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St. Pete Beach Public Library, Florida, U.S.A. / Sandown Library, England



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- <http://www.tbic.org/spb>
- <http://www.stpetebeach.org/sub/manager/sistercity.html>



In the spring of 1998, the Library Administrator assisted in establishing St. Pete Beach's sister city link with Sandown, a coastal resort town on the Isle of Wight in England.

Ten years later, the Library continues to be at the center of the relationship, with frequent educational programs, a unique British book/video/periodical collection and the publication of a quarterly newsletter called "The Trans-Atlantic Connection."

Travelers to St. Pete Beach from the Isle of Wight are encouraged to stop by the library, where they will be officially welcomed with a gift bag containing a U. S. /U. K. friendship button and other souvenirs---as well as plenty of information about the area.

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