

**READ ACROSS AMERICA WITH CAT IN THE HAT—March 2, 2:30 p.m.** Commemorating the birthday of Dr. Seuss (Theodor Seuss Geisel, 1904) Books, crafts and games.

**SWING INTO SPRING—March 16, 2:30 p.m.,** Join in the fun with crafts and activities to celebrate Spring.

**MOTHER GOOSE GAMES—April 3, 10:30 a.m..** Celebrate National Library Week with stimulating activities for youth and their families/caregivers.

**CORETA SCOTT KING CELEBRATION—April 27, 2:30** Help celebrate Coretta Scott King's birthday creating crafts based on books that won the award.

**MOTHER'S DAY—May 11, 2:30 p.m.** Create something special to give as a gift for Mother's Day.

**MEMORIAL DAY TRIBUTE—May 25, 2:30 p.m.** Make crafts and cards to be delivered to Veterans Hospital patients for Memorial Day.

### TEEN PROGRAMS

**WHO IS CLEARWATER'S TEEN IDOL?—March 30, 5:30 p.m.** Cosponsored with the Neighborhood Services Division and Parks and Recreation Department. Teens showcase their talents with song, dance and poetry. Prizes awarded.

### ADULT PROGRAMS

**CUP OF JOE & A SHOW—1st Monday of each month, 1 p.m.** Bring your lunch and enjoy a movie. Complimentary coffee and tea will be provided.

**FLORIDA FRIENDLY LANDSCAPING - MAY 18, 5:30 p.m.** Learn how to conserve water, provide for wildlife, and use pesticides and fertilizer responsibly.

### COMPUTER CLASSES

**Internet for Beginners—2nd Wednesday of each month at 10 a.m.** Call 462-6895 to register.

### DISPLAYS

**MARCH:** Phillies Baseball memorabilia by Tony Bacon  
**APRIL:** Poetry by local writers  
**MAY:** Children's Art

All CPLS locations will be closed on:  
 May 29



## Clearwater Countryside Library

2741 State Road 580, Clearwater, FL 33761  
 (727) 669-1290

Hours: Monday-Thursday 9 a.m. - 9 p.m.  
 Friday and Saturday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
 Sunday 1 - 5 p.m.

### YOUTH AND FAMILY PROGRAMS

**PRESCHOOL STORY TIME—Wednesdays, 10 a.m.** Join us for stories, songs, finger plays, films and more! For children ages 3 - 5.

**TODDLER TIME—Thursdays, 10 a.m.** Storytime fun for ages 24 - 36 months.

**HOMEWORK HELP—Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, 3 p.m.** Teens helping elementary-aged students with homework assignments.

**SUNSHINE STATE READER TRIVIA/CRAFT—March 8, 3:30 p.m.** *The World According to Humphrey.* Call to register!

**RED CROSS BABYSITTING CLASS—March 28, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.** Call the Red Cross at 446-2358 to register.

**MOTHER GOOSE GAMES—April 6, 10 a.m.** Celebrate National Library Week with stimulating activities for youth and their families/caregivers.

**SUNSHINE STATE JEOPARDY—April 26, 6 p.m.** Middle School students, get ready for the Sunshine State Battle of the Books! Participate in this Jeopardy-like game - prizes awarded. Register by calling the library.

### TEEN PROGRAMS

**CHECK OUT TDI—Try Denting It teen group!** Call the library for information.

### ADULT PROGRAMS

**POETRY WORKSHOP—April 20, 7 p.m.** Writers are invited to join poet Lois Roma-Deeley for an informative two-hour workshop. Please bring pen and paper. Lois Roma-Deeley has been published in six anthologies, including the American Book Award winner *Looking for Home*. Free, no registration required.

**ARMCHAIR TRAVELER SERIES—begins at 2 p.m.**

**March 1:** Dream Trains: Short Hops & Whistle Stops  
**March 8:** Hawaii  
**March 15:** Two Faces of Hong Kong. Angkor: Lost Temple City of Cambodia's Kings  
**March 22:** Mexico: Baja & the West Coast  
**March 29:** Touring America's Ghost towns  
**April 5:** South Africa: Cape Wine Estates  
 South Africa: Kruger Game Park & the Lost City  
**April 12:** The World of Cruise Ships  
**April 19:** France, the Dordogne Region & the French Riviera  
**April 26:** The Great Plains  
**May 3:** Greece and Turkey  
**May 10:** Jamaica  
**May 17:** New England  
**May 24:** Alaska & the Yukon  
**May 31:** Colorado

### DISPLAYS

**March:** Phillies Baseball memorabilia by Tony Bacon  
**April:** Recycling items, City of Clearwater  
**May:** Kentucky Derby winning spirit by John Wiset



## Message from the Director

The Clearwater Public Library System has many exciting programs and activities planned this spring for the entire family. We hope you will find something to catch your fancy or meet your needs. Stop by to pick up a relaxing read or an entertaining video. Remember, we're here to serve you.

