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How Are We Doing?

I am very pleased to report that after many meetings, much discussion and with the participation of a cross-section of community members, our Board of Trustees has adopted a Long Range Plan to guide us in providing programs and library services to Florida residents over the next five years. The plan contains detailed goals and objectives for the first two years and is spelled out in a brochure available at the circulation desk. We hope you will read it and share your comments and we would be happy to provide a Library representative to attend a meeting of your local organization to discuss the plan and update you and your members on what's going on at the Library.

As part of our ongoing planning, we are committed to frequent evaluations of our services and you will find a survey enclosed in this Newsletter. We hope that you will complete it and return it to us by mail, fax or hand delivery so that your opinion will count in our constant effort to upgrade services and deliver quality programs of interest. In addition to this longer survey, you may have already noticed that we are requesting quick one-minute surveys after each series of our children's and young adult programming. We look forward to reading your comments and really appreciate your input! We also encourage you to drop your comments or queries into our suggestion box located by the front door or to share your concerns, in person, when next you visit the Library.

Several new faces can be seen around the Library. We welcome new staff members:

Library Assistant Susan O'Neill, whose programs and wonderful displays can be found in the Children's Room;

Library Clerk Maritza Sheil, who is not only a fluent Spanish speaker, but also the creator of the balloon art which is featured this month;

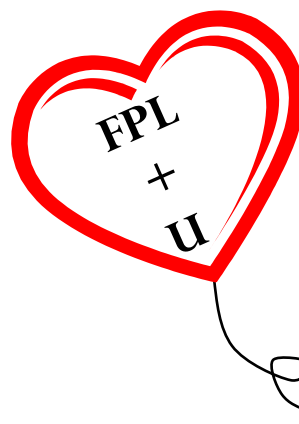
Pages Alex Arzoumanov and Brian Goodrich, who share the responsibility for shelving library materials so that all of us can find them where they are supposed to be – a very important job!

See you in the Library,

Madelyn Folino, Director

Library Hours

Monday - Thursday 10 - 8 Saturday 10 - 5 Sunday 12 - 5



*February
is
Library
Lovers
Month*

♥ *Amnesty Week!*

Return any overdue item between February 22 and February 28 and we'll waive the accrued overdue fines for that item! This offer covers overdue fines only and does not apply to any replacement costs for lost items. **Plus**, in celebration of Leap Year, we'll add an amnesty day on Feb. 29. This will be your best chance this year to return overdue items fine-free!

♥ *Prizes in Balloons!*

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 - Adult, Young Adult and Children- to win a special balloon art creation!

♥ *A Valentine to the Library!*

Our Winter Programs

Adults

***Whip up a Chocolate Torte!** Our favorite chef Blaine Alvarez-Backus returns to teach us how to make a chocolate torte in time for Valentine's Day. Taste testing is included! Space is limited. *Thursday, Feb. 5 @ 7 p.m.*

***Tole Painting on Candles:** Bring a large round or pillar-type white candle and learn the art of tole painting with our returning artist Harriet Tornetta. Paints supplied. Teens also welcome on *Saturday, Feb. 7 @ 1 p.m.*

Black Dirt Storytelling Guild: To preserve and promote the art of storytelling and story listening. The Guild 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 12*

***Genealogy Online:** Local history librarian Sue Gardner will present a program for patrons beginning to research their family history on the internet. Adults and Young Adults. Space is limited! *Sunday, Feb. 15 @ 2 p.m.*

Adult Book Discussion: Please visit our library catalog online or call the library to reserve your copy of this month's selection: *The Color of Water* by James McBride. *Saturday, February 21 @ 2 p.m.*

***IRS Help Online:** Learn to find tax information online with Sr. Library Clerk Martha Sullivan to help complete your tax return at home. *Wednesday, Mar. 10 @ 7 p.m.*

***Plan Your Dream Vacation Online:** Learn to use the internet for your travel plans with Jeannie Stiller, Head of Reference, Newburgh Library. *Sunday, Mar. 21 @ 2 p.m.*

***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 for appointment.

Family Programs

***Victorian Valentines:** Create a traditional colorful Victorian Valentine using "scrap" - beautiful preprinted images to cut & paste. *Saturday, Feb. 7 @ 11 a.m.*

***Bilingual Family Storytime:** Enjoy English and Spanish stories along with a craft to take home! Fun Family Fare! *Sunday, Feb. 15 & 22, March 7 & 21 @ 2 p.m.*

***Leap Year Readaloud:** Come prepared with a rare or funny poem, short story, or book. Or browse our selection of scarce and comical readings to share with others. Pizza will be served! *Sunday, Feb. 29 @ 2 p.m.*

Young Adults

Spanish Homework Help: Our bilingual staff members are available for Spanish homework help in the library on Monday through Thursday evenings and Sunday afternoons.

***Chocolate Valentine Creations:** Chocolate molding in fun shapes good enough for gifts! *Saturday, Feb. 7 @ 2 p.m.*

Teen Advisory Board: Meeting to discuss and plan future events and programs at the library for young adults. All interested teens are welcome! *Saturday, Feb. 7 @ 3 p.m.*

***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. 10 - Book Discussion: Bring a favorite book that you've read recently to share.

