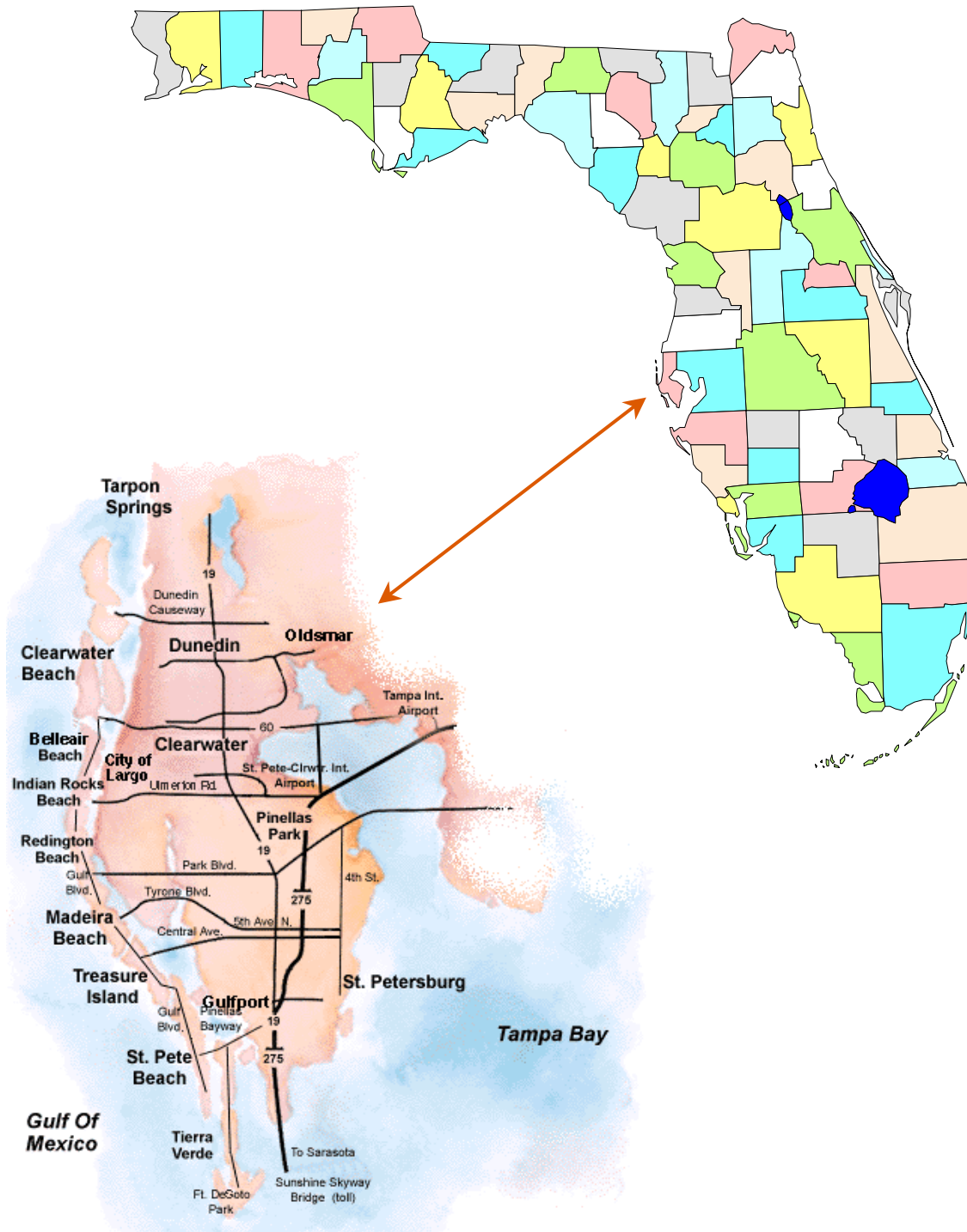



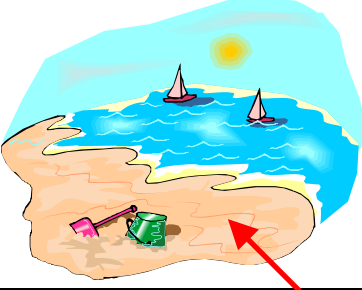

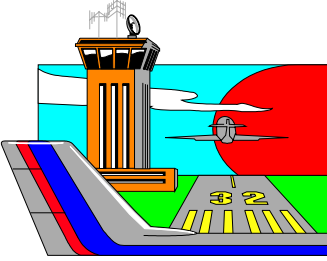
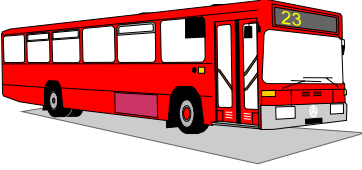

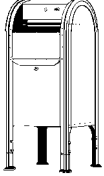





# Pinellas County, Florida



# Vocabulary

		
<p>a school</p>	<p>a library</p>	<p>a hospital</p>
<p><i>schools</i></p>	<p><i>libraries</i></p>	<p><i>hospitals</i></p>
		
<p>a beach</p>	<p>a park</p>	<p>an airport</p>
<p><i>beaches</i></p>	<p><i>parks</i></p>	<p><i>airports</i></p>
		
<p>a bus</p>	<p>a boat</p>	<p>a mailbox</p>
<p><i>busses</i></p>	<p><i>boats</i></p>	<p><i>mailboxes</i></p>
		
<p>a car</p>	<p>a bicycle</p>	<p>a tourist</p>
<p><i>cars</i></p>	<p><i>bicycles</i></p>	<p><i>tourists</i></p>

## Pronunciation

b	p	l	t
beach	park	library	taxi
bus	police	look	tourist
boat	Pinellas	listen	time
bicycle	pine trees	lake	table

c	s	air	port
car	sea	airport	seaport
county	school	airplane	airport
come	seesaw	airmail	carport
cost	some	airbag	heliport

## Clap the Stress

● ●	● ● ●	● ● ●	● ● ● ●
airport	hospital	Pinellas	in the city
school bus	heliport	remember	in the county
mailbox	library	September	for a minute
tourist	bicycles	October	at the airport
county	parking lot	November	in the airplane
airplane	Florida	December	on a seesaw
beaches	Seminole	Dunedin	a policeman

## Some Facts about Pinellas County



Pinellas County, Florida

Pinellas County is a peninsula. That means it has water on three of its four sides. To the west and south is the Gulf of Mexico. To the east is Tampa Bay. To the north is land—Pasco County.

