



ST. PETERSBURG, FLA.

"I always imagined heaven would be a kind of library" —Jorge Luis Borges

Nov-Dec 2014

Friends meeting dates run October through May, at Main Library Auditorium 3745 Ninth Ave N

Friends Antiques Appraisal Fair Nov. 8 at Main Library

The Friends of the Library's second Antiques Appraisal Fair on Sat., Nov. 8 is a chance to get that family treasure – or treasured "find" – evaluated by local appraisers via minimum effort and reasonable prices.

This year's Fair will run from 10:30 a.m.-2 p.m. in the auditorium at the St. Petersburg Main Library at 3745 Ninth Ave. N. No reservations are required. All Friends programs are free to the public.

To last year's list of six generous volunteer appraisers and dealers, all

of whom are returning this year to estimate values – add Gary DesMara of Asian Willow Gallery, who will lend knowledge of Asian items. They will sit by specialty.

As last year, don't bring antique firearms or large items, such as furniture; evaluations for these will not be available. Smaller antiques, collectibles and books are welcome. Costs: \$5 for a single item; \$12 for three items, additional items at \$4 each. All funds raised support library programs and improvements.



Appraisers from 2013 Fair (plus 1) again will donate evaluations.

Dec. 6: St. Pete College Madrigalians' magical sounds of the season

The Friends look forward to welcoming back the Madrigalians, St. Petersburg College's select choral ensemble to "sing in" the holiday season on Sat., Dec. 6 in Main Library Auditorium. **Note in your calendar: Start time this year will be at 1 p.m.** Madrigalians are busy folks and we're fortunate they can fit in a stop at our library.

Invite a friend to enjoy a beautifully presented mix of ancient, seasonal hymns, plus traditional and popular holiday favorites.

This talented group is selected by audition, primarily among music majors with superior vocal skills and "sight-reading" ability. The Madrigalians'

basic repertoire focuses on masterworks of vocal chamber music that range from the early Renaissance to the 21st century. The Madrigalians perform locally, around Florida, have toured overseas and even sang at Carnegie Hall. They are directed by Dr. Vernon Taranto, Jr., Director of Choral Activities at the St. Pete/Gibbs Campus. Barry Stevens accompanies on the Friends' donated parlor grand.

Come early to enjoy best parking and seating. We recently bought 25 more auditorium chairs, to accommodate larger crowds at such popular programs as the Madrigalians. You'll leave with a big dose of holiday spirit.



A gift for you!

Sat., Dec. 6

1 p.m.

Delightful...

...and free!

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Calendar Dates with Friends

Friends Board Meeting

Thurs., Nov. 20, 4 p.m.

Interested persons welcome to attend.

Sat., Nov. 8, 10:30 a.m.-2 p.m.

Antiques Appraisal Fair

Sat., Dec. 6, 1 p.m.

St. Petersburg College Madrigals

Magical sounds of the season.

Sat., Jan. 17, 2015, 2 p.m.

Tampa Bay Times columnist **John Romano** will speak and take questions.

Sat., Feb. 21, 2015

Author/Professor Craig Runde

Sat., March 7, 2015

Peter Mienke, author and
St. Petersburg's Poet Laureate

Sat., April 18, 2015

Speaker from Sunken Gardens

Sat., May 9, 2015

Author/Educator **Dr. Mack Hicks**

Main Library Happenings . . .

Picasso/Dali, Dali/Picasso:

Sat., Nov. 22, 2 p.m.

Craig Petersburg of the Dali Museum will discuss the two artists in conjunction with the exhibition opening this month.

Register now for November computer classes at library

Basic Excel: Tues., Nov. 4, 4:30 p.m.

Learn how to use Excel to create and format simple spreadsheets using basic functions.

E-Government Open Lab: Fridays, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Library staff will be available to assist with online services and applications. Computers available on first-come, first-served basis.

How Do I Gmail? Wed., Nov. 78, 1 p.m.

Learn how to create and manage your own e-mail account using Google Mail.

Basics Microsoft Word 2007:

Tues., Nov. 18, 10:30 a.m. Use Microsoft Word to write letters, papers, create resumes, flyers and much more.

Internet Basics: Thurs., Nov. 86, 1 p.m.

Get started using the internet and learn how to surf the web.

Register for computer classes at the Information Services Desk or call 727-893-7928. Computers available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Book Discussion Groups

Modern Classics Book Club. 3rd Thursday, 6:30 p.m. Contemporary favorites.

Speculative Fiction Book Club.

First Tuesday, 6:30 p.m. Details: 727-893-7724. Fiction with supernatural, fantastical or futuristic elements. *Spaceships and Spells* by Jane Yolen and others.

The Real Deal: Non-Fiction Book Club. Last Thursday, 6:30 p.m.

For a wide range of non-fiction tastes.

Contemporary Composers

Chamber Concert:

Nov. 30, 3-5 p.m.

Presented by New Music Conflagration, a nonprofit dedicated to making quality performances of contemporary chamber and solo music assessable to the public. Program information at:

www.thenewmusicconflagration.org.

Florida Writers Association:

Thurs., Nov. 13, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Monthly meeting featuring topical speakers. See <http://fwatpete.blogspot.com/> for speaker schedule.

St. Pete Speaks ESL @ your library

Accepting adult English language learners for no-cost tutoring. All skill levels welcome. Volunteers also needed to work one-on-one with an adult English-as-a-Second-Language student to improve conversational English. Application and registration are required.

