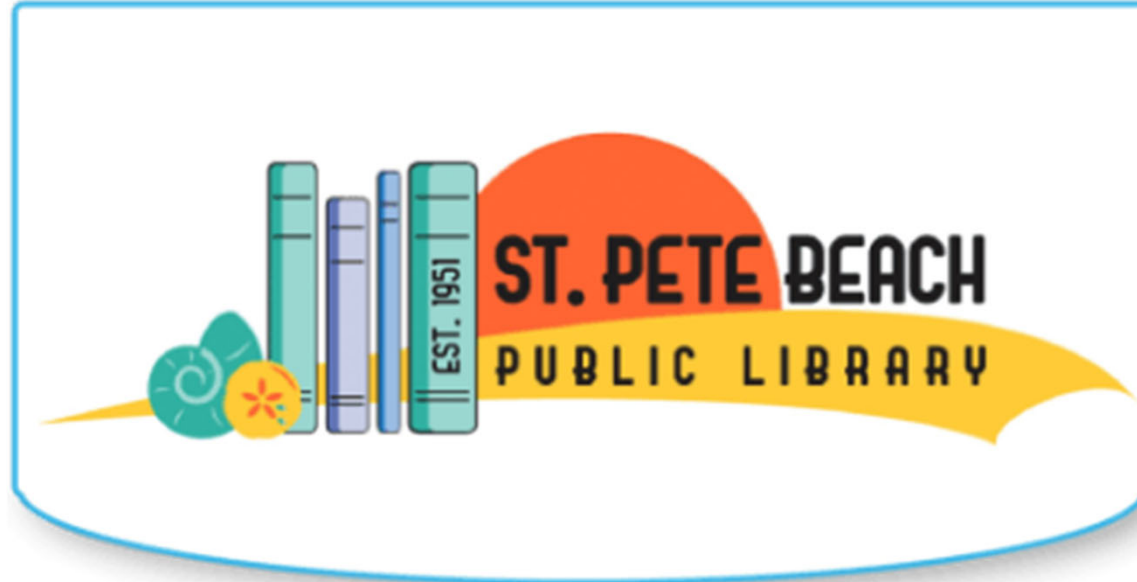


# Our Visit to...



# Notes to Caregivers

- This social narrative is meant to help children with autism spectrum disorders (ASD), sensory processing differences, and/or anxiety prepare for a trip to the library.
- The library has a limited number of sensory-tools available at the Guest Services desk, to borrow as needed.
- There is an expectation of quiet at the library.
- If the library does not have the materials you are seeking, talk to a librarian. They may be available in a virtual format (ebook), or through another library location (interlibrary exchange).
- This social narrative was written in collaboration with the Center for Autism and Related Disabilities (CARD) at USF. The St. Pete Beach Public Library is recognized by CARD as an *Autism-Friendly* business. Learn more about CARD here:

[usf.to/autism](http://usf.to/autism)



Today I am going to the library!



Maybe I am going to the library for a Story Time group.

In group, we will listen to a story and do activities. We might sing songs, play games, or do a craft. I will meet other kids there, too.

Ms. Alexa is the group leader.

I will follow all of Ms. Alexa's instructions. It is important to be a good listener at group so everyone can have fun and stay safe!



Or, I might be at the library to explore.

My first time at the library can be a little confusing.

That's OK! I can ask someone who works at the library for help.

These workers are called "librarians."  
They can show me around and help me find what I'm looking for.