Pinellas County has many beautiful places to see, such as parks and beaches. It has many bridges, such as the Sunshine Skyway Bridge. You can travel from one end of the county to the other by bus. Or you can travel around most of the county by boat.

Many tourists visit Pinellas County. Lots of tourists drive to Florida from Canada and from the northern United States. Tourists can also fly into Pinellas County. Its biggest airport is the St. Pete-Clearwater International Airport. It has a couple of small airports, too.



The Sunshine Skyway Bridge



A beautiful old building

There are a lot of hospitals and libraries in Pinellas County. There are many schools, too.

Pinellas County has many free programs and services. You can get help with housing, healthcare, education, transportation, and many other things.

Pinellas County is a beautiful place. Visit its parks. Enjoy its museums and people. Use its many free services.

## Conversations

1. Person 1: What county do you live in?

Person 2: Pinellas County.

Person 1: So do I. Do you live in St. Petersburg?

Person 2: No. I live in Largo. [Yes, I do.]

2. Person 1: Where is the closest library?

Person 2: Just up the street, on the right.

Person 1: Thanks.

Person 2: You're welcome!



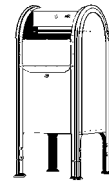
3. Person 1: I need to mail a letter.

Where's the nearest mailbox?

Person 2: There's one across the street.

Person 1: Thank you.

Person 2: You're welcome!



4. Person 1: Do you know where a post office is?

Person 2: There's one on 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue North and 31<sup>st</sup> Street.

Person 1: Great! Thanks.

