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A Winter Welcome

Despite the winter cold, our library is humming along with the warmth of programs and activities for all ages. Don't let weather keep you away from our terrific reading, arts and crafts, storytelling, chess and computer programs. Registration for February and March sessions is as easy as picking up the phone. Please join us and warm up with good books and conversation and don't forget to check out a Florida favorite – a jigsaw puzzle which is always in progress and absolutely addictive.

We are finding that our expanded evening and weekend hours (see below) are appealing to parents, students and commuters and that all areas of library usage are growing to meet the needs of our community. Last fall, we partnered with our town's other two public libraries, in Warwick and Greenwood Lake, to sponsor One Town, One Book. Readers throughout Warwick, read *Catskill* by John R. Hayes and attended five events, including a talk with the author. We hope to repeat this successful program and want to hear your suggestions for another great book to share.

The Library Board of Trustees, our staff and community representatives are currently hard at work on a long range plan that will guide our growth and direction for the next three-five years. We are carefully looking at the needs of the community in order to provide the best library service possible. Your comments on this process are always welcome.

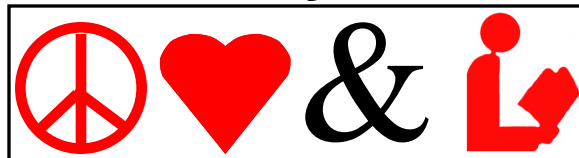
Visitors frequently remark on the warmth of our staff and our interesting displays and beautiful art. Please drop in soon to enjoy the new set of color photographs from the 1941 National Geographic Magazine which featured local faces and places in an article about onion growing on the black dirt. Can you help us identify any of the people in the pictures for our local history collection? Hope to see you soon!

Madelyn Folino, Director

Library Hours

<i>Monday - Thursday</i>	<i>10 - 8</i>
<i>Friday - Saturday</i>	<i>10 - 5</i>
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>12 - 5</i>

February is



*Peace, Love & Library
Month*

Come Celebrate With Us



♥ No Fines This Month!

Return any overdue book or videotape during the month of February and all the accrued overdue fines for that item will be waived. This offer only covers overdue fines and does not apply to any replacement charges for lost items.

♥ Enter our Prize Contest!

Each time you visit the library, enter your name in the drawing for the prize of your choice. We will select two names for each prize category — Children, Young Adult, and Adult.

Our Winter Programs

Adults

Adult Book Discussion: Meets first Monday of each month at 11 a.m. Bring a friend and a favorite book. Call the library to reserve your copies for:
Feb. 3 - *Charms for the Easy Life* by Kaye Gibbons
Mar. 3 - *Bel Canto* by Ann Patchett

Booktalk: Wednesdays & Thursdays, 11:15 a.m., through March 12/13. Perfect for moms, dads and caregivers while children are in Storytime. On Wednesdays, we will focus on children's books and on Thursdays will discuss adult titles and topics.

Black Dirt Storytelling Guild: To preserve and promote the art of storytelling and story listening. Meets the second Thursday of each month in the library at 7:30 p.m. For adults over 16 years of age. Join us to tell a story or "just listen."

February 13 — *Great Women*

March 13 — *Birth, Death & Rebirth*

*Computer Instruction in English or

Spanish: Individual computer instruction on the basics, including word processing, internet and e-mail, and how to search the electronic library catalog. Call 651-7659 for your appointment.

***Drawing for Adults & Teens:** Bring your own sketch pad and supplies to draw in a relaxed and informal atmosphere with our resident artist, Connie Dorsey. Thursday, Feb. 20, 7 p.m.

Family Programs

***Winter Readaloud:** Wed., Feb. 12, 7 p.m. Choose a favorite poem, short story, or selection from a book and share it with other readers.

***Family Storytime:** Wednesday evenings, 7 p.m. Enjoy bedtime stories for the whole family. Kids, you can even wear your pajamas! Feb. 5 - Mar. 12

***Birds of Prey Demonstration:** Saturday, March 1, 1 p.m. Mike Oettinger, local falconer, will bring his birds of prey for a demonstration and discussion of the sport of falconry.