Feb. 17 - Fashion Illustration: Show off your creative flair with tips from a professional illustrator.

Feb. 24 - Easy Snacks: Tasty quick snacks you can make yourself! Taste testing, too!

Mar. 2 - Killer Coffees: Seattle comes to Florida, NY as you learn ways to enhance your favorite brew.

Mar. 9 - Mini Pizzas: Fast Fun Delicious Pizzas you can have ready in a flash!

Mar. 16 - Bluebird House: Make your own bluebird shelter while learning about this beautiful creature.

***Make a Throw Pillow:** Learn the rag quilting technique to make a heart shaped pillow. *Saturday, Mar. 6 2 - 4 p.m.*

Children

***Rhymetime:** Join our Wednesday or Thursday sessions at 10:15 a.m. Simple stories and songs for toddlers (18-35 mos) with a parent or caregiver. Please make arrangements for siblings. Registration begins March 15 for spring sessions.

***Storytime:** Join our Wednesday or Thursday sessions at 11 a.m. Stories, songs, and crafts for preschoolers (age 3 - 5 yrs) on their own. Registration begins March 15 for spring sessions.

***Chess Club:** Friday afternoons, 4 p.m. Instructional chess for students, 1st Grade & up. Adults are also welcome!

Books & Beyond: Tuesdays at 4 p.m. A drop in program featuring stories, crafts and other fun events for students in grades K - 5. A new 6 week session begins February 17.

***March Hare/Mad Hatter Tea Party:** Lots of fun and a little bit of etiquette for kids in grades K - 5. *Saturday, March 6 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.*

***Denotes Registration Required**

New Arrivals @ your library

Adult Fiction:

Balance of Power	<i>Richard North Patterson</i>
Blood Canticle	<i>Anne Rice</i>
Capital Crimes	<i>Stuart Woods</i>
Conspiracy Club	<i>Jonathan Kellerman</i>
Murder Room	<i>P.D. James</i>
Stone Cold	<i>Robert B. Parker</i>

Adult Non-Fiction:

Absolutely American	<i>David Lipsky</i>
La Comida Del Barrio: Latin American Cooking in the USA	<i>Aaron Sanchez</i>
Outsmart Arthritis	<i>Prevention</i>
Stiff: Curious Lives of Human Cadavers	<i>Mary Roach</i>
Ultimate Weight Solution	<i>Philip McGraw</i>

Español:

Inmigración a los EE.UU. Paso a Paso
Manual de Beneficios del Seguro Social
Cuando El Monstruo Despierta

Young Adult:

Parallel Universe of Liars	<i>Kathleen Johnson</i>
Rainbow Boys	<i>Alex Sanchez</i>
500 Best Urban Legends Ever	<i>Yorick Brown</i>
Cracking the GED	<i>Princeton Review</i>
Cracking the SAT	<i>Adam Robinson</i>

Juvenile Fiction:

Amazing I Spy ABC	<i>Ken Laidlaw</i>
Diary of a Worm	<i>Doreen Cronin</i>
I Dream of Trains	<i>Angela Johnson</i>
Dim Sum for Everyone	<i>Grace Lin</i>
*Tale of Despereaux	<i>Kate DiCamillo</i>
*Newbery Winner	

DVDs

Antwone Fisher	Pirates of the Caribbean
Capturing the Friedmans	Punch-Drunk Love
Far From Heaven	Seabiscuit
Finding Nemo	The Sopranos (First Season)
Freaky Friday	Winged Migration
Gangs of New York	X2: X-Men United

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T Shirts and Tote Bags



Fun Fashion @ your library

Friends of the Florida Public Library Membership through 10/1/04

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.)

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

More Awards for Florida

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Madelyn
Folino

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Pages
Alex Arzoumanov
Brian Goodrich

Library Assistants
Susan O'Neill
Connie Dorsey
Maria Martinez

Substitutes
Anne Hanson
Sue Quinn
Terry Numa

Senior Clerk
Martha
Sullivan



Board President Marie Pillmeier and Senior Library Clerk Martha Sullivan congratulate Director Madelyn Folino on receiving the NYLA Award.

Fall 2003 was a propitious time for recognition for Florida! At the Ramapo Catskill Library System's Annual Meeting in October, the Library was awarded the 2003 Member Library Program of the Year Award for *One Town, One Book*, a town-wide reading project, planned and carried out in partnership with Albert Wisner Public Library in Warwick and Greenwood Lake Public Library. This award marked the third time in four years that Florida has received top honors for programming.

In November, at the New York Library Association's Saratoga Springs conference, NYLA's Public Library Section honored Director Madelyn Folino with the L. Marion Moshier/Asa Wynkoop Award for Distinguished Librarianship. Along with a plaque in NYLA's Albany headquarters, the award resulted in a beautiful plaque and \$1,000 cash award for Madelyn. She was nominated by Board President Marie Pillmeier, Senior Clerk Martha Sullivan, Friends of the FPL Treasurer Carol Carrano, and Goshen Public Library Director Pauline Kehoe. Please stop by and admire our display of these honors.

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