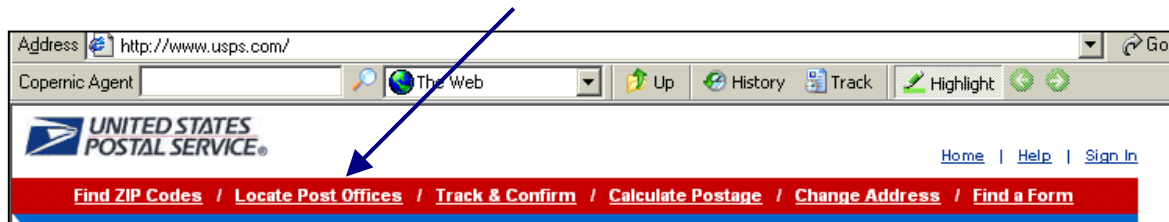
Person 2: No problem.



A post office

## Internet Activity: Find a Post Office Near Your Home

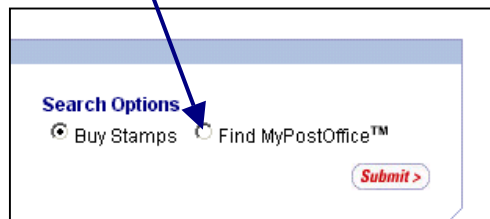
1. Look up this website on the Internet: [www.usps.gov](http://www.usps.gov)
2. Click on **Locate Post Offices**.



3. Type your street address.
4. Then type your city, state and zip code.
5. Click on **Find MyPostOffice™**.



6. Click on **Submit >**.



7. Write the address of the post office: \_\_\_\_\_

8. How close to your home is the post office? (Check your answer.)

- Very close                       Close                       Not very close

## Pinellas County Parks

Pinellas County maintains more than 4,000 acres of parkland for residents and visitors to enjoy. Parks are places where families can enjoy a picnic, a walk, boating, or a good book.

There are also many city parks in Pinellas County.

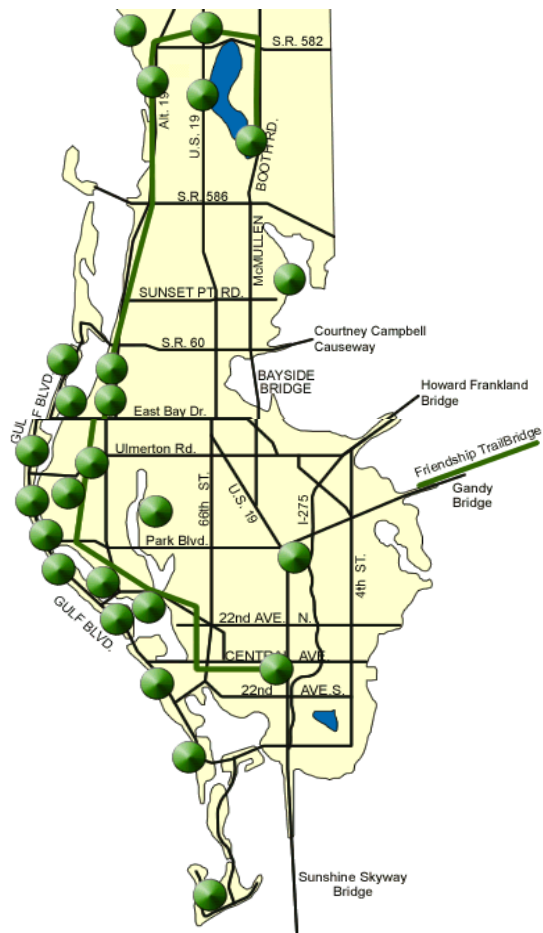
(City parks are run by cities. County parks are run by counties. State parks are run by states. National parks are run by the U. S. Government.)



Several Pinellas County parks are on the Gulf of Mexico

Please look at this map (right) of Pinellas County parks. Each green circle stands for a county park. Which parks do you think are closest to your home? Circle them.

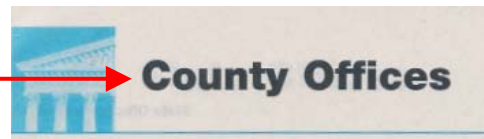
You can find the names of the parks in the phone book. You can also find them on the Internet.



