

READING IS FOR EVERYONE

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MEET THE BLIND PICNIC, LAKE SEMINOLE PARK October 13th, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

On October 13, 2007, the Pinellas chapter of the National Federation of the Blind of Florida (NFBF) is hosting the second annual "Meet the Blind" Picnic at Lake Seminole Park from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The public is invited to join the NFBF for food, fun and facts about blindness. This event is in conjunction with the October celebration of "Meet the Blind" month and of National White Cane Safety Day.

To raise public awareness of the white cane safety law, cane and guide dog users will be demonstrating street crossings at the intersection of Starkey Road and Park Boulevard. In addition, NFBF members and volunteers will be distributing information, and serving food for a nominal donation at pavilion 5.

Representatives of the Division of Blind Services, Pinellas Talking Book Library, the Light House of Pinellas, Inc. and Southeastern Guide Dogs, Inc. puppy raisers will be on hand to answer questions and provide information about their organizations.

The Pinellas Chapter of the NFBF is a nonprofit organization that is affiliated with the NFB of Florida www.nfbflorida.org that is affiliated with the National Federation of the Blind headquartered in Baltimore, Maryland, www.nfb.org. The NFB is not an organization speaking for the blind; it is the blind speaking for themselves!

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WUSF RADIO READING SERVICE

The WUSF Radio Reading Service provides live and taped broadcasts to more than 5,000 print disabled listeners in the Tampa Bay area. Volunteers donate their time and talents to read local and national newspapers, magazine articles, and other printed material to their listening audience. Anyone who is eligible receives a specially tuned radio at no charge. The radio is on loan to the listener for as long as he or she needs it.

Broadcasts are aired every day, twenty-four hours per day. In addition to local newspapers and magazines such as Forbes, People Magazine, and TV Guide, the Radio Reading Service also provides grocery and department store ads and special holiday programs. Broadcasts are aired from the WUSF studio, located on the campus of the University of South Florida, and from a broadcast studio housed at the Sarasota Opera House.

For more information about the Radio Reading Service, to request a radio, or to request a guest speaker for your club, organization or church group, please call (813) 974-8635.

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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 receive notes and letters on a regular basis that say how important this program is to the people we serve. Our staff and volunteers enjoy hearing from you, and learn from your comments regarding the library service. 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!

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