New Clearwater Countryside Library is Just Around the Corner
By Tracey Reed, Clearwater Countryside Library Manager

For the last year or so, a group of Clearwater Library System and the City of Clearwater staff have been working with Harvard Jolly Architects to design the new Clearwater Countryside Library. After getting the go-ahead from City Council to build a new library instead of renovating our current building, we began the exciting journey from the blank canvas next to the Countryside Recreation Center, located within the Countryside Community Park, which is approximately a half mile northwest of the current location – just around the corner!

The new library is being built not only with an eye to the present, but also with an eye to the future. Our youth and teen areas will be separated from the main part of the library by glass, not only to cut down on the noise, but also to allow for children and young adults to have their own space in the library. There’s also a separate youth programming room to give us space for youth programs of all kinds to run simultaneously with both other library programs as well as community groups that can book our meeting rooms. This is something that we aren’t capable of doing now.

We’re also working on creating a technology makerspace – a place where people can come and use technology such as 3D printers, green screens and music and video editing software that they may not have access to anywhere else. Other highlights of the new library include multiple sized study rooms, increased areas for people to gather, whether it’s to work on a project or just to sit and chat. There will also be additional spaces for people to work on their own computers, tablets or other devices.

Groundbreaking is scheduled for Friday, August 29 at 8:30 am (Countryside Community Park, 2640 Sabal Springs Drive, Clearwater, FL 33761). So come join us as we begin the next phase of this wonderful project, because grand opening is just around the corner!

Return to Paradise
By Cheryl Morales, Director Pinellas Public Library Cooperative

To many, I hope that sounds like a title of a book or a movie. In fact, there is a book of short stories by James Michener that contains the story “Mr. Morgan” which inspired the 1953 film “Return to Paradise” starring Gary Cooper – so you are right!

My story is a little different... it begins and ends in Florida. 16 years ago I was a librarian on Sanibel Island, and in need of a challenge. A colleague informed me of a position that was exactly the type of challenge I was looking for. The American Samoa Government was looking for a Librarian to “grow” a public library and library system. I say grow, because two Governors had worked on the project for about ten years with a very dedicated board, and they had gotten as far as securing the funding for a state of the art building, and had the building project nearly complete when they began to advertise the position. I have to admit, I had never heard of American Samoa, so the first challenge was to learn as much as I could about a place I was thinking of working for. A thousand challenges conquered, 16 years, and some amazing experiences later, here I am back in Florida, and very happy to be in Pinellas County.

Living on an island in the middle of the vast Pacific Ocean with a culture that is deep and rich certainly has attractions. However after some time, one misses the modern conveniences, cultural diversity, and one’s family. Serving as the Executive Director for the Pinellas Public Library Cooperative is a chance for me to rise up to meet a whole new set of challenges. I am looking forward to working with the PPLC staff, the library directors and member library staff, and the community as a whole. My family has been having adventures and enjoying the riches Pinellas County has to offer.

When people ask me why I left paradise for Pinellas County, I tell them “I just traded one paradise for another.”
Genealogy Assistance: Thursdays, 1:00-3:00 pm in Study Room 4. Members of The Caladesi Chapter of the DAR are here to assist you.

Dunedin Writers Group: Fridays, 9:30 am. Open to all serious writers, the Dunedin Writers’ Group focuses on novels, short stories, articles, children’s books, synopses for agents, presentation letters, plays and scripts.

Dunedin Garden Club: Saturday, August 16, 1:00 pm. For more information call 447-6814.

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 ext 1724 or visit the website at www.lepunfo.com.

Outreach Program for Adults: If someone you know is homebound in Dunedin and would like monthly deliveries of library materials (books and CD books), please call our Outreach Department at 298-3080, ext 1721.

East Lake Community Library

SHINE Medicare Help: Tuesdays, August 5, 19, 1:00-3:00 pm. Do you need help navigating Medicare? Free, confidential, unbiased help with all Medicare questions, long-term care planning, and prescription assistance resources.

ELCL Friends of the Library Meeting: Tuesday, August 5, 6:30-8:00 pm. New members are always welcome.

Early Stage Dementia Support Group: Wednesday, August 6, 11:00am-12:30 pm.

Dunedin Garden Club: Saturday, August 6, 10:00am-12:00 pm.

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Cardiovascular Health: Tuesdays, 1:00-3:00 pm. Instructor Angelique Buntin leads an exhilarating workout with the popular dance-based fitness program.

Meditation: Mondays, 11:30 am-12:30 pm. Join us for one hour of meditation and find your place of peace.

Loaner Laptops: Available during library hours. Call 298-3080 ext 1707.

Zumba: Tuesdays, 7:00-8:00 pm. Instructor Angela Buntin leads an exhilarating workout with the popular dance-based fitness program.

Dunedin Public Library System

Main Library

Chess Club: Tuesdays, 1:00-3:00 pm. Chess instructor, Yulia Buane, will teach adults on all levels. Chess boards will be provided.

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Beach Branch

Writer’s Support Group: Wednesdays, August 6, 20, 1:00-3:00 pm. A workshop for writers and aspiring writers offers help and encouragement. Led by Anne Garris.

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

Casual Scrabble Club: Join us the first and third Mondays of the month at 6:00 pm for casual scrubble. Please bring your own board. Adults and teens, high school age and up are welcome.

Job Club: Tuesdays, 9:30-10:55 am. The Job Club is sponsored by CareerSource Pinellas, formerly WorkNet Pinellas. To attend, each person must be a registered job seeker in Pinellas, with the support of the Dunedin Friends of the Library, hosts a Conversation Club each Wednesday evening from 5:45-7:30 pm. Adult learners of English are welcome to attend and bring along their children. Refreshments are served at 5:45 pm, with class beginning at 6:00 pm. The club meetings give learners the opportunity to practice speaking English with other ESL students under the direction of highly qualified teachers and their assistants. Child care is provided for pre-school and school-age children, with homework help available from an adult volunteer and teen helpers in the adjacent story time room.

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Adult Programs

Gulfport Toastmasters: Wednesdays, 6:00-7:30 pm. FMI, call 727-827-7875.

Women’s AA Club: Fridays, 5:45-6:45 pm.

Meditation Classes: Fridays, August 1, 8, 15, 10:00 am-1:00 pm. Ted Leitho leads the group in a series of relaxing sessions. Bring a pillow to sit on the floor if you wish, and explore the wisdom of Katha Upanisad, translated by Swami Lokeswarananda. FMI, call 727-893-1074.

Free Family Movie Day: Saturday, August 16, two movies, starting at 10:30 am and 1:30 pm. Join us & enjoy flicks with popcorn provided by our Circle of Friends. For movie titles, call 727-893-1074.

Home Gardening Class: Saturday, August 23, 2:00-3:00 pm. Creating & Growing Plants in an Earth Box. Find out how you can use this user-friendly technique that has become wildly popular in the home gardening world! Also, attendees can stay and informally discuss & provide advice and support for each other for gardening-related issues after the classes.

Acoustic Jam: Monday, August 25, 5:00-7:00 pm. Join us & discover your musical self! FMI, call 727-893-1073 & ask for Alex.

Primary Election: Tuesday, August 26. The Library will serve as a polling location. Polls open from 7:00 am-7:00 pm.

SCORE Small Business Counseling: Tuesday, August 26, get free and confidential advice from locally based business mentors on the fourth Tuesday of the month. Call to set up an appointment, 727-893-1073.

Largo Public Library

Crafter Dark: Wednesday, August 13, 6:00 pm. This book-inspired project celebrates international handicrafts. In August, make a paper bowl using the French technique papier mâché.

