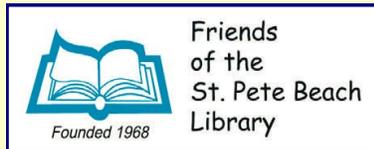


Tidings



Friends
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Spring 2014

News for Patrons of the St. Pete Beach Library

To Friends of the St. Pete Beach Library



Last month, the Friends emailed a letter to all Friends for whom we have email addresses asking for volunteers to help with the fundraising for the library's renovation and expansion. The letter advised that since the kick-off party for the "Reimagine Renovation Campaign," on January 29th, all fundraising activities have been conducted by the six members of the Building Support Committee, the Friends Board of Directors, and Library Administrator, Phyllis Ruscella.

So far, the aforementioned people have staffed tables and distributed information and materials at the Suntan Art show on February 22nd, both nights of the "Beach Goes Pops" in March, and the Concert in the Park on May 9th. This small group of people cannot shoulder the fundraising alone.

While there remains some uncertainty about the location of the future, improved library, the fact is that fundraising must continue so that construction can begin in a timely fashion once the "new" library's location is decided.

We need your help at future events staffing tables, helping with set-up and take-down, and distributing materials. Later, we'll also need help soliciting donations from local residents and businesses.

If you have an interest in, or experience, in any of these areas, and are willing to contribute a little of your time to the library's fundraising efforts, please contact us at the number listed on page 2.

Dorsey & Serge Raise \$1,600 for Friends & Library by Steve Traiman



Following the highly successful Friends sponsored 2012 cruise with mystery writer, Tim Dorsey, the 2014 cruise drew a smaller, but equally enthusiastic, crowd. It raised \$1,600 for the Friends of the St. Pete Beach Library.

This cruise, on the Holland American line's *Ms. Rhyndam*, featured stops at Key West, Roatan, Santo Tomas, and Costa Maya. In addition to leading two on-shore excursions, Tim hosted two well-received on-board programs showcasing his storytelling skills and filled with personal anecdotes.

Tim said "I'll never be able to repay the Friends of the St. Pete Beach Library for all the support they've given me since the beginning of my career, so I'm more than happy to raise what I can on their Serge cruises. Like the first, this one was a blast with so many kind and enthusiastic travel companions allowing me to renew old friendships and make new ones."

Katie Speer of Full Sails Travel, who organized and marketed the cruise, reported that "the cruise was awesome and everyone sent very nice e-mails. Tim told me that everyone was very happy with the cruise and my services. I'm so glad, as it was a lot of work, and that was my pay."

"I made myself available to cruisers for any issues that arose, and I ensured that everyone made it to the various on-board and on-shore activities. Our kick-off party and our final Parrothead party were both wonderful."

Typical of cruiser comments was that of repeat cruiser, Tim O'Leary, who said the cruise was "one of the best vacations I've ever had!"





Phyllis's Space—Library Administrator's Report



The recent uncertainty about the Library Expansion/Renovation Project is focused on the location. I can assure everyone that my goal is to give the SPB residents the new Library they deserve, regardless of where the City Commission decides it will be. I am optimistic that the City will have a feasibility study of the City Hall conducted to determine if the structure, with modifications, CAN be a Library. Hopefully this study will be accomplished before the FY2015 Budget Proposals are finalized in late summer. This swift action would allow for the start of contracted construction work to begin in 2015 at whatever site is decided best for a 21st C Library for the community.



Very good news regarding state funding for public libraries in forthcoming fiscal year 2015 was officially released. The Florida House and Senate agreement reached in the final days of April includes a \$5.1 million increase for libraries. Many, many Florida library advocates who spent months educating our legislative representatives on the value of libraries for the public good are to be commended for their effective efforts on behalf of all types of libraries and their patrons.



The school year will soon come to an end and our Summer Programming begins! This year, the statewide theme is SCIENCE and our programs, activities, and reading clubs focus on our younger patrons. There will be movies, games, prizes, story times, and reading recommendations which encourage an interest in and understanding of the many facets of science in our everyday lives. The annual Sunshine State Reading Program titles have recently been announced for 2014. A listing can be found, by age grouping, on the PPLC or Library's webpage.

IPAD classes and E-Reader Forums throughout the spring and summer will continue to afford patrons an opportunity to maximize their skill with and enjoyment of the latest in Library-related technologies. Our Adult Book Discussion group is always seeking and welcoming new members. Each month, one title is selected, read, and discussed by the group. Usually there is a showing of the movie tie-in the following week.

Do visit the Library and "check-out" our wide range of programming, attractive thematic monthly displays, and steady stream of new materials being added to our circulating collections. Pick up a copy of the Library's *Annual Report for 2013* which just came out, read one of our many magazines or newspapers, or take advantage of the public computers and assistance provided with online resources or e-devices. And consider donating to the Library's Reimagine Renovation Campaign. The Library now accepts most major credit cards for ease of donation, or for payment of fines, lost materials, or fees for "seasonal" patron privileges. Your LIBRARY has it all!



