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Appreciatively yours,

Here's wishing you a Happy New Year filled with inspiring books, fun-filled programs and hours of listening and viewing pleasure with the latest CDs and DVDs! Where to find these free treasures? @ your library, of course! Here at Florida Public Library, Library Lovers' Month follows only a few checkouts after the turn of the year and several special Library Lovers deserve recognition here and now.

♥ Thanks to the Friends of the Florida Public Library, that small, but dedicated band of volunteers whose used book sales raise the funds to make our wish list dreams come true. They recently presented us with a second oak media browser to house our expanding music CD collection.

♥ Thanks to the wonderful crew of teen volunteers who cheerfully provide the muscle to move countless boxes of books up and down stairs to set up and break down the Friends' sales.

♥ Thanks to the amazingly talented community members who regularly donate their time to share their knowledge, art and skills for our cooking, craft, chess and storytelling programs for all ages.

♥ Thanks to Senator Thomas Morahan for directing a \$2,500 grant to us for the purchase of juvenile Spanish and bilingual materials. ¿Habla español? These funds will enable us to expand a collection which serves a growing number of library users.

♥ Thanks to former Assemblyman Howard Mills for directing a \$2,500 grant to us for capital improvements. These funds will cover expenses incurred in replacing and upgrading our front doors.