Story Circle Writers’ Group: Wednesday, August 6, 6:00 pm. The Story Circle is a chance for writers to share their stories and develop their skills. The group is facilitated by author and writing coach, Ian Golden.

Poets Live: Monday, August 11, 6:30 pm. Participate in this volunteer-led group for poetry enthusiasts.

Socrates Cafe: Thursday, August 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.

English Language Learning Conversation Club: Mondays, August 4, 11, 18, 25, 10:00 am. Want to practice speaking and listening in English? Want to meet other ELL learners? This is a great opportunity! Join us for a fun, informal hour.

Fold3, Dropbox, & Evernote for Genealogy: Monday, August 4, 10:00 am. Explore and learn how these resources can be used in genealogy research.

Ancestry.com: Monday, August 11, 6:00 pm. Discover search techniques for getting the most from this huge collection of databases.

Computers in Genealogy: Saturday, August 16, 10:00 am. Question and answer session on the use of computers in genealogy research and record keeping.

Workshop Tour of the Genealogy Center: Saturday, August 16, 12:30 pm. Visit the Genealogy Center and get an understanding of how to use the materials in the space.

Searching the Internet for Online Scanned Books: Wednesday, August 20, 10:00 am. Learn the best methods and procedures for this task in your research.

Death Records: Wednesday, August 27, 6:00 pm. Learn the various sources for these records and where to find them.

Adult Sign Language: Wednesdays, August 6, 20, 6:00 pm. Join us at 6:00 pm for this 10-week course that includes basic sign language vocabulary, daily phrases, and facts about the deaf community and culture. Stay for the 7:00 pm intermediate class for more advanced learners that includes sign language conversations, ASL stories, and skits. No registration is required.

Oldsmar Public Library

Traveling Exhibit - The Art of Being Floridian: exhibit of artist painted plastic Flamingoes promoting the Be Floridian! Gardening campaign – reduce the use of fertilizer this summer. http://www.befloridian.org

Literary Elements - Adult Summer Reading program: (Ages 18 and up) Read books and enter to win prizes, reading slips available at the Reference and Circulation desks. Last day to turn in reading slips is August 1.

Movies & Popcorn: First Friday of the month, 1:00 pm. Join us for a movie on the big screen! Call the library for movie title.

SCORE Small Business Counseling: First and Third Tuesday of the month, 10:00 am-12:00 pm & 1:00-3:00 pm, Free 1 hour one-on-one session with a SCORE business counselor. Register at the Library's Reference desk or by phone (813) 749-1181.

Poetry Group: Group meets the first Wednesday of the month at 6:00-7:30 pm. For more information call 727-251-4754.

F.L.O.W. Driver License Bus: Monday, August 4, 9:00am-3:00 pm, driver license renewals, replacements, name & address changes, out of state to Florida changes. Bring required documents: http://www.gathergoet.com For more information see: http://www.oldsmarlibrary.org/flow/pdf

Bloodmobile: Tuesday, August 12, 10:00 am-1:00 pm, Library parking lot, http://www.onelblood.org

Palm Harbor Public Library

Florida Master Money Mentors-Managing Your Money: Tuesday, August 5, 1:00-3:00 pm. The program, presented by a representative of the Pinellas County Extension, offers free financial coaching to persons aged 18 and older. To register, go to: http://pinellas sustainableliving.eventbrite.com/ or phone 727-582-2103.

Socrates Cafe: Thursday, August 7, 6:00-7:45 pm and Thursday, August 11, 1:00-2:45 pm. This is one of our most popular programs! If you need intellectual stimulation and want to discuss a variety of subjects, you will enjoy this group.

Friday Movie Matinee: Friday, August 8, 2:00-4:15 pm. Refreshments provided. Call the library at (727) 784-3332 x 3006 for movie title. Registration required.

Medicare Assistance: Mondays, August 11, 25, 1:00-5:00 pm. A SHINE representative meets with seniors one-on-one to assist them in better understanding Medicare. Please schedule an appointment by phoning 1-800-963-5337 or by stopping at the library's Adult Services desk.

Franchising 101: Thursday, August 14, 2:00-3:00 pm. “How to Find a Business that Fits” Doesn’t love the idea of being his own boss, controlling his own destiny? This seminar is a first step for anyone who is thinking about going into business for him/herself! SCORE representative, Pat Deering, facilitates the seminar. Registration required. Contact Pat at pdeering@franset.com about future programs through SCORE.

Master Gardener Lecture Series: Thursday, August 14, 2:00 pm. The Pinellas County Master Gardeners sponsor the program “Attracting Backyard Wildlife.” Admission is free; space is limited. To reserve a seat, call Pinellas County Extension at (727) 582-2603.


Florida Master Money Mentors-Basic Saving and Investing: Tuesday, August 19, 1:00-3:00 pm. This program, presented by a staff member of the Pinellas County Extension Office, encourages you to create goals, learn to save, build an emergency fund and discover the basics of investing. To register, go to: http://pinellas sustainableliving.eventbrite.com/ or phone 727-582-2103.

Sancoast Genealogy Society, Roots Magic User’s Group: Saturday, August 23, 1:00-1:45 pm. Attendees are assisted in the use of online genealogy resources and repositories.

Sancoast Genealogy Society, General Meeting: Saturday, August 23, 2:00-4:00 pm. “Solving Your Brick Wall Problems” is facilitated by SGS members. This seminar will discuss problems and solutions shared in a round table discussion.

Tai Chi for Movement and Balance: Intermediate Level, Mondays and Wednesdays, 1:00-2:00 pm. Beginner Level, Mondays and Wednesday, 2:00-3:00 pm. Join us for a fall-prevention program for seniors, developed at the Oregon Research Institute. Kris Scholz educates seniors on the importance of exercise and staying active to prevent falls. Registration (in class) is necessary. No classes August 25.

Genealogy Assistance: Wednesdays, 1:00-4:00 pm. Members of the Suncoast Genealogy Society are present to assist with Genealogy research. This service is free of charge!

Master Gardener Plant Clinic: Wednesday, 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 and plant samples. No registration required.

Conversation Classes: Thursdays, 6:30-7:30 pm. The Palm Harbor Literacy Council invites you to practice your English conversational skills with other students and volunteers from the literacy department. These classes are open to anyone who is learning English as a second language. Monthly meetings include discussions and special presentations on various topics.

Adult Beginner’s Sign Language: Tuesdays, 6:00-7:00 pm. No experience is necessary! This course introduces adults to basic American Sign Language in a relaxed, informal atmosphere. No registration is required.

Adult Intermediate Sign Language: Tuesdays, 7:00-8:00 pm. A fun course for those with some experience in American Sign Language. No registration is required. For further information on either sign language program, contact Rosa Rodriguez @ (727) 724-1525, ext. 120.

John Brock Art Alcove: August’s featured artist is Robert L. Herbenick, a painter from Safety Harbor. Herbenick enjoys painting outdoors in local parks, as he is most passionate about depicting landscapes and wildlife scenes. A self-taught artist, he relies on library books and magazines for sources of inspiration.
Adult Programs

“Raise the Roof” Fundraiser: Raffle tickets now on sale (and going fast!) at the Palm Harbor Library for the November drawing. The top prize is $10,000! For details go to http://www.palmharborlibrary.org/library/raisetheroof.html

Safety Harbor Public Library
Registration required; call 727-724-5252 x 4112.

Aging GRACEfully: Thursday, August 7, 6:30 pm. Join us for author, Dr. David Bernstein, MD, as he discusses the five secrets of Aging GRACEfully revealed in his book I’ve Got Some Good News and Some Bad News, You’re Old: Tales of a Geriatrician What to Expect in Your 60s, 70s, 80s, and Beyond.

