

Florida's 2013 Legislative Session Begins March 5th!

Libraries across the state are counting on their community supporters to effectively advocate for increased library funding during the 2013 legislative session. The message from the Florida Library Association to the legislators is simple: **Florida Libraries continue to provide innovative services that transform the lives of Floridians despite budget cuts!** As commendable and true as that statement is, the truth is that libraries need to see their funding restored if they are to continue to provide the residents of Florida with the innovative and wide ranging services that are needed and expected in each of our communities. The Florida Library Association's 2013 Legislative Platform supports libraries of all types in Florida and key to public libraries is the support for State Aid to Public Libraries. The platform calls for the following: **State Aid to Public Libraries –FLA supports working toward the restoration of State Aid from the current \$21,300,000 to the \$33,400,000 appropriated in 2000-2001.** Governor Scott's budget recommendations include \$20,235,401 for State Aid, the minimum amount required for Florida to receive its full allocation of vitally needed federal Library Services and Technology Act funds. This is a great starting place but libraries need to see state aid funding increased not reduced.

You can help by contacting your local legislators and the Governor's Office and thanking them for their past support. Welcome our new legislators and encourage them to do the same. Share with them the ways that libraries improve the quality of life for Floridians by telling your library story and what the library means to you and your community. The message is simple. The state needs to restore funding **for State Aid to Public Libraries because Florida's libraries transform lives!**

To find contact information for the 2013 Legislative Session, visit the Pinellas Public Library Cooperative's website at www.pplc.us.

Literacy Festival Turns Three

Saturday, March 16, will mark the Third Annual James Weldon Johnson Literacy Festival, to take place in the parkland behind the St. Petersburg James Weldon Johnson Branch Library, located at 1059 18th Avenue South, and the adjacent Enoch Davis Center.

The festival, run by the Friends of the Johnson Branch Library and co-sponsored by the City of St. Petersburg, celebrates the joy of reading and the importance of literacy to the African-American community. Admission is free, and free books will be given to children

of all ages. Beginning at 9:00 a.m., live entertainment will be featured, like the Dunedin Steppers; as well as children's activities, including a Puppet Show, Hula-Hoop contest and Bounce House inflatable. Drawings, presentations and demonstrations will take place, and the festival will conclude at 4:00 p.m. with the annual Walk for Reading: a parade through the surrounding neighborhood. Refreshments will be sold to benefit the Library.



Deborah Cooney, Born to Read Coordinator, attending the 2012 festival.



Celebrate Teen Tech Week: Check In @ your library March 10 - 16, 2013

The seventh annual Teen Tech Week celebration, an initiative of the Young Adult Library Services Association, will be March 10 - 16, 2013. The American Library Association's Teen Tech Week is a national initiative aimed at teens, librarians, educators, parents and other concerned adults that highlights non-print resources at the library. This year's theme "encourages libraries to throw open their physical and virtual doors to teens and showcase the outstanding technology they offer, from services such as online homework help and digital literacy-focused programs to resources like e-books, movies, music, audiobooks, databases and more". The Pinellas Public Library Cooperative member libraries will be hosting special programming to celebrate this national effort.

Adult Programs

Clearwater Public Library System

Main Library

Juniper Trio – Celtic Music Concert: Monday, March 4, 3:00-5:30 pm. Traditional Celtic/Alternative Folk duo of Frances Pisacane (fiddle) and Jasmine Hart (guitar, vocals), They have produced multiple CDs and performed internationally and will celebrate all things Celtic in this performance. CD sales follow the concert.

Echoes O' the Emerald Isle: Wednesday, March 13, 3:00-5:00 pm. Irishman and Storyteller Batt Burns returns to the Main Library to celebrate St. Patrick's Day with traditional stories, folklore, Irish poetry, an overview of the history of Ireland, and Irish music.

Films on the Bluff: Tuesday, March 12, 2:00-4:30 pm. Art house and independent films shown monthly.

Sunset on the Roof: Tuesday, March 5, 30 minutes before sunset. Enjoy a beautiful sunset from the Main Library's rooftop terrace. Rooftop will open 30 minutes before sunset, weather permitting. Meet at the grand staircase on the first floor.

Bollywood Moves: Mondays, 12:00-12:45 pm. Dance to popular Indian movie tunes for a fun fitness workout.

Beach Branch

Writer's Support Group: Wednesdays, March 6 & 20, 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: Thursdays, March 14 & 28, 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.

March 6: Steve Jobs; March 13: Angelina Jolie; March 20: Sacagawea; March 27: Mahatma Gandhi.

Are You Tired? It Could Be In Your Blood: Wednesday, March 27, 12:00-1:00 pm. Join us for this bi-monthly series on health issues with Mease Countryside. Dr. Yan will discuss causes and treatments of fatigue.

Things You Didn't Know About Ireland and St. Patrick: Thursday, March 14, 2:30- 3:30 pm. Local author Ann O'Farrell (*Norah's Children*) leads this St. Patrick's Day special. Learn little-known facts about Ireland, St. Patrick and the holiday that inspires "the wearin' o' the green."

Kiss Your Worries Goodbye: Saturday, March 9, 2:00-3:00 pm. Do you chew your nails, sweat the small stuff, and lie awake with a brain on overdrive? This whimsical workshop is all about Guatemalan Worry Dolls, known to solve your problems while you sleep. Focus on making the tiny dolls with scraps of fabrics, snippets of yarn, and assorted beads, while creating a relaxing space where conversations, stories, and ideas can be exchanged. Be your most creative self as dolls come to life and worries vanish

North Greenwood Branch

Thursday Afternoon @ the Movies: Thursday, March 7, 2:00-4:45 pm. Join us for an afternoon movie. Adults only please.

East Branch

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

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

PTEC Information Session: Wednesday, March 6, 5:00-6:00 pm. Thinking about going back to school or jump-starting your career? Cecile Directo, Pinellas Technical Education Centers, will talk about PTEC programs, financial aid and the admission process.

AARP Tax Aide: Tuesdays & Fridays through mid-April, 12:00-4:00 pm. AARP Tax Aide volunteers offer free help to prepare 2012 Federal Tax Returns for older taxpayers and people with limited incomes.

Journaling With Linda Burhans: Wednesday, March 27, 2:00-3:30 pm. Join Linda Burhans for this monthly series exploring creative ways to keep a personal journal.

Deaf Literacy Center

Largo Library

Adult Beginners Sign Language: Wednesday, March 13 & 27, 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 March 13 & 27, 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, January 15 – May 7, 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, January 15 – May 7, 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, January 17 – May 9, 6:00 pm. ASL course that includes basic Sign Language vocabulary, daily phrases and facts about the Deaf community and culture.

Adult Intermediate Sign Language: Thursdays, January 17 – May 9, 7:00 pm. ASL course that includes basic Sign Language vocabulary, daily phrases and facts about the Deaf community and culture.

Safety Harbor Library

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

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

Adult Beginners Sign Language: Mondays, January 14 – May 6, 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, January 14 – May 6, 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 Meeting Room.

Senior Scams-How to Avoid Becoming a Victim: Monday, March 4, 2:00 pm. A representative from the Pinellas County Justice and Consumer Services Department will present this very informative program on current scams aimed at senior citizens and how to avoid becoming a victim.

Casual Scrabble Club: Monday, March 4, 6:30 pm. Please bring your own board. Adults and teens, high school age and up are welcome.

Musical Tribute to Les Paul and Mary Ford: Tuesday, March 5, 7:00 pm. Tom Doyle and Sandy Cory Doyle are the Les Paul and Mary Ford of today. Tom was Les Paul's soundman and friend for 45 years. Together with his wife Sandy, they weave beautiful vocals and melodies into an amazing tribute to Les Paul and Mary Ford. A must see show for every Les Paul and Mary Ford fan.

Tim Dorsey: Sunday, March 10, 1:30 pm. Best-selling author, Tim Dorsey, will be here to talk about his latest book, *Riptide Ultralight*. A book-signing and sale of all things Tim Dorsey will follow the talk.

Crocheted Animal Workshop: Saturday, March 23, 10:00 am-1:00 pm. This workshop will be presented by Patricia Kurtz who will have her small crocheted animals on display at the Library during the month of March. Participants must have basic crochet skills. Sign up and get the supply list at the Adult Information Desk. A \$10.00 deposit is required to hold your spot. Deposit will be refunded upon attendance at the workshop.

Irish Folk Concert with Brendan Nolan: Sunday, March 24, 3:00 pm. Born in Dublin, Irish folksinger and songwriter, Brendan Nolan will perform traditional and contemporary Irish music including some original songs.

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 at 298-3080 or visit the website at www.lcupinfo.com.

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

East Lake Community Library

Kindle, Nook, and I-Pad Classes: Available on some Saturdays. Please call for dates and times.

Antique Appraisal Fair: Saturday, March 2, 9:30 am-2:30 pm. Bring your antiques and/or collectibles and get them appraised by a professional! Limit 3 items, please. The cost is \$5 an item or \$10 for three items.

ELCL Cinema: Tuesday, March 5, 1:00 pm. Come join us for our exciting new monthly program! Watching a movie is a great way to spend an afternoon. Donations are gratefully accepted. Call for details.

The Friends of East Lake Library: Tuesday, March 5, 6:30 pm. New members are encouraged to attend!

Sunday at the Library Concert Series: Sunday, March 10, 2:00 pm. Come join us as Angelica performs a concert featuring harp and flute. Tickets are a \$10 donation available in advance or at the door on the day of the program. Refreshments will be provided.

Advisory Board Meeting: Tuesday, March 12, 6:30 pm. The public is welcome to attend.

Investing 101: Thursday, March 14, 11:30 am. This month's topic will be Protecting What's Important. This workshop will focus on insurance and what type could be right for you. Lunch will be provided. You must register to attend.

Travel Show – Water, Planes, Trains, & Automobiles (WPTA) Trips: Friday, March 15, 11:00 am-3:00 pm. Join the Florida Cruise Planners for this informative program detailing the ins and outs of travel by water, plane, train or automobile inside the U.S. and abroad.

Blood Mobile: Monday, March 18, 1:00-4:00 pm. Help others by donating blood. Offered by Florida Blood Services.

