



Florida Public Library

NEWSLETTER

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A GREAT YEAR

In the little more than a year that we've enjoyed our new building and expanded services, the library has assumed a new anchor position in the life of our community. We've become a dependable part of so many Florida residents' daily and weekly routines.

Open seven days a week, we're fully immersed in the ebb and flow of local life, whether you are a toddler with parent in tow, student walking home from school, commuter on the run, retired person, newcomer, or tourist passing through. We welcome you all each day.

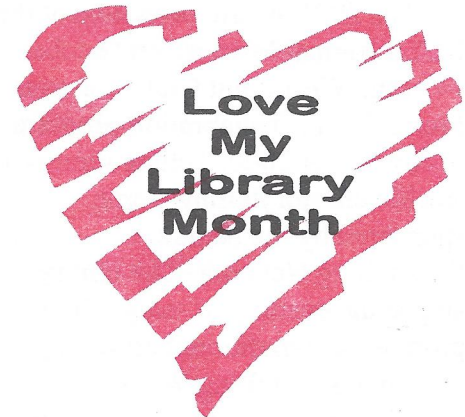
The library's convenient location with plenty of parking just off South Main St., has made us an easy destination for both walkers and riders. Our handicapped accessibility also makes us friendly for all. Some of you stop by at opening time to read the newspaper or check your e-mail. Mid-morning brings a host of happy preschoolers eager to play with puppets and board books in our comfortable and appealing children's room, while late morning sees our senior friends visiting for computer lessons, large print books and conversation.

Mid-afternoon arrives suddenly when young adults rush in for last-minute help with assignments or to unwind with a relaxing game of chess. Late afternoon, our busiest time, buzzes with programs, parents with reading lists, Internet searches and the quest for just the right video to watch after dinner. Our evening hours close out the day with quiet tutoring sessions, reference questions asked and answered and on-the-go commuters stopping by to scoop up tapes and CDs or exercise their brains by working on our featured jigsaw puzzle.

Even when the library is closed, our book return is open to receive library materials from this and other libraries. And in the morning, it starts all over again, every day.

Thanks for a great first year and to all our patrons who thank us for providing library services, our staff wholeheartedly says, "It's your library. You are welcome!"

FEBRUARY IS...



and

FINE FREE MONTH

Return any overdue library materials this month and we'll cheerfully waive the fine with NO questions asked! This is a good time to check under the bed, behind the sofa and in the trunk of the car for all library materials on the loose. Bring 'em home—we miss'em.

This offer covers only overdue fines and does not apply to any replacement charges for lost items. Amnesty lasts for one month, so round up those long overdue and bring 'em in—we'll wipe your record clean.

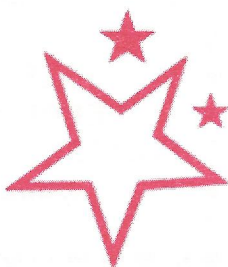
**FREE PRIZES IN
FEBRUARY—DON'T
FORGET TO ENTER YOUR
NAME TO WIN!**

LIBRARY WINS AWARD (AGAIN!)

We are proud to report that for the second year in a row, our library has been honored with the Ramapo Catskill Library System's Library Program of the Year Award. The award is presented annually to one of 48 libraries in the system's area of Rockland, Orange, Sullivan and Southern Ulster counties.

The 2001 award, presented at the RCLS Annual Meeting on October 14 at the West Point Club, honored Florida's first Tellabration program in November 2000. Tellabration is a worldwide storytelling event, sponsored by the National Storytelling Network. The library staged the evening of storytelling to promote this traditional art during National Storytelling Week.

Tellabration was a success and served as the kick-off for the formation of the Black Dirt Storytelling Guild, a group which meets monthly at the library. The Guild, for adults age 16 and up, welcomes all storytellers, as well as "just listeners." Each meeting is devoted to a different topic or aspect of storytelling and so far, novice and experienced tellers have proved their creative powers by trying Aesop's fables, Jataka tales, Greek myths, Little Red Riding Hood, Cinderella and more. All story lovers are welcome to attend and/or sign up to receive Guild news by e-mail. Contact msulliv@rcls.org to add your name to the list. The next meeting will be February 14, 7:30 p.m. and the subject will be *Love Stories*, of course!



