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

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Registration begins Monday, June 21
Program runs June 28 - August 6
Good Reading & Listening Selections @ your library!

Book & Tape Kits for Children
- Miss Nelson is Back
- Miss Nelson Has a Field Day
- Possum Magic
- Peter’s Chair
- Titch
- Danny and the Dinosaur
- La Señorita Runfio
- Leo the Late Bloomer
- Five Chinese Brothers
- Drummer Hoff
- The Doughnuts
- 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

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.

Scrapers 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.

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

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**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! ★★★★

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**Report to the Community: We’re Growing!**

Florida Public Library Annual Report Figures

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* 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

@ Your Library

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

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.

Music CDs

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

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