Adult Programs

Recovery International: Tuesday, March 19, 1:00 pm & Tuesday, March 26, 6:30 pm. Come join us for an informational meeting with this national self-help organization. Learn about different ways to deal with everyday struggles.

Authors Showcase: Tuesday, March 19, 6:30 pm. Our featured speaker is author Augusta Scattergood whose debut young adult novel is *Glory Be*, set in a Mississippi town in 1964. Her book takes a poignant look at friendship, family, and difficult choices. Please join us for an interesting and engaging talk.

ELCL Writer's Critique Group: The 2nd and 4th Monday of each 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, 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, 6:00-7:45 pm. Get started on a lifetime of beautiful projects today! All skill levels welcome.

Gulf Beaches Public Library

Food for Thought. Saturday, March 2, 6:00-7:30 pm. Our annual fundraiser is an all you can eat appetizer buffet, featuring taste samplers from the best restaurants up and down the beaches. Prizes and raffles. \$20 per person, \$30 at the door, and includes drink and music.

Viva Florida 500 Program: Monday, March 11, 3:00 pm. We just digitized our library scrapbooks, so we are proud to present: *Madeira Beach: A Photographic History of the Area During the 1960s & 1970s from the Archives of the Gulf Beaches Public Library.* Come see if you're in our collection!

International Film Movement: First Tuesday, 4:00 pm. March 5: *Corpo Celeste.*

World of Humor Film: Last Tuesday, March 26, 4:00 pm.

Winter 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

AARP Tax Assistance: Mondays & Fridays, 10:00 am-3:00 pm.

Community Involvement: Tuesday, March 5, 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.

Beginning Spanish Classes: Thursdays, 9:30-10:30 am. Free and open to the public.

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

Jeff Klinkenberg: Thursday, March 14, 7:00 pm. Enjoy an evening with a real Florida author! Call to register.

Free Family Movie Day: Saturday, March 16, two movies, starting at 10:30 am and 1:30 pm. Enjoy flicks with popcorn provided by the Circle of Friends of Gulfport Library.

SCORE Face-to-Face Counseling: Tuesday, March 26, get free and helpful business advice from locally based business mentors. Call to set up an appointment.

Gulfport Senior Artists Workshop Reception & Exhibit: Opening reception is Friday, March 1. The art will be on display throughout March. Each student has prepared new original paintings in watercolor, acrylic or oil. FMI, please call 893-2237 or 893-1231.

Largo Public Library

6th Annual Art Hop & Taste Fest Presented by The Greater Largo Library Foundation: Saturday, March 2, 6:00-11:00 pm. Participants will "hop" to local shops via free shuttle buses from the library. Each stop will feature an artist and offer snacks and beverages. Then, return to the library for tastings from dozens of restaurants, take part in silent and live auctions, and enter contests for door prizes and other drawings. Purchase tickets at the library or by calling 727-586-7398.

Story Circle Writer's Group: Wednesday, March 6, 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, March 11, 6:30 pm.

Socrates Cafe: Thursday, March 14, 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.

National Goof Off Day: Friday, March 22, 3:00 pm. Now you have an excuse to goof off! Join us for games and snacks. Don't let this special day pass you by!

Family Tree Maker User Group: Saturday, March 2, 10:00 am. Questions & answers and a demonstration of how to use the Family Tree Maker genealogical database software.

Rootsmagic - Part 4: Monday, March 4, 10:00 am. This 4-part course explores the use of the popular genealogy software program taking the user from the basics through more detailed topics such as incorporating images, citing sources, and generating reports.

Family Tree Maker 2012 Basics - Part 6: Monday, March 4, 6:00 pm. Attend each level of this course for a detailed explanation and demonstration of the many features of the popular genealogy database program.

Female Ancestors: Tuesday, March 5, 6:00 pm. Locate and trace the maternal line. Learn methods and tips to finding maiden names in your research.

Searching The Internet For Online Scanned Books: Tuesday, March 12, 10:00 am. Learn the best methods and procedures for this task in your research.

Rootsweb: Wednesday, March 13, 10:00 am. Get the most out of this huge, free website.

Brick Walls: Monday, March 18, 6:00 pm. This class will offer some ideas and suggestions for overcoming dead ends in your family history research.

Tracing Living Persons: Tuesday, March 19, 6:00 pm. Explore suggested methods and learn tips for finding living kinfolk that you never knew.

Organizing Your Files: Wednesday, March 20, 6:00 pm. Learn some methods and suggestions for keeping track of your genealogy documents.

Rootsmagic User Group: Saturday, March 23, 10:00 am. Questions and answers and a demonstration of how to use the RootsMagic genealogy database software program.

Naturalization Records: Monday, March 25, 6:00 pm. This class explains the naturalization process, what information can be found in the records, and where those records can be found.

War Of 1812: Tuesday, March 26, 6:00 pm. This class seeks to provide an understanding of the historical significance of the War of 1812 and explores the genealogically relevant records generated.

Ancestry.Com: Wednesday, March 27, 10:00 am. Search techniques for getting the most from this huge collection of databases.

Oldsmar Public Library

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

Oldsmar History Program: Saturday, March 2, 2:00 pm. Presented by Jerry Beverland, program is part of the Viva Florida 500 Statewide Celebration of Florida and Florida History.

SCORE - Free Small Business Counseling: 1st & 3rd Tuesday, 10:00 am-12:00 pm & 1:00-3:00 pm.

1-hour one-on-one business counseling sessions provided by Pinellas County Chapter 115 of SCORE. Call to register or for more information.

Free Tax Assistance: (Through April 10) Tuesdays 3:00-7:00 pm & Wednesdays 9:30am-1:30 pm. Open to the public on a first come, first served basis. Bring a copy of last year's return and social security numbers for yourself and all dependents. Call 1-888-687-2277 for more information. Service provided by AARP Tax Aide. Note: No tax help March 12 due to municipal election.

Palm Harbor Public Library

Storytelling with Charley: Sat., March 2, 1:00 pm. Bring the family and join us at the library's pergola where native octogenarian, Charley Jones, tells stories about life in Palm Harbor over the last 80+ years. From fishing and crabbing to working in the orange groves, Charley recounts stories that only a lifetime resident could have experienced firsthand.

The History of Indian Bluff Island: Sat., March 2, 2:00 pm. Would you like to know more about local Pinellas County History? Dr. Tom Rose tells the history of Indian Bluff Island (formerly known as Buchanan Island) Join us as we learn together about life in the Palm Harbor area during the early 1920's! Book signing will follow with all proceeds going to the North Pinellas Historical Society. On the afternoon of March 2, we also want to recognize residents of the Palm Harbor area, aged 65 or older, who are native to the area. Do you qualify? Please call to let us know you will join us on that afternoon! Let's get Viva Florida 500 off to a great start here at Palm Harbor Library by saluting our natives!!

Thrilling Tales-A Story Time for Adults: Thursday, March 7, 1:00 pm. For St. Patrick's Day, the theme is "Those Wonderful Irishmen!". Join us to listen to two great Irish stories by Ray Bradbury - *The First Night of Lent* and *Banshee*. Just bring your imagination, sit back, and enjoy!

Friday Movie Matinee: Friday, March 8, 2:00 pm. An award-winning film that tells the story of an arranged marriage between a teen-age girl from Japan and a sugar-cane worker in 1918 Hawaii. Stars Youki Kudoh, Akira Takayama, Tamlyn Tomita, Cary-Hirokyu Tagawa, Toshiro Mifune, Yoko Sugi Rated PG-13.

Creative Edge Photography Workshops: Simple Photo Editing: Tuesday, March 19, 6:30 pm. Learn all of the basics to shooting like a pro from local photographer, Paula Kreutzer. Registration required one month prior to each session.

Clam Bayou Jazz Band: Friday, March 15, 2:00 pm. A library favorite, this jazz group will present a "Swing Into Spring" concert.

Tai Chi For Movement and Balance: Mondays & Wednesdays, 1:00-2:00 pm. Intermediate Level (ongoing). This is a fall-prevention program for seniors developed at the Oregon Research Institute.

Socrates Cafe: Thursday, March 7, 6:00 pm & Thursday, March 21, 1:00 pm. You don't need to know philosophy to join this discussion group. Stimulating conversations on a variety of subjects!

Suncoast Genealogy Society: Saturday, March 23, 2:00 pm. The 3rd Annual Suncoast Genealogy Society Fair features guest speaker, Debra Fleming, who will speak on "Using Heritage Quest." Registration required.

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

American Stage Theater Workshops-Acting for Success: Saturday, March 16, 10:00 am.

Representatives of the American Stage Theatre Company in St. Pete will highlight acting skills and techniques that can be applied to everyday life and/or business. After all, aren't we actors on the stage of life?! Registration required.

Adult Programs

Master Gardener Plant Clinics: Wednesdays, 10:00 am-2:00 pm. The Pinellas County Master Gardeners provide a weekly gardening help desk for the public. Bring your gardening and landscaping questions as well as plant samples.

Master Gardener Series-The Wonderful World of Brooker Creek Preserve: Thursday, March 14, 2:00 & 6:15 pm. Gardening programs sponsored by the Pinellas County Master Gardeners. Admission is free but space is limited. Reserve a seat by calling the Pinellas County Extension Service at (727) 582-2603.

Safety Harbor Public Library

Dream Keeper Author Talk with John Brennan: Thursday, March 7, 6:30-7:30 pm. Join local author, John Brennan, for a reading of his published poetry and his newest publication, a novel about love, *Dream Keeper*.

How to Start a Successful Writing Group: Thursday, March 28, 6:30-7:30pm. To find success as a writer you must first be willing to learn from mistakes, find your voice, and continuously improve your craft. One of the best tools for any level writer is the critique group. Learn the details of creating, joining, or running a successful writers' group. Bring a short example of your writing (optional) and attend this unique workshop with Safety Harbor Writers and Poets founder, Laura Kepner. Registration required.

SCORE Small Business Counseling: Tuesdays, March 12 & 26. Appointments available 10:00 am-2:00 pm. Free and confidential small business advice. Registration required.