Barbara Pickell



### INVEST IN YOUR LIBRARY!

The Clearwater Library Foundation continues to move forward with the Capital Campaign for the new Main Library. There are many donor opportunities available. Every contribution is important. Every dollar helps.

Make a difference in your community; contribute to the Capital Campaign or the Book Tribute Fund, or be a part of the Million Dollar Wall.

For more information, call the Foundation Office at (727) 562-4970, extension 5189.

### LOVE YOUR LIBRARY! BE A FRIEND!

The Friends of the Clearwater Library (FOCL) is a volunteer group that supports the library through membership and book sales. Funds raised by the Friends are used to enhance programs and services at all Clearwater library locations. Members receive a monthly newsletter, the FOCL Point.

Visit the Friends of the Library Book and Gift Shop, located on the first floor of the Main Library. Make it one of your downtown shopping destinations. Look for Friends' Book Sale corners in other Clearwater Library locations, too!

Call the library for more information on how to become a member of the Friends of the Clearwater Library!

# Write Around Florida



## Upcoming Programs

Screenwriter Kirsten Smith  
 March 1, Main Library

Author James Swain  
 March 28, East Library

Poet Lois Roma-Deeley  
 April 20, Countryside Library



AWARD WINNING  
 EVENTS CALENDAR  
 MARCH - MAY, 2006

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# Schedule of Events

## Clearwater Main Library

100 North Osceola Ave., Clearwater, FL 33755  
(727) 562-4970

Hours: Monday-Thursday 9 a.m. - 9 p.m.  
Friday and Saturday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

### YOUTH AND FAMILY PROGRAMS

**TWILIGHT TALES—Tuesdays, 7 p.m.** Encourage a love of books and reading with stories, finger plays and more.

**BRIGHT MINDS—Wednesdays, 10 a.m.** Preschoolers and caregivers participate in stories, learning activities, book-related films and crafts.

**MOTHER GOOSE TIME—Thursdays, 10 a.m.** Children ages 12-24 months are invited to a classic storytime with books and music.

**FAMILY STORYTIME—Saturdays, 11 a.m.** Fun for all ages with a variety of storytelling, activities, short films!

**ROYAL READERS—March 22, 3:30 pm.** Prince and princess stories with crafts and more for ages 4-12.

**SUNSHINE STATE JEOPARDY—April 3, 6 p.m.** Middle school students, get ready for the Sunshine State Battle of the Books! Participate in a Jeopardy-like game by signing up in the Youth Services Department. Prizes awarded.

**FIRST FRIDAY FUN—March 3, April 7, and May 5, 3:30 p.m.** Fun crafts after school! Ages 5-8.

**GUYS READ—March 24, April 28, and May 26, 3 p.m.** We read and talk about interesting guy-type books in a guy-type way, and we also have a game or activity. Call for info and to sign up. Ages 8-12.

**R.E.A.D.\* DOGS—March 11, April 8, and May 13, 10 a.m. - noon.** Bring your child to practice reading aloud to a lovable furry listener. Call 562-4970 ext. 5236 for more information. (\* Reading Education Assistance Dogs. Mission: To improve the literacy skills of children through the assistance of registered Pet Partners®. For info, visit [www.therapyanimals.org/home.php](http://www.therapyanimals.org/home.php))

**MOTHER GOOSE GAMES—April 4, 7 p.m.** Celebrate National Library Week with stimulating activities for youth and their families/caregivers.

### TEEN PROGRAMS

**MURDER MYSTERY! DEATH GETS A RED CARD—March 31, 6 p.m.** A teen produced mystery drama to solve for middle schoolers. Call (727) 562-4970 ext. 5236 for reservations.

**FREAKY FILMS!—April 24, 6 p.m.** *Mothman Prophecies* - A reporter is drawn to a small West Virginia town to investigate a series of strange events, including psychic visions and the appearance of bizarre entities. PG-13

**SUMMER GAME NIGHT—May 25, 6 p.m.** Join us for a bonanza of board games in the Teen Room.

### ADULT PROGRAMS

**LEADERSHIP BOOK TALK — March 2, April 6, May 4 - noon.** Presented by Leadership Pinellas.

**POETRY NIGHTS —3rd Thursday of each month: March 16, April 20, and May 18 - 7 p.m.** Open mike with the Tampa Bay Poetry Foundation. Bring your own poetry or read favorite works. For more information, call (727) 562-4970, ext. 5284.