Here's one way to find the names of the county parks in a phone book:

1. Get a copy of the Verizon White Pages phone book.
2. Find the section of the book called *Government Pages*.  
It's usually towards the front of the book.

3. Now, find *County Offices*.



4. Each county park is listed below *Park Department*, with an address and phone number for each. Pinellas County Parks are in alphabetical order (a, b, c, ... Anderson, Boca Ciega Millennium, Chestnut, etc.).

29582 US Hwy 19 N	464-3700
<b>PARK DEPARTMENT</b>	
Park Administration Office 631 Chestnut	464-3347
Anderson Park	
39699 US Hwy 19 N Tarpon Springs	943-4085
Boca Ciega Millennium Park	
6690 125th St N Seminole	588-4882
Chestnut John Sr Park	
2200 East Lake Rd Palm Harbor	669-1951
Fort DeSoto Park	
3500 Pinellas Bayway S	
Campground Inquiries	582-2267
Administration	582-2267

5. Find the park list in the phone book. Look for the park that is closest to your home. What is the name of the park closest to your home? Write its name: \_\_\_\_\_
6. Which park is on East Lake Road? \_\_\_\_\_
7. Which park has a campground? \_\_\_\_\_
8. Which park has an environmental center? \_\_\_\_\_



Flowers in Anderson Park. Tarpon Springs



The Pinellas Trail runs through several parks

## Internet Activity: More About Pinellas County Parks

Please look up this website: [www.pinellascounty.org/park](http://www.pinellascounty.org/park).

Click on: **Park Locations**. You will see this list of parks:

<p><b>FRED H. HOWARD PARK</b> 1700 SUNSET DR., TARPON SPRINGS (727-943-4081)</p> <p><b>A.L. ANDERSON PARK</b> 39699 U.S. HWY. 19 N., TARPON SPRINGS (727-943-4085)</p> <p><b>JOHN CHESNUT, SR. PARK</b> 2200 EAST LAKE RD., PALM HARBOR (727-669-1951)</p> <p><b>PHILIPPE PARK</b> 2525 PHILIPPE PKWY., SAFETY HARBOR (727-669-1947)</p> <p><b>SAND KEY PARK</b> 1060 GULF BLVD., CLEARWATER (727-588-4852)</p> <p><b>BELLEAIR BOAT RAMP</b> 3900 W. BAY DR., BELLEAIR BLUFFS (727-588-4847)</p> <p><b>JOHN S. TAYLOR PARK</b> 1100 8TH AVE. S.W., LARGO (727-588-4847)</p> <p><b>PINELLAS TRAIL</b> 12020 WALSINGHAM RD., LARGO (727-549-6099)</p> <p><b>INDIAN ROCKS BEACH ACCESS</b> 1700 GULF BLVD., INDIAN ROCKS (727-588-4852)</p> <p><b>RIDGECREST PARK</b> 12000 ULMERTON RD., LARGO (727-588-4851)</p> <p><b>TIKI GARDENS/ INDIAN SHORES BEACH ACCESS</b> 19601 GULF BLVD., INDIAN SHORES (727-549-6165)</p> <p><b>WALSINGHAM PARK</b> 12620 102ND AVE. N., LARGO (727-549-6142)</p>	<p><b>LAKE SEMINOLE PARK</b> 10015 PARK BLVD., SEMINOLE (727-549-6156)</p> <p><b>PARK BOULEVARD BOAT RAMP</b> 18651 GULF BLVD., INDIAN SHORES (727-549-6165)</p> <p><b>SAWGRASS LAKE PARK</b> 7400 25TH ST. N., ST. PETERSBURG (727-217-7256)</p> <p><b>REDINGTON SHORES BEACH ACCESS</b> 18200 GULF BLVD., REDINGTON SHORES 33708 (727-549-6165)</p> <p><b>WAR VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK</b> 9600 BAY PINES BLVD., ST. PETERSBURG (727-549-6165)</p> <p><b>MADEIRA BEACH ACCESS</b> 14400 GULF BLVD., MADEIRA BEACH (727-549-6165)</p> <p><b>TREASURE ISLAND BEACH ACCESS</b> 10400 GULF BLVD., TREASURE ISLAND (727-549-6165)</p> <p><b>ST. PETERSBURG BEACH ACCESS</b> 4700 GULF BLVD., ST. PETERSBURG BEACH (727-582-2267)</p> <p><b>FORT DE SOTO PARK</b> 3500 PINELLAS BAYWAY S., TIERRA VERDE PARK OFFICE (727) 582-2267 CAMPGROUND OFFICE (727) 582-2267</p> <p><b>BOCA CIEGA MILLENNIUM PARK</b> 12410 74TH AVE. N., SEMINOLE PHONE: (727) 588-4882 FAX: (727) 588-4924</p> <p><b>WALL SPRINGS PARK</b> 3725 DE SOTO BLVD., PALM HARBOR PARK PHONE # (727) 943-4653 PARK FAX # (727) 943-4677</p>
---	---

