

READING IS FOR EVERYONE

Newsletter of the Pinellas Talking Book Library

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Thank you, Volunteers!

On Friday, November 18, The Pinellas Talking Book Library staff honored our volunteers with a holiday luncheon and gift tote bags. This allowed us to thank our thirty volunteers who come to the library each week and assist our staff with various duties, including shelving, sorting, and rewinding books. We have a volunteer who calls all of the new patrons to answer questions they may have about the Talking Books service. In addition, a Telephone Pioneer refurbishes the cassette players that are returned to us for repair.



Volunteers, staff, and the PPLC Board Chair enjoyed a festive meal and good company, while kicking off the holiday season!

*Executive Director, Pinellas Public Library Cooperative, Mary A. Brown
Head Librarian, Talking Book Library, Marilyn Stevenson*

Special "Thank You" to Mail Carriers!

Thank you to everyone who responded to our call for mail carrier nominations. Every carrier nominated will receive a letter of appreciation.

The winners are:

Jimmy Walterick, Largo Post Office

Neil Hunt, St. Petersburg Post Office

They will receive a Certificate of Appreciation and an Applebee's Gift Card.

Kudos to all of our Main Carriers!

For Your Information...

Pinellas Blind and Visually Impaired Bowling League: Join the League (sighted bowlers and volunteers welcome, too) for a fun-filled bowling season:

Where: Twedt's Lanes
13100 Seminole Blvd.
Largo, FL
Phone: 727-581-4102
Located on P.S.T.A. Bus Route # 18

Contact: Debbie Potocki at 727-217-9775
or Janice Revill at 727-825-0046

Price: \$6.25 per bowler, per week

New Descriptive Videos

Check out these new VHS titles recently added to our collection.

DV011771

Million Dollar Baby

Feature Film. Rated PG-13. Starring Clint Eastwood, Hilary Swank, Morgan Freeman. A woman desperately wants to fight her way into the male-dominated world of boxing. An older, retired male boxer decides he can take on the challenge of training her.

DV011772

The Incredibles

Animated. Rated PG. Voices of Craig T. Nelson, Holly Hunter, Samuel L. Jackson. The patriarch of a dysfunctional superhero family is forced into retirement by too many liability lawsuits. Desperate to see action again, he is easily tricked into a trap from which only his family can rescue him.

DV011768

Meet the Fockers

Feature Film. Rated PG-13. Starring Ben Stiller, Teri Polo. Sequel to "Meet the parents". The groom's future in-laws are invited to meet his own parents and the couples couldn't be more different. Her parents (Robert De Niro and Blythe Danner), are proper and

uptight. His parents (Dustin Hoffman and Barbra Streisand), are open and somewhat rank. Many comedic encounters ensue.

DV011773

The Phantom of the Opera

Feature Film. Rated PG-13. Starring Gerard Butler, Emmy Rossum, Patrick Wilson. A temperamental diva walks out on a performance, and her understudy must go out on stage. Only the ballet mistress knows that there is a mysterious "Angel of Music" who haunts the catacombs of the theater who passes his talent onto the understudy.

DV011752

Ray

Feature Film. Rated PG-13. Starring Jamie Foxx. Larenz Tate. This biopic profiles the life of legendary musician Ray Charles. Despite humble beginnings and the loss of his eyesight due to glaucoma at the age of six, Charles would nonetheless become an icon in both the music industry and the civil rights era. While the film delves into his problems with drugs and women, the bulk of the story details his career.

DV011770

Shark Tale

Animated. Rated PG. Voices of Will Smith, Robert De Niro, Renee Zellweger. Rating: PG. When the son of a shark mafia boss is killed, a fast-talking bottom feeder lies and takes the credit. He soon realizes that his lie

and bragging has made him a player in a very dangerous game.

DV011769

Finding Neverland

Feature Film. Rated PG. Starring Johnny Depp, Kate Winslet, Dustin Hoffman. A biography of the man who wrote "Peter Pan," this down-on-his-luck writer uses his neighbors as the inspiration for his story. We see his struggles to write and have his play produced near the beginning of the 20th century.

Questions and Answers about Your Library Service

Q. How do I order books?

A. In order for us to send you books on a regular basis, you should send us a list books you would like to read. Please order these books by the book number listed in the catalogs. You can either check off the corresponding boxes for each book you want on the order sheets in the back of the catalogs, or write both the letters and the numbers for each book on a blank sheet of paper. Remember to write your name and address on the form before you mail in your order. You can also call the library with your order at 727-441-9958.

Q. How do I cancel a magazine?

A. To cancel a magazine which is sent with a mailing card, simply write "cancel" on the card when you return the magazine to the library. To cancel a magazine which is mailed directly to you and does not have a card, please call the library to cancel your subscription. Please note that it takes

about eight weeks to cancel a subscription and you may receive additional copies in the mail before your cancellation becomes effective.

Q. How do I return books?

A. To return books sent to you with a mailing card, turn the card over. The library's address is on the other side. Please return all materials sent to you with the mailing card. No postage is required. Return books as you finish them. Do not let them accumulate before mailing them back.

Q. What about damaged books?

A. To identify a damaged cassette, please place a rubber band around the cassette and replace it in the book container. Return the book as usual. You will receive another copy of the books if you write or call the library, requesting another copy.

Q. What do I do if the equipment breaks?

A. If your equipment stops working or if it seems to malfunction, please call the library and we will tell you what to do.

Q. What if I move?

A. If you move, please call or write the library as soon as you know your new address. If you move out of state, we can transfer your library service to the library serving your new address. Please return your equipment first, if moving out of state. If you are a U.S. citizen and move out of the country, you can still receive library services. Please call or write us and we will make arrangements.

Online catalog for ordering library books is:

<http://www.klas.com/talkingbooks/florida>

Please call the library for your log-in and password.

Library Closing Dates

President's Day: Monday, February 20, 2006



MEMORIALS AND DONATIONS

Donations, Bequests and In Memoriam gifts to the Pinellas Talking Book Library are used to help defray costs of operating the library. We use funds prudently and reserve the money for development of collections not provided by NLS, special equipment needs, and volunteer recognition. Thank you to all the kind people who have shown their appreciation by giving these gifts. All monetary gifts are acknowledged with a thank you letter.

Please send and make checks payable to: Pinellas Talking Book Library, 1330 Cleveland Street, Clearwater, FL 33755-5103.

We also receive notes and letters on a regular basis that express how important this program is to the people we serve. Our volunteers and staff love these notes, and we use them to support our grant requests. Letters expressing the need to maintain a local talking book library support our continued presence in Pinellas County. Please keep the notes and letters coming!