Creative Writers Group & Story Circle: Wednesday, August 20, 6:00 pm. Facilitators Jan Golden and Sheila McNaughton provide lessons, suggestions for topics, and gentle feedback. This group writes, shares, and encourages each other to preserve their life experiences.

Blues in the Library: Sunday, August 10, 2:00 pm. Join us for a Blues in the Library performance by Brian Leneschmidt. Brian Leneschmidt’s performances mix Blues, Soul, and Rock together with original music and cover songs. This program is sponsored by the Suncoast Blues Society.

Digital Art Class: Saturday, August 30, 2:00 pm. Join us for a Digital Art class presented by Krishna Sadasivam. Learn how to work with the digital aspect of art, how to improve your drawing skills, and what the market is like for digital art.


Safety Harbor Writers & Poets Library Group: Thursday, August 28, 6:00 pm. A writers gathering, for those in search of forming or joining a writers’ group, connecting to others with similar writing goals, and ideas on how to make their current or future group successful. Bring something to share if time permits, we will discuss the strengths and how your work may improve.

SCORE Pricing for Profit: Thursday, August 21, 6:30 pm. The workshop will cover the cost of doing business and relating these costs to an understanding of gross profit, margin, and markup. Learn about setting your product at the right price for business success.

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

Self Defense Workshop: Saturday, August 2, 1:00 pm. Meet 7th degree black belt, Shihan Walter Evans, and learn easy self-defense techniques in a fun, low-impact environment. All ages are welcome.

Self-Publishing: Thursday, August 14, 6:30 pm. Discover the world of self-publishing and how you can get started by publishing your own books.

Tobacco Free Florida - Tools To Quit: Saturday, August 16, 10:00 am-12:00 pm. This smoking cessation program provides guidance on preparing a plan, cravings, physical and emotional symptoms, and provides free cessation products. To participate, please be ready to set quit date for 2-3 weeks after class.

St. Petersburg Public Library System
Main Library
Florida Writers Association: Thursday, August 14, 5:30-7:30 pm. Monthly meeting featuring topical speakers. See http://fwatpete.blogspot.com/ for speaker schedule.

Author Talk: Monday, August 4, 6:00-7:45 pm. Charley J. Williams, Jr., long-time teacher & administrator at Gibbs & other area high schools will discuss his new book, Overcoming the Odds: No Excuses, Find a Way. Signed copies will be available for purchase.

Mirror Lake Branch
Needle Craft Club: Second and fourth Saturdays of each month, 1:00-3:00 pm. Needle crafts include knitting, crocheting, needlepoint, embroidery and quilting. All skill levels welcome.

South Branch
Birds of Prey: Saturday, August 2, 2:00 pm. Meet some of Boyd Hill’s resident raptors and learn about these fascinating creatures. Presented by Boyd Hill Nature Preserve.

South Branch Knitting Guild: (Age 8 & up) Every Thursday, 11:00 am. All attendees must bring their own yarn, needles & supplies. Crafters with all level of experience are encouraged to participate.

Family Yarn Guild: (Ages 8 & up) Second and fourth Saturdays of each month. All attendees must bring their own yarn, needles & supplies. Crafters with all level of experience are encouraged to participate.

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

West Community Library
Bookmaking Program: Monday, August 18, 6:30-8:00 pm. Learn simple handmade bookmaking, such as the pamphlet stitch & accordion book. Seating is limited call 727.341.7197 to register.

St Petersburg Writer’s Club: First and third Thursdays, 6:30 pm.

Seminole Community Library
Mid-Pinellas Comic-Con: Saturday, August 9, 10:00 am-5:00 pm. For additional information, please call Chad Mair at 727-394-6917.

“The Artistry of Model Railroads”: Friday, August 15, 9:00am-6:00 pm. Saturday, August 16, 10:00am-5:00 pm. Sunday, August 17, 1:00 pm-4:00 pm. Exhibits at this unique show include: “Fun and Disasters,” “The Battle of Gettysburg,” “Thomas the Tank Engine,” “Keen Mountain,” and “Lego City.” For more information, call 727-522-0102.

Cinema at Sundown: Thursday, August 7, 6:00 pm. Back to the Future: Part II © Universal (1989). Thursday, August 28, 6:00pm. Locke © Lionsgate (2013)—this film is rated “R” for strong language throughout. Free popcorn and soda courtesy of the Friends of the Seminole Library.


Gizmos, Gadgets & Geezers: Need help with your phone, laptop, tablet, MP3 player, or E-Reader? Members of the Library Youth Advisory Board are here to help you become comfortable with the ever-changing world of technology. To set up an appointment, contact the Youth Services Department at 727-394-6913.

Purse for Poetry: Wednesday, August 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: Wednesday, August 6, 13, 20 and 27, 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.

Two Towers Chess Club: Monday, August 11, 3:30-5:30 pm. All skill levels welcome.

SPC Toastmasters: Tuesdays, 6:15 pm.

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

Tarpon Springs Fiction Writers: Wednesdays, 10:00 am-1:00 pm. Critiques group dedicated for writers of fiction. Members must be actively writing a novel or short story. For more info, call David at (727) 942-9540 or Gino at (727) 808-0290.

Writers Group: Fridays, 10:00 am-1:00 pm. Bring your manuscript to read and have critiqued. Call Rebecca Roberts (727) 940-4327, for more information.

Cinema Saturday: Saturday, August 9, 2:00 pm. Watch newly released movies! Seating is limited to the first 80 people. Call the library for the movie titles.

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

Genealogy Research Group: Third Friday (August 15), 2:30-4:30 pm and third Monday (August 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. Bring your laptop or call the library to reserve one.

Cinema Saturday: Saturday, August 23, 1:00 pm. Watch newly released movies! Seating is limited to the first 80 people. Call the library for the movie titles.

DIY Crafts: Monday, August 25, 6:30 pm. Create gifts and décor inspired by craft trends. Supplies and instruction are provided. Bring your creativity! Limited spots available. To register or for more information, please call the Library at (727) 943-4922.

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Teen Programs

Barbara S. Ponce Public Library(formerly Pinellas Park Public Library)

Teen Advisory Board: The T.A.B. helps to plan and organize teen programs and events for the Library. Meetings are held the third Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm, August 21. If interested, speak to a staff member at the Youth Services desk or call 541-0716.

Teen Book-to-Movie Club: Wednesday, August 27, 5:30 pm. Read and discuss the similarities and differences of books that have crossed over to the silver-screen. August Book: "City of Bones" by Cassandra Clare.

Teen Creative Writers Group: Whether you write poetry, fiction, or even fanfiction, all genres and types are welcome. This group meets on the second Wednesday of every month, August 13, 6:00-7:30 pm.

Teen Scene-Around the World in a Year-Japan!: Friday, August 15, 7:00-9:00 pm. Join us after-hours at the library! Enjoy an evening focused on Japanese culture, both historical and popular. We will have Japanese inspired snacks, shows, music and more! Registration is required and begins two weeks before the event. Call 727-541-0716 to sign up!

Origami Workshop: August 12, 6:30-8:00 pm. Learn the art of paper folding from our local origami expert, Virgil Manning. Registration is necessary. Call (727) 541-0716 to sign-up.

Clearwater Public Library System

Main Library

Teen After Hours Ghost Hunt: Friday, August 1, 6:00-8:00 pm. A paranormal end of the summer party for teens who have participated in Clearwater Public library’s “Spark a Read-Action” Teen Summer Reading Program. Bonnie Korniak from A.U.R.A. Paranormal will search the library for ghosts and put the legendary ghost of librarian Annie Owen to rest. Visit auraparanormal.com to learn more. Pre-registration required.

