



# Florida Public Library

## NEWSLETTER

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### A MESSAGE FROM YOUR BOARD

Dear Florida Public Library Residents,

In October 2000, we joyously celebrated the opening of our wonderful new building. We have had great success in offering expanded programs and materials for our rapidly growing population of library users.

We are now able to report another major success in the history of Florida's hometown library. Ever since its beginnings, more than forty years ago, our library has functioned with a provisional status. We are very pleased to tell you, that having met and exceeded all minimum standards for operation, the library was granted an absolute charter by the Board of Regents on April 23. This is a significant milestone in the journey we have taken on your behalf to provide, not only adequate, but exceptional library services to the community.

On the next page, you will find facts and figures about the proposed Library Budget for fiscal year 2002-2003. Please review this information so that you can make an informed decision when the budget is presented to the voters on May 21, 2002. One Library Trustee will also be elected at this time.

The proposed budget will allow for modest growth in programs, purchases of library materials and increased personnel to expand evening and Sunday library hours. We remain committed to paying off our building loan expeditiously to avoid high interest payments. The passage of this budget will ensure free and clear ownership of the building by next year. Thereafter, our long-term lease with the Village of Florida specifies an annual rent of \$1.

Please look over the enclosed information and do not hesitate to contact a Trustee or the Library Director with any questions. Your past and continuing support for the Public Library are greatly appreciated. Thank you!

FLORIDA PUBLIC LIBRARY  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

### FRIENDS OF THE FLORIDA PUBLIC LIBRARY ANNUAL USED BOOK SALE



**SEWARD DAY**  
**SATURDAY, MAY 18**  
**9 A.M. – 3 P.M.**  
**SEWARD SENIOR CENTER**

Donations of used books in good condition are accepted in the library anytime during regular business hours. Putting books in cartons with lids makes moving them much easier! We are happy to provide you with a receipt listing the number of hardcover or paperbacks donated. Sorry, we cannot assign a value to your donation, nor accept magazines, textbooks or encyclopedias.

### GET A FREE BOOK AT THE SALE!

Fill up your coupon cards at the library—ten check-outs entitle you to one FREE book of your choice at the sale.

Shop at the sale, then visit the Library at 2:30 p.m. for:

JEFFREY FRIEDBERG of  
THE BOSSY FROG BAND

New and traditional  
music for all ages.

No sign up - just drop in!

## BUDGET NEWS

The total proposed Library Budget for 2002-2003 is \$290,205. The amount to be raised by local taxes (the amount to be voted on) is \$240,255. This represents a \$13,720 rise, or 6%, over last year's tax levy of \$226,535.

The breakdown of budget figures includes:

### Revenue

Taxes .....	\$240,255
Library Charges.....	4,000
Grants/Aid .....	5,950
Interest.....	3,000
Donations .....	2,000
Fund Balance.....	35,000

Total Revenue .....\$290,205

### Expenditures

Materials .....	\$26,350
(Books, Videos, Audio, Newspapers, CDs and Magazines)	

Building .....\$100,550  
(Loan, Rent, Insurance, Utilities, Telephone, Maintenance and Repair, Cleaning, Alarms)

Program Expense .....\$4,250  
(Children's and Adult Programs)

Office Supplies .....\$7,100  
(Materials and Supplies, Newsletter, Postage)

Technology.....\$11,300  
(Computer/Printer/Copier Hardware, Software, Supplies and Maintenance)

Personnel.....\$138,955  
(Salaries, FICA, Disability, Health Benefits, Bookkeeping, Attorney, Treasurer, Mileage, Staff Training)

Trustees .....\$1,700  
(Election Expense, Professional Dues, Travel and Conference)

Total Expenditures .....\$290,205

## FINANCIAL FACTS

The following tables provide examples of the estimated tax increase, based on the average assessed value tax rate increase per \$1,000 of assessed value.

### Town of Goshen

If you live in the Town of Goshen, the assessed value of your home is approximately the full value. Last year's tax increase was 28 cents per thousand. This year's increase is 3 cents per thousand.

Assessed Value	Est. Tax Rate/\$1,000	2002-2003 Budget	Monthly Payment
\$120,000	\$0.78	\$93.60	\$7.80
\$160,000	\$0.78	\$124.80	\$10.40
\$200,000	\$0.78	\$156.00	\$13.00

### Town of Warwick

If you live in the Town of Warwick, the assessed value of your home is a fraction of its full value. Last year's tax increase was \$1.09 per thousand. This year's rate is 15 cents per thousand.

