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A Message From Your Board

Dear Florida Public Library Residents,

The Library's annual budget and trustee election will take place on Tuesday, May 18 from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. As in past years, to save the expense of a separate vote, the Library proposition and trustee candidates will share the ballot with the school district's annual vote. Voting will be in the music room at S.S. Seward. Absentee ballots are available at the FUFSD office and new voter registration will be held on May 6 and May 11, 3-7 p.m. at the high school.

All residents are invited to attend a Public Hearing on the Library Budget on Saturday, May 8 at 1 p.m. The Public Hearing will be followed by an Open House to meet your Library Trustees and the two candidates who will be running unopposed on May 18. Library staff members will also be on hand to answer your questions about how to use the electronic card catalog and our free online databases. We hope you will take this opportunity to get to know the people, programs and services in your hometown library.

On the next page you will find a breakdown of the proposed budget for 2004-2005, as well as figures on our continuing growth. We have worked hard to keep the increase in tax support to 3.89% or a modest \$9,350. Taxes were not raised last year, so this limited increase represents the first since 2002-2003. We encourage you to exercise your right to vote and thank you for your steady support of our efforts to improve and expand the crucial role of the Library in our community. There is truly something for everyone at the public library!

Florida Public Library Board of Trustees

Library Hours

<i>Monday - Thursday</i>	<i>10 - 8</i>
<i>Friday - Saturday</i>	<i>10 - 5</i>
<i>Sunday (through June 27)</i>	<i>12 - 5</i>

Seward Day Events!

Award winning classical guitarist Peter Fletcher will appear at the library at 1 p.m. on Saturday, May 15. Fletcher is a nationally known guitarist in demand as a performer at cultural venues throughout the country, and a featured artist with the Georgia Council for the Arts. He is a graduate of Eastman School of Music and has been featured on National Public Radio. This program is designed for attentive listeners of all ages, school age and above. Admission is free, but please call to reserve a seat. This concert is sponsored by the Friends of the Florida Public Library.

The Friends Used Book Sale will also run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Seward Senior Center. We are now accepting donations of clean books in good condition for the sale. We do not accept textbooks. Come in to the library now to earn your coupon for a free book at the book sale!

Summer Reading Program

6 weeks of reading fun for all ages!



Registration begins Monday, June 21
Program runs June 28 - August 6

Upcoming Programs & Events

Registration begins on Monday, May 3rd for new sessions of **Rhymetime & Storytime** starting May 12/13.

Rhymetime consists of stories, songs, & simple rhymes for kids age 18-35 months with a parent or caregiver on Wednesdays or Thursdays at 10:15 a.m. Please make arrangements for siblings. **Storytime** includes books, songs & crafts for children who are 3-5 years old (on their own) on Wednesdays or Thursdays at 11 a.m.

Scrappers Delight is fast becoming a favorite program at the library! Join new and veteran scrapbookers on May 25th at 7 p.m. to work on your scrapbook, exchange ideas and learn new techniques. For adults over age 16. Call the library for more details.

Campfire Storytimes with members of the Black Dirt Storytelling Guild are scheduled for July 8th & 22nd at Walter Sturr Memorial Park in Florida. Marshmallow roast will begin at 7:30 p.m. & stories commence at 8 p.m. for attentive listeners of all ages. Please bring a chair or blanket to sit on, and a jacket for those cool summer evenings! Stop in or call the library to register.

Good Reading & Listening Selections @your library!

Book & Tape Kits for Children

Miss Nelson is Back

Possum Magic

Titch

La Señorita Runfio

Five Chinese Brothers

The Doughnuts

Miss Nelson Has a Field Day

Peter's Chair

Danny and the Dinosaur

Leo the Late Bloomer

Drummer Hoff

A Weekend with Wendell

New Books for Adults

Angels & Demons

Key of Valor

Divided in Death

Narrows

Third Degree

Nighttime is My Time

Ransom

Bad Business

Reckless Abandon

Dan Brown

Nora Roberts

J.D. Robb

Michael Connelly

James Patterson

Mary Higgins Clark

Danielle Steel

Robert B. Parker

Stuart Woods

Friends of the Florida Public Library Membership

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 Friends of the Florida Public Library.)