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[www.pplc.us](http://www.pplc.us)

**Pinellas Public Library Cooperative**

Member Libraries

- Clearwater Library System
- Dunedin Library
- East Lake Community Library
- Gulf Beaches Library
- Gulfport Library
- Largo Library
- Oldsmar Library
- Palm Harbor Library
- Pinellas Park Library
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- St. Pete Beach Library
- St. Petersburg Library System
- Seminole Library
- Tarpon Springs Library

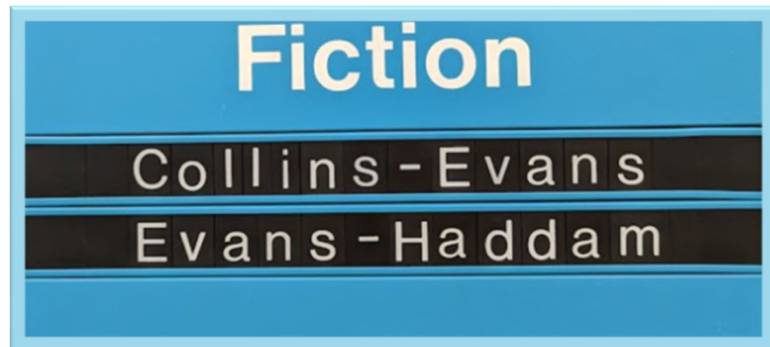
I can also talk to the librarian about getting my very own library card! This card allows me to check out materials from the library. “Check out” means I will borrow them for a short time and then bring them back.



There are all sorts of materials I can check out from the library- books, DVDs, CDs, magazines, newspapers, and games!

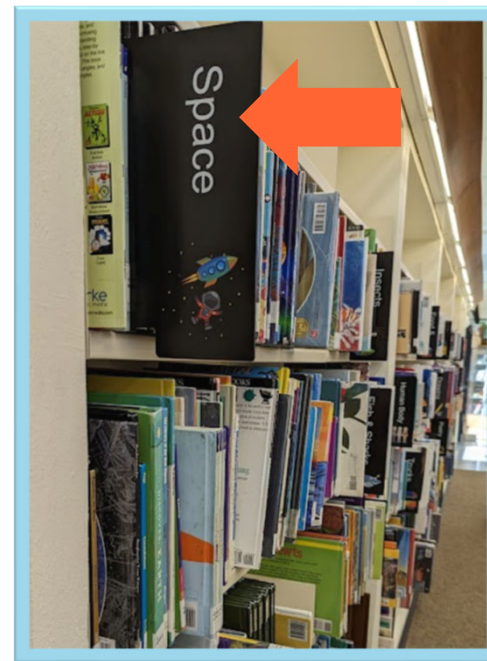
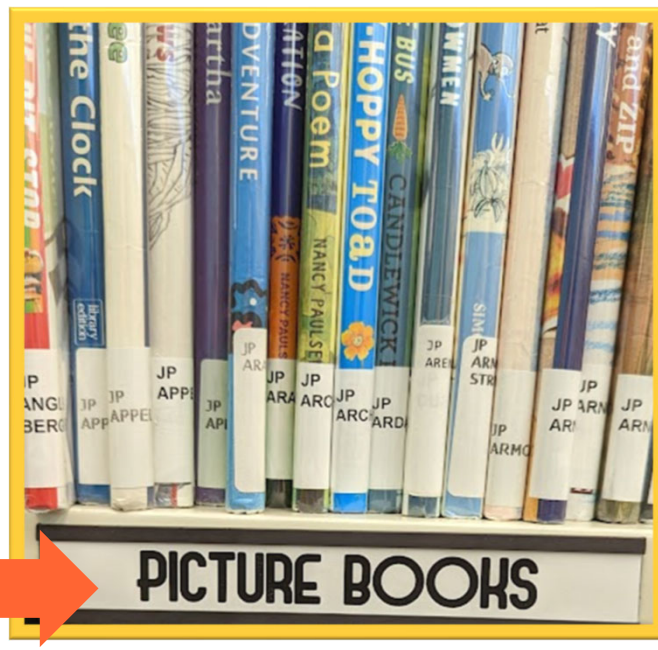
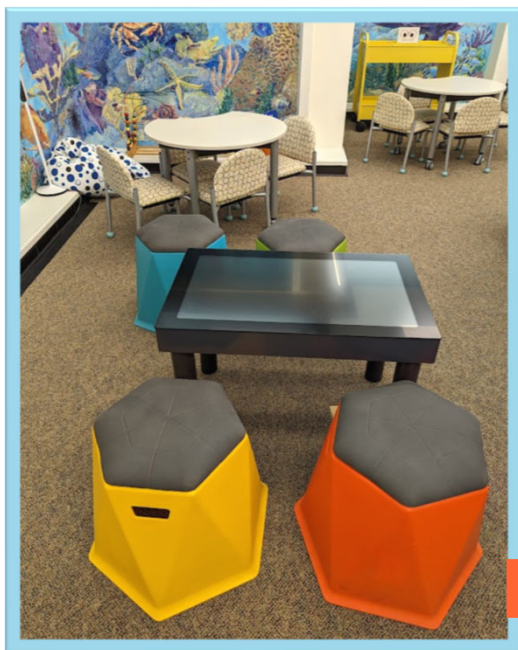


