

FLORIDA PUBLIC LIBRARY

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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 17 from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. 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 5 and May 10 at the high school.

On the next page you will find a breakdown of the proposed budget for 2005-2006, as well as figures on our continuing growth. We have worked hard to keep this year's increase in tax support to a total of \$17,472. We encourage you to exercise your right to vote and thank you for your favorable comments and steady support of our efforts to improve and expand library services and programs for all members of the community.

Sincerely yours,

Marie Pillmeier, President

Kathleen Helhoski, Vice President

John Sgombick, Secretary

Shirley Coughlin

Manisha Ford-Thomas

David O'Neill

Leon Shorr



*What is more important in a library than anything else-
than everything else - is the fact that it exists.*

Archibald MacLeish



Library Hours

Monday - Thursday 10 - 8

Friday & Saturday 10 - 5

Sunday 12 - 5

Closed on Sundays in July and August

The Library will be closed on Memorial Day, May 30



Seward Day Events

Saturday, May 14

The Friends of the FPL Used Book Sale will run from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Seward Senior Center. Come in to the Library now to earn your coupon for a free book at the book sale!

Flash! Bam! Alakazam! - @ 1 p.m. A unique multicultural and interactive musical event for the whole family. Popular songs from the 1920s, 30s and 40s! Singer & songwriter Lalia Madriguera introduces young children to classic American songs with rhythms that range from swing to Latin - the samba and the conga. Children will learn and parents will remember these treasured songs from days gone by. Sing along, dance along and learn the conga! This is a program for all ages. Special offer: Bring a grandparent and GET A PRIZE! Refreshments provided by Friends of the FPL.



Your Favorite Library Lovers!

Mary Kimiecik, Patrick Wanamaker, and Margaret Mary and Suzanna Misciagna were the prize winners in our Library Lover Search in February. Friends, family and FPL staff members nominated their favorites in adult, teen and child categories. Winners were honored for their love and support of the Library and

2005 - 2006 Budget

The total proposed Library budget is \$339,977. The tax levy (the amount voted on by taxpayers) is \$267,077. This represents an increase of \$17,472 or 6.9% over last year. The breakdown of budget figures includes:

Revenue

Tax Support.....	\$267,077
Library Charges.....	11,500
Grants /Aid.....	6,000
Interest.....	400
Donations.....	5,000
Fund Balance.....	<u>50,000</u>
Total Revenue	\$339,977

Expenditures

Materials.....	\$ 32,400
(Books, Videos, DVDs, Audio, Newspapers, CDs and Magazines)	
Building.....	26,250
(Insurance, Utilities, Telephone, Maintenance & Repair, Cleaning, Alarms)	
Program Expense.....	7,500
(Children's and Adult Programs)	
Office Supplies.....	10,598
(Materials & Supplies, Newsletter, Postage)	
Technology.....	19,750
(Computer/Printer/Copier Hardware, Software, Supplies & Maintenance)	
Personnel.....	166,379
(Salaries, FICA, Disability, Health Benefits, Bookkeeping, Accountant, Treasurer, Mileage, Staff Training)	
Trustees.....	2,100
(Election Expense, Professional Dues, Travel & Conference)	
Encumbered Fund Balance (2006)....	60,000
Capital Reserve.....	<u>15,000</u>
Total Expenditures	\$339,977

Report to the Community:

2004 Annual Report Figures

Florida Public Library

- is chartered to serve 4,679 (2000 census)
- has 2,406 registered borrowers
- is open 59 hours per week (54 hours in summer)
- has 63,955 total holdings, including 42,000⁺ in electronic materials
- circulated 39,241 items, including 15,770 children's materials
- borrowed 7,463 items from other libraries
- loaned 4,167 items to other libraries
- provided computer access to 4,450 users
- answered 6,970 reference questions
- offered 306 programs for all ages, attended by 3,687 Library users
- welcomed 25,670 visitors!

Friends of the Florida Public Library Membership through 9/30/06

Pay in May / Get the Summer Free!

New members and new ideas are always welcome! Join the Friends and help your Library. Fill out the following form and return with check payable to:

Friends of the Florida Public Library
4 Cohen Circle, Florida, NY 10921

Upcoming Meetings: May 9 @ 7 p.m.

Used Book Sale: Saturday, May 14 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ E-Mail _____

Circle one: \$10 Family \$25 Sustaining
\$50 Contributing \$100 Patron \$_____ Other

Donations of clean, used books are now being accepted for the Seward Day Sale. Drop off boxed donations anytime during regular Library hours. We cannot accept textbooks, magazines or damaged books. Thank you!

May Programs

***Family Storytime:** for family members of all ages

Sunday afternoons, 2 p.m.

May 8 Mother's Day Corsages

May 15 Favorite & Classic Games Day

May 22 Patriotic Music & Stories

Books & Beyond: drop-in for kids in K - 5

Tuesday afternoons, 4 p.m.

May 3 Seashell Sculptures

May 10 Endangered Ocean Animals

May 17 Day at the Beach Party

***YA Discovery:** for Young Adults in grade 6 and up

Tuesday evenings, 6:30 p.m.

May 3 Card Making & Embossing Techniques

May 10 Scrapbooking (Bring your photos.)