Young Adults

Spanish Homework Help: Do you need help learning Spanish? Mrs. Martinez is available to help in the library on Monday through Thursday evenings and Sunday afternoons.

***YA Discovery:** A program for young adults in grade 6 and up, meeting each Tuesday evening at 6 p.m. A different topic is explored each week:

Feb. 4 - Picture Frame Pillows: Bring a favorite picture and make a picture frame pillow.

Feb. 11 - Poetry Café~Love Poems: A forum for teens to write and critique original poetry.

Feb. 18 - Dinner & Discussion: Over dinner, we'll discuss the new book *Feeling Sorry for Celia* by Jaclyn Moriarty. Grade 9 & Up Only!

Feb. 25 - African American History Month
Learn the Adrinka symbols and their meanings and create your own piece of Adrinka cloth.

Children

***Rhymetime:** Wednesday or Thursday, 10:15 a.m. Feb. 5/6-March 12/13. Simple stories and songs for toddlers (18 mos.-3 yrs) with a parent or caregiver. Parents, please make arrangements for siblings. A new session will begin March 26/27.

***Storytime:** Wednesday or Thursday, 11 a.m. Feb. 5/6 - March 12/13. Stories, songs, and crafts for preschoolers (age 3 - 5 years) "on their own." A new session will begin March 26.

***Chess Club:** Wednesday afternoons, 4 p.m. Instructional chess for students, Kindergarten & up. Adults are also welcome!

Books & Beyond: Tuesdays at 4 p.m. For students in grades K - 5. Winter Classics storytelling by Members of the Black Dirt Storytelling Guild through February 25. No registration is required. **When Books & Beyond resumes in March, we will offer two sessions: Tuesdays at 4 p.m. for grades K - 2 and Thursdays at 4 p.m. for grades 3 - 5.** As always, no registration is required!

*Denotes Registration Required

News from Friends of the Florida Public Library

In September, our Friends volunteer group reorganized. New officers are President Catherine Emestica, Vice-President Louise Schultz and Secretary Lisa Brown. Returning Treasurer Carol Carrano is the veteran of the group and our used book sale expert. And speaking of sales, save this date - The Friends have another book sale planned for Seward Day on Saturday, May 17. If you can help either setting up or working at the sale, please call Catherine at 651-2017.

Donations of clean 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, encyclopedias or condensed books.

Friends of the Florida Public Library Membership Form

New members and new ideas are always welcome! Join the Friends and help your library. Fill out the following form and return to Friends of the Florida Public Library, 4 Cohen Circle, Florida, NY 10921.

(Please make your checks payable to
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 \$50 Contributing \$100 Patron \$_____Other

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2003 Award Winners @ Your Library



Newbery Medal - Outstanding children's literature published in the United States

Winner	<i>Crispin: The Cross of Lead</i>	Avi
Honor	<i>The House of the Scorpion</i>	Nancy Farmer
	<i>Pictures of Hollis Woods</i>	Patricia Reilly Giff
	<i>Hoot</i>	Carl Hiaasen
	<i>A Corner of the Universe</i>	Ann M. Martin
	<i>Surviving the Applewhites</i>	Stephanie S. Tolan

Caldecott Medal - Most distinguished picture book published in the United States

Winner	<i>My Friend Rabbit</i>	Written & Illustrated by Eric Roman
Honor	<i>The Spider and the Fly</i>	Mary Howitt Illus. by Tony DiTerlizzi
	<i>Hondo & Fabian</i>	Written & Illustrated by Peter McCarty
	<i>Noah's Ark</i>	Written & Illustrated by Jerry Pinkney

Michael L. Printz Award - Excellence in young adult literature

Winner	<i>Postcards from No Man's Land</i>	Aidan Chambers
Honor	<i>Hole in My Life</i>	Jack Gantos
	<i>My Heartbeat</i>	Garret Freymann-Weyr
	<i>The House of the Scorpion</i>	Nancy Farmer

Did you know? You can reserve any desired library materials in person, by calling us at 651-7659, or online at www.rcls.org/fpl. Click on *Library Catalog* and login using the barcode number found on the back of your library card.

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