Story Circle Network Writer's Group: Wednesday, March 20, 6:00 pm. Join fellow writers for writing assistance, sharing, ideas, and guidance. (This group meets monthly on the third Wednesday.)

Heart & Soul Cinema: Sunday, March 17, 1:30 pm. Join us for a screening of an endearing coming-of-age story of a boy and his dog. Starring Frankie Muniz, Diane Lane and Kevin Bacon. There will be an introduction and light refreshments served prior to the movie. The MPAA rating for this film is PG. Call (727) 724-1525 x112 for film title and more information.

St. Pete Beach Public Library

AARP Tax Preparation Assistance: Fridays, 10:00 am-2:00 pm, February 8-April 12.

Made by Hand: Monday, March 11, 1:00-2:30 pm. Sew a shamrock-shaped sachet.

Modern Russia (Highlights of the Hermitage): Saturday, March 23, 10:30 am. Special presentation by Sofia Barinova.

WWII Film Series: Monday, March 18, 2:30 pm. *The Americans on Hell Highway*.

City Commissioner Jim Parent: Wednesday, March 27, 6:30 pm. Monthly roundtable discussion of local issues, concerns.

St. Petersburg Public Library System

Main Library

Pinellas Energy Efficiency Project (PEEP): Tuesday, March 5, 6:30 pm. Learn energy savings tips from the Pinellas County Extension Service & receive a free bag with materials & products you can use at home to save energy and cut costs. Registration required, register online at <http://peep5stpete.eventbrite.com>.

Florida Writers Association, St. Petersburg Writer's Group: Thursday, March 14, 5:30-7:30 pm. Diane Sawyer, Mystery Author: *The New World of Publishing*. Everyone welcome.

Johnson Branch

Third Annual James Weldon Johnson Literacy Festival: Saturday, March 16, 9:00 am-4:00 pm. Featuring free books for children, live entertainment, vendors, drawings and a Walk for Reading. All ages welcome & admission is free.

Mirror Lake Library

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

South Branch

Knitting Class: Thursdays, 11:00 am. No registration or experience required, please bring your own supplies.

The Family Yarn Crafters: (Age 8 & up) Saturday, March 9 & 23, 12:00-2:00 pm. Please bring your own supplies & creative ideas.

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

West Community Library

St. Petersburg Writer's Club: Thursday, March 7 & 21, 6:30 pm. Anyone interested in writing is invited to attend.

One Book, One College: Tuesday, March 12, 5:30-7:30 pm. *The Art Of Racing In The Rain*. Garth Stein is coming for a Conversation with an Author. There will be a reading, Q&A, book signing & presentation.

Read Dog Program: Tuesday, March 12, 3:00-5:00 pm. Be the first to sign up for this special reading event. For more information or to sign up to participate, call 341.7185.

Seminole Community Library

Android Basics for Tablets and Smartphones: Friday, March 15, 1:00 pm.

Based on the Book Cinema: Sunday, March 24, 2:00 pm. *Brothers Karamasov* (1958). Free popcorn and soda courtesy of the Friends of the Seminole Library.

Cinema at Sundown: Thursday, March 14, 6:30 pm. *What Dreams May Come* (1998). Thursday, March 28, 6:30 pm. *Men in Black 3* (2012). Free popcorn and soda courtesy of the Friends of the Seminole Library.

Classic Movie Matinee: Fridays, 1:00 pm. March 1: *The Actress* (1953). March 8: *The 39 Steps* (1935). March 15: *The Male Animal* (1942). March 22: *Jet Pilot* (1957). March 29: *If a Man Answers* (1962). Free popcorn and soda courtesy of the Friends of the Seminole Library.

Computers for Beginners: Friday, March 15, 10:00 am.

Facebook Privacy: Friday, March 22, 1:00 pm.

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. To set up an appointment, contact the Youth Services Department at (727) 394-6913.

Pause for Poetry: Wednesday, March 20, 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 intermediate and advanced players only.

Socrates Café: Monday, March 25, 1:00 pm.

Sunday Musicales: Sunday, March 10, 3:00 pm. "The Heedless Hoarsemen"—men's chorus.

Thrilling Tales: Thursday, March 14. *The Visitor*, by Ray Bradbury. Enjoy hearing entertaining stories read aloud by a skilled reader.

Two Towers Chess Club: Monday, March 25, 3:30-5:30 pm. All skill levels welcome.

SPC Toastmasters: Tuesday, March 5, 19, & 26, 6:15 pm.

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

Florida Bibliophile Society: Sunday, March 17, 1:30 pm.

H.E.A.L.: Wednesday, March 13, 1:00 pm.

Hidden Stitches: Monday, March 4, 6:00 pm.

Municipal Election: Tuesday, March 12, 7:30 am.

Pinellas Master Naturalists: Thursday, March 21, 6:30 pm.

Pinellas Opera League: Sunday, March 3, 1:30 pm.

Recycling & Sustainability: Monday, March 4, 10:00 am.

Sean Scott Seminar: Monday, March 4, 2:00 pm.

Suncoast Bonzai Society: Saturday, March 23, 10:00 am.

Tampa Bay Hepatitis Support Group: Wednesday, March 27, 6:00 pm.

Tarpon Springs Public Library

Caladesi Legacy: Tuesday, March 5, 7:00 pm. Terry Fortner will present photos of grandmother Myrtle Scharrer Betz's authentic island homestead. She will also talk about the experience of being the only child born on Caladesi Island and pioneer life on a tropical paradise.

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

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

Genealogy Assistance: One-on-one research help on Tuesday afternoons. Other times are available by appointment.

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

Viva Florida 500 Film Festival: Saturday, March 2, 10:00 am. Join us the first Saturday of each month at 11 am for the screening of a theatrical release or documentary film featuring Florida as a topic or locale.

This month's showing is *Beneath the Twelve Mile Reef*.

Caladesi Legacy: Tuesday, March 5, 7:00 pm. Terry Fortner will present photos of grandmother Myrtle Scharrer Betz's authentic island homestead. She will also talk about the experience of being the only child born on Caladesi Island and pioneer life in a tropical paradise.

History Discussion Group: Wednesday, March 6, 2:30 pm. Topic for discussion: "Our Constitution Through the Years." Presented by Prof. Joseph Eulie. Come be a part of the discussion.

Needlecraft Group: Monday, March 11 & Wednesday, March 27, 6:30-8:30 pm. Open to anyone who knits, crochets, embroiders, or does any other needlecraft. All skill levels welcome.

Genealogy Research Group: Friday, March 15, 2:30-4:30 pm & Monday, March 18, 6:30-8:30 pm. A wide range of topics are explored for family history research, organization, and writing. Beginners and advanced researchers are welcome.

Coupon Seminar with Christi the Coupon Coach: Tuesday, March 19, 7:00 pm. Learn how to reduce your grocery bills up to 80% with Christi the Coupon Coach.

History Discussion Group: Wednesday, March 20, 2:30 pm. Topic for discussion: "Presidential Trivia." Presented by Rodger Klein. Come be a part of the discussion.

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Teen Programs

Clearwater Public Library System

Main Library

Viva Florida 500 Trivia Trail: The entire month of March. Follow a Florida Trivia Trail through the youth department and gather clues for a prize.

Teen Poetry Contest: The entire month of March. Submit 1 original poem to any Clearwater Library Branch by March 31. There will be a 1st and 2nd place winner for both middle school and high school. Visit <http://myclearwater.com/cpl/teens/contests.asp> for rules and entry forms.

To enter electronically, fill out an entry form and e-mail it, along with your poem, to mllib.youthref@myclearwater.com

Countryside Branch

Hack the SAT: Sunday, March 3, 2:00 pm. Author and SAT tutor Eliot Schrefer shares hints on improving SAT scores. Eliot graduated from Countryside High School, Harvard University, and currently resides in New York City.

Kiss Your Worries Goodbye: Saturday, March 9, 2:00-3:00 pm. Do you chew your nails, sweat the small stuff, and lie awake with a brain on overdrive? This whimsical workshop is all about Guatemalan Worry Dolls, known to solve your problems while you sleep. Focus on making the tiny dolls with scraps of fabrics, snippets of yarn, and assorted beads, while creating a relaxing space where conversations, stories, and ideas can be exchanged. Be your most creative self as dolls come to life and worries vanish.

North Greenwood Branch

Teen Club: Wednesday, March 6, 4:30-5:45 pm. Enjoy gaming, music and more with other teens who share your interests.

East Branch

Bilingual Homework Help: Tuesdays, 4:00-6:00 pm (except March 26). Bilingual homework help for kids in elementary and middle school.

PTEC Information Session: Wednesday, March 6, 5:00-6:00 pm. Thinking about going back to school or jump-starting your career? Cecile Directo, Pinellas Technical Education Centers, will talk about PTEC programs, financial aid and the admission process.

Lego Robotics Talent Show: Saturday, March 9, 2:00-3:30 pm. Celebrate Teen Tech Week by showing off your original creation using Lego Robotics or be an observer and cheer the inventions of your peers. Call to reserve your spot in the talent show.

SPC Teen Talk: Saturday, March 30, 2:30-3:30 pm. Josef Cigoi, recruiter for St. Petersburg College, will discuss major aspects of college such as financial aid, academic programs and admissions.

Dunedin Public Library

Dunedin Youth Volunteers: Monday, March 4, 6:30 pm. Our teen volunteer group meets once a month to plan, assist and create programs for youth in the community. Registration required and begins two weeks prior to program.

Teen Movie: (Ages 12-18) Monday, March 4, 5:00 pm. Enjoy a popular book-to-movie series with us. Our favorite characters are back in Part 1 of Book 7.

Mehndi - Henna Tattoos - Teen Tech Week Program: (Ages 12-18) Monday, March 11, 6:00 pm. Learn the ancient art of Mehndi with a professional artist. You will have the opportunity to "wear" your art. Sponsored by a Target Grant. Parental release form is required to register. Registration required and begins two weeks prior to program.

Teen Tech Week Program: (Ages 12-18) Wednesday, March 13, 5:00 pm. Enjoy an evening of games, snacks and fun. Registration required and begins two weeks prior to program.