**BOOK LOVERS BISTRO—Meets the 1st Tuesday of each month: March 7, April 4, and May 2 - noon.** Meet over lunch to discuss a recent or past best seller. Call (727) 562-4970, ext. 5284 for more information.

**CIRCULO DE LECTURA—Meets the 4th Wednesday of each month: March 22, April 26, and May 24 - 1 p.m.**

Spanish language book discussion group meets to discuss best selling Spanish authors, themes, and literature.

**GREAT BOOKS—Meets the 2nd Thursday of each month - 1:30 pm.** Call (727) 725-1415 for more information.

**March 9:** *The Theory of the Leisure Class* by Thorstein Veblen.

**April 13:** *The Stages of Life* (selections) by Carl Jung.

**May 11:** *Tell Me a Riddle* by Tillie Olsen.

**SCREENWRITING WORKSHOP WITH KIRSTEN SMITH—March 1, 7 p.m.** Kirsten Smith's screenwriting talents have skyrocketed with her blockbuster film hits *Legally Blonde*, *Ella Enchanted*, and *Ten Things I Hate About You*. Join Kirsten in an informal setting to discuss the creative writing process. Free, open to the public. Reception to follow sponsored by the Friends of the Clearwater Library.

**IRISH BOOKS PILGRIMAGE—March 7, noon.** Travel to sites associated with the great old books of Ireland - the Book of Kells, Book of Durrow, and others, with calligrapher/traveler Ruth Pettis. *Celtic music performed by Susan Boyer Haley begins at 11:30 a.m.*

**FLORIDA INTANGIBLE TAX SEMINAR—March 22, 2 p.m.** Presented by the Florida Department of Revenue. Free - reservations not required.

**FILMS ON THE BLUFF: THE BEST OF ART HOUSE CINEMA—** Catch a movie in downtown Clearwater! Enjoy award-winning foreign and independent films/documentaries. **March 14 (6 p.m.) and March 28 (2 p.m.):** *Evelyn* - Set in Ireland in 1953, this is the true story of Desmond Doyle. When his wife abandons him he is judged to be unfit to care for his children because he is unemployed. Winner of the 2004 Award of Distinction by the Australian Cinematographers Society. (95 minutes).

**April 11 (6 p.m.) and April 25 (2 p.m.):** *Ladies in Lavender* - Two aging sisters have their peaceable Cornwall existence disrupted in 1936 when they take in a stranger after he is found unconscious near their home on the beach. Nominated for 2005 Audience Award for Best Actress (Judi Dench) by the European Film Awards. (103 minutes).

**May 9 (6 p.m.) and May 23 (2 p.m.):** *The Girl in the Cafe* - Mild mannered Lawrence is a civil servant who impulsively invites a mysterious woman he meets in a local café named Gina to the G8 conference in Iceland. Nominated for a Golden Globe Award in 2006. (94 minutes).

**COOKING CLASSES:** Our own "Resident Chef" Bil Mitchell, from Publix Apron's Cooking School, whips up culinary delights each month! Twenty-five tickets to the sample table will be given out beginning at 11:15 a.m. Recipes will be available. No advance registration taken for this free program.

**March 9, noon:** *St. Patrick's Day Celebration* - Shepherd's Pie, Irish Potato Patties, and Cream Stout Chocolate Cake.

**April 13, noon:** *Last Minute Meals That Aren't Too Taxing* - Linguine with White Clam Sauce, Quick and Easy Paella, and Farmer's Frittata.

**May 11, noon:** *A Walk in the Park* - Chilled Zucchini Soup, Cold Cubans, Mascarpone and Pine Nut Stuffed Dates.

### COMPUTER CLASSES\*

**INTRODUCTION TO MS WINDOWS—Wednesdays, March 1, April 5 and May 3, 10 a.m.**

**INTRODUCTION TO MS EXCEL—Tuesdays, March 7 and May 9, 3 p.m.**

**INTRODUCTION TO THE INTERNET—Thursdays, March 16, April 20 and May 18, 4 p.m.**

**INTRODUCTION TO E-MAIL—Thursday, March 30, 1 p.m.**

**INTRODUCTION TO MS WORD—Tuesday, April 11, 3 p.m.**

**SEARCHING THE INTERNET—Tuesday, April 25, 1 p.m.**

**INTERMEDIATE WORD—Tuesday, May 23, 1 p.m.**

\* Register for the class of your choice on the Monday of the week of the class by calling (727) 562-4970 ext. 5036.