IN PRINT

An account of Florida's winning Library Program of the Year in 2000, can be found in a new Reference book. Director Madelyn Folino is the author of an essay in the New York Library Association publication *Bridging Cultures: Ethnic Services in the Libraries of New York State*. The essay describes Comenzando con Libros, or Bilingual Bookstart, which was created to introduce Spanish-speaking and migrant farmworker parents to the library and the world of children's literature. Parents learned how to choose, use and make books for their young children.

WINTER PROGRAMS

- ♥ I Love the Library Readaloud for all ages. Saturday, 2/2, 2 p.m.
- ♥ Adult Book Discussion – *The Four Agreements* by Miguel Ruiz, Monday, 2/4 at 11 a.m. Call to reserve your copy.
- ♥ Winter Classics – Storytelling for grades K-5, Tuesdays, 2/5, 2/12, 4 p.m.
- ♥ YA Discovery – Board games for grade 6 & up, Tuesdays, 2/5, 2/12, 6 p.m.
- ♥ Rhymetime – Stories, songs and crafts for ages 18 months – 3 years, 10 a.m. Sessions begin 2/6 and 2/7.
- ♥ Storytime – Stories, songs and crafts for ages 3-5 (not yet in kindergarten.) 11 a.m. Sessions begin 2/6 and 2/7.
- ♥ Chess Club – advanced at 2:30 p.m., instruction for grades 3 & up, 4 p.m. Begins 2/6.
- ♥ Astrology – for Adults. Thursday, 2/7 at 7 p.m. Begin your personal chart!
- ♥ Parent/Child Book Discussion – for Grades 3 & up. Saturday, 2/23, 1 p.m.
- ♥ YA Book Discussion – for grades 6 and up, Tuesday, 2/26 at 6 p.m.
- ♥ Cooking 101 – for Adults. A Personal Chef will demonstrate basic techniques, Thursday. 2/28, 7 p.m.
- ♥ Computer Instruction – in English or Spanish, anytime, by appointment.



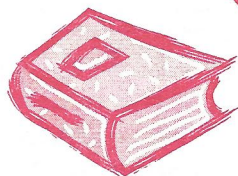
BE OUR VALENTINE (AND RETURN THIS PAGE)

February is Love My Library Month and we have a few suggestions on ways to love the library:

- ♥ Be a friend and join the Friends of the Florida Public Library, a volunteer group that supports the library with hands-on help and fundraising.
- ♥ Donate clean, used books or volunteer time to help with the Friends' Book Sales (Call Sue at 651-9141 for details.)
- ♥ Make a gift to the library to help us purchase books, videos, magazines, and CDs or be an angel and support a program with a donation of cash, time or expertise.
- ♥ Bring a friend to the very next library event (also a great way to make new friends!)

I Love my Library because . . .





Name _____

Fill out and return
your valentine for the
library and we'll display
it throughout Love My
Library Month.



FRIENDS MEMBERSHIP FORM



Please return to:
Florida Public Library, 4 Cohen Circle, Florida, NY 10921

Name _____

Address _____ Phone # _____

☐ Single \$5 ☐ Family \$10 ☐ Sustaining \$25 ☐ Contributing \$50 ☐ Patron \$100

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NEW VIDEOS: FEATURES, CLASSICS & ACADEMY AWARD WINNERS

Almost Famous

Angela's Ashes

Boys Don't Cry

Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon

Girl Interrupted

The Green Mile

Goodfellas

In Celebration of Trees

Into the Arms of Strangers

Islam: Empire of Faith
(2 vols.)

L.A. Confidential

Les Miserables

Life is Beautiful

Mansfield Park

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Norma Rae

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Roots (6 vols.)

Shrek

Traffic

Wonder Boys



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