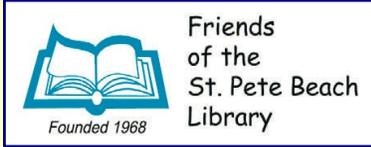


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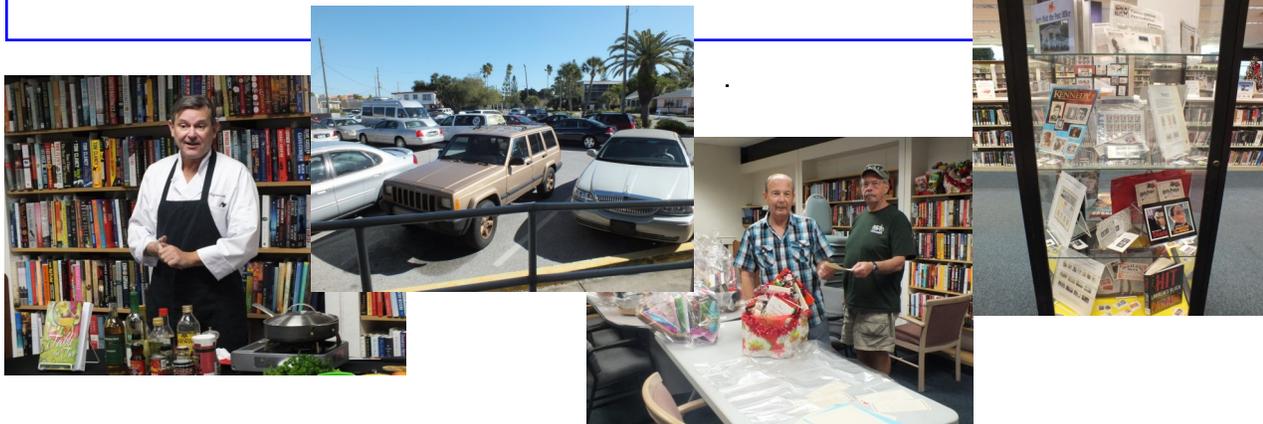


**Winter 2014**

**News for Patrons of the St. Pete Beach Library**

## Library Snapshot Day—January 22, 2014

Each January, libraries are invited to submit photos of events, actions, and scenes of what's happening on one day in the library, helping to showcase a few of the many functions that the library serves. Below are photos that indicate a busy day with a parking lot full of patrons' cars, a cooking demonstration by Chef Cater-son, two members of the Friends' Board preparing book baskets for the next fund-raising auction, and our January display case.



## Get Aboard in March with Serge, Coleman & Tim Dorsey!



There's still time to book your cabins for the Friends' encore fund-raising cruise with Tim Dorsey, Serge and Coleman sailing from Tampa March 16-23, 2014 on the Holland America Lines' recently remodeled *MS. Ryndam*. Features of the beautifully renovated ship include a three-story atrium, three differently themed bars; and the Culinary Arts Center offering cooking classes with a Master Chef. Alternative dining includes the Pinnacle Grill specializing in steak and seafood. Treat yourself to relaxing sessions in the Greenhouse Spa & Salon.

Stops on the cruise include Key West, Roatan, Santo Thomas de Castilla, and Costa Maya. Tours with Tim Dorsey include the Old

Conch Town Trolley, Hemingway House and the historic Lighthouse, and photo ops at the "southernmost tip of the U.S."

Roatan, a tropical isle run by women, has some of the best diving spots and ziplines in the world; Santo Thomas de Castilla abounds with Mayan ruins, and Caya Costa, Mexico offers both beach and shopping excursions.

**To join the cruise , contact Full Sails Travel by phone at 813-994-8833 or email [Serge@FullSailsTravel.com](mailto:Serge@FullSailsTravel.com), or contact Judy Weaver at 813-610-2185 or email her at [judy@fullsailstravel.com](mailto:judy@fullsailstravel.com),**



## Phyllis's Space

Conjure up a mental picture of what the St. Pete Beach Library currently looks like and has for almost 50 years. Now “reimagine” what it could be. That is exactly what the architects from HARVARD JOLLY have done in a spectacular way! They have taken our ideas of service trends and user patterns and their own wealth of experience in designing libraries, and created plans for an expansion and comprehensive renovation of the existing facility. Renderings of just what patrons might expect at completion of the project offer visual perspectives on new service areas, an expanded digital area, casual reading area, a state-of-the-art conference/meeting space, and an attractive new “look” for our children’s area. The overall plan is a three-phase approach anticipated to span the next three years. The only interruption in service is projected to be several months in the final Phase which involves the complete renovation of the 8,200 sq. ft. of existing space.



for the building or particular service areas, recognition on a donor wall in the new lobby entry, and “thank you” gifts. The Library will also have a donor box on-site to encourage visitors to participate in our fundraising efforts in a small way. No contribution is too large or too small.

Please help us by challenging family, friends, neighbors, work colleagues, and others to invest in the future of your community library. Stop by the Library to pick up some donor info packets to share with others. It will give them the WHO, WHAT, WHEN, WHERE, and most importantly WHY so that they can make an informed decision to contribute. Or direct them to the Library’s building project webpage or our Facebook page which will offer the same information and updates as progress is made.

We are counting on your help. Join us in reimagining our Library, a vital community resource now and well into the future. Be an ambassador by spreading the word, attending events, and contributing to this significant undertaking which will benefit everyone in our community.