Please fill in the blanks. Use the list of parks (on the previous page) to get the information you need.

1. There are 2 county parks in Tarpon Springs; there are \_\_\_\_\_ county parks in Largo.
2. St. Petersburg also has 2 \_\_\_\_\_ parks.
3. The name of the park in Tierra Verde is \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Many people visit Boca Ciega \_\_\_\_\_ Park.
5. Let's have a picnic at Lake \_\_\_\_\_ Park.
6. The address of Sawgrass Lake Park is \_\_\_\_\_.
7. Sand Key Park is in \_\_\_\_\_.
8. Philippe Park is in \_\_\_\_\_.
9. Lake Seminole Park is in \_\_\_\_\_.
10. The War Veterans Memorial Park is on \_\_\_\_\_ Boulevard in St. Petersburg.



Many birds and animals live in Lake Seminole Park

Now click on **Clickable Map** on the website: [www.pinellascounty.org/park](http://www.pinellascounty.org/park). Then answer the questions.

1. Does this map look familiar?  Yes  No  I don't know

2. Click on the park that is furthest south. The name of the park is \_\_\_\_\_.

3. How many parks are located on this map? \_\_\_\_\_

4. Which Pinellas County parks have you visited? Make a list:

---

---

---

---

---

5. What do you like to do when you go to the park? List a few of them:

---

---

---



Fun on the beach at Sand Key



Canoeing in Taylor Park



## Reading About a Park



### My Favorite Park By Carolyn Paul

My favorite park is Moses Cone Park in Boone, North Carolina. My family and I have spent many holidays there, enjoying the fresh air, eating good food and relaxing.

At this park, we have a favorite picnic table. It is surrounded by a beautiful meadow. The men in my family like to play games like Frisbee and softball. The women and children prepare the picnic and hike along the mountain trails. In all directions, we see the beautiful Appalachian Mountains and nature. It is a place that makes me happy.

*If you want to know more about Moses Cone Park, check out this website:*

<http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/Plains/5294/cone01.html>