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Staff Spotlight: Library Page Cynthia Horst

Cynthia Horst, part-time Library Page since March of this year, brings a life-long love of libraries to our St. Pete Beach facility. She's from the Port Richey area, where she still lives, and has volunteered in libraries since high school.

She chose to pursue library work after graduating from the USF Theater Design program last year because there simply is not much theater work in this area.

St. Pete Beach is a long drive from the Port Richey area, and when asked about relocating to be closer to her Library Page position, Cynthia said that she currently lives with, and helps care for, her mother, so she wants to remain where she is and commute as necessary. We're fortunate that her affinity for libraries brought her to St. Pete Beach!

In order to work full-time, energetic Cynthia has undertaken four different jobs that include not only being our Library Page, but also work in Events and Production Services at USF, work for the Mid-Florida Credit Union amphitheater at the Florida State fairgrounds as an usher in the VIP lounge, and as a production assistant on a local film project titled "The Broadcast" being shot in Ybor City.

When asked what she does in her leisure time, she responded that she tries to catch up on her sleep since she has such a busy schedule; however, not surprisingly, she likes to read when time allows.



With such a long-standing devotion to libraries, Cynthia is considering the possibility of earning her master's degree in Library Science one day and continuing her work in libraries in a professional capacity as a Librarian. Right now, she has no time to give to additional education.

The library's small-town feel and tight-knit community appeal to Cynthia, along with the interesting mix of our many regular patrons and their enjoyment of the library. She also thinks the library, considering its size, has an admirable and well-rounded collection of materials. She finds that each staff member has a positive attitude that makes work at the library fun.

While she's still so new to our library, Cynthia says she focuses on getting to know her way around and hasn't had a chance to form an opinion about the improvements renovation could bring to the overall library spaces and processes.

Her quiet competence serves the library patrons well and adds to the welcoming atmosphere that we all enjoy and want to maintain. Thanks, Cynthia, for being such an asset to our community facility. We're very glad to have you here!



Spring Auction Yields \$1,521 for Friends



Our spring basket auction, overseen by Friends Board Member Ron Waters, was a great success, yielding \$1,521 for the Friends' effort to support the library renovation.

These auctions offer a variety of themed

book baskets filled with popular and appealing book titles, as well as beautiful baskets, for the enjoyment of the winning bidders. These baskets make wonderful gifts for friends and family (and a great way to treat yourself!).

****HELP US KEEP OUR MEMBERSHIP LIST UP TO DATE****

If you are a Friends member with a new address, phone, or e-mail, give us your updated information via the Friends' phone or e-mail on page 2. Thanks!

Visualizing the Library's Work/Storage Problems

Photos on this page again show some of the reasons why our city public library is in serious need of improvement. These images showcase the lack of staff work space and inadequate storage. Please consider lending your help to some of the fund-raising activities that will be undertaken by the Friends of the St. Pete Beach Library. You'll be making a significant contribution to your community! See page 1 for more information.





St. Pete Beach Library
 Building Expansion/Renovation Plan, 2014-2016
A place for learning, relaxing, and meeting that is welcoming

May 2014

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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11	12 5:30 pm Movies in May Zathura	13	14	15 11:00 am Mother Goose Time 4:00 pm Skeeter	16 11:00 am E-Reader Forum	17
18	19 5:30 pm Movies in May Planet 51	20 10:30 am Book Discus- sion	21	22 11:00 am Mother Goose Time	23	24
25	26 Closed for Memorial Day	27 10:30 am Book Discus- sion Film	28	29 11:00 am Mother Goose Time 4:00 pm Skeeter	30	31

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MONDAY & WEDNESDAY
 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM

TUESDAY, THURSDAY, & FRIDAY
 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

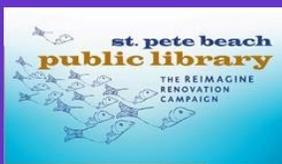
SATURDAY
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SUNDAY
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 	2 5:30 pm An Evening at the Movies <i>Best Exotic Marigold Hotel</i>	3	4 Sign up begins for Summer Programs	5 11:00 am Mother Goose Time 4:00 pm Skeeter	6 11:00 am E-Reader Forum	7
8	9 5:30 pm An Evening at the Movies <i>Jungle Book</i>	10 10:30 am I Just Got My iPad...Now What?	11 2:00pm Wednesday Wonderings	12 11:00 am Mother Goose Time 2:00 pm Thursday Thrills 4:00 pm Skeeter	13 10:30 am iPad e-Books 	14
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_____ new _____ renewal

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Mailing Address _____

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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:

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_____ Programs

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