Assessed Value	Est. Tax Rate/\$1,000	2002-2003 Budget	Monthly Payment
\$30,000	\$3.30	\$99.00	\$8.25
\$40,000	\$3.30	\$132.00	\$11.00
\$50,000	\$3.30	\$165.00	\$13.75

## WE'RE GROWING!

"If you build it, they will come" has proved true for the new library. The Annual Report figures we compile for New York State tell the story.



	2000	2001	% Increase
Library Patrons	2,020	2,296	+14%
Library Visits	9,452	19,374	+105%
Total Holdings	10,492	13,293	+27%
Grand Total			
Circulation	13,880	26,596	+92%
Children's			
Circulation	8,328	14,306	+72%
Inter-Library Loans			
Borrowed	2,442	4,087	+67%
Loaned	854	1,327	+55%
Computer Users			
Per Week	20	50	+150%
Hours Library			
Is Open per Week	34	54	+60%
Program Sessions			
Adult	12	41	+242%
Young Adult	6	23	+280%
Children's	71	190	+370%
Family	3	11	+270%
Reference			
Transactions	2,000	5,500	+175%



## REAL GOOD REAL STUFF

It's back to basics for many authors of new non-fiction works. Our top ten suggestions for readers who like "real stuff" can be found with other best sellers under New Arrivals.

1. *Salt: A World History* by Mark Kurlansky
2. *Fire* by Sebastian Junger
3. *Tobacco: A Cultural History of How an Exotic Plant Seduced Civilization* by Iain Gately
4. *A Short History of Wine* by Rod Phillips
5. *How to Cook Meat* by Chris Schlesinger
6. *The Power of Gold: The History of An Obsession* by Peter L. Bernstein
7. *How to Write It: A Complete Guide to Everything You'll Ever Write* by Sandra E. Lamb
8. *Islam: A Short History* by Karen Armstrong
9. *Essential Judaism: A Complete Guide to Beliefs, Customs and Rituals* by George Robinson
10. *365 Manners Kids Should Know* by Sheryl Eberly

## WINNERS ALL

Congratulations to these winners!

### March – Women's History Contest

Rachel Kisty, Ashley Pomella and Nicholas Salamone each won a \$10 gift certificate to Media Play, thanks to the Friends of the FPL.

### April – Rediscover America @ Your Library for National Library Week

Matt Ward – \$3 Fine Waiver

Darius Brown – American Flag Craft

Isaac Kiernan – *Go, Dog, Go!* en español.

Jessica Velez – Diary and Pen

### May – Spring Business Breakfast

John Witterschein – *Gourmet* magazine

Danielle Roche – Paperback

Adam Weslowski – Book-on-Tape

## DID YOU KNOW?

- ? A collection box for worn out American flags is in our foyer. Treat Old Glory with dignity! American Legion Post 1250 will conduct a Flag Retirement Ceremony on Flag Day, June 14, 7 p.m. in the library parking lot.
- ? The Florida Lions Club has a collection box for eyeglasses, sunglasses and hearing aids next to our Circulation Desk.
- ? Give our regards to Broadway when you take in a musical! We have FREE Broadway Bucks theatre discount coupons for all the hot new shows.
- ? Help a neighbor learn to read with the help of our Literacy collection for adults. Easy readers, math workbooks, tips on job skills and citizenship information can be found here. We welcome tutors!
- ? Commuters: feed your brain with a great book on CD. We have a growing collection of classics, mysteries and non-fiction on CD.
- ? What's going on around town? Stay up to date on cultural events, Civil Service and library jobs and college information by checking the bulletin board by our front door.
- ? The library has five computers with Internet access for public use, plus one loaded with children's games.

## READ ALL ABOUT IT!

We have new subscriptions to:  
*The New York Times* (daily)  
*The New Yorker* magazine  
*National Geographic* magazine



## COMING SOON! SPLISH, SPLASH, READ!

Summer Reading Program 2002

For Preschoolers through Young Adults.  
Registration begins June 24.

**LIBRARY  
STAFF**



Director:

Madelyn Folino

Library Assistants:

Teresa Vela

Connie Dorsey

Maria Martinez

Library Clerks:

Kathy Mecca

Cindy Singer

Martha Sullivan

Subs:

Ruth Elliott

Patty Velez



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*Check it out!*

**BUDGET VOTE**

**Tuesday, May 21, 2002**

**6 a.m. – 9 p.m.**

**S.S. Seward Institute**

**ON THE BALLOT:**

✓ **2002-2003 Library Budget**

✓ **Election of One Library Trustee**

**(Linda Wajda running unopposed  
for a five year term)**

**Florida Public  
Library Board of  
Trustees**

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