Clearwater Toshcon: Friday, August 8, 12:00-4:30 pm. Ages 13-18. Celebrate anime and manga at our first FREE teen anime convention. Events include a vendor’s room, a cosplay contest, anime showings and panels put on by you and your peers. If you are interested in participating in a panel of your own please contact us.

Game On!: Wednesdays, 3:30-6:30 pm. Grades 6-12. A fun casual afternoon of video games, board games and trading card games. We supply space, gaming consoles and video games. Bring your own trading card decks and handheld gaming devices.

Manga Book Club: Saturday, August 30, 2:00-4:00 pm. Ages 13-18. Read and discuss different manga monthly. Maybe reread an old favorite or find out about something completely new. We will have activities, games, and crafts.

North Greenwood Branch

Teen Club: Wednesday, August 6, 5:00-6:15 pm. Enjoy gaming, music and more with teens who share your interests.

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(Please Note: All teen programs require registration. Registration begins two weeks prior to the program.)

SAT Preparation: (High School Age Teens) Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, August 4, 5 and 6, 4:00-6:00 pm. Come and get prepared for the SAT by viewing our awesome SAT DVD series while you enjoy some great treats! Registration is required.

Gulf Beaches Public Library

Read a book, write a review, and enter to win our Teen Kindle Drawing and for gift cards.

Gulfport Public Library

FMI contact Cailey Klasson, 727-893-1133.

Teen Anime Club: Friday, August 8, 3:00-4:30 pm. Back by popular demand! Get together once a month to screen fun flicks while enjoying crunchy munchies. Relax & network with other fans. FMI, call 727-893-1133.

Free Family Movie Day: Saturday, August 16. Screening two newly released movies, starting at 10:30 am and 1:30 pm. Join us & enjoy flicks with popcorn provided by our Circle of Friends. For movie titles, call 727-893-1074.

Largo Public Library

College Entrance Exams - Practice Testing: Saturday, August 23, 10:30 am - 2:30pm, ACT. Sign up to participate in one or both of these free practice college entrance exams. See what you’re in for before the big test and target areas where you could use some more study time. Registration is required. Register by visiting http://tinyurl.com/LargoLib-KaplanFall2014.

Back to School Prize Drawing: Stop by the teen room and fill out a survey between Monday, August 18 and Wednesday, August 27 and you will be entered into a prize drawing for a “Back to School” gift bag. Drawing will be held and winner will be notified on Friday, Aug. 29. Ages 13-18.

Oldsmar Public Library

No-Brainer Day: Saturday, August 2, 1:00-3:00 pm. Have fun before school starts! Crafts, games, prizes and food! Space is limited - registration required, Call (813) 749-1179 or stop by the Children’s Desk

Spark A Reaction! Summer Reading incentive program: (Grades 6-12) Read books, fill out reading slips for weekly prize drawings. Reading slips available at the Children’s desk or fill out online http://www.oldsmarlibrary.org/srpteens.htm Last day to turn in reading slips is August 8.

Palm Harbor Public Library

Teen Summer Reading Party: (Ages 13-18) Thursday, August 7, 2:00-4:00 pm. Summer’s coming to a close but we’re going to have a last hurray! Complete the Spark a Reaction Summer Reading Program and get an invitation to our summer cool-down! Water gun wars, water balloons, water slip-n-slides... Be ready to get soaked, play games, nom snacks, and have fun! Invitation required.

Anime Club: (Ages 11-16) Monday, August 18, 4:30-5:30 pm. Join our first ever anime club! Miss Marisa and Miss Samma will be your guides to all things anime, new and old. Come discuss your favorite characters, your least favorite story arcs, your cosplay accomplishments and frustrations, and more! This club meets once a month, so if you miss this month, try to catch them next month!

Safety Harbor Public Library

Registration required; call 727-724-1525 x 4118.

Teen Library Advisory Board (TLAB): (Ages: 13+) Monday, August 4, 5:00-6:00 pm. Join TLAB and participate in planning and implementing programs for teens!

Anime Mondays: (Ages 13+*) Monday, August 4, 11, 3:30 pm. Watch episodes from a sci-fi anime series. *If under 13, you need a signed note from a parent.

Teen Craft: (Grades: 6-12) Thursday, August 14, 3:30 pm. Join us in making a back-to-school craft! Registration required.

Teen Movie: (Ages: 13+) Saturday, August 23, 2:30 pm. Enjoy free popcorn as we watch The Amazing Spiderman 2.

St. Petersburg Public Library System

Main Library

Knights of the Square Table (Chess Club): Monday, August 11, 3:30-5:30 pm. Join the fun – challenge others.

Tabletop Games Night: (Ages 11-18) Thursday, August 21, 5:30 pm. Come play an old classic or try a new game! Whether you enjoy classic board games, card games, or miniatures, we saved a seat for you. Bring your games or borrow ours!

North Branch

Teen Computer Squad: Mondays, 2:30-5:30 pm, Wednesdays, 2:30-4:30 pm, Fridays, 3:00-5:30 pm, & Saturdays, 10:00 am-4:00 pm. Receive computer help from our tech savvy teens appointments are on a first come first served basis.

West Community Library

Teen Night: (Ages 12-19) Monday, August 4, 6:00-8:00 pm. Games and fun!

Seminole Community Library

“Slice of Science” Tween Tuesday: (Grades 5-7) Tuesday, August 5, 2:00-3:30 pm. Drop-in program with a different event planned for each week.

“Topical” Teen Thursday: (Grades 8-12) Thursday, August 7, 2:00-4:00 pm. Drop-in program with a different event planned for each week.

Library Youth Advisory Board (LYAB) Meetings: (Grades 8-12) Thursday, August 7, 21, 7:00 pm. The Library Youth Advisory Board advises the library on programs, services and materials for teens, through fun gatherings and activities. Membership is open to any student in grades 8-12 in the Seminole area. This is an excellent opportunity for earning volunteer service hours for school, including Bright Futures. All teens interested in volunteering at the library are encouraged to be a member of the LYAB in order to receive the latest information, as well as priority, on volunteer opportunities. For additional information, please stop by the Youth Services Department or call Ms. Porcelli at 727-394-6914.

Mid-Pinellas “Comic Con”: (All ages) Saturday, August 9, 10:00 am-5:00 pm. For additional information, please call Chad Maim at 727-394-6917.

Two Towers Chess Club: (All ages) Monday, August 11, 3:30-5:30 pm. All skill levels welcome. NO MEETING ON AUGUST 25 DUE TO ELECTIONS.

Seminole Chess Club: (All ages) Wednesday, August 6, 13, 20 and 27, 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, August 20, 7:00 pm. Enjoy a supportive atmosphere where lovers of poetry share their own poems and/or read favorite selections.

Tarpon Springs Public Library

Manga Book Club: (Ages 12 and up) Monday, August 4, 18, 7:30 pm. If you like manga, graphic novels and anime, then this club is the place for you! Hang out and meet other teens who share your interests. Each month new titles and series will be selected to read and discuss. Members will also enjoy watching popular anime episodes.

Teen Summer Reading Program: (Ages 12 and up) Begins Monday, June 9 to Saturday, August 9. Read a book, fill out a form and enter to win weekly prizes!
MISSION STATEMENT
PPLC provides leadership, resources and opportunities to enhance the quality, value, and availability of library services to members.