### GALLERY DISPLAYS

**Osceola Gallery and Carnegie Gallery:** *Earth, Wind, Fire, Water.* Quilts, presented by the Largo Cracker Quilters.

**1st Floor Lobby:** *Pottery*, created by Bev Childs. For sales information call (727) 562-4970 ext. 5284.

**2nd Floor Youth Services:** St. Paul's School student produced medieval artifacts. March only.

## Clearwater East Library

2251 Drew Street, Clearwater, FL 33765  
(727) 669-1280

Hours: Monday-Thursday 9 a.m. - 9 p.m.  
Friday and Saturday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

### YOUTH AND FAMILY PROGRAMS

**PRESCHOOL STORYTIME—Wednesdays, 10 a.m.** Join us for stories, songs, finger plays, films and more! For children ages 3 - 5.

**TODDLER STORYTIME—Wednesdays, 11 a.m.** Storytime fun for ages 24 - 36 months.

**AFTER SCHOOL CRAFTS—3:30 p.m.**

**March 8:** Lucky St. Patrick's Day

**April 12:** Spring Fling!

**MOTHER GOOSE GAMES—April 5, 10 a.m.** Celebrate National Library Week with stimulating activities for youth and their families/caregivers.

**FRANNY K. STEIN, MAD SCIENTIST PARTY—April 13, 3:30 p.m.** Enjoy the fun of Jim Benton's books with games, crafts and other "mad" activities. Costumes are encouraged. Please RSVP at 562-4970 ext. 5236—space is limited.

**SUNSHINE STATE JEOPARDY—April 17, 6 p.m.** Middle school students, get ready for the Sunshine State Battle of the Books! Participate in a Jeopardy-like game at the library. Prizes awarded. Register by calling the library.

**ESCAPE SCHOOL ABDUCTION, A PREVENTION PROGRAM—April 20, 6:30 p.m.** Dignity Memorial Escape School is an abduction prevention program that empowers children and parents by providing them with ways to recognize, avoid or escape potentially dangerous situations. Parents are encouraged to attend the hour-long presentation with their children.

**RED CROSS SPONSORED BABY-SITTING CLASS—May 6 and May 18, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.** Ages 11 and older. Group rates and scholarships available. Call the American Red Cross at 727-446-2359 (Clearwater) or 1-877-741-1444 ext. 850 (Central) to register.

### ADULT PROGRAMS

**MYSTERY READERS CLUB—Begins at 9:30 a.m.** Members choose a mystery to discuss with group, with monthly themes. No reservations needed.

**March 28:** Writings of John D. MacDonald

**April 25:** Golden Gate Mysteries

**May 23:** Readers Choice

**FLORIDA MYSTERY WRITER SERIES:** Join best selling Florida authors as they draw you into their world of intrigue and crime. Books will be available for sale at the program. Author reception to follow the program.

**March 28, 2 p.m.** "Colorful Crime Writing with James Swain."

**WILLIAM BARTRAM "PUC PUGGY'S TRAVELS IN FLORIDA"—May 25, 2 p.m.** Join actor/playwright J.D. Sutton as he brings William Bartram to life, sharing tales of his historic adventures in Florida. Presented by Florida Humanities Council. Free; no registration required.

### DISPLAYS

**March** Phillies Baseball memorabilia by Tony Bacon

**April** Miniature Arts by Mini Hearts Together Club

**May** Chess by Bob Roose

## Clearwater Beach Library

483 Mandalay Ave. in Pelican Walk Plaza  
Clearwater Beach, FL 33767

(727) 462-6890  
Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday  
9 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
Thursday 11 a.m. - 7 p.m.

### ADULT PROGRAMS

**COMPUTER CLASSES FOR BEGINNERS: INTERNET OR E-MAIL**

Call (727) 462-6890 to register.  
Tuesday - 10 a.m.  
Thursday - 4 p.m.

## Clearwater North Greenwood Library

905 N. Martin Luther King, Jr. Ave.  
Clearwater, FL 33755

(727) 462-6895  
Hours: Monday, Wednesday, Friday  
9 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
Tuesday and Thursday 10:30 a.m. - 7 p.m.

### YOUTH AND FAMILY PROGRAMS

**PRESCHOOL STORYTIME—Mondays, 10:30 a.m.** Enjoy stories, finger plays, flannel boards, puppets and movies with your preschoolers.

**TUTORING TUESDAYS—5:30 p.m.** with the Ivey Reading Academy. Homework and reading help for K-3rd grade students. Presented by the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Nu Beta Omega Chapter.

**CRAFT CORNER—Thursdays, 2 p.m.** Drop in to create crafts and enjoy a variety of other activities. Check the calendar for special programs and times on Thursdays.

