

# Friends of the Library bulletin



ST. PETERSBURG, FLA. *"I always imagined heaven would be a kind of library"* —Jorge Luis Borges Aug. 2013

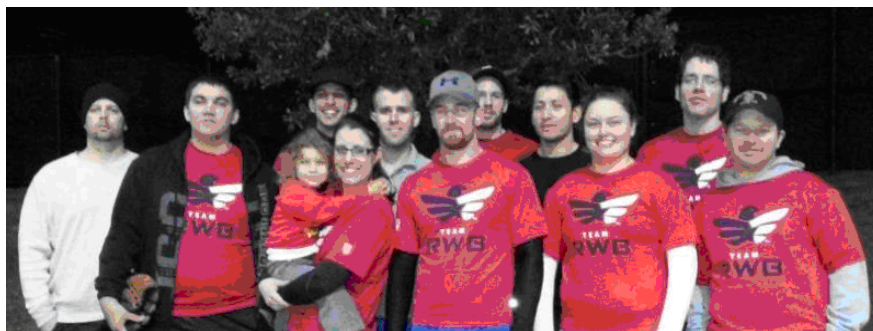
Friends meeting dates vary, generally October through April, at Main Library Auditorium, 3745 Ninth Ave. N.

## It's more than, 'Don't ever forget;' but, 'How can we help?' Student veterans will tell us Sept. 28

All are invited to come hear the president of the Student Veterans Association (SVA) at the University of South Florida as he helps the Friends grasp what student veterans living among us encounter as they resume their civilian lives. Join us Sept. 28, 2 p.m. at Main Library Auditorium.

Many of these men and women are our neighbors attending the various campuses of USF. They could benefit from our respect and understanding on the path to the next part of their lives.

Current President Ray Mollison served in the U.S. Army in Iraq as a Combat Engineer. He says SVA's role



Post-softball gathering of USF student vets, now comrades in studies.

is to assist each veteran successfully phase into a new life at USF. The group is made up of leaders who are active voices for student veterans.

Also, Bobbie O'Brien, reporter/producer for WUSF 89.7 radio, will tell about her blog, "Off the Base," covering local military issues.

## Enjoy library resources right at your fingertips

By Librarian Zachary Heath

Plan to take time to peruse a terrific database called **General OneFile** that the St. Petersburg Public Library makes available to the public. It has more than 6,000 magazine and journal titles for online reading and research. Access to the database is free for all patrons with a Pinellas Public Library card.

The database includes the full text of articles dating back to the early 1980s for many publications that can be read in their entirety from an Internet-connected computer in the library, at home or around the world. Many popular titles such as *The New York Times*, *Time*

*Magazine*, and *Sports Illustrated* are available going way back.

The **Subject Search** feature of InfoTrac OneFile leads to articles on a wide array of topics for study and leisure from the wealth of information in these popular publications and journals.

To search the database just follow these easy steps:

- 1) Visit the Library's homepage at [www.splibraries.org](http://www.splibraries.org)
- 2) Click **eResources** from the menu on the left-hand column of the Library's homepage.
- 3) Select **General Reference** from the list of database subjects.

4) Select **General Onefile** from the list of databases. The database will open in a new window so be sure to turn off any pop-up blocking software on your computer before clicking on InfoTrac.

5) Enter your library card number and password into the dialog box if accessing from a computer outside the Library (a password is not required to utilize InfoTrac OneFile inside the Library). If you do not remember your password you can have it reset by contacting a member of the reference staff at 727-893-7928.

# Main Library Happenings . . .

## Friends of the Library Board of Directors

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We have openings on our Board of Directors. To inquire, contact Friends' President Debbie Haslam by email at [president@stpetelibraryfriends.com](mailto:president@stpetelibraryfriends.com)

You may also leave general comments at this email. Visit us at [facebook.com/StPeteLibraryFriends](https://www.facebook.com/StPeteLibraryFriends) and "Like" us.

## Calendar Dates with Friends

**Sat., Sept. 28, 2 p.m.**

**USF Student Veteran's Association's** presentation on adjustment struggles and successes of our brave veterans returning to school.

**Sat., Oct. 12, at 2 p.m.**

**Author Tim Dorsey** on writing the *Serge Storms* series. Dorsey writes Florida-based humorous mysteries. He will sign his books.

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

**Antiques Evaluation Fair**, a Friends of the Library Fundraiser. See next newsletter for many details.

**Sat., Dec. 7, at 2 p.m.**

St. Pete College's **Madrigalians** bring beautiful sounds of the season.