Teen Movie: (Ages 12-18) Monday, March 18, 5:00 pm. Wrap up Book 7 with us and watch Part 2.

Teen "One Direction": (Ages 12-18) Monday, March 25, 6:00 pm. Celebrate the most popular band with us! Make crafts while listening to One Direction and much much more. Food and fun provided. Registration required and begins two weeks prior to program.

Teen 1st Annual Speed Stacking Competition: (Ages 12-18) Thursday, March 28, 1:00 pm. Compete with your friends for the coveted medal. Registration required and begins two weeks prior to program.

East Lake Community Library

Lego Robotics Tutors needed for long-term mentoring. Please call and ask for Cheryl to obtain more information.

Lego Robotics Tutoring: A new session is starting up every Thursday at 4:00 pm starting on January 31 and will continue until Thursday, March 21. This program is for tutoring only, it is not an East Lake Library sponsored team. Ages: Middle School and up. Registration required.

Teen Murder Mystery: Saturday, March 16, 4:00 pm. Written by the East Lake Library Teens Group, this mystery is entitled Boy Meets Girls. A Teen who-dunnit for ages 13 and up.

Lego Robotics Mindstorm Challenge: Monday, March 25, 10:00 am. Each participant in the second session of the Lego Mindstorm Robotics programming will put their hard work into reality as their robots finish an obstacle course with no assistance from their programmers.

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

ELCL Teen Council: Gather to help coordinate events for the teens in our community. Bring a friend!

Gulf Beaches Public Library

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

Free Family Movie Day: Saturday, March 16, two movies, starting at 10:30 am and 1:30 pm. Enjoy flicks with popcorn provided by the Circle of Friends of Gulfport Library.

Largo Public Library

Loungin' at the Library: Wednesdays, 1:00 pm - High School, 3:30 pm - Middle School. March 6: Catch Phrase, March 13: Wii Games, March 20: Games of All Kinds.

Teen Library Council: Monday, March 4, 5:00 pm. Teen Library Council regular meeting for current members.

The Teen Scene - St. Patrick's Day: Monday, March 11, 5:00 pm. Do you know where Leprechauns hide their gold? Learn the history of this interesting day while creating crafts with your friends.

Teen Tech Week: March 11-16. Stop by the Teen Room to pick up an online scavenger hunt. Details can be found in the Teen Room beginning Monday, March 11.

Oldsmar Public Library

Battle of the Books Training: (Grades 3-8) Mondays, 6:00 pm, Prepare and train for the Battle of the Books. (Last day for training is March 18)

OTAB/Teen Coffee House: Tuesday, March 19, 6:00 pm. Oldsmar Teen Advisory Board meeting. New members welcome.

Palm Harbor Public Library

Drop-By Game Play! (Ages 10-16) Thursday, March 7, 4:00-5:00 pm. Need to unwind from studying? Looking for some off-the-wall fun after school? Join our Youth Advisory Board members for an array of board games, card games, role-playing games, and whatever other games we can get our hands on. You'll never know what you'll find at this drop-by program.

Murder Mystery Night: (Ages 11-18) Friday, March 22, 6:00-8:00 pm. Join us for a mystery of mythic proportions! Something has run afoul among a gathering of the legends of mythology, legends both great and bumbling, from both near and far. They need a little mortal ingenuity to discover whodunit in this mystery presented by the Palm Harbor Youth Advisory Board. Sign up as a group or individual and sharpen your detection skills. Registration is required (begins February 15).

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

Pinellas Park Public Library

Origami Workshop: Tuesday, March 12, 6:30 pm. Registration required.

Safety Harbor Public Library

Check In @ Your Library: (Ages 13-18) Sunday, March 10 - Saturday March 16. Celebrate Teen Tech Week at the library. Check out the outstanding technology we have to offer, from services such as our databases to help with homework, e-books, movies, audiobooks, music downloads, games, and so much more!

Website Workshop: (Ages 13-18) Tuesday, March 12, 3:30 pm. Check In and get Checked Out by your Colleges! Learn how to create a quick and simple website that highlights your education, work history, awards, volunteer experience, goals, and accomplishments. This is a good way to stand out for university admissions committees. Registration required.

Teen Book Club: (Ages 13-18) Friday, March 22, 3:30-4:30pm. *The Book Thief* by Markus Zusak. Pick up a copy of *The Book Thief* at the library and then join us for snacks and a discussion of the book. Registration required.

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

St. Petersburg Public Library System

Main Library

Knights of the Square Table Chess Club: Monday, March 11, 3:30-5:30 pm. Join the fun - challenge others. All ages are welcome, call Paul at Youth Services.

West Community Library

Teen Nights: (Ages 13-19) Thursday, March 14, 6:30 pm. Spring-themed fun!

Seminole Community Library

Library Youth Advisory Board Meeting: (Grades 6-12) Monday, March 11 & 25, 7:00 pm. LYAB members get to meet new people, help choose materials for the YA collection and earn volunteer credits. Snacks are served at every meeting!

Two Towers Chess Club: (All ages) Monday, March 25, 3:30-5:30 pm. All skill levels welcome.

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

Pause for Poetry: (All ages) Wednesday, March 20, 7:00 pm. Enjoy a supportive atmosphere where lovers of poetry share their own poems and/or read favorite selections.

Tween Thursday (Grades 5-7) Thursday, March 7, 7:00 pm. Play board games and the Wii. Enjoy crafts and chitchat. Snacks will be served. Bring a friend, and make new ones!

Tarpon Springs Public Library

Manga Book Club: (Ages 12 & up) Mondays, March 4 & 18, 6:30 pm. If you like manga, graphic novels and anime, then this new club is the place for you! Come hang out and discuss manga and anime and meet other teens who share your interests. Each month new titles and series will be selected to read and discuss. Members will also enjoy watching popular anime episodes.

PPLC Member Library Policies & Services

MISSION STATEMENT

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

VISION STATEMENT

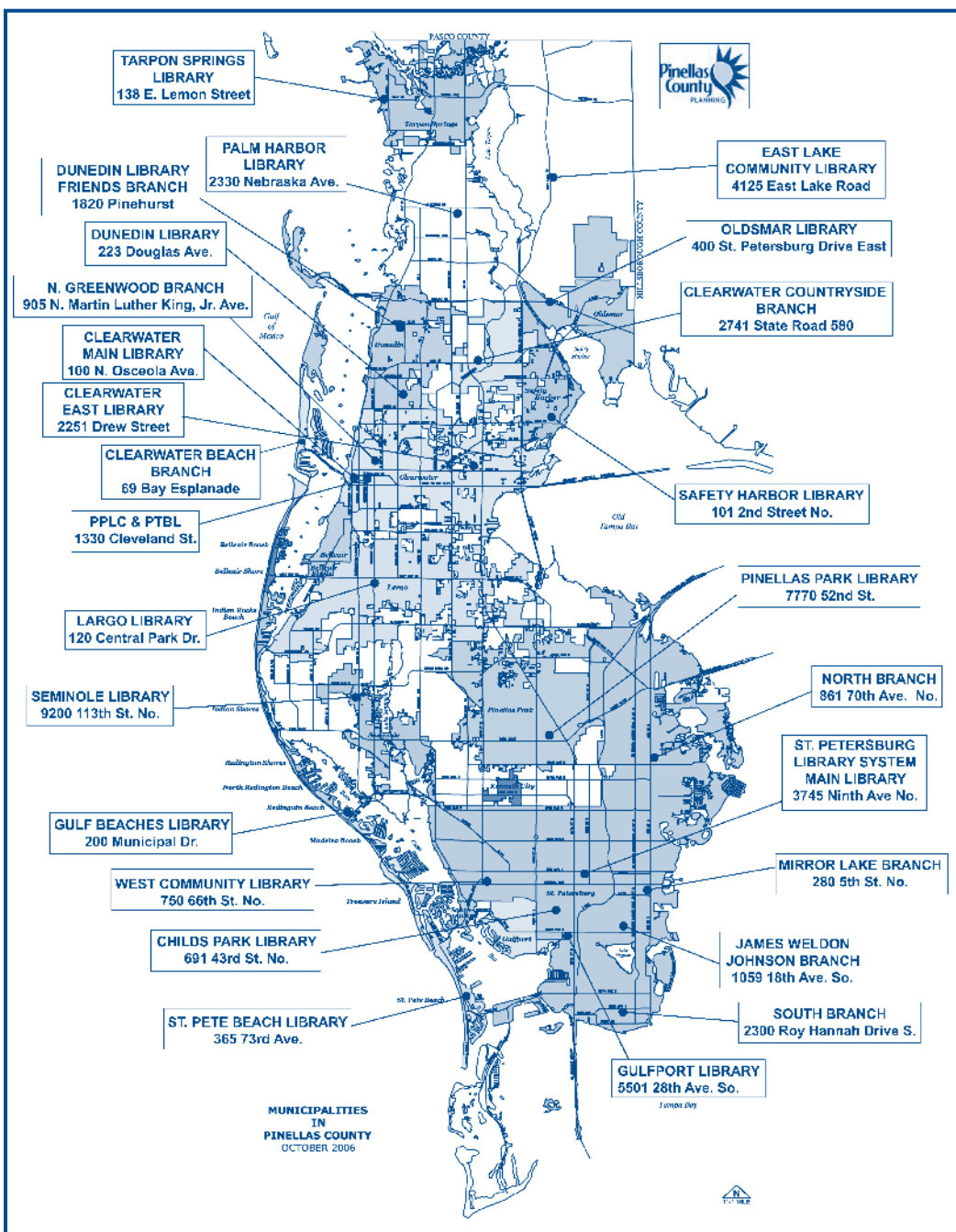
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SERVICES

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

POLICIES

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

Cooperative Libraries

Administrative Office Pinellas Public Library Cooperative

1330 Cleveland Street
Clearwater, FL 33755
Phone: 441-8408
Fax: 441-8938
www.pplc.us
Mon - Fri 9am - 4pm

Born to Read

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

Deaf Literacy Center

101 Second Street North
Safety Harbor, FL 34695
Phone: (727) 724-1525 x232
Fax: (727) 724-1533
TDD: (727) 724-1529
http://deafliteracycenter.org
Mon - Thurs 9am - 8pm