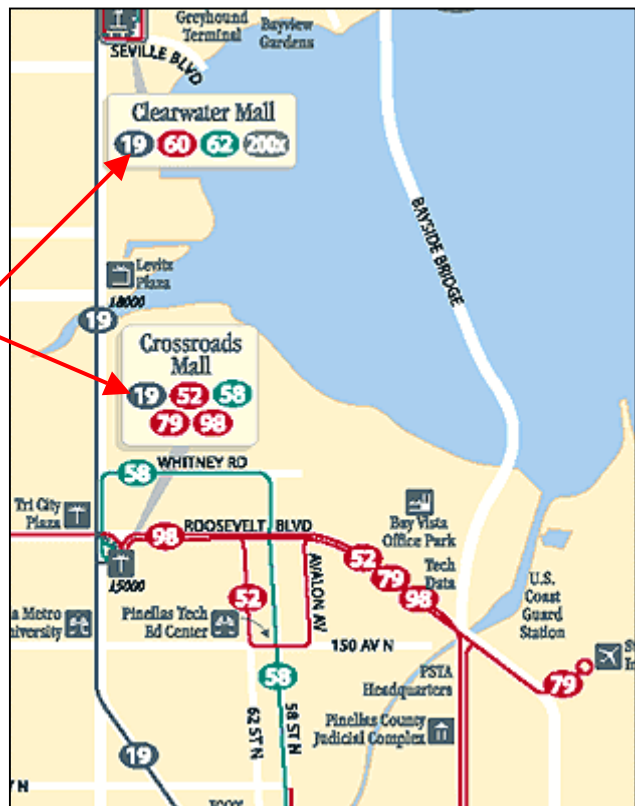
# Pinellas County Transportation

There are many ways to travel in Pinellas County. You can ride a trolley, a taxi, a bicycle, or the bus. Or you can walk or take a boat.



It is easy to ride the bus, once you learn a few basics. You can even take a bicycle on some busses.

There are many bus routes across the county. Please study the map (right). It shows some Pinellas County bus routes. If you are at the Clearwater Mall, you can take Bus 19 to the Crossroads Mall.



Use the map and the pictures to answer these questions:

1. What busses go on Roosevelt Blvd? \_\_\_\_\_
2. What bus goes on both Whitney Rd. and 58<sup>th</sup> Street North? \_\_\_\_\_
3. What busses go to Crossroads Mall? \_\_\_\_\_
4. What bus goes to Countryside? \_\_\_\_\_

## Internet Activity: More About PSTA Busses

Please go to the following website: [www.psta.net/fares.htm](http://www.psta.net/fares.htm).  
Look for answers to the following questions.

Put a check (✓) by the correct answer.

1. The regular fare (cost) of a ride is:

- a.  60 cents
- b.  75 cents
- c.  \$1.25

2. The fare (cost) of a ride for people 65 years old and older is:

- a.  60 cents
- b.  75 cents
- c.  \$1.25

3. With this *GO card* you can ride all day for:

- a.  \$1.25
- b.  \$1.50
- c.  \$3.00
- d.  \$12.00



4. Reduced fare means

- a.  the sun is not shining today
- b.  the cost for this bus ride is less than the regular cost
- c.  the bus ride will help you lose weight

5. The fare for disabled people

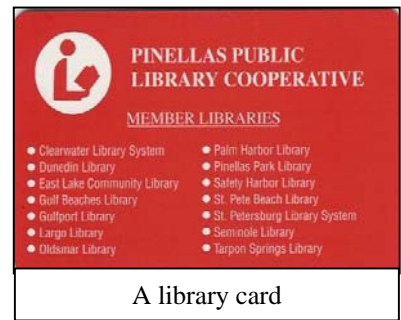
- a.  is the same as for everyone else
- b.  is less than the regular fare
- c.  is not available in Pinellas County

# Pinellas County Libraries

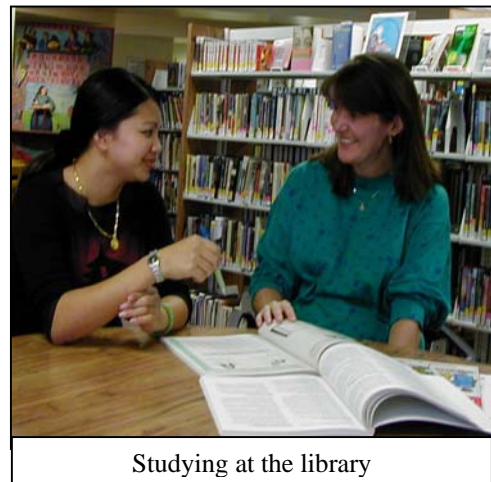
There are many libraries in Pinellas County. Some libraries are large. Some libraries are small. The small libraries are called branches.

Libraries are places that keep books for anyone to use. You can borrow or *check out* books at a library. Also, you can check out videos and music tapes. You can take them home and use them. But you must bring them back to the library.

You do not have to pay to check out books or videos or tapes. Library services are free. But you must have a library card.