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

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

POLICIES
• A resident of the unincorporated areas of Pinellas County or one of the member cities is entitled to a free library card.
• Residents of non-member cities may receive a card valid for one year upon payment of $100. Note: Some cities reimburse all or part of this fee.
• One Cooperative card is good at all Cooperative libraries.
• Cards issued to residents are valid for three years.
• Cards issued to non-residents are valid for one year.
• Register for a card at any Cooperative member library.
**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) 724-1525 x232  
Fax: (727) 724-1533  
TDD: (727) 724-1529  
hildealiteracycenter.org  
Mon - Thurs  9am - 8pm

** 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  Closed

** 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

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| 905 N. Martin Luther King, Jr. Ave.  
Clearwater, FL 33755  
Phone: 562-4970  
Sat - Sun  Closed  
Mon - Thur  10am - 7pm  
Fri  12pm - 5pm  
| 400 St. Petersburg Drive East  
Oldsmar, FL 34677  
Phone: (813) 749-1178  
http://www.oldsmarlibrary.org  
E-mail: information@oldsmarlibrary.org  
Mon - Thur  9am - 8pm  
Fri - Sat  9am - 5pm|

** Dunedin Library **  
223 Douglas Avenue  
Dunedin, FL 34698  
Phone: 298-3080  
http://dunedinlibrary.com/library  
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.eastlake.lib.org  
Mon - Wed  9am - 8pm  
Thu  12pm - 8pm  
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| 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  
| 101 2nd Street North  
Safety Harbor, FL 34695  
Phone: 724-1525  
http://www.cityofsafetyharbor.com/library  
Mon - Thu  9am - 8:30pm  
Fri  9am - 4pm  
Sat  9:30am - 5pm  
Sun  1pm - 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  
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| 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  
| 365 73rd Avenue  
St. Pete Beach, FL 33706  
Phone: 365-9238  
http://www.stpetebeach.org  
Sun  Closed  
Mon. & Wed  10am - 8 pm  
Tues -  10am - 6 pm  
Thur - Fri  10am - 6 pm  
Sat  10am - 2pm |

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

** St. Pete Beach Library **  
365 73rd Avenue  
St. Pete Beach, FL 33706  
Phone: 365-9238  
http://www.stpetebeach.org  
Sun  Closed  
Mon. & Wed  10am - 8 pm  
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| Administrative Offices  
280 5th Street North  
St. Petersburg, FL 33701  
Phone: 893-7318  
| 138 E. Lemon Street  
Tarpon Springs, FL 34689  
Phone: 943-4922  
http://tarponspringslibrary.org  
E-mail: tslibrary@pplc.us  
Mon - Wed  10am - 9pm  
Thu - Fri  10am - 6pm  
Sat  10am - 5pm |
Barbara S. Ponce Public Library(formerly Pinellas Park Public Library)

Introductory Computer Classes: For class schedule, contact Information Desk – 541-0719. Prior registration recommended.

E-book training: Learn how to take advantage of the library’s digital collections. Bring your device and your library card. Second Wednesdays at 10:00 am. Additional sessions often offered; please call 541-0719 to inquire.

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

Clearwater Public Library System

Main Library

Computer and e-Reader Help: Wednesdays, 10:30 am-12:30 pm. Meet with library techs for assistance using e-readers, computers, or the Internet. You can use library laptops or bring your own. Main Library, 3rd floor. No registration required.

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

E-Government Open Lab: Fridays, 10:00 am-1:00 pm. Library staff will be available to assist with online services & applications. Computers available on first-come, first-served basis.

Intergenerational Computer Tutoring: Available 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: Available Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday evenings by appointment. Let Dan help you with your computer questions. Call for information and to schedule an appointment.

One-on-One Computer Tutoring with Rahul: Available on Saturdays between 9:30 am and 12:30 pm by appointment. Have basic questions about your computer? Call to schedule an appointment.

Tony’s Beginning Computer Series Part 1: Wednesday, August 6, 13, 2007-4:00 pm. A beginner’s series for learning the basics about using Windows. Registration required, please register before the first class.

Tony’s Beginning Computer Series Part 2: Wednesday, August 20, 27, and September 3, 2:00-4:00 pm. Learn the basics about email, searching the internet and other computer applications. Registration required, please register before the first class.

Palm Harbor Public Library

Registration required for classes, either online at palmharborlibrary.org or by phoning (727) 784-3332, x 3017. Only five students per class.

Borrowing Library eBooks: Friday, August 1, 2:00-3:30 pm. Learn how to download free eBooks using your library card and transfer them to your Kindle, Nook, iPad, phone, tablet or other eReader.

Using the Online Library Catalog: Monday, August 4, 10:00-11:30 am. Learn to successfully use the library’s online catalog. This class focuses on searching for items, placing holds, and managing your account.

Internet Basics: Wednesday, August 13, 10:00-11:30 am. Learn how to safely navigate the Internet using a search engine like Google, Yahoo or Bing. Mouse skills required.

Learn to Navigate Windows 8: Monday, August 18, 10:00-11:30 am. This interactive class will explore the new features of Windows 8 and how to use the system to your advantage using both a touchscreen and a mouse.

iPad for Beginners: Thursday, August 21, 6:30-7:45 pm. Bring your iPad to this beginners’ class, and we will go over some basic, introduce you to apps, and answer any questions you might have.

E-mail Basics: Monday, August 25, 3:00-4:30 pm. Learn the basics of e-mail including how to organize your inbox and protect yourself from unwanted e-mail. We will help you set up an account if you don’t have one.

One-On-One Computer Instruction: Available after 2:00 pm until closing each day. Whether you need help with the Internet, e-mail, or Word documents our teen techs can help. No need to register, but call 727-784-3332, ext. 3017 to check availability.

Safety Harbor Public Library

Registration Required. Call 724-1525 x 4112.

Book-a-Tech Mobile Device Help: Fridays, 3:30-5:30 pm, by appointment. Have a question about an e-reader, MP3 player or your mobile phone? Make an appointment with a techie.

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Palm Harbor Public Library

E-Reader Hour: Fridays, August 1, 11:00 am-12:00 pm. Help with downloading library books to your Kindle, Nook, iPad, etc.

I Just Got My iPad...Now What?: Tuesday, August 5 & Wednesday, August 13, 10:30 am.

iPad e-Books: Friday, August 8, 10:30 am.

Palm Harbor Public Library

E-Government Open Lab: Fridays, 10:00 am-1:00 pm. Library staff will be available to assist with online services & applications. Computers available on first-come, first-served basis.

Internet Basics: Tuesday, August 5, 1:00 pm. Get started using the internet and learn how to surf the web.

Basic Microsoft Excel 2007: Wednesday, August 13, 4:00 pm. Learn how to use Excel to create and format simple spreadsheets using basic functions.

Basic Microsoft Word 2007: Tuesday, August 26, 10:30 am. Use Microsoft Word to write letters, papers, create resumes, flyers and much more.

Johnson Branch

Computers for Beginners-Mousing Basics: Monday, August 18, 10:00 am. This class is for absolute beginners with no prior computer experience. Learn the parts of a computer and how to use a mouse.
Children’s Programs

Barbara S. Ponce Public Library (formerly Pinellas Park Public Library)

Preschool Reading Adventures: Tuesdays, 10:15 am. This program is designed for children ages 3-5 years. This story time is to help children develop the early literacy skills that they will need for school. Program may include stories, rhymes, songs, finger plays, and crafts.

Read, Sing, & Play Toddler Time: Tuesdays at 11:00 am. This program will encourage and strengthen the special bond between you and your toddler by sharing early learning activities such as reading age-appropriate books, singing engaging songs, and playing simple games together.