Talking Book Library

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

Clearwater System

Main Library & Offices

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

Beach Branch

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

Countryside Branch

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

East Branch

2251 Drew Street
Clearwater, FL 33765
Phone: 562-4970
Sun Closed
Mon - Thur 10am - 7pm
Fri - Sat 12pm - 5pm

North Greenwood Branch

905 N. Martin Luther King, Jr. Ave.
Clearwater, FL 33755
Phone: 562-4970
Sat - Sun Closed
Mon - Thur 10am - 7pm
Fri 12pm - 5pm

Dunedin Library

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

Friends Branch

1920 Pinehurst
Dunedin, FL 34698
Phone: 812-4548
Mon 9am - 1pm
Wed 3pm - 7pm
Tues & Thur 2pm - 6pm

East Lake Community Library

4125 East Lake Road
Palm Harbor, FL 34685
Phone: 773-2665
http://www.eastlakelibrary.org
Mon 10am - 5pm
Tues - Wed 10am - 8pm
Thu - Fri 10am - 5pm
Sat 10am - 4pm

Gulf Beaches Library

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

Gulfport Library

5501 28th Avenue South
Gulfport, FL 33707
Phone: 893-1074
Fax: 344-6386
Reference: 893-1073
http://www.mygulfport.us/gpl
Mon - Fri 10am - 7pm
Saturday 10am - 4pm

Largo Library

120 Central Park Drive
Largo, FL 33771
Phone: 587-6715
Reference: 587-6715
TDD: 587-6778
http://www.largopubliclibrary.org
Sunday Closed
Mon-Wed 9am - 8pm
Thurs & Fri 10am - 6pm
Saturday 10am - 5pm

Oldsmar Library

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

Palm Harbor Library

2330 Nebraska Avenue
Palm Harbor, FL 34683
Phone: 784-3332
http://www.palmharborlibrary.org
Mon & Wed 10am - 6pm
Tues & Thurs 12 noon - 8pm
Fri 12pm - 5pm
Sat 10am - 5pm

Pinellas Park Library

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

Safety Harbor Library

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

St. Pete Beach Library

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

St. Petersburg System

Administrative Offices

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

Main Library

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

Childs Park Branch

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

James Weldon Johnson Branch

1059 18th Avenue South
St. Petersburg, FL 33705
Phone: 893-7113
Mon & Wed 10am - 8pm
Tues, Thur, Fri 10am - 6pm
Sat 12pm - 6pm

Mirror Lake Branch

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

North Branch

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

South Branch

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

West Community Library

@ SPC Gibbs Campus
6700 8th Ave. North
St. Petersburg, FL 33710
Phone: 341-7199
Mon - Thu 7:30am - 9pm
Fri 7:30am - 4pm
Sat 10am - 5pm
(Reduced hours when classes not in session)

Seminole Library

9200 113th Street North
Seminole, FL 33772-2800
Phone: 394-6905
http://www.spcollege.edu/scl
Mon - Thu 7:30am - 9pm
Fri 7:30am - 6pm
Sat 10am - 5pm
Sun 1pm - 5pm
(Reduced hours when SPC classes not in session)

Tarpon Springs Library

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

Computer Classes

Clearwater Public Library System

Main Library

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

Beach Branch

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

Countryside Branch

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

North Greenwood Branch

Computer Help: Mondays, 4:00-6:00 pm. Meet with our computer techs for assistance using e-readers, computers, or the Internet. You can use the library's laptops or bring your own.

East Branch

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

Deaf Literacy Center

Safety Harbor Library

Computer skills for the Deaf: Individualized tutorials, as well as small group instruction is offered on an as needed basis. Please call to schedule an appointment.

Dunedin Public Library

Computer Class: Tuesdays & Thursdays, 11:00 am. Check out the Library website for the topics to be presented.

East Lake Community Library

Lego Robotics Tutoring: Thursdays, 4:00 pm. This program is for tutoring only, it is not an East Lake Library sponsored team. Ages: Middle School and up. Registration required.

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

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

Gulf Beaches Public Library

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

E-mail Class: Wednesday, March 13.

Open Forum: Monday, March 18.

Internet Class: Wednesday, March 20.

Facebook: Monday, March 25.

Gulfport Public Library

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

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

Largo Public Library

Library eBooks on Your Kindle: Tuesday, March 12, 3:00 pm. Learn how to download library books to your Kindle or by using the Kindle app. This class is specifically for Kindles and mobile device owners using a Kindle app.

Library eBooks on Your eReader: Tuesday, March 19, 3:00 pm. Learn how to browse for ebooks, place a hold, and check out ebooks from the library's digital catalog. This class is not intended for Kindle owners.

Library eBooks on Your Tablet: Tuesday, March 26, 3:00 pm. Would you like to read ebooks on your tablet or mobile phone? Join this class to learn how. This class is intended for smartphone owners and owners of tablets including iPads, Samsung Galaxys, Kindle Fires, Nook Colors, and Nook HDs.

iPads for Beginners: Wednesday, March 13, 3:00 pm. Are you baffled by your iPad? Can't figure out how to get an app or how to erase a photo? This is the class for you! This beginners class is meant to make you more familiar and comfortable with your device.

iPads for Beginners 2: Wednesday, March 20, 3:00 pm. Join this class if you'd like to learn app organization, navigation tips, and how to use some of the apps that came with the device, like Calendar and Contacts.

Any Interest in Pinterest? Friday, March 1, 3:00 pm. Everybody's talking about it and you've seen the "pin it" logo all over the web. You think you might try it, but you don't know where to start...or if you should start. If this sounds like you, come to this class to see how easy *Pinterest* is and why it's the hottest, new social medium on the web.

Appy Hour: Thursday, March 7, 3:00 pm. Do you have a mobile device? Do you want to learn about some cool apps for productivity and entertainment? If you answered yes, then this is the class for you!

Oldsmar Public Library

Drop-in Computer Help: 1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 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 –The Internet: Tuesday, March 19, 2:00 pm. Explore the web and how it is set up by looking at popular websites, reviewing key terms, and learning basic web navigation for effective searching. Class is lecture/discussion followed by Q. & A.

Pinellas Park Public Library

Introductory Computer Classes: Contact Information/Reference Desk for class schedule and to register

Safety Harbor Public Library

Beginning Computer Series: Wednesdays, call for times. A beginner's series consisting of four classes for learning the basics about the parts of your computer, protecting your computer with anti-virus software, email and internet browsing. Registration required, please register before the first class.

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: Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday evenings by appointment.

Let Dan help you with your computer questions. Call for information and to schedule an appointment.

Online Microsoft Application Assistance with Jayne: Need help with Microsoft Word, Excel or Access? Assistance is available via virtual meeting by appointment with Jayne. Call for information on how to schedule an appointment.

St. Pete Beach Public Library

e-Reader Hour: Mondays, March 4, 11 & 25, 3:00-4:00 pm. Help with downloading library books to your e-reader.

iPad for Beginners: Tuesday, March 5, 10:30 am & Tuesday, March 12, 2:30 pm. Learn to download e-books, other tips and tricks. Registration required.

iPad Advanced Users Group: Thursday, March 14, 2:30 pm. Share e-book, app and other experiences. Registration required.

Introduction to Facebook: Thursday, March 21, 2:00 pm. Monthly feature presented by Lauren Phillips.

St. Petersburg Public Library System

Main Library

Registration required for all computer classes.

Introduction to Computer & Internet Literacy: Monday March 4 & 11, 10:00 am. This two-part class presented by Kelly McNally of Eckerd College Enactus program will introduce you to the basics, from how to use a computer to exploring the internet, email & more.

E-Books: Overdrive Library: Tuesday, March 5, 10:00 am & 4:30 pm. Learn how to borrow free e-books through the library for your Kindle, Nook, iPad or other e-reader.

How Do I Gmail? Tuesday, March 12, 1:00 pm. Learn how to create & manage your own e-mail account using Google Mail.

Introduction to Word 2007: Wednesday, March 13, 4:00 pm. Use Microsoft Word to write letters & papers, create resumes, flyers and much more.

Introduction to PowerPoint 2007: Thursday, March 21, 4:00 pm. Begin creating custom presentations and slide shows using Microsoft PowerPoint.

Google Docs: Tuesday, March 26, 1:00 pm. Create & share documents, spreadsheets & presentations online using Google Documents.

Johnson Branch

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

Mirror Lake Branch

Basic Computing: Tuesday, March 12, 2:00 pm. All registrants must have valid PPLC library card. Registration required.

North Branch

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

E-Books: Overdrive Library: Tuesday, March 19, 11:00 am. Learn how to borrow free e-books through the library for your Kindle, Nook, iPad or other e-reader. Registration required.

South Branch

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

West Community Library

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

Microsoft Word Basics: Tuesday, March 12, 6:00 pm. Learn the first steps to working with Microsoft Excel

New Virtual Computer Class-Android Basics: Friday, March 15, 1:00-2:00 pm. Learn how to use your Android Phone & some cool applications. This class will be held virtually; taught by an instructor who is teaching live at the Seminole Library via interactive software.

Microsoft Excel Basics: Tuesday, March 19, 6:00 pm. Learn the first steps to working with Microsoft Excel

Florida Electronic Library: Thursday, March 21, 12:30 pm. Learn about a new tool available through the Florida Electronic Library. Career Transition is a self-paced resource that walks the job-seeker through the entire process of landing a job. Learn what the library can offer you.

PowerPoint Basics: Tuesday, March 26, 6:00 pm. Learn the first steps to using Microsoft PowerPoint.

Internet Basics: Thursday, March 28, 12:30 pm. Learn the first steps to getting around on the Internet.

Tarpon Springs Public Library

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

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

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

Children's Programs

Clearwater Public Library System

Main Library

Viva Florida 500 Trivia Trail: The entire month of March. Follow a Florida Trivia Trail through the youth department and gather clues for a prize.

Doggone Reading Fun: Saturday, March 16, 12:00 pm. Paws for Friendship Inc. will bring four therapy trained dogs to the library for preregistered 20 minute reading sessions. Reluctant readers, or children who might not enjoy reading aloud, are often eager to read in the presence of an adoring and nonjudgmental pup. Call to reserve a session for your young reader.

