FALL PROGRAM LINEUP

On the third Saturday of each month at 2 pm, the Friends of the Main Library present a program in the Auditorium of the Main Library at 3745 – 9th Ave N. The programs are designed to be educational and interactive and even entertaining. Programs are free to the public.

Our lead off program this fall on Saturday, September 21, will arm you with important information for the upcoming election season. Martin Shapiro, representing the League of Women Voters of St Pete (LWVSPA), will speak about the Electoral College and how we can get it to reflect the will of the people. Mr Shapiro is a former chemistry and physics teacher at Lakewood High School. He has been a member of the LWVSPA for 33 years and is well versed in voter’s issues.

On October 19th, Karen Fortin, a member of the speaker’s bureau of the Florida Genealogical Society, will present an introductory genealogy session: How to grow your family tree. She began volunteering with the Pinellas Genealogy Society in Largo in 2012 and was the society’s president from 2014-2017. Karen has given numerous presentations at genealogical societies and libraries. Her goal is to help people explore historical periods, places and events so that they can better understand their ancestors and the world in which they lived.

Our November 16 program introduces Lydia Razran Stone, a noted translator of the Russian poet, Ivan Krylov, a writer of fables and stories with moral messages. His poems are read and memorized by Russian schoolchildren. He lived from 1769-1844 in St Petersburg, Russia. Lydia has published a book of translated fables written by Krylov: The Frogs Who Begged for a Tsar. Lydia is an ATA certified translator and has been a technical translator for NASA, editing reports on space biology and medicine.

December 7th brings the third performance of the Dover Street Trio with music of the season. All three are members of the Tampa Bay Symphony: Carol Skey on piano, Julie Tollen on violin and Jillian Emerson on cello. Truly great entertainment with a special sing-along finale.

Expect to hear about the Antique Evaluation Fair coming up on January 18, 2020.
THE FRIENDS THANK ALL OF YOU WHO DONATED TO THE SUMMER READING PROGRAM. Here is what you supported:

A Universe of Stories  By Harriet Stein

The Summer Reading Program theme was “A Universe of Stories”, meant to inspire readers of all ages to dream big and believe in themselves. It coincided with NASA’s 60 years of achievement and its celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the Lunar Landing of Apollo 11.

The Friends sponsored eight programs which were attended by 473 children, 55 teens and 251 adults.

The Summer Reading Blast Off program, sponsored by the Friends of the Main Library, definitely was a blast. It was held on Saturday, June 1, 2019 and the Main Library auditorium was packed: standing room only.

The program, Outer Space Science, was presented by Professor DoDad and his assistant Darcy of DoDad’s Lab. He had the children and adults laughing and learning with funny antics while also teaching science. Children from the audience were asked to volunteer for various science experiments with Dr. Dodad. Seen in the audience was a child wearing a space suit!

During the summer there were many programs geared to outer space, such as space crafts, rocketry, jewelry, and robots. The annual Read Your Way to The Ballpark with the Tampa Bay Rays also used the outer space theme.

The K-5th grade End of Summer Party was held on Saturday, August 10, 2019. Tony the Balloon Guy was outside the library making animal balloons. The library was open only to the program participants with activities such as a bounce house, Cosmic Crafts, and Mad Science in the Children’s Area. Mad Science taught about science using a silver ball. Also, the Storytime Room had a Space Jam - Glow In The Dark Dancing. The Reference Area on the first floor and the Circulation Department on the second floor also had games. The Auditorium served as the food court.
BETWEEN THE COVERS:

**THE SHIPWRECK HUNTER** by David Mearns
A career of extraordinary discoveries is told by Oceanographer David Mearns in *The Shipwreck Hunter*. Mearns has not only located ships which were predicted never to be found, but through his skillful use of sonar and forensics has determined the cause of their sinking. These discoveries have closed gaps in naval history and impacted governments. A gripping account for those who love the underwater world. 400 pages, 2018

Neil Franckle

*A smile is truly the best thing you can put on your face.* Christie Brinkley

**A TREE GROWS IN BROOKLYN** by Betty Smith
Despite being written in 1943, reading this classic tale of tenacity and resilience would benefit many young people today. This is the story of Francie Nolan, growing up in an immigrant Irish community in Brooklyn in the early twentieth century, facing tyrannical teachers, constant hunger, a mother so intent on supporting her family that she had no time or energy to pamper her growing daughter and a joyful, loving father who cannot resist the bottle. Despite many setbacks, Francie develops into an ambitious, confident writer. Francie and her family epitomize the backbone of this country. 432 pages, 1943

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**THE BLOOD TELEGRAM** by Gary Bass
This book documents the emergence of the country of Bangladesh in 1971 from what was previously East Pakistan. President Nixon supported the country of Pakistan with financial aid and arms as they ruthlessly instigated war with East Pakistan committing what Indira Gandhi called genocide. The book takes you inside the oval office – specifically, conversations between President Nixon and Henry Kissinger which became available with the release of the Nixon tapes. Nixon’s character and morals are NOT admirable. Makes you wonder why he would ever record all these conversations. 498 pages, 2013

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ADD TO YOUR CALENDAR:
Tampa Bay Times Festival of Reading, USF St Petersburg
Saturday, November 9, 2019  10am to 5 pm
Fall 2019 Newsletter
Main Library phone 727 893-7724
Main Library website www.splibraries.org

Main Library Hours:
Monday, Wednesday, Friday
10:00 am to 6:00 pm
Tuesday, Thursday
10:00 am to 8:00 pm
Saturday 10:00 am to 6:00 pm
Sunday Noon to 6:00 pm

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