For details, call 893-7929; email ESL.library@stpete.org, or online at www.splibraries.org/ESL.html.

Tabletop Game Night: Every

Third Thursday, 5 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.,

Main Library Teen Area. Teens can come meet new people or bring friends and try: a new game, classic board games, card games, miniatures or role playing games, we saved a seat for you. Bring your games or borrow ours. Call Yancy at 892-5296 for more information.



Dear Friends of the Main Library,

We had a good group present for our opening program on Sept. 20 in the Main Library auditorium. Our speaker Jeff Klinkenberg talked about the joys and trials of life in the state of Florida. It is a pleasure to listen to Jeff -- he is interesting and humorous. I have been to a few of his talks and book signings and I always learn something. He is a particularly welcome speaker because, while the audience is entertained by his stories, we realize the fragility of our unique environment, and our responsibility to future Floridians.

If you are in the Main Library, be sure to check out the Friends' display on one of the cubes in the area beyond the front desk. We have a poster displayed for the upcoming pro-

gram, issues of the *Book Page* book review newspaper (until they are all taken), and a free bookmark with a list of programs through December. There are also applications for membership in the Friends group located on the display, so our group is growing all the time. We are grateful to the library for allowing us to use the cube so that we can have everything located in one place.

I have attended several planning meetings for the centennial celebration of the library system. There are lots of wonderful ideas and ways to include all of St. Petersburg throughout 2015 as we celebrate and strengthen the public library. As events are planned they will be on the library website. I've heard there will be birthday cake and punch

at each branch at times throughout 2015, along with other events.

Our fundraiser for 2014 is approaching. On Sat., Nov. 8 we are having our second Antiques Appraisal Fair. All the appraisers who helped last year are returning, and Gary DesMarais of Asian Willow Gallery has agreed to add his knowledge for appraising Asian items.

The St. Petersburg College Madrigalians will be performing on Dec. 6, but take note: this year's concert will be at 1 p.m. There will be 25 more chairs for the audience because the Friends fulfilled the Main Library's request for more seating. Come and enjoy the concert.

– Debbie Haslam, President

Thanks to all our 2014 Library Supporters

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Happy Holidays to all the Friends!

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Main Library Phone: 727-893-7724

Main Library website: www.splibraries.org

Main Library Hours:

Monday, Wednesday, Friday & Saturday:

10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday & Thursday:

10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Sunday: Noon - 6:00 p.m.

Upcoming Friends programs:

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Every child, parent urged to read aloud 15 minutes a day

With a simple, straightforward motto/mission, *ReadAloud.org* is garnering support and participation to better coordinate efforts to introduce reading to very young children all over the country – and make it a habit. They are leading a national campaign to make reading aloud just 15 minutes a day a widespread standard of child care.

Read Aloud 15 Minutes. Every child. Every parent. Every day.

The non-profit's partners include the American Library Association, United Way, colleges, universities, reading interest groups and large, corporations.

The group quotes horrendously low statistics of how many hours many U.S. children are read aloud to during early childhood, with the well-known results of millions of kids starting school unprepared to learn to read.

To find out more, perhaps help, Read Aloud's website is at readaloud.org. (This editor thinks they have a cool logo.)

Tried these Library services?



✓ Text us your information request to 727-233-5345 for quick answers from an expert — a Florida Librarian.

Enter spl as the first three characters of the text, then type your question. You should receive a reply within minutes!

Or, check out **AskALibrarian.org** website (The Human Search Engine).

✓ Borrow recently released DVDs (and older movies) from the library. You can even put a hold on them via the Internet, and the library will call/text/email you when ready for pickup! Works for CDs, too.

Enjoy the upcoming holidays!

Gift idea: a membership in the Friends of the Library

Friends of the Main Library . . .

Invite you to attend our coming programs held in the auditorium at Main Library. Admission is free.



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Antiques Appraisal Fair — talk to the professionals about your treasures!

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Tampa Bay Times columnist John Romano

Sat., Feb. 21, 2015, 2 p.m.

Author and Eckerd College professor Craig Runde on conflict resolution

Sat., Mar. 7, 2015, 2 p.m.

Peter Meinke, author, Poet Laureate of St. Petersburg, Eckerd professor (retired)

Sat., April 18, 2015, 2 p.m.

Speaker from Sunken Gardens

Sat., May 9, 2015, 2 p.m.

Author, educator, psychologist Dr. Mack Hicks

Friends of the Library, Inc. St. Petersburg Main Library

We are a 501(c) (3) nonprofit group whose purpose is to support the library through volunteerism, fund-raising activities, and sponsorship of programs and services. Your membership offers you the opportunity to get involved, share thoughts and lend your talents to the library – a priceless resource. Friends meeting dates vary, generally October through April, in Main Library Auditorium. *What we do:*

- Support the library to help make it a vital part of our community
- Fund summer reading programs
- Purchase books, equipment, furnishings and other materials
- Support library programs for new parents, children of all ages, teens, adults and families
- Host author visits, guest speakers and cultural events

To join the Friends and support library programs and services, please complete this application and mail it with a check payable to Friends of the Library at 3745 Ninth Ave. N, St. Petersburg, FL 33713-6001

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TOTAL enclosed \$ _____ Membership is annual - January through December

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