Let's Go, Baby-oi! (18 mos & under) Mondays, March 4, 11, 18, 10:30 am. A gentle and fun introduction to literacy through stories, songs and finger plays. Please bring a blanket for baby to sit on. Stay for play and social time after the program.

Jump, Jive & Jam! (Ages 3-6) Tuesdays, March 12 & 26, 10:30-11:15 am. A specialized dance based fitness class.

Little Ones Music & Stories: (12-36 mos) Tuesdays, March 5 & 19; 10:30-11:10 am. A program designed for toddlers filled with fun music, movement, and exciting stories.

Bright Minds Preschool Storytime: (Ages 3 to 6) Wednesdays, March 6, 13, & 20, 10:30-11:45 am. Children and caregivers will enjoy participating in age-appropriate literacy activities including stories, songs, and a craft. Younger siblings welcome.

Discovery Stations: Thursdays, March 7 & 21, 10:30-11:15 am. Children will experience hands-on fun while exploring, playing, and learning at activity centers. Adult participation required.

Family Storytime: Mondays, 5:30-6:15 pm. Story time for the whole family. Children of all ages; bring your favorite adults for stories, music and themed crafts.

Countryside Branch

Baby Tuesdays: 10:30 am. March 5: Yoga for Little Ones, Babies and Toddlers, (and parents); have fun with Lucky Cat Yoga. March 12: Signing for Little Ones; babies and toddlers sing and sign ASL - great for enhancing early communication skills. March 19: You and Me and Music Together; music for babies and toddlers.

Little Ones Music and Stories: Thursday, March 21, 10:30 am. Join Mr. David for exciting stories, fun songs, movement and dance, and an introduction to very basic musical building blocks.

After School Art: Tuesday, March 5, 4:00 pm. Art project geared for elementary age children.

Homework Help: Wednesdays, 3:00-5:00 pm. Sundays 12:00-2:00 pm. Teen volunteers help elementary age students with their homework. Sunday help also includes assistance with e-readers and tablets.

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

North Greenwood Branch

Doggone Reading Fun: Thursday, March 14, 4:30-5:30 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

Bi-lingual Homework Help: Tuesdays, 4:00-6:00 pm (except March 26). Bilingual homework help for kids in elementary and middle school.

Homework Help: Wednesdays, 3:00-5:00 pm (except March 27). Bright futures scholars are available to tutor elementary school children in various subjects.

Doggone Reading Fun: Monday, March 18, 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.

Mother Goose on the Loose: Thursdays, 11:00-11:30 am (except March 28). 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.

Viva Saturdays: Saturdays, March 9 & 16, 12:00-1:00 pm. Enjoy the fun of sharing stories in English and Spanish with the whole family while making crafts.

Lego Robotics Talent Show: Saturday, March 9, 2:00-3:30 pm. Celebrate Teen Tech Week by showing off your original creation using Lego Robotics or be an observer and cheer the inventions of your peers. Call to reserve your spot in the talent show.

Noche de Cuentos/Night of Tales: Saturday, March 23, 3:00-4:00 pm. Celebrate the magic of storytelling and tales from around the world with the whole family.

Spring Break Party @ East: Monday, March 25, 2:00-3:00 pm. Join us for a special celebration of this time of year.

Deaf Literacy Center

Clearwater Countryside Library

Infant/Toddler Sign Language: (Ages 5 & under) Tuesday, March 12, 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 Library

Baby Sign Language: (Ages 3-5) Mondays, February 25 – April 8, 10:45 am. Our fun and interactive signing classes will teach you how to include signs naturally while interacting with your child through daily routines, playtime, storytime and music. Registration required.

School Age Children's Sign Language: (Ages 6-12) Tuesdays, January 15 – May 7, 4:15 pm. Come and learn basic Sign Language vocabulary, stories, songs and activities in a fun way! Registration required.

Pinellas Park Library

Children's Sign Language: (Ages 5-12) Thursdays, January 17 – May 9, 3:30 pm. ASL course that includes Sign Language vocabulary, stories and crafts or activities for children.

Safety Harbor Library

Signing Bunny Tales and Egg hunt @ Your library: Saturday March 23, 3:00 pm. Held at Safety Harbor Library's Art Park (behind the library).

Children's Sign Language: (Ages 5-12) Mondays, January 15 – May 6, 4:30 pm. ASL course that includes Sign Language vocabulary, stories and crafts or activities for children.

Infant/Toddler Sign Language: (Ages 3 & under) Thursdays, February 21 – March 28, 10:30 am. This fun and interactive signing classes will teach you how to include signs naturally while interacting with your child through daily routines, playtime, storytime and music. Registration required.

Dunedin Public Library

Baby & Me Story Time: (18 mos & under) Mondays, 10:00 am. Join us for an introduction to stories, nursery rhymes and songs. We focus on the six steps to early literacy.

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

Toddler Times: (18-36 mos) Wednesdays, 10:00 am & 11:00 am. Introduce your toddler to the exciting world of reading with books, songs, finger plays, short literature based movie and a craft. Please note: on Wednesday, March 27, there will only be one story time at 10:00 am.

Preschool Story Times: (Ages 3-5) Thursdays, 10:00 am & 11:00 am. Enjoy thematic books, songs, finger plays, literature based movies and crafts. Each week we focus on early literacy skills important to reading development. Please note: on Thursday, March 28, there will only be one story time at 10:00 am.

Homework Help: (Elementary and Middle School ages) Need some help? Come on Tuesdays and/or Thursdays, between 3:00-5:00 pm. Our teen volunteers will help you.

Sunday Family Stories: (Youth and Families) Sunday, March 3, 2:00 pm. Bring the whole family for a fun afternoon of stories. This month's theme is "Dr. Seuss".

Tiny Tales @ the Community Center: (Ages 5 & under) Tuesday, March 5, 11:00 am. Join us for a special story time at the Dunedin Community Center. This month's theme is "Leprechauns".

LEGO Club: (Ages 5-12) Wednesday, March 6, 4:00 pm. Join us for an hour of creativity. We have tons of Legos to build with. Fun for everyone.

Night Owls Family Story Time: (Ages 3 & up) Tuesday, March 12, 6:30 pm. An evening story time for the entire family. Includes stories, songs, literature based movie and a special craft. Pajamas optional.

St. Patrick's Day Cookie Fest: (Youth & families) Saturday, March 16, 2:00 pm. Stop by to decorate and EAT a big sugar cookie.

Printmaking: (Ages 5-12) Thursday, March 21, 4:00 pm. A local artist will lead us in making a print. Sponsored by a Target Grant. Registration required.

Sunday Fun Day: (Youth of all ages) Sunday, March 24, 1:00-4:30 pm. Stop in the Youth Department for a special make & take craft. This month's theme is "Lucky".

Board Games and Wii: (Ages 5-12) Tuesday, March 26, 5:00 pm. Hang out with your friends and play some games. Snacks provided.

Youth Movie: (Youth & families) Wednesday, March 27, 2:00 pm. Enjoy a movie and popcorn with us.

East Lake Community Library

Art Class with Lauren: There will be an art show at the end of the class. Registration required.

Read to Shorty: Wednesday, March 13, 3:15 pm, after Lego Club. Children can read to Shorty, a wonderful therapy dog who can help you improve your reading skills. Come join the Tail-Wagging Tutor!

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

First Friday @ 4:00: (School ages) March 1. Read to Rico and Bella, our Book Buddy dogs, and enjoy some cookies and crafts.

Gulfport Public Library

Crafts with Cailey: Saturday, March 9, 11:00 am-12:00 pm.

Reading Assistance Dog Maya: Thursday, March 14, 3:30-4:30 pm. Call for appointment.

Free Family Movie Day: Saturday, March 16, two movies, starting at 10:30 am and 1:30 pm. Enjoy flicks with popcorn provided by the Circle of Friends of Gulfport Library.

Children's Programs

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

Largo Public Library

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

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

Wobbly Walkers: (12-18 mos) Wednesdays, 9:00 am. Join us for stories, fingerplays, music, and movement activities. For walking children with an adult helper.

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

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

Early Release Day Movies: Wednesdays, 2:30 pm.

Family Storystop: Wednesdays, March 6 & 20, 6:00 pm. Bring the whole family to an interactive evening storytime. This program will feature stories, songs, and other creative activities.

Library Legos: (Ages 5-12) Wednesdays, March 13, 27, 6:00 pm. Whether you are new to LEGOs, or have been building for years, the Largo Public Library has a program for you! At each program meeting, you will be presented with a themed building challenge and books to help inspire your creativity. All materials are provided for this hour-long program.

Character Bingo: Thursday, March 7, 4:00 pm. Learn about historical figures, famous people, or book characters in this program that combines interesting stories and trivia with a bingo game of the same theme.

Pup Pals Reading Dogs: Saturdays, March 9, 23, 10:00 am-12:00 pm. Improve your reading skills and make a new furry friend by reading to therapy-trained dogs. Register in the Children's Department.

All Booked Up: (Ages 6-12) Saturday, March 9, 2:00 pm: *Hardy Boys: Secret Files - The Missing Mitt* by Franklin W. Dixon. Saturday, March 23, 2:00 pm: *Hachiko Waits* by Leslea Newman. So many books, so little time. Join us to read, discuss, share, and have fun! Please register at the Children's Desk.

Puppets Aplenty: Friday, March 29, 11:00 am. Listen to stories and watch a puppet show during this 30-minute program for all ages with a different theme each month.

How to Train Your Dragon: Friday, March 15, 4:00 pm. Journey from station to station gaining the tools you need to fully train your dragon. Learn trivia, make crafts, and play games based on the Cressida Cowell book series.

Get Groovy with Pete the Cat: Thursday, March 28, 4:00 pm. Calling all Pete the Cat fans! Put on your shoes and join us for stories, music, and dance featuring our favorite blue cat. Create a Pete the Cat of your own and make some noise with musical crafts. Fun for all ages.

Party with Elephant and Piggie: Friday, March 29, 4:00 pm. Are you a fan of the Elephant and Piggie books by Mo Willems? Join us in celebrating the cautious elephant and enthusiastic pig through stories, games, music, and other fun activities. Take home a piggy puppet and enjoy a sweet treat. Fun for all ages.