Music in Motion: Wednesdays at 11:00 am. Join us as we celebrate music and movement in this 20-30 minute program designed for children ages 2-5. We will sing, play instruments, and incorporate activities which promote moving along with the beat of music.

Read, Learn, Imagine Family Storytime: Thursdays at 7:00 pm. Designed for young children and their caring adults. Together, engage in book sharing and interactive activities that are chosen to encourage early learning and fun imaginative play through a variety of songs, creative movement, and storytelling with lots of audience participation.

Sunday Spectacular: Pirates: Sunday, August 24, 2:00 pm. Yo Ho, Yo Ho, a pirate’s life for me! Families are invited to come and enjoy an afternoon of pirate-themed story sharing, songs, games and more! This program is geared towards younger children. Call to register.

Tail Waggin’ Tutors: Second and fourth Thursdays of each month, 3:30-4:30 pm. 15-minute scheduled sessions that allow children to read aloud to a therapy dog. Call 541-0716 for more information and registration.

Origami Workshop: Tuesday, August 12, 6:30 pm. Learn the art of paper folding. Paper is provided. Registration is required, call 541-0716.

Clearwater Public Library System

Main Library

End of Summer VIP Carnival: Saturday, August 2, 3:00-4:45 pm. Celebrate the youth summer reading program. Play carnival games in VIP room, win prizes and enjoy the antics of Jiggleman.

Showtime with the Dascaloja Puppeteers: Saturday, August 2, 2:00-3:00 pm. For children ages five and up The puppeteer troupe presents folktales, modern stories, songs, and dances. Entertaining for children and adults. Program may include stories, rhymes and songs during this multi-sensory, early literacy program.

Doggone Reading Fun: Saturday, August 12, 11:00-11:45 am. Ages 15 to 36 months with adult caregiver. Fun practicing fine motor skills and experience different sensory stimulations by creating art.

Mother Goose on the Loose: Thursday, August 7, 10:45-11:15 am or 11:15-11:45 am. Infants and toddlers from birth to age three with caregivers have fun with nursery rhymes and songs during this multi-sensory, early literacy program.

Back to School Bash with Tampa Taiko Japanese Drums: Saturday, August 9, 12:00-1:15 pm. Some back to school fun.

Dread Literacy Center

Call Rosa Rodriguez at (727) 724-1525 for program information.

Dunedin Public Library

There will be no Story Times or Music Mash from August 4 through August 14, 2014. Story Times and Music Mash resumes on Monday, August 18.

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

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

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

Preschool Story Time: (3-5 yrs.), Thursdays, 10:00 am and 11:00 am. Join us for a fun time as we enjoy thematic books, songs, finger plays, literature based videos and crafts. Each week we’ll focus on early literacy skills important to reading development.

(back to school)

Read, Grow, Baby-Oh!: Mondays, August 18, 25 10:30-11:15 am. A gentle and fun introduction to literacy through stories, songs, and finger plays for children ages birth to 24 months. Please bring a blanket for baby and you. Stay for play and social time after the program.

West Community Library

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

PowerPoint Basics: Thursday, August 7, 6:00 pm.

Word Basics: Thursday, August 14, 12:30 pm. Get started with Microsoft Word.

Internet Basics: Thursday, August 28, 12:30 pm. Learn the beginning steps for searching. Registration required for all of the above computer classes.

South Branch

How Do I Gmail?: Thursday, August 14, 12:00 pm. Learn how to create & manage your own e-mail account using Google Mail.

One-on-One: Computer help for adults, with volunteer computer tutors.
Children’s Programs

East Lake Community Library
Dog Days of Summer: Read to a Dog: Fridays, August 1, 25, 11:30am-12:30pm. Readers, K–3rd grade, who may need a bit of extra help will enjoy practicing with Suzie, a black lab and an official tail waggin’ tutor from Therapy Dogs International. Registration required: (727)773-2665.
Learn to Sign: Monday, August 4, 1:00-1:45 pm. Miss Kathryn from the Deaf Literacy Center of the Pinellas Public Library Consortium will teach babies up to age 3 and their caregivers sign language. No older children please. Space is limited. Registration required: (727)773-2665.
Fiber Arts for Kids: Wednesday, August 13, 3:00-4:00 pm. Fabric art projects for children, ages 7-14. Includes needlework, knitting, embroidery, crocheting, and quilting! Please register: (727)773-2665.
Summer Reading Carnival: Saturday, August 2, 11:00 am -2:00 pm. All participants in our Summer Reading Program and their families are invited to attend our carnival! A bounce house, games, prizes and more will provide fun for the whole family. Public is invited and may purchase tickets at a reduced rate of 2/$1.00.
New Early Childhood Area Dedication: Tuesday, August 5, 6:00 pm. Let’s celebrate the NEW Early Childhood Area with a thank you party for the Friends of East Lake Community Library. Everyone is invited as we unveil a special sign. And what’s a party without refreshments, balloons, and fun?! All ages welcome!
Gulf Beaches Public Library
Baby & Me Storytime: (Baby - 2 yrs) Wednesdays, 10:30 am. Short stories, puppets, songs and fingerplays followed by some baby play & good times.
Wild Things Storytime & Art Class: (Ages 2-4) Fridays, 10:30 am. Stories, puppets, songs, fingerplays, followed by an art/craft class.
Early Readers LibraryTime: (Ages 3-7) Thursdays, 11:00 am -12:00 pm. Read to our adorable pet therapy dogs and build something at the Legos Club.
Summer Reading Program: (School Age) Keep reading those books and turning in the book reviews, or bringing in your Read Around the Bases Rays cards for the Kindles Drawing August 5 and to receive your free baseball ticket. Plus other prizes… Oh, and the treasure chest is also stuffed with goodies.
Tuesdays at 2:00 Wrap Up Party: August 5, 2:00 pm. Winner of the Kindles announced.
Gulfport Public Library
Storytime: Join Cailey every Thursday morning, 10:30-11:00 am for stories & activities selected for toddlers & preschoolers. Sing songs, play instruments and meet other caregivers in the community.
FMIL on all programs, ask any of our staff or call 727-893-1073.
Largo Public Library
Mad Science Bingo: Friday, August 1, 1:00 pm. Learn about science, historical figures, famous people, or book characters in this program that combines interesting stories and trivia with a bingo game of the same theme.
Jiggleman: Friday, August 1, 2:00 pm. Get jiggle with it! Watch spectacular stunts and laugh out loud at this silly end-of-summer performance.
Library Legos: Saturdays, August 2, 16, 23, 30, 2:00-4:00 pm. Whether you are new to LEGOS or have been building for years, the Largo Public Library has a program for you! Challenge yourself to create a new LEGO masterpiece every week. All materials are provided. Ages 5-12.
CPR Instruction: Monday, August 4, 7:00 pm. Join us for non-certified, infant/child CPR training. Learn CPR methods that could save a child in life-threatening situations.
Summer Science Movies: Wednesdays, August 6 & 13, 6:00 pm. Cool off and wind down your summer evening with a movie and snack at the library. A family program for all ages. Call 727-587-6715 for movie titles.
Off to Kindergarten: Tuesday, August 12, 10:00 am. Have a little one making the leap from preschool to Kindergarten? This special storytime is just for them. Through stories, songs, and crafts, we will celebrate this special time in their lives.
Folk Tale Fusion - Multicultural Storytime: Friday, August 15, 4:00 pm. Join the Palm Harbor Fire Rescue Team and the library staff for an annual hosedown at Palm Field across from the library. Wear your swimsuits and bring a towel for a wet and wild morning! (Program cancelled in the event of rain). No registration required.
Leap into Art at Leepa-Rattner: (Ages 9-12, kids only) Wednesday, August 27, 3:00-4:00 pm. Join Miss Marisa for “Fabric Fun” at the Leepa-Rattner Museum of Art’s Interactive Gallery, located on the Tarpon Springs campus of St. Petersburg College. Enjoy an hour of art-related stories and an art activity. Admission is free for children and museum members. $6.00 for all others. No registration required.
Mother Goose Rhyme Time: (Ages infant-2 years) Mondays, 10:00-10:25 am. A weekly program for our youngest patrons filled with nursery rhymes, songs, and fingerplays. No registration required. No session August 25.
Fun Fridays: (All ages) August 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, 10:00-11:00 am. Take a coffee break and meet Miss Chris at Palm Harbor Starbucks, US Hwy 19 & Nebraska Ave.
Puppets Aplenty: (Ages 6-12, parents of age-eligible children welcome) Saturday, August 9, 10:00am - 11:30am. (Last tee-time is at 3:30 pm). Make a hole-in-one at the library’s first annual mini-golf event or putter around the vendor shopping area and grab a snack. Cool off at one of our two indoor, book-themed courses. Sponsored by the Friends of Largo Library and developed by the library’s teen volunteers, this event acts as a fundraiser for the Teen Room at Largo Public Library. Call 727-587-6715 for more information.
Oldsmar Public Library
Fizz, Boom READ! Reading Incentive program: (Ages 5-11) Turn in completed reading logs by August 1 for books, prizes and an invitation to the End of Summer Reading Luau party on August 9.
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**Children’s Programs**