The library is organized by sections. There are sections for New Books, Adults, Children, Fiction, Non-fiction, and more!



The signs overhead and on the aisle ends can help me know where to go.





This area in the library is the **Children's Section**. Here I can sit quietly and read, play games on the touch table, or do an activity. I can also look for books or DVDs I might want to check out.

The fiction books are sorted by reading level. The non-fiction books are sorted by category. For example, if I want to find books about Space, I will look for the "Space" divider!

This shelf is part of the library's  
**Honor Program.**

I do not need to use my library  
card to borrow the books,  
games, and puzzles on this shelf.

I will look at them at the library,  
or take them home, and return  
them when I am done!



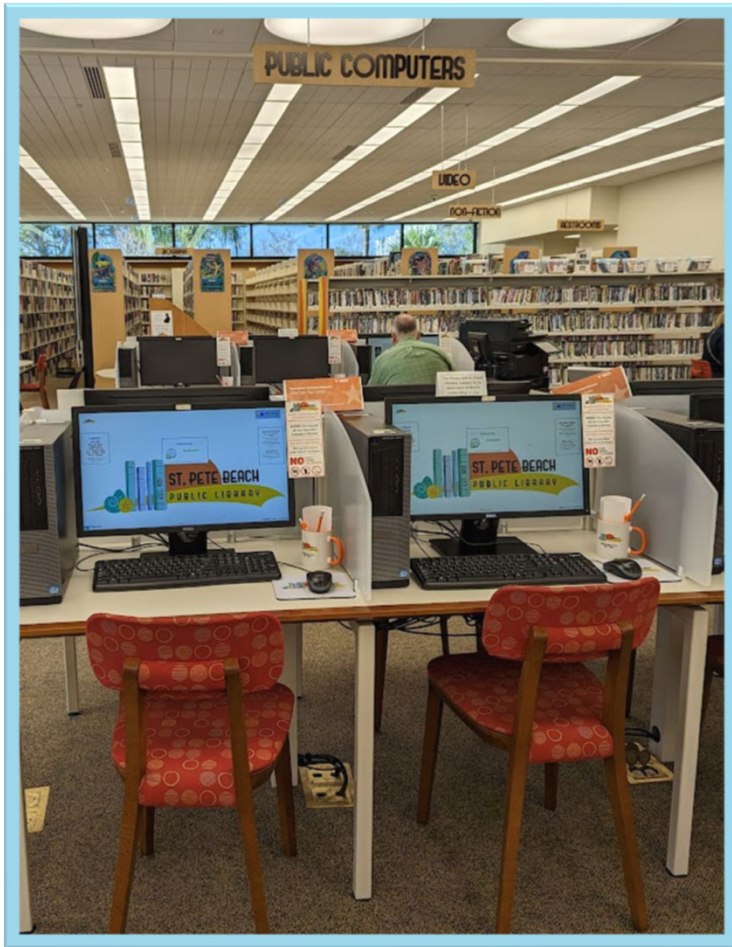


This is the **Friends Store**.

