by David Sedaris.

Palco Harbor Public Library

PHil’s Book Club: Monday, July 8, 11:00 am & Tuesday, July 9, 7:00 pm. Library Director Gene Coppola leads this lively book discussion group. In the Garden of Beasts by Erik Larson

Schindler’s List Book Discussion: Saturday, July 13, 1:00 pm. Library Director Gene Coppola facilitates a book discussion on this important book that covers one of the most groundbreaking events in history: the Holocaust

Safety Harbor Public Library

Words & Wine Book Club: Monday, July 15, 6:30 pm. Join us for our book club held at Whistle Stop Bar and Grill, 915 Main Street. July’s title is Wolf Hall by Hilary Mantel. Limited copies of the books are available at the library.

St. Pete Beach Public Library

Book Discussion Group: Tuesday, July 16, 10:30 am. Life on the Mississippi by Mark Twain.

Book Discussion Group Film: Tuesday, July 23, 10:30 am.

St. Petersburg Public Library System

Main Library

“Murder by the Book” Mystery Book Club: Thursday, July 11, 6:30 pm. Adult Summer Reading Program Groundbreaking Read. Crocodile on the Sandbank by Elizabeth Peters.

Mirror Lake Branch

Classics Up Close: Tuesday, July 23, 2:00 pm. Call for information about this month’s selection.

Speculative Fiction Book Club: Saturday, July 20, 2:00 pm. Call branch for more information & registration.

North Branch

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


Carl G. Jung Society Reading Group: Saturday, July 13, 10:00 am.

South Branch

Book Club: Wednesday, July 10, 2:00 pm. Call or check online for latest title.

Mahogany Book Club: Saturday, July 20, 10:00 am. Call or check online for latest title.

Seminole Community Library

Backward Travelers Historical Fiction Book Discussion: Tuesday, July 16, 2:00 pm. Burning Bright by Tracy Chevalier.

Super Novels: Thursday, July 25, 2:00 pm. The Adventures of Angie March by Saul Bellow.

Tarpon Springs Public Library

Expand Your Horizons Book Club: Wednesday, July 10, 3:30 pm. Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet by Jamie Ford

Neverland Book Club: Tuesday, July 16, 6:30 pm. Tiger’s Curse by Colleen Houck.

Mystery, Murder and Mayhem Book Club: Wednesday, July 17, 7:00 pm. A Test of Wills by Charles Todd.

Books and Beyond Book Club: Will be taking a break for the summer and resuming in September. Book choice will be Pillars of the Earth by Ken Follett.
New Library Director for Pinellas Park Public Library

Angela Pietras joined the Pinellas Park Public Library on March 18, 2013. Angela grew up near Syracuse, NY, earning her MLS from Syracuse University in 1998. She has worked in academic and public libraries while living in New York but has focused on public librarianship since relocating to Florida in 2002. Her career in Florida started at the North Branch of the St. Petersburg Public Library, where she served as the branch librarian before transferring to the St. Petersburg Main Library to serve as the system’s circulation librarian and then most recently as the Coordinator of the Main Library. “The Pinellas Park Public Library just feels like the right fit for me at this point in my career. I really have been impressed with the sense of community pride in Pinellas Park. The library has been well-regarded for its strong core services and staff will always work to keep these traditional services vibrant and to make the library an appealing place to visit. Now our challenge is to find ways to extend the reach and influence of the library beyond our corner lot and standard business hours. We’re expanding online and digital collections to serve those who prefer that format; we’re volunteering with other community organizations to learn who and where our services have yet to reach; we’re sending staff out to spots around town to deliver library materials to those who are unable to come to us, to read stories to your children, or to show you how to download an e-book. Library services still have a place in our busy world—if you can’t come to us, just tell us where to meet you!