**Wee Discoveries:** (Ages 2-5) Thursday, August 14, 10:30 am. Come play with age-appropriate discovery stations designed to encourage creativity in learning with STEM goals in mind. Adult participation required.

**Family Musical Yoga:** (Ages 3+) Friday, August 15, 4:00 pm. Stretch, move, and breathe together as a family! Registration required.

**Tail-Waggin’ Tutors – A Dog is a READER’S Best Friend:** Read with Yeager: Tuesday, August 19, 7:00 pm and Read with Oliver: Friday, August 15, 3:00 pm. Practice your reading with our specially trained therapy dog.

**Wii Wednesday @ the Library:** (Ages 5-12 years) Wednesday, August 20, 3:30 pm. Join your friends for fun Wii Games. Play with ours or bring your own! Must be rated E for everyone.

**LEGO League:** (Ages 3 and up) Wednesday, August 27, 3:00 pm and every Saturday, 3:00 pm. Bring your friends and join us for creative building with LEGOS.

**St. Pete Beach Public Library**

**An Evening at the Movies:** Mondays, 5:30 pm. August 4, Message in a Bottle; August 18, The Shipping News; August 25, Mister Roberts.

**Summer Reading Clubs:** Monday, August 11, 6:00 pm. End of summer party.

**Mother Goose Story Time:** (Ages 3 & under) Thursdays, August 14 (boats), 21 (bubbles), & 28 (weather), 11:00 am.

**I Want to Be a Skeeter Reader:** Skill-building for beginning readers, Thursdays, August 14, 21, 28, 4:00 pm.

**St. Petersburg Public Library System**

**Main Library**

**No Story Times August 4-15, 2014**

**School-age program:** (Ages 5-10) Thursdays, 4:00 pm. Stories, participation activities & music.

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

**Family Flix @ Your Library:** (All ages) Tuesdays August 5,12, 2:00 pm. Family friendly movies and popcorn.

**Humpty Dumpty Story Time:** (18 mos. & under) Thursdays, 10:15 & 11:00 am. Come join us for movement, music, fun with rhymes and puppets.

**Mother Goose Story Time:** (Ages 3 & under) Fridays, August 22,29, 10:15 & 11:00 am. Songs, puppets & finger plays.

**Preschool Story Time:** (3-5 yrs.) Wednesdays, 10:15 am. Stories & Songs.

**Toddler Tunes:** (Ages 3 & under) Friday, August 1, 10:15 & 11:00 am. Songs, puppets & finger-plays.

**Roll Over & Read:** Monday, August 4, 3:30-4:30 pm. Call to register for a session.

**Super Saturdays at Main:** (All ages) 11:00 am. Fun activities include: Library Lego Mania: Saturday, August 2, Puppet Show: Saturday, August 9, Craft Corner: Saturday, August 23, & Game Time: Saturday, August 30.

**Childs Park Community**

**School-age program:** (Ages 5-10) Tuesdays, 4:30 pm. Stories, activities & music.

**Preschool Story Time:** (Ages 3-5) Tuesdays, 10:15 am. Stories, participation activities & music.

**Roll Over & Read:** Tuesday, August 5, 4:15-5:15 pm. Call to register for a session.

**Mirror Lake Branch**

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

**Preschool Story Time:** (Ages 3-5) Thursdays, 2:00 pm & Fridays, 10:15 am. Music, Instruments & Dance.

**North Branch**

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

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

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

**South Branch**

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

**Preschool Story Time:** (Ages 3-5) Thursdays, 11:00 am. Songs & stories.

**Roll Over & Read:** Friday, August 1, 3:30-4:30 pm. Call to register for a session.

**West Community Library**

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

**Preschool Story Time:** (Ages 3-5) Tuesdays, 10:30 am. Songs & stories.

**Seminole Community Library**

**“Fizz, Boom, Read!” Craft Sunday:** (all ages) Sunday, August 3, 1:30-4:00 pm. Drop-in for a make-and-take craft.

**Reading with the Dogs:** (reading ages) Monday, August 4, 10:00 am-12:00 pm. Enjoy a one-on-one reading opportunity with one of our trained therapy dogs and their handler. A participation release form must be completed and signed by parent/legal guardian on site before a child may participate. Please, no personal pets allowed.

**Hands On!** (preschool and elementary ages) Monday, August 4, 1:00-3:00 pm. Drop-in and enjoy using your hands and imagination to construct, create, build and play. Educational manipulatives, games, puzzles, building blocks, LEGOs and more will be provided.

**Two Towers Chess Club:** (all ages) Monday, August 11, 3:30-5:30 pm. All skill levels welcome. NO MEETING ON AUGUST 25 DUE TO ELECTIONS.

**“Little Science Buddies” Toddler Story Time:** (18-36 mo.) Tuesday, August 5, 10:30 am. 20 minutes of short stories, songs and movement activities based on a weekly theme for toddlers and their caregivers. Beginning June 17, a puppet show will follow story time throughout the summer.

**“Big Science Buddies” Preschool Story Time:** (3-5 yr.) Tuesday, August 5, 11:30 am. 30 minutes of short stories, songs and movement activities based on a weekly theme for preschoolers and their caregivers. Beginning June 17, a puppet show will follow story time throughout the summer.

**“Slice of Science” Tween Tuesday:** (grades 5-7) Tuesday, August 5, 2:00-3:00 pm. Drop-in program with a different event planned for each week.

**E-imagination:** (K-3rd grade) Tuesday, August 5, 6:30 pm. Come stretch your imagination with crafts, games, projects, talents and sharing. Try something new, share what you know. Parents may participate or take a break!

**“Rockin’ Robots” Baby Story Time:** (newborn-18 mo.) Wednesday, August 6, 10:00 am. A lap sit program featuring books, fingerplays, songs and a playtime.

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

**Wiggle, Giggle and Sing!:** (ages 5 and under) Thursday, August 7, 10:30 am. Shake a parachute, toss a bean bag, and other “wiggly, giggly” musical activities.