Using a library computer



Studying at the library



Getting a library card—it's free

Here are some of the libraries you will find in Pinellas County:

**Azalea Branch Library**, 7801 22<sup>nd</sup> Ave North, St. Petersburg

**Clearwater Public Library**, 100 N. Osceola Ave., Clearwater

**Dunedin Public Library**, 223 Ave, Dunedin Douglas

**East Lake Community Library**, 4125 East Lake Rd, Clearwater

**Gulf Beaches Public Library**, 200 Municipal Dr, Madeira Beach

**Gulfport Library**, 5501 28<sup>th</sup> Ave. South, Gulfport

**Indian Rocks Beach Library**, 1507 Bay Palm Blvd, Indian Rocks

**James Weldon Johnson Branch Library**, 1111 18<sup>th</sup> Ave South,  
St. Petersburg

**Largo Library**, 351 East Bay Drive, Largo

**Mirror Lake Branch Library**, 280 5<sup>th</sup> St. North, St. Petersburg

**North Branch Library**, 861 70<sup>th</sup> Ave North, St. Petersburg

**Oldsmar Public Library**, 101 State West, Oldsmar

**Palm Harbor Library**, 2330 Nebraska Ave, Palm Harbor

**Pinellas Park Public Library**, 7770 52<sup>nd</sup> St, Pinellas Park

**Pinellas Talking Book Library**, 1330 Cleveland St, Clearwater

**St. Pete Beach Library**, 365 73<sup>rd</sup> Ave, St. Petersburg Beach

**St. Petersburg Library**, 3745 9<sup>th</sup> Ave North, St. Petersburg

**Seminole Library**, 9199 113<sup>th</sup> St. North, St. Petersburg

**South Branch Library**, 1201 Country Club Way South, St. Petersburg

**Tarpon Springs Public Library**, 138 East Lemon St, Tarpon Springs



Mirror Lake Branch of the St. Petersburg Library System

## More Practice Reading and Writing

Use the information in the list of libraries on the previous page to answer these questions.

1. I live closest to the \_\_\_\_\_ Library.
2. Which library is on Nebraska Avenue in Palm Harbor?  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. The Seminole Library is on which street? \_\_\_\_\_
4. The Azalea Branch is on 22<sup>nd</sup> Avenue \_\_\_\_\_ in St. Petersburg.
5. The Mirror Lake Branch is located in \_\_\_\_\_.

## Internet Activity: Find a Library Card Application

Look up the Pinellas Public Library Cooperative website at:  
<http://www.pplc.us/pplc.html>.

Can you find a library card application form on this website? If you do not have a card, please use this form to apply!

1. Go to <http://www.pplc.us/pplc.html>
2. Click on *Anywhere-Anytime Library*
3. Find the *Apply for a Library Card Here* button
4. Fill out and submit the form. (If you get stuck, ask for help.)





### Credits

Many people helped to create this unit. Our special thanks to:

**Christy Richards**, Administrator, Clearwater Adult Education Center  
**Caroline Paul**, UMCM volunteer tutor, who assisted with research and writing for this unit  
**Tish Elston, Deputy Mayor, and her assistant Bonnie Douglas**, the City of St. Petersburg  
**Terri Legatti**, Art/Graphics Manager, Department of Public Affairs, Pinellas County  
**Elizabeth Warren**, Director, Department of Park Service, Pinellas County  
**Cyndi Schmitt**, Marketing, Pinellas County Transit Authority (PSTA)  
**Kathleen McFadden**, Staff Writer, Mountain Times Newspaper, Boone, North Carolina  
**Jolan Falk**, Director of Production, Creative Force, Inc.  
**Angela Pietras**, Librarian, North Branch of the St. Petersburg Library System

Photos and other graphics for this unit were provided by:

*Pinellas County Department of Public Affairs*  
*PSTA*

The clipart is from **Art Explosion**, © Copyright 1995-98, Nova Development Corporation, 23801 Calabasas Rd., Suite 2005, Calabasas, CA 91302.

All other illustrations were provided by Martha A. Lane, 4905 34<sup>th</sup> St. South, PMB 6200, St. Petersburg FL 33711-4511 or UMCM 1625 Union Street, Clearwater, FL 33755.

Please send any suggestions for improving this unit to **Martha A. Lane, Living in Pinellas County curriculum designer and writer: [marthaalane@earthlink.net](mailto:marthaalane@earthlink.net)**.