The books, movies, and music in this area are for sale.

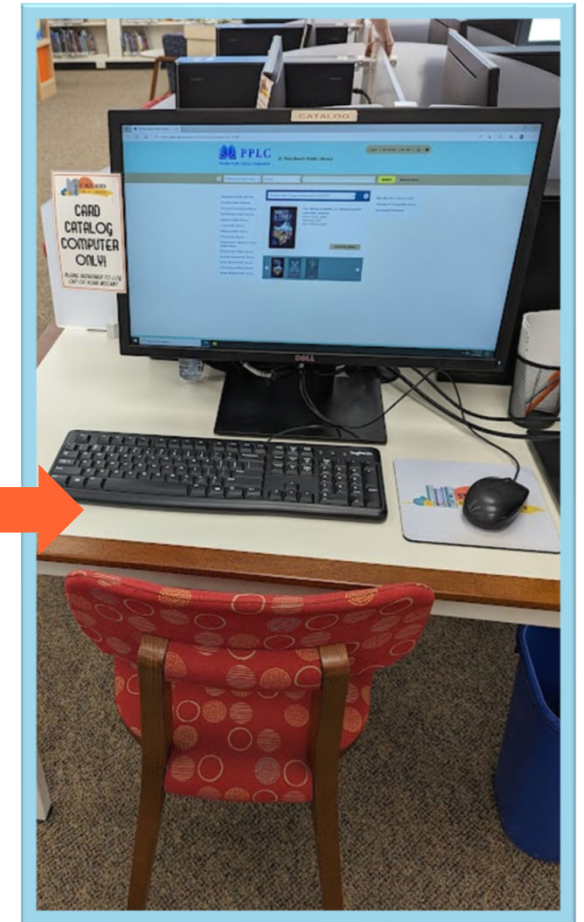
If I decide to buy something from the store, I can keep it!

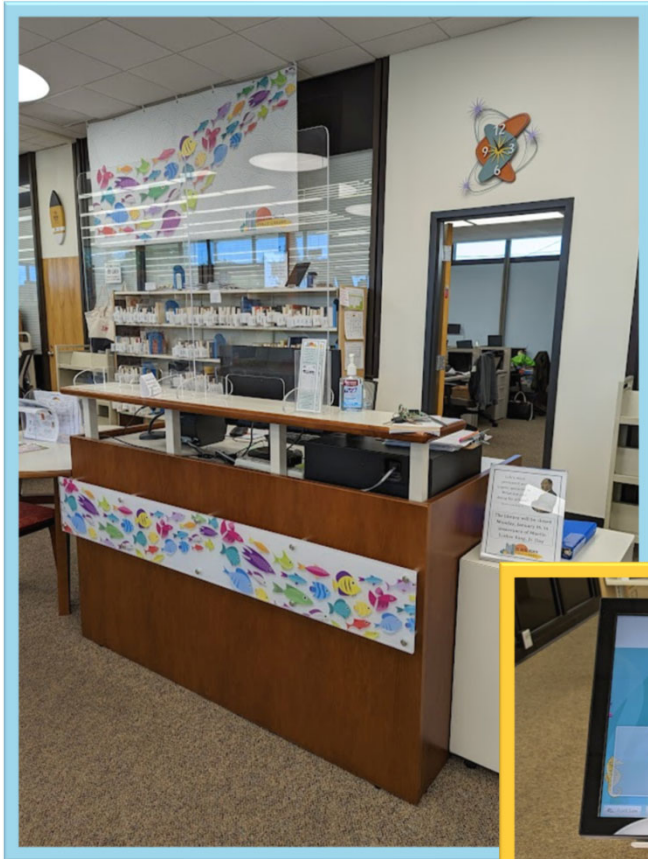
The money goes to the library.