**Family Movie Matinee:** (all ages) Saturday, August 2, 21, 23, 30, 10:20 pm. Free popcorn and soda provided by The Friends of the Library! Please call the Youth Services Department at 394-6913 for movie titles and additional information. NO MOVIES ON AUGUST 9 AND 16 DUE TO SPECIAL PROGRAMMING.

**Mid-Pinellas “Comic Con”:** (all ages) Saturday, August 9, 10:00 am-5:00 pm. For additional information, please call Chad Mairn at 727-394-6917.

**“The Artistry of Model Railroads”:** A Three-Dimensional Exhibit of Thematic Sculptures (all ages) Thursday-Sunday, August 15-17.

**Tarpon Springs Public Library**

**Weekly Reading Logs:** (Ages birth to 12) Monday, June 9 to Friday, August 1. Pick up a reading log from the Youth Services staff. Fill in the amount of time you read or someone reads to you. Return the reading log to receive a reward and pick up another reading log.

**Tarpon Springs Aquarium:** (All ages) Friday, August 1, 3:00 pm. Tarpon Springs Aquarium will visit us with one of their residents. No registration required.

**Family Movies:** (All ages) Tuesday, August 5, 2:00 pm. Current release movie for the family. For movie title or more information, please call Youth Services (727)943-4922 ext. 16.

**Music with Mar:** (ages 1 and up) Wednesday, August 6, 10:30 am. Music and movement for your child’s development.

**Toddler Tunes:** (Ages 1 to 3) Friday, August 8, 10:30 am. A selection of our favorite songs, rhymes, and dances. Learn with fun and music.

**Preschool Story Time:** (Ages 3-5), Resuming on Thursdays, starting August 21, 10:15 am. Themed story time with finger plays, books, music and puppet show followed by a craft. No registration required.

**Toddler Time:** (Ages 1-3), Resuming on Fridays, starting August 22, 10:15 and 11:00 am. Early literacy fun with music, stories, finger plays and activities. Registration required.

**Woo Sing with Mrs. Music:** (Ages 1 and up) Saturday, August 23, 11:30 am. Join us for a preschool singing program. Have fun learning colors, numbers, letters, sign language and Spanish. No registration required.
Book Discussions

Barbara S. Ponce Public Library(formerly Pinellas Park Public Library)
“Pigs in Heaven”: August 13, 6:30 pm. By Barbara Kingsolver.
Clearwater Public Library System

Countryside Branch
The Book Group @ Countryside: Thursday, August 21, 2:30-3:30 pm. This month’s interesting read, Still Alice, by Lisa Genova.
East Branch
Mystery Readers Club: Tuesday, August 19, 12:00-1:30 pm. A lively discussion on books covering the theme for the month.

Dunedin Public Library
No Book Discussion Groups will meet in August.

East Lake Community Library
ELCL Book Club: Wednesday, August 6, 6:30-7:45 pm. This month’s selection is The Red Sparrow by Jason Matthews. For more info on the author, please go to: http://www.goodreads.com/author/show/6903512.Jason_Matthews. No registration required.

Gulf Beaches Public Library
Chatterbooks: Tuesdays, 1:00 pm during the summer. August 19, The Sun Also Rises by Ernest Hemingway.

Gulfport Public Library
Coffee/Talk Book Club: Thursday, August 21, 11:00 am (Note new time). Title: The God Delusion by Richard Dawkins. Discussion with coffee & light refreshments. Stop by the Circulation Desk to check out a copy. Sponsored by our Circle of Friends.

Large Public Library
Last Word Book Discussion Group: Wednesday, August 6, 6:00 pm. A Box of Darkness by Sally Ryder Brady.

Booktalking with Iris: Wednesday, August 13, 12:00 pm. Listen to a talk on popular titles each month.

Author Book Signing: Saturday, August 16, 1:00 pm-4:00 pm. Visit with a local author and purchase a signed copy of her new book - J. J. Schousboe, author of Beenie’s Search. After a long winter of hibernating, Beenie, the friendly bear, discovers that he is all alone. In search of food, friends and his family, Beenie gets sidetracked and lost. When he remembers what he was taught by his parents, he overcomes his fears and sets off in the right direction.

Oldsmar Public Library
Books and Brews: (Ages 21 and up) Group meets the first Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm, at the Oldsmar Tap House (300 State Street East), August’s book: The Confession by John Grisham, no registration required.

Palm Harbor Public Library
Phil’s Book Club: Monday, August 11, 11:00 am and Tuesday, August 12, 7:00 pm. Swamplandia! by Karen Russell. Copies of each book are available at the library. Director Gene Coppolla leads this lively book discussion group.

Safety Harbor Public Library
Words & Wine Book Club: Monday, August 18, 6:30 pm. Join us for our book club held at Whistle Stop Bar and Grill, 915 Main Street. August’s title is Life After Life, by Kate Atkinson. Limited copies of the book are available at the library.

St. Pete Beach Public Library
Book Discussion Group: Tuesday, August 19, 10:30 am. The Power and the Glory by Graham Greene.

Book Discussion Group Film: Tuesday, August 26, 10:30 am. The Power and the Glory.

St. Petersburg Public Library System
Main Library
Speculative Fiction Book Club: Tuesday, August 5, 6:30 pm. Firstborn by Arthur Clarke & Stephen Baxter.

Modern Classics Book Club: Thursday, August 21, 6:30 pm. Solaris by Stanislaw Lem.

The Real Deal Book Club: Thursday, August 28, 6:30 pm. How Animals Grieve by Barbara King.

North Branch
Thursday Morning Group: Thursday, August 7, 11:00 am. The Worse Hard Time: The Untold Story of those who Survived the Great Dust Bowl by Timothy Egan.

Murder by the Book (Mystery Book Club): Thursday, August 14, 6:30 pm. And then There Were None by Agatha Christie.

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

South Branch
Book Club: Wednesday, August 13, 2:00 pm. Call or check online for latest title.

Mahogany Book Club: Saturday, August 16, 12:00 pm. Call or check online for latest title.

Seminole Community Library
Backward Travelers Historical Fiction Book Discussion: Tuesday, August 19, 2:00 pm. The Last Runaway by Tracy Chevalier.

Book Buzz!: Tuesday, August 5, 2:00 pm. Drop by and enjoy chatting with other readers about your favorite books, plus hear the latest ‘buzz’ about what’s new at the library.

Super Novels: Thursday, August 28, 2:00 pm. Women in Love by D.H. Lawrence.

Tarpon Springs Public Library
Expand Your Horizons Book Club: Wednesday, August 13, 3:30 pm. August’s book will be A Girl Named Zippy by Haven Kimmel.

Mystery, Murder and Mayhem Book Club: Wednesday, August 20, 7:00 pm. The book choice for August is Death at La Fenice by Donna Leon. Light refreshments will be served.

Books and Beyond Book Club: Will be taking a break for the summer and resume on October 23. October’s book choice is Exodus by Leon Uris. If you are interested in joining, please call Sherri Patterson at (727)934-5926.

LIBRARY CLOSINGS FOR AUGUST 2014

Library closings for the month of August are as follows:
August 31
Dunedin Public Library
Safety Harbor Public Library

September 1
Dunedin Public Library

Change in Library hours for the month of August are as follows:
St. Petersburg West Community Library - August 1-15,
Out of session hours:
Monday & Thursday - 9:00 am-8:00 pm
Tuesday & Wednesday - 9:00 am-6:00 pm
Friday - 9:00 am-4:00 pm
Saturday - 10:00 am–5:00 pm

Seminole Community Library - Saturday, July 26 through Sunday, August 17:
Library opens at 9:00 am Monday through Friday and closes at 8:00 pm Monday through Thursday.