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

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Spring 2005 Newsletter
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 .................. 50,000  
**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 .................. 15,000  
**Total Expenditures** .................. $339,977

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**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!

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**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.*

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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 Safron 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 Muuddah, 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.)