I may want to use a computer at the library. I can use the computers to look things up online or do homework.

One computer is just for finding books at the library. This is called the “Card Catalog” computer.





When I have found everything I want to check out, I will go to the back of the library.

I can check out my items with a librarian at the **Guest Services** desk, or I can use the check out computer station. The librarian or computer will ask for my library card. They will also tell me when I need to bring my items back. This is called the “due date.”



After I check out, I can take my materials home to enjoy! I will bring them back when I am done, so other people can have a turn.

Thanks St. Pete Beach Library, see you next time!



# Caregivers/Adults

St. Pete Beach Library hosts a variety of community programs and events for all ages, that are free and open to the public!

Check out these amazing opportunities at:

<https://spblibrary.com/535/Events>



**ST. PETE BEACH PUBLIC LIBRARY**

**March 2023**

365 73rd Avenue  
St. Pete Beach, FL 33706  
spblibrary.com

All programs are open to the public! No library card needed!

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**Don't Worry, Beach Happy Concert Series**  
'Tis the sea-sun for some cool jams at the St. Pete Beach Library. Shows marked with an asterisk will be outside (weather permitting) so grab your beach chair and come enjoy the music!

Tim Cronin: Solo Acoustic\*  
Wednesday, March 1, 5:00 p.m.

Brendan Nolan: Exploring Irish Culture in Song and Story  
Wednesday, March 8, 5:00 p.m.

**Your Library 101: The Dewey Free Version**  
Thursday, March 2, 11:00 a.m.  
Come get the "inside scoop" on your library! We'll discuss the materials, the Pinellas Public Library Cooperative and why they are important to you, and we'll give you some "library hacks" to make sure you get the most out of the resources!

**Mayor's Open Office**  
Monday, March 6 & 27, 5:00 p.m.  
Ask questions and discuss concerns with St. Pete Beach Mayor Alan Johnson.



**Story Time**  
Tuesdays, March 7, 14, 21, 28, 10:00 a.m.  
Learn numbers, colors, & the alphabet through songs, stories, and movement.

**Buschistory: Topics in American History**  
Richard Nixon and Watergate  
Tuesday, March 7, 3:30 p.m.  
This 2-part discussion-oriented course will examine the rise and fall of Richard Nixon. **Seating is limited.**

**Feature Films**  
The Menu—Friday, March 3, 2:00 p.m.  
Black Panther: Wakanda Forever—Monday, March 6, 2:00 p.m.  
Nope—Friday, March 17, 2:00 p.m.

**Special Features**  
Documentary: Lives Well Lived  
Wednesday, March 22, 5:00 p.m.

World Cinema: Odette Toulemonde  
Friday, March 24, 2:00 p.m.

**Family Movie**  
Strange World  
Monday, March 13, 5:00 p.m.

**Donut Happy Hour**  
Wednesday, March 8, 11:00 a.m.  
Socialize with other adults while enjoying donuts and coffee. This month officers from the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office will be joining us for coffee and conversation.

**Murals of St. Pete Beach**  
Thursday, March 9, 11:00 a.m.  
Muralist Merritt Horan Capurro shares knowledge about some of the area's gorgeous street art!

**Homeschool Social**  
Thursday, March 9, 1:00 p.m.  
Enjoy some snacks and connect with other local homeschoolers. This is an all ages homeschool networking event.

**Anesthesia from Adam to the Atom - a Journey**  
Friday, March 10, 1:00 p.m.  
Barry Smiler, MD, presents an approachable lecture on the history of anesthesia.

**Pig Out On Reading**  
Saturday, March 11, 11:00 a.m.  
Go hog wild (and maybe even kiss a pig) as Farmer Minor, his pig Daisy, and her pug friend pay a special visit to the library for books and storytelling!

**LIBRARY HOURS:**  
Monday & Wednesday-10:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m. Tuesday, Thursday, Friday-10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Saturday-10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.