Please contact me to find out more about how you can be involved. [fund-raiser@stpetebeach.org](mailto:fund-raiser@stpetebeach.org)

In order to move these concepts forward, funding, from multiple sources, must come together to meet the estimated cost of \$2.5 million. Already the City has been awarded a \$200,000 grant from the Pinellas Public Library Cooperative for this ambitious building project which will enable us to initiate Phase I later this calendar year. Application for a state grant will be made in the Spring. Our focus now is to collaborate with the Friends of the St. Pete Beach Library on a major fundraising campaign with a goal of raising \$700,000 in the next 18 months. The Friends Board has generously hired a Fundraising Consultant to work with us every step of the way to optimize our efforts to raise this target amount.

Packets of materials will soon be available to community residents to help with informed consideration of donor opportunities. A range of donor options will include naming opportunities

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*Tidings* is published quarterly by the Friends of the St. Pete Beach Library to provide the community with news about the library’s activities. New members are always welcome. To join and support your library, please use the form on the back of this newsletter.

## Staff Spotlight: Tom DeCair

Whenever you run into someone who never uses the library, you might tell them what Library Page, Tom DeCair, would say to someone like that: “the library contains the whole world! Almost anything you could want or dream of can be found in the library in a variety of convenient formats.”

Friendly and knowledgeable, Tom helps to keep library services running smoothly for patrons as he mans the front desk, updates the library’s web page, and assists patrons on public computers and e-readers.

Residing in Florida for the past seven years, Tom now lives in Treasure Island. He originally came to the St. Pete Beach library looking for—what else? - books! But he also discovered the library’s friendly, small-town atmosphere. He decided to donate time assisting patrons on the public computers and served as a volunteer in this capacity for three years before accepting a part-time position as a Library Page.

Tom made his way to Florida via a global route. Born in Spartanburg, South Carolina, and raised in Kalamazoo, Michigan, Tom attended Kalamazoo College and Hope College, grad-



uating with a Phi Beta Kappa key and a degree in political science. He then began an exciting career in government working in the press office of the White House beginning 32 days before the Watergate break-in in 1972. He later served as assistant press secretary during the Ford administration and remained in the political arena for the rest of his career, primarily as an American aide to political figures dealing with reform movements, including time spent in South Africa prior to the release of Nelson Mandela.

Since then, career and personal travel have taken him to approximately 50-60 countries. Of those, Tom thinks that living and working in Washington, D.C. and South Africa were his most memorable locations. Despite such an interesting and impressive career, Tom considers the time he once spent in Washington, DC as a latchkey nanny for his granddaughter to be his favorite job.

Like a truly dedicated library staff member, Tom does his very best to meet patron needs. He claims that serving in this capacity is what makes working in the library so rewarding for him.

## Our Best Wishes to Jean Andrews—California Bound!

You may have noticed a change in the name of the *Tidings* editor. Candy Mela has recently taken over from Jean Andrews who has moved to California. Jean was a part-time librarian at St. Petersburg College’s Gibbs Campus and a long-time member of the library’s Friends Board. She also served on the city’s Library Advisory Board, most recently as chairperson. Before her move, the library and the Friends’ Board benefited from her generous donation of books that were not making the trip to the west coast. We’ve learned that Jean has joined the Friends

of the Library in her new home town, where we’re sure she’ll be as enthusiastic a member as she was here. She might even become the editor of their newsletter! We miss you, Jean, but we wish you the best in your new life in California!



# Need for Library Renovation and Update

The photos on this page show some of the reasons why our city public library is in serious need of renovation. The images on this page demonstrate only a few of the problems the library currently faces: lack of staff work space, inadequate storage, peeling paint, and the accumulation of mold inside and out. The library has embarked upon an ambitious fund-raising campaign to combine with city funds to significantly improve the library's ability to serve its patrons.





# February 2014



**February 8, join Kara Beck's Fashion Class,  
Shopping on a Budget, at 11:00 am**

**February 26, join Commissioner  
Jim Parent's Let's Talk at 6:30 pm**

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# March 2014

Join the Friends of the St. Pete Beach Public Library & favorite author, Tim Dorsey, on their 2nd Caribbean Cruise. Board Holland America Ms Ryndam out of Tampa on March 16 for a 7 night western Caribbean Cruise. Visit Key West, Roatan, Santo Tomas & Costa Maya and don't forget the pre-cruise party with Tim on March 15! Reservations: Full Sails Travel 813-994-8833 or [Serge@FullSailsTravel.com](mailto:Serge@FullSailsTravel.com)

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# April 2014

12:00 pm April 23, Ray Kulla of the Academy of Senior Professionals at Eckerd College, presents Monet, part of our month- long tribute to Paris .

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Mail completed form and check to: Friends of the Library, P.O. Box 66557,  
St. Pete Beach, FL 33736 or bring to the library during business hours.



### 2014 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

\_\_\_\_\_ new \_\_\_\_\_ renewal

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (Home) \_\_\_\_\_ (Cell) \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is my contribution of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (payable to Friends of the S.P.B. Library).

**Suggested Membership Levels: Individual \$15; Family \$25;**

**Donor/Business \$50; Life \$100 Individual/\$150 Couple; Business \$250**

Note: Membership dues and other donations to the Friends may be tax-deductible. Ask your financial advisor.

I would like to help with:

\_\_\_\_\_ Bookstore/Sales

\_\_\_\_\_ Programs

\_\_\_\_\_ Publicity/Promotion

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