Medicare open enrollment begins Oct. 15. If you have questions, two more upcoming seminars at Main Library can help. Conducted by SHINE, a free, unbiased program operated locally in partnership with the Area Agency on Aging, the sessions will cover Original Medicare, Supplemental Plans, Medicare Advantage Plans, Part D Prescription Drug Plans and Financial Assistance Programs.

These presentations are free and open to the public. Please register in advance at the Main Library Reference Desk, or by calling 727-893-7928. Both presentations will be held in the Main Library Auditorium.

### Medicare Advantage Plans: **Tues., Sept. 17, 11 a.m.**

This session provides more specifics about Medicare Advantage Plans including HMOs and PPOs. You'll learn what they are, how they work, when you can join, and your rights and protections.

### Medicare Prescription Drug Plans: **Tues., Oct. 1, 11:00 a.m.**

This is an overview of Medicare Part D. You'll learn about eligibility and enrollment, how to compare and choose a drug plan, and financial assistance programs.

*For more information on SHINE, including information about additional community events and local counseling sites, you may call 1-800-96-ELDER (1-800-963-5337) or visit us online at [www.floridashine.org](http://www.floridashine.org).*

## Citizenship Workshop

The process for obtaining citizenship will be discussed in an informational session at Main Library Tues., Sept. 17, from 6-7:30 p.m. All are welcome. Presenting will be Kristen Smith, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services Community Relations Officer. There will be an opportunity to ask questions. More information is available by contacting the Reference Desk at 893-7928.

## Labor Day Closing

All St. Petersburg Public Library Locations will be closed Labor Day, Sept. 2.

## Computer classes:

These sessions are scheduled at Main Library and all require registration by calling 727-893-7928.

**Twitter for Beginners:** Thurs., Sept. 5, 10 a.m. Find out what all the buzz is about Twitter! Start your own account and learn how to create and follow tweets.

**Library eBooks for Kindles:** Fri., Sept. 6, 10 a.m. Learn to borrow free eBooks through the library for your Kindle; **Library eBooks for Books for Nooks and Tablets:** Fri., Sept. 6, 4:30 p.m. for your Nook, iPad, or Android tablet.

**Introduction to Computers - Mousing Basics:** Mon., Sept. 9, 10 a.m. This class is for absolute beginners with no prior computer experience. Learn the parts of a computer and how to use a mouse.

**Craigslist Basics:** Thurs., Sept. 12, 10 a.m. Learn how to use Craigslist to buy and sell, as well as to find information on jobs and housing.

**email:** Thurs., Sept. 19, 10 a.m. Internet Basics – get started using the Internet and learn how to surf the web.

**Basic Internet and Career Transitions:** Thurs., Sept. 19, 6 p.m. Maximize your job search with this library's eResource. Find job postings, create a résumé and cover letter, and practice interviewing all in this online database.

**Basic Microsoft Word 2007:** Mon., Sept. 23, 10 a.m. Use Microsoft Word to write letters and papers, create résumés, flyers and much more.

**Ancestry Library Edition:** Wed., Sept. 25, 10 a.m. Introduction to learn how to research your family history using Ancestry Library Edition.

**Web printing at your library from your home or mobile device: So easy! Check out <http://w.splibraries.org/PrinterOn.htm>**

# From the desk of the President . . .

Dear Friends of the Main Library,

Alice Graves, who served as our president for the past three years, has resigned. Alice worked hard to support the Library, build up the membership, and bring us many interesting programs. She did this while completing her master's degree in library science and starting her library career in Tampa.

We miss her leadership and accomplishment, and appreciate her contributions to the Friends. Thank you, Alice, for a job well done.

As vice president, I have stepped in as president for this year, and we also welcome new board member, Dr. Lorraine Franckle. She has even agreed to serve as treasurer. Thank you, Lorraine, for your help and expertise. We are seeking new board members, and anyone who would like to attend a board meeting is welcome. We will be

working on updating the Friends' Facebook page, and upcoming board meetings will be posted there.

At the last two board meetings we approved the Main Library's request for several items. We supported the summer reading program for \$1,500, and the purchase of a popcorn machine to use in the auditorium for special programs. Coming soon, there will be three mobile fixtures in the area near the front desk, creating a multipurpose display area. This has all been made possible by donations and memberships to the Friends of the Main Library.

We have a full year ahead of us, with programs and activities. Our opening program is a presentation by the USF Student Veteran's Association. On September 28, at 2 p.m. their president, Ray Mollison, will speak about the challenges faced by returning veterans,

and will also have an audiovisual presentation. We will have an opportunity to express our appreciation for their service to our country.

