

## Tarpon Springs Public Library

**MISSION: The mission of the Tarpon Springs Public Library is to provide excellent library and information services to fulfill the needs of the users, to enhance their quality of life, and to be a focal point of the community.**

### **Library Accomplishments:**

- Worked closely with the Friends of the Library on book sales and fundraising projects; the Library received \$31,000 from the Friends in 2009 including record-breaking proceeds of \$19,000 from annual book sales; funds to be used for new computers, materials, and programs;
- Transitioned to new Internet service provided through State contract and acquired new network security appliance with Internet filtering capability;
- Applied for and received E-rate funding for telecommunications, resulting in \$6,197 in discounts for the Library's Internet service;
- Redesigned Library website and added content, including a page of e-government resources to assist patrons in locating government information and completing online government forms;
- Utilized \$3,000 donation from the Library Foundation toward a new color photocopier for the public, which generates additional revenue for the City while providing service to Library patrons;
- Held 229 youth programs with 6,069 participants, 77 adult programs with 2,221 attendees, and 34 hands-on computer classes with 274 students in FY09;
- New programs offered include Job Skills and Resume Tips, Make Your Business Thrive Not Just Survive, Techniques for Stress Relief, Baby Rhyme Time, and Preschool Power Hour;
- \$11,500 donation from EllMar Foundation being used to support literacy activities and educational programs;
- Circulated 288,481 materials to Library patrons in FY09;
- 91,488 interlibrary loans were processed by Library staff;
- Annual attendance totaled 222,150 with 51,627 adult computer users and 5,662 youth computer users;

- Participated in group purchases of electronic databases through the Pinellas Public Library Cooperative for increased savings;
- Upgraded Polaris automation system to new version for enhanced use of countywide system;
- Developed new Three Year Long Range Plan for the Library, which was reviewed and approved by the Library Board;
- Continued community outreach activities including monthly programs at the Tarpon Springs Boys and Girls Club and participation in the annual Tarpon Springs Holiday Parade distributing books to local children through funding from the Friends.