Sign up now as a summer member and add four extra months for the same yearly dues:

June 2004 - September 2005 (Regular membership is October 1 - September 30)

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ E-Mail _____

Circle one: \$10 Membership \$25 Sustaining

\$50 Contributing \$100 Patron \$_____ Other

____ Yes, I want to volunteer to help! Next meeting date is May 19 @ 7 p.m.

2004 - 2005 Budget

The total proposed Library budget is \$312,605. This includes an increase of \$9,350 or 3.89% over last two years' tax levy of \$240,255.

The breakdown of budget figures includes:

Revenue

Tax Support.....	\$249,605
Library Charges.....	9,000
Grants /Aid.....	5,500
Interest.....	1,000
Donations.....	2,500
Fund Balance.....	45,000
Total Revenue	\$312,605

Expenditures

Materials.....	\$ 31,810
(Books, Videos, DVDs, Audio, Newspapers, CDs and Magazines)	
Building.....	24,250
(Insurance, Utilities, Telephone, Maintenance & Repair, Cleaning, Alarms)	
Program Expense.....	6,000
(Children's and Adult Programs)	
Office Supplies.....	9,000
(Materials & Supplies, Newsletter, Postage)	
Technology.....	15,650
(Computer/Printer/Copier Hardware, Software, Supplies & Maintenance)	
Personnel.....	163,895
(Salaries, FICA, Disability, Health Benefits, Bookkeeping, Accountant, Treasurer, Mileage, Staff Training)	
Trustees.....	2,000
(Election Expense, Professional Dues, Travel & Conference)	
Encumbered Fund Balance (2005)....	50,000
Capital Reserve.....	10,000
Total Expenditures	\$312,605



Annual Library Trustee Election



Manisha Ford-Thomas (unopposed) 5 year term

Leon Shorr (unopposed) 2 year term

***Tuesday, May 18 6 a.m. - 9 p.m.
in the Music Room @ S.S. Seward Institute***



Every Vote Counts!



Report to the Community: We're Growing!

Florida Public Library Annual Report Figures

	2001	2002	2003
Library Patrons	2,296	2,634	2,376*
Library Visits	19,374	24,747	26,423
Grand Total Holdings	13,293	15,932	18,787
Grand Total Circulation	26,596	34,535	37,986
Children's Circulation	14,306	15,958	17,735
ILL Borrowed	4,087	6,276	7,455
ILL Loaned	1,327	2,729	4,179
Computer Users/Week	50	70	85
Library Hours/Week	54	54	59
Reference Transactions	5,500	6,500	6,960
Adult Program Sessions	41	46	59
Young Adult Program Sessions	23	37	30
Children's Program Sessions	190	187	188
Family Program Sessions	11	19	25

* Long inactive patron records were deleted in 2003.

Library Staff

Director

Madelyn Folino

Library Assistant

Connie Dorsey

Library Assistant for
Children's Services

Maria Martinez

Senior Library Clerk

Martha Sullivan

Library Clerks

Patricia Velez

Maritza Shiel

Pages

Brian Goodrich

Alex Arzoumanov

Substitute Clerks

Anne Hanson

Sue Quinn

Terry Numa

New DVDs

Kill Bill (Vol. 1)

House of Sand & Fog

The Missing

School of Rock

Thirteen

American Splendor

Something's Gotta Give

Brother Bear

21 Grams

Devil's Playground

Secretary

Pieces of April

Shattered Glass

Whale Rider

Talk to Her

Das Boot

Russian Ark

Music CDs

@ Your Library

Milestones

Miles Davis

Beethoven Symphony No. 3

NY Philharmonic Orchestra

The Art of Classical Guitar

Peter Fletcher

One Nation Under a Groove

Funkadelic

Absolute Torch & Twang

k.d. lang

Hymns of Faith II

Mormon Tabernacle Choir

Nevermind

Nirvana

Kids' Favorite Songs

Sesame Street

Our collections of DVDs and CDs can be found in our new oak media browser, a gift donated by the Friends of the Florida Public Library in memory of Marjorie Mance, the Library's first Director.

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