Oldsmar Public Library

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

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

Battle of the Books Training: (Grades 3-8) Mondays, 6:00 pm. Prepare and train for the Battle of the Books. (Last day for training is March 18).

LEGO Club: (All ages) Wednesday, March 13 and Saturday, March 16, 3:00 pm. Get creative with our LEGO & DUPLO blocks – kids of all ages are encouraged to stop by & play. Program sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

Spring Break Movies for Kids: (All ages) March 26-28, Movies & Popcorn begin at 2:00 pm. Movies rated PG, call the library for titles.

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

Palm Harbor Public Library

Mother Goose Rhyme Time: (Ages 2 & under) Wednesdays, 10:00 am. Your child's first library program – nursery rhymes, songs, and fingerplays!

Toddler Time: (18 mos-3 yrs) Mondays, 10:00 am. Stories and songs for toddlers to enjoy!

Starbucks Story Time: Tuesday, March 12, 10:30 am. Take a coffee break and meet Miss Chris at Palm Harbor Starbucks, US Hwy 19 & Nebraska Ave., for some yummy seasonal and holiday stories!

Leap Into Art at Leepa-Ratner: (Families with children ages 3 & up) Wednesday, March 27, 3:00 pm. Join us for an hour of art-related stories and an art activity. The program is free for children and museum members (Others - \$5.00 admission to the museum). The museum is on the campus of St. Pete College at 600 Klosterman Road (access from Belcher Road).

Viva 500 Strawberry Festival: (Ages 3 & up) Wednesday, March 6, 2:00-4:00 pm. As part of the Florida Viva 500 Kids series, join our staff in the Children's Room for fun and activities related to the annual Strawberry Festival.

Spring Fling Fun & Games: (Ages 3 & up) Wednesday, March 20, 2:00-4:00 pm. Crafts and activities to celebrate the season.

Bunny Trail Crafts: (Ages 4 & up) Tuesday, March 26, 1:00 – 3:00 pm. Egg decorating and other holiday crafts to make and take! Parents are asked to stay and assist with the projects.

Something on a Stick Storycraft: (Ages 3 & up) Thursday, March 28, 1:00-3:00 pm. Today is Something on a Stick Day so join us in the Children's Room for stick stories and a craft.

Homework Help: Mondays – Thursdays, 3:30-5:30 pm when school is in session. Teen homework helpers will assist with assignments, reports, or reinforcing basic skills. This free service is offered to elementary school students on a first come/first served basis in the Children's Room.

Pinellas Park Public Library

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

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

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

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

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

Origami Workshop: Tuesday, March 12, 6:30 pm. Learn the art of paper folding. Paper is provided. Registration required.

Lego Club: Wednesday March 27, 2:30 pm. Join us for a Lego building adventure: Legos are provided.

Adventures in Art: (Grades 1-6) Wednesday, March 13, 3:00 pm. Painting Irish landscapes with rainbows, pots of gold, and leprechauns. Registration begins January 30.

Sunday Spectaculars-Snack with the Easter Bunny: March 17, 2:00 pm. Registration required.

Safety Harbor Public Library

Tail-Waggin' Tutors – A Dog is a READER'S Best Friend: Saturday, March 2, 11:00 am & Thursday, March 21, 6:30-7:30 pm. Is your child nervous about reading? Tail-Waggin' Tutors may be the perfect answer. These dogs are specially trained to listen patiently while a child practices reading and gains more confidence. Sessions are held the first Saturday and the third Thursday of the month.

LEGO League: (Ages 4 & up) Wednesday, March 27, 3:00-4:30 pm and every Saturday, 3:00-4:30 pm. Bring your friends and join us for creative building with LEGOS.

Wee Sing: (Ages 1-5) Tuesdays, March 5, 12, & 19, 10:00-10:45 am. Learn familiar songs with a twist! This program incorporates foreign and sign language, music sticks, and more for an interactive, musical learning experience!

Baby & Me: (18 mos & under) Fridays, March 1, 8, 15, & 22, 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.

Preschool Story Time: (Ages 2-6) Wednesdays, March 6, 13, & 20, 10:30-11:15 am. Read stories, sing songs, do a craft, and participate in other fun literary activities.

Toddler Time: (19 mos-3 yrs) Mondays, March 4, 11, & 25, 10:30-11:15 am. Bring your young one to the library to listen to stories, sing songs, dance, and do fingerplays.

Children's Chess: Wednesday, March 6, 3:30 pm. Learn how to play chess at the library!

Craft – Lion Masks: (Ages 3-12) Tuesday, March 19, 3:30 pm. Have fun at the library and make a lion mask out of a paper plate and some paint!

Early Release Movie: Wednesday, March 13, 2:30 pm. Watch a movie at the library! See the movie of an *incredible* family who is put up against an evil villain intent on ridding the world of such *incredible* people. Please call the library for more information.

Homework Help! (Grades 2-8) Mondays & Thursdays, 4:00-6:00 pm. *Bright Futures Scholarship* students will be at the library to tutor and assist students who are struggling with their homework. Sign up at the Children's Reference desk when you get here. First come, first served; no reservations. Tutors will be here when school is in session, but not during school breaks/vacations.

Kids Yoga & Story Time: (Ages 3-10) Tuesday, March 5, 3:30 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.

Wii Wednesday @ the Library: (Ages 5-12) Wednesday, March 20, 2:30-4:30 pm. Join your friends for fun Wii Games. Enjoy the following games: *Just Dance*, *Wii Resort Sports*, *Mario Kart*, *Boom Blox*, *Dance Party*, or bring your own!

Dr. Seuss Read Across America Bash: (Ages 12 & under) Saturday, March 2, 10:30 am. The annual celebration of Dr. Seuss's March 2nd birthday is meant to commemorate reading, learning, and community. Join us for a Seuss-style party with stories, games and crafts. Dress as your favorite Seuss character! Registration required.

Wee Discoveries: (Ages 2-6) Thursday, March 14, 11:15 am-12:15 pm. Play with age-appropriate discovery stations designed to encourage creativity in learning with STEM goals in mind. Adult participation required.

ZumbAtomic: (Ages 4-10) Monday, March 25, 10:30 am. 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 Programs

Bricks 4 Kidz: March 26-28, 11:00 am. Ages 5-12 years on Tuesday; Preschoolers on Wednesday; and ages 5-12 on Thursday. Don't miss these three special spring break programs where children learn, build and play with LEGO® bricks and motors. Model building provides opportunities for problem-solving and helps kids develop an appreciation for how things work. All this takes place while kids are having fun and socializing in a non-competitive atmosphere. Registration required.

Intro to Drawing with Max: (Ages 5-12) Tuesday, March 26, 6:00 pm. Learn the basics of drawing with artist, Max Shumsky. Registration required.

St. Pete Beach Public Library

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

Lego Club: Monday, March 4, 4:00-5:00 pm. Designed to inspire, entertain, and stimulate your elementary-aged child's creativity.

Spring Break Specials: Monday, March 25, 1:00-3:00 pm: Scooby Doo; Wednesday, March 27, 1:00-3:00 pm: Wii sports; Thursday, March 28: Scrapbooking (bring your photos).

St. Petersburg Public Library System

No Story Times during Spring Break: March 29 – April 10

Main Library

After School Story Time: (Ages 5-10) Tuesdays, 4:00 pm. Stories, music & craft.

Craft Corner: Wednesday, March 13 & 27, 2:30 pm. Make & Take Crafts.

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

Humpty Dumpty: (Infants & Crawlers) Thursdays, 10:15 & 11:00 am. Come join us for movement music & fun with rhymes & puppets.

Library LEGO Mania: Wednesday, March 20, 3:30-4:30 pm. Come build with us!

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

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

The Pout-Pout Fish Puppet Show: Monday, March 11 & 18, 10:30 am. Performed by Junior League of St. Petersburg. Groups of 10 or more, please call to reserve a spot.

Roll Over & Read: Monday, March 4, 3:30-4:30 pm. Practice reading with one of our reading therapy dogs. Call to register for a reading session.

Super Saturday Puppet Show & Craft: (All ages) Saturday, March 9, 11:00 am.

Daisy Meadows Rainbow Fairies Book Bash: Tuesday, March 26, 3:00 pm. Join us for lots of Fairyland fun.

Childs Park Branch

After School Story Time: (Ages 5-10) Fridays, 4:30 pm. Stories & music.

Johnson Branch

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

Library LEGO Mania: Wednesday, March 27, 3:30-4:30 pm. Come build with us!

Mirror Lake Branch

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

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

Roll Over & Read: Wednesday, March 20, 3:30-4:30 pm. Practice reading with one of our reading therapy dogs. Call to register for a reading session.

North Branch

Family Story Time: Tuesdays, 6:30 pm. Stories, music & crafts.

Library LEGO Mania: Wednesday, March 6, 3:30-4:30 pm. Come build with us!

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

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

Roll Over & Read: Monday, March 18, 3:30-4:30 pm. Registration required.

South Branch

After School Story Time: (Ages 5-10) Mondays, 4:00 pm. Stories, music & craft.

Library LEGO Mania: Wednesday, March 13, 3:30-4:30 pm. Come build with us!

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

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

Roll Over & Read: Friday, March 1, 3:30-4:30 pm. Registration required.

Superstar Readers Book Club: (Ages 8-12) Tuesday, March 12, 4:30 pm. *The Reptile Room* by Lemony Snicket.

West Community Library

After School Story Time: (Ages 6-12) Thursday, March 7, 3:30 pm. After-school games & fun.

Dr. Seuss Book Bash: Saturday, March 2, 11:00 am. Come & play games, do crafts & read books! All activities are bases around Dr. Seuss books.

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

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

Seminole Community Library

Jumpin' & Jammin': (Elementary ages) Monday, March 25, 10:30 am. Join us for this special music and movement program geared for elementary aged children. Younger siblings also welcome!

Two Towers Chess Club: (All ages) Monday, March 25, 3:30-5:30 pm. All skill levels welcome.