May 17 Paper Maché Sculpture

***Rhymetime** for toddlers age 18 - 35 months continues on Wednesday/Thursday mornings at **10 a.m.** Space available!

***Storytime** for preschoolers age 3 - 5 years continues on Wednesday/Thursday mornings at **11 a.m.** Space available!

***Chess Club:** for all children in grade 1 and up. Instruction and free play. *Friday afternoons, 3:30 p.m.*

***My Mother & Me Tea Party: Saturday, May 7, 2 p.m.** Bring your favorite tea cup and enjoy stories, tea & cake. For K - 5 young ladies & gentlemen with a parent or grandparent.

***Armed Forces Day is Saturday, May 21, 2005.** K - 5 kids are invited to meet local Marine Staff Sergeant Letts. Find out what Armed Forces Day is and what it means to you. **2 p.m.**

***Adult Crafts:** for adults over age 16 only

Wednesday evenings, 6:30 p.m.

May 11 Spring Fling Wreath

May 25 America the Beautiful Lawn Ornament

Scrappers Delight: a casual scrapbooking get-together for adults over age 16, 4th Tuesday of the month, **7 p.m.**

May 24 Bring your own book & supplies!

**Advance registration required. Drop by or call 651-7659 to sign up. Non-Florida residents are welcome as space allows.*

Black Dirt Storytelling Guild



*Have We Got
a Story for You!*

January 2005 marked the 5th anniversary of the organization of the dedicated group of talented individuals known as the Black Dirt Storytelling Guild. The Guild, which meets monthly at FPL, has provided countless storytelling programs for our Library, neighboring libraries, schools, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, foreign exchange students, senior citizens, private birthday parties and family celebrations. Guild members research, learn, retell and discuss stories on the theme of the month, as well as create original stories based on current news events, personal experiences, family traditions and local history. Past themes include Celtic Tales, Norse Tales, Greek Myths, Jack Tales, Into the Woods, Outwitting the Devil, Through Time, Cinderella Around the World, Trials and Tribulations of Little Red Riding Hood. Upcoming themes for May 12 and June 9 are Latin American Tales and Australian Dreamtime. Meetings are at 7:30 p.m.

The Black Dirt Storytelling Guild is an organizational member of the National Storytelling Network. Members support NSN's artistic mission by coaching youth storytellers, by producing a local version of the worldwide Tellabration every November and by journeying to the National Storytelling Festival in Jonesborough, TN at their own expense for a wonderful and inspiring weekend of stories. Florida's active tellers include Anne Hanson, Debra Weber, Eileen Stelljes, Maria Martinez, Kate Prendergast and FPL Director Madelyn Folino. They are planning for this summer's 9th Annual Campfire Storytimes on July 7 and 21 at Memorial Park, Bridge Street. Mark your calendar NOW and bring the family to roast marshmallows 'round the fire and enjoy the thrills, chills and laughs of old fashioned storytelling by your neighbors and friendly Library ladies. Don't forget to visit our storytelling collection, too!

Storytelling...the heart of human experience.

New Adult Books



Extremely Loud & Incredibly Close
Jonathan Safran Foer

Hard Truth
Nevada Barr

The Innocent
Harlan Coben

The Mermaid Chair
Sue Monk Kidd

No Place Like Home
Mary Higgins Clark

Saturday
Ian McEwan

The Serpent on the Crown
Elizabeth Peters

True Believer
Nicholas Sparks

Vanishing Acts
Jodi Picoult

Bloodlines
Jan Burke

Cold Service
Robert Parker

Entombed
Linda Fairstein

Forests of the Night
James Hall

The Godfather Returns
Mark Winegardner

The Last Kingdom
Bernard Cornwell

Missing Persons
Stephen White

Prep
Curtis Sittenfeld

State of Fear
Michael Crichton

One Soldier's Story: A Memoir
Bob Dole

New Children's Books

America's Armed Forces Series

Music Library Series

Great Scientist Series

Eyewitness Series:

Epidemic

Olympics

Dinosaur

Islam

Photography

Dance

Early Humans

Anime Mania

Manga Mania

Skyscraper: From the Ground Up

Wow! City!

Minnie and Moo Series

Outside and Inside Killer Bees

Cam Jansen Series

Hard Hat Area

Empire State Building

Green Lantern/Green Arrow

Hello Muddah, Hello Faddah!

Wonder Woman: Down to Earth



New DVDs

Spanglish

Bad Day at Black Rock

Divorce Italian Style

Mary Poppins

Ocean's Twelve

Submarine 707 Revolution

Before Sunset

House of Flying Daggers

National Treasure

Spongebob Squarepants

Wind in the Willows

Ghost in the Shell

Stand By Me

Alfie

Being Julia

Bridget Jones Edge of Reason

Meet the Fockers

Lemony Snicket's A Series
of Unfortunate Events

Shark Tale

The Incredibles

Catwoman

The Corporation

TUNE in
@ your library

Registration for the 2005
Summer Reading Program
for all kids begins on

Monday,
June 21.

Kick-Off Party
& Parade
on Monday,
June 27.



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★ Don't forget to vote! ★
Library Budget and Trustee Election on May 17th!
(Trustees Pillmeier and Coughlin are running unopposed.)