On October 12, at 2 p.m. author Tim Dorsey will speak about writing the Serge Storms series, and sign his books. Mr. Dorsey writes humorous, fast-paced mysteries set in Florida, referring to current events and peculiarities in the Sunshine State. Mr. Dorsey is very generous with his time and support of public libraries. Nearly every weekend is spent at a library or bookstore somewhere in Florida. We are fortunate he could find time to visit us before his new book tour begins in 2014.

In November we are planning an Antiques Evaluation Fair, as a fundraiser. This event will be held in (Please see **President** on Page 4)

## 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, at Main Library Auditorium, 3745 Ninth Ave. N.

### 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. North, St. Petersburg, FL 33713-6001.

YES! I want to be a **Friend of the Library!** ( ) new ( ) annual renewal.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

( ) Individual \$15 ( ) Family \$25 ( ) Life \$150 ( ) Business/corporate \$100

I would like to make an extra contribution of ( ) \$25 ( ) \$30 ( ) \$50 ( ) other \$ \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL: \_\_\_\_\_

I can help with: ( ) hospitality ( ) fundraising ( ) newsletter ( ) programs ( ) membership ( ) publicity

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**Main Library Phone: 727-893-7724**

**Main Library Hours:**

**Monday, Wednesday & Friday:**

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

**Tuesday & Thursday:**

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

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

**Sunday:** Noon - 6:00 p.m.

Check out the Library's calendar of events at  
[www.splibraries.org](http://www.splibraries.org).

**21st Times Festival of Reading**, Oct. 26, 10 a.m.  
USF-St. Petersburg

**September Friends program:** Information and ways to show appreciation to returned veterans - especially students. Presentation by USF Student Veterans Association. Sat., Sept. 28, 2 p.m. Free event. Main Library.

## **St. Pete Speaks ESL @ your library can use your help**

The new English as a Second Language tutoring program, *St. Pete Speaks ESL @ your library*, has graduated its first two classes of volunteer tutors. The Library has been very impressed with the volunteer response in the community (including several Friends), with 30 tutors completing the six-hour training program. Reference Librarian Tatiana Alvarez has successfully matched almost all the tutors with their adult English language learners, and many hours of instruction have been provided.

The students are adults who hail from many different countries, including Colombia, Venezuela, Japan, Korea, Cuba and Peru, with varying levels of English skills from beginners to those who speak well but need help with pronunciation. The learners' motives vary widely; from continuing their education to improving workplace communication skills or being able to better communicate with a special-needs child's doctors. Students can apply at any time to participate in this continuous, no-cost program, and receive the benefit of time spent with a tutor for two hours of weekly one-on-one conversation and lessons.

Additional volunteer tutors will be continually needed to meet student demand. Tutors need not have teaching experience or speak any other languages, as all lessons will be taught in English. Dates for a fall session will be announced soon. Instruction will be provided by an ESL scholar, Dr. Esther Eisenhower, who has volunteered to train and mentor

the tutors. Main Library's Reference Librarians will present a role-play along with a review of resources to familiarize tutors with techniques and tools to use when interacting with their students.

For more information contact Jodee Roberson or Tatiana Alvarez at Main Library at **727-893-7929**, email [ESL.Library@stpete.org](mailto:ESL.Library@stpete.org) or visit the program website at [www.splibraries.org/ESL.html](http://www.splibraries.org/ESL.html).

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*email the Friends at:*

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### **President's Desk (cont. from Pg. 3)**

the Library auditorium on Nov. 2 from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Several business owners, who are knowledgeable in different areas of antiques and collectables, have agreed to help us – and the Library – for this event. We will have more details in the following newsletter, and ways for volunteers to help. I have attended an antiques fair, and it was very interesting to see the different things that were brought in. I am hoping for good results with this fundraiser, so we can maintain our high level of support for Main Library.

I'm looking forward to meeting you at our programs.

**--Debbie Haslam, President**

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**You are invited to join  
The Friends of the St. Petersburg  
Main Library to learn of the  
trials and successes of area veterans returning to  
school after serving their country**

*Presentation by*

***The Student Veterans Association (SVA)  
from the University of South Florida***

with Association President Raymond Mollison  
and WUSF 89.7 Radio's Bobbie O'Brien

**Saturday, Sept. 28, 2013, 2:00 p.m.**

Main Library Auditorium

3745 Ninth Ave N, St. Petersburg

**Free event**

**All are welcome**