Toddler Story Time: (18-36 mos) Tuesdays, March 5, 19, & 26, 10:30 am. 20 minutes of short stories, songs, and movement activities based on a weekly theme.

Preschool Story Time: (Ages 3-5) Tuesdays, March 5, 19, & 26, 11:30 am. 30 minutes of stories, songs, and movement activities based on a weekly theme.

Night Owls: (Elementary ages & family) Tuesdays, March 5, 19, & 26, 6:30 pm. A program of books, games, science projects, crafts and more! Geared toward elementary ages, but all ages are welcome.

Baby Steps Story Time: (18 mos & under) Wednesdays, March 6, 13, 20, & 27, 10:00 am. A lap sit program featuring finger plays, music, nursery rhymes and a playtime.

LEGOs @ the Library: (All ages) Wednesdays, March 6 & 20, 3:30 pm. Open to all elementary aged children, with a play area provided for younger siblings. LEGOs will be supplied, so bring your imagination and share your building ideas.

The Stone Soup Group/Coupon Exchange: (Adults) Wednesdays, March 6 & 20, 3:30 pm. Bring your extra coupons, low/no cost activities, recipes, how-to solutions or other special offers to our exchange program. LEGOs @ the Library program will be available at the same time!

Family Movie Matinee: (All ages) Wednesday, March 27, 2:00 pm. Join us for an additional movie showing over Spring Break. Free popcorn and soda provided by The Friends of the Library! Please call the Youth Services Department for movie title and additional information.

Pause for Poetry: (All ages) Wednesday, March 20, 7:00 pm. Enjoy a supportive atmosphere where lovers of poetry share their own poems and/or read favorite selections.

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.

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

"A Walk in the Park" with Professor Maura Scanlon: (Toddler and preschool ages) Thursday, March 21, 11:00 am. Join a SPC biology professor on a 30 minute nature walk on the grounds of the library/college campus to see local wildlife. Space is limited. 20 tickets will be available at the Youth Services desk 30 minutes before the walk begins.

Homeschool Nature Club: (PK-grade 5) Thursday, March 7, 2:00 pm. Join area homeschooling families for nature story time, discussion and activities in the library, followed by outside observation, journaling and drawing of local wildlife on the library/college campus grounds.

Teen Thursday: (Grades 5-7) Thursday, March 7, 7:00 pm. Play board games and the Wii. Enjoy crafts and chitchat. Snacks will be served. Bring a friend, and make new ones!

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

Tarpon Springs Public Library

Preschool Storytime: (Ages 3-5) Thursdays, 10:15 am. Themed storytime with fingerplays, books, music and puppet show followed by a craft.

Mother Goose Toddler Time: (Ages 1-3) Fridays, 10:15 am & 11:00 am. Early literacy fun with music, stories, fingerplays and activities. Registration required.

Craft Club: (Ages 6-12) Friday, March 1, 4:30-5:30 pm. Create a masterpiece. Registration required.

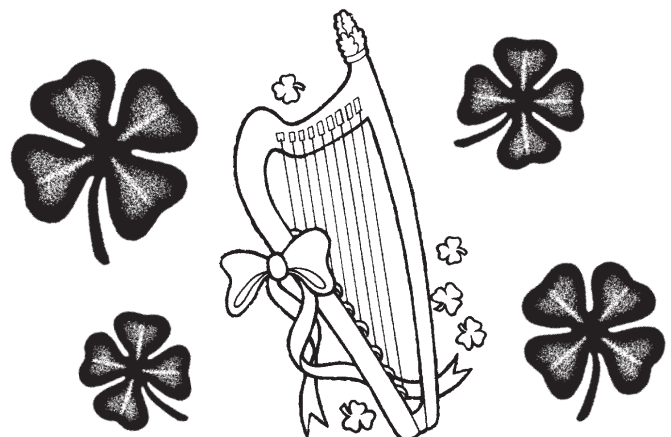
Saturday Make 'n Take Craft: (All ages) Saturday, March 16, 10:00 am-3:00 pm. Celebrate St. Patrick's Day. Stop in Youth Services and make a Rainbow Pot of Gold decoration.

Wee Sing with Mrs. Music: (All ages), Saturday, March 16, 10:30 am. Join us for a preschool singing program. Have fun learning colors, numbers, letters, sign language and Spanish.

Saturday Make 'n Take Craft: (All ages) Saturday, March 23, 10:00 am-3:00 pm. The Easter Bunny's on his way. Get ready for Easter. Make and decorate your basket.

"Left Over Crafts:" (All ages) Tuesday, March 26, 2:30 pm-4:30 pm. Stop by while supplies last and help us clean out our left over crafts.

Current Movie Release: (All ages) Wednesday, March 27, 2:00 pm. Recently released children's movie. Call for details.



Book Discussions

Clearwater Public Library System

Main Library

Circulo de Lectura: Fourth Wednesday of each month, 1:00-2:30 pm. Spanish language book discussion group. Call for titles.

Book Lover's Bistro: Tuesday, March 5, 12:00-1:30 pm. Book discussion group meets over lunch to discuss past best sellers and popular titles. Call for more information and discussion titles.

Countryside Branch

The Book Club @ Countryside: Thursday, March 21, 2:30 pm. Join us for interesting book discussions. Call for title of the month.

North Greenwood Branch

Mystery Reader's Club: Tuesday, March 19, 12:00-2:00 pm. Join our lively discussion of books covering a new theme each month.

Dunedin Public Library

Great Books Discussion Group: Wednesday, March 6, 2:00 pm. *David Copperfield*, by Charles Dickens.

Contemporary Books Discussion Group: Tuesday, March 26, 7:00 pm. *Swamplandia!*, by Karen Russell.

East Lake Community Library

Book Club: The first Wednesday of every month from 6:30-7:45 pm. This month's selection will be *The Commoner* by John Burnham Schwartz. This novel is set in Japan in the late 1950s and depicts a non-aristocratic woman who marries into the royal family of the Chrysanthemum Throne. Come and join in our lively discussion.

Gulf Beaches Public Library

Chatterbooks on Tuesday: March 19, 10:30 am. *Garden Spells* by Sarah Addison Allen.

Gulfport Public Library

Coffee/Talk Book Club: Thursday, March 21, 10:30 am. 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, March 6, 6:00 pm. *A Yellow Raft in Blue Water* by Michael Dorris.

Booktalking with Iris: Wednesday, March 13, 12:00 pm.

Oldsmar Public Library

Books & Brews Book Discussion Group: (Age 21 & up) Tuesday, March 5, 6:30 pm, Oldsmar Tap House, 300 State Street East. *Wicked: the Life and Times of the Wicked Witch of the West* by Gregory Maguire.

Oldsmar Book Club: Thursday, March 28, 12:00 pm. *Village of the Ghost Bears* by Stan Jones.

Palm Harbor Public Library

PHiL's Book Club: Monday, March 11, 11:00 am & Tuesday, March 12, 7:00 pm. *Wise Blood* by Flannery O'Connor. Library Director Gene Coppola leads this lively book discussion group. Copies of the book are available at the library.

Pinellas Park Public Library

Book Discussion: Thursday, March 21, 2:00 pm. *Far Above Rubies* by Cynthia Polansky.

Safety Harbor Public Library

Words & Wine Book Club: Monday, March 18, 6:30 pm. Join us for our book club held at Whistle Stop Bar and Grill, 915 Main Street. March's title is *The Tender Bar* by J.R. Moehringer. Limited copies of the books are available at the library.

St. Pete Beach Public Library

Book Discussion Group: Tuesday, March 19, 10:30 am. *West with the Night* by Beryl Markham.

Book Discussion Group Film: Tuesday, March 26, 10:30 am. *Shadow on the Sun*.

St. Petersburg Public Library System

Main Library

Murder by the Book Mystery Book Club: Thursday, March 7, 6:30 pm. *The Last Child* by John Hart.

Mirror Lake Branch

Classics Up Close: Tuesday, March 26, 2:00 pm. Call for information about this month's selection.

North Branch

Thursday Morning Group: Thursday, March 7, 11:00 am. Call or check online for latest title.

The Real Deal: Thursday, March 28, 6:30 pm. Call or check online for latest title.

Carl G. Jung Society Reading Group: Saturday, March 9, 10:00 am.

South Branch

Book Club: Wednesday, March 13, 2:00 pm. *Man and Boy* by Tony Parsons.

Mahogany Book Club: Saturday, March 16, 10:00 am. *Silver Sparrow* by Tayari Jones

West Community Library

Adult Book Discussion: Thursday, March 14, 12:30-1:30 pm. *The Art of Racing in the Rain*. Retro Joe's.

Seminole Community Library

Backward Travelers Historical Fiction Book Discussion: Tuesday, March 19, 2:00 pm. *Girl in Hyacinth Blue* by Susan Vreeland.

Booktalkers: Wednesday, March 6, 2:00 pm. *Dandelion Wine* by Ray Bradbury.

Great Books Reading and Discussion Group: Wednesday, March 20, 2:00 pm. *The Republic* [selection] by Plato.

Super Novels: Thursday, March 28, 2:00 pm. *A Room With a View* by E.M. Forster.

Tarpon Springs Public Library

Expand Your Horizons Book Club: Wednesday, March 13, 3:30 pm.

The Scent of Water by Elizabeth Goudge

Mystery, Murder and Mayhem Book Club: Wednesday, March 20, 7:00 pm. *The Cliff House Strangler* by Shirley Tallman.

Books and Beyond Discussion Group: Thursday, March 28, 12:00 pm. *The Forgotten Garden* by Kate Morton.

LIBRARY CLOSINGS FOR MARCH 2013

Library closings for the month of March are as follows:

March 9

Clearwater Main Library

March 29

Dunedin Public Library
Safety Harbor Public Library

March 30

Safety Harbor Public Library

March 31

Clearwater Main Library
Clearwater Countryside Library
Dunedin Public Library
Pinellas Park Public Library
Safety Harbor Public Library

The Deaf Literacy Center

will be closed March 25 – 29 for Spring Holiday.

St Petersburg West Community Library

Closed Friday, March 8 - Sunday, March 10, & Friday, March 29 - Sunday, March 31 for Spring Holiday

