

Spring Into your Library

Spring is here again, and it's time for spring cleaning, spring planting or gardening, and spring break. Your public library is an excellent resource for all of your spring plans.



Your public libraries have various books on cleaning tips, how to de-clutter your home (and your life), and also on remodeling. Some titles you might enjoy are: *Clean Your House & Everything in It* by Eugenia Chapman, *How to Clean and Care for Practically Anything*, *Kick the Clutter* by Ellen Phillips, and *The Complete Home Organizer* by Maxine Ordesky. For the younger audiences, Clifford the Big Red Dog helps children spring clean with *Clifford's Spring Clean-up* by Norman Bridwell.



As the temperatures start to rise, it is time to begin thinking about putting in your garden. Is your soil prepared? What seeds grow best? When is the best time to plant cucumbers? These are the types of questions for which you can find answers at your public library. Some helpful titles include: *Vegetable Gardening: Your Ultimate Guide* by Robert J. Dolezal; *All New Square Foot Gardening* by Mel Bartholome; *Flowers A to Z: Buying, Growing, Cutting, Arranging* by Cecelia Heffernanp; *Family Garden: a Practical Guide to Creating a Fun and Safe Family Garden* by Lucy Peel, and *Greenhouses* by Fiona Gilsean. These are only a few of the hundreds the Library District has.



To access the web address of the St. Johns Garden Club while the library is closed, please go to <http://sjgardenclub.tripod.com/>. The site has wonderful links and ideas. The club is very active and will hopefully resume meeting in the library when it opens again.

Will you be traveling during spring break? Don't forget your public library as a source for travel books, maps, and computer access for information and booking of travel plans. Don't forget armchair travel – it saves on gas. The libraries also have audio books that can be listened to while you are in the car trying to get from here to there.



Maybe at this time of economic hard times, spring break is making you feel spring broke. Your public libraries have been ordering many new books on economics and how to budget, save, and spend wisely. Try some of these titles: *The Difference: How Anyone Can Prosper in Even the Toughest Times* by Jean Chatzky; *Debt Control: Guiding Consumers Back in the Black* by Chris J. Richards; *50 Simple Things You Can Do to Improve Your Personal Finances: How to Spend Less, Save More, and Make the Most of What You Have* by Ilyce R. Glink; and *Rich Kid, Smart Kid: Giving Your Child a Financial Head Start* by Robert T. Kiyosaki.

Whether you spring forward or spring back make a stop at your public library somewhere in between.