

About the Library

The St. Pete Beach Public Library, located at 365 73rd Avenue (about two blocks from City Hall), was founded in 1951 by the St. Petersburg Beach Community Club. It became a municipal library when the City of St. Pete Beach was incorporated in 1957.

Today, the Library is a division of the City's Department of Finance. It has been a member of the Pinellas Public Library Cooperative since 1989. This county-wide library collaboration affords SPB patrons with full access to all materials and services of the 14 PPLC member libraries throughout Pinellas County.

The current 8,200 square foot building was constructed in 1969, and partially refurbished in 1995. Plans for an expansion and renovation of the existing facility are included in the City Commission's 5-year Capital Projects Plan for funding in year 2015. Designs by the renowned architectural firm Harvard Jolly are progressing and a major fundraising campaign will be underway in 2014.

The collections include books as well as a broad selection of media such as CD Books, DVDs, CD Music, and online access to an extensive collection of e-books and downloadable audio books. Services provided by the staff of two Librarians, two Library Assistants, and six part-time Library Pages include processing library cards; charging, discharging and shelving materials; collecting fines and fees; programs; and arranging for local reserves; answering general reference and readers advisory questions. Staff are trained and available to provide assistance to patrons with a variety of information technologies, such as the public computers, E-readers, iPads, etc. as well as a variety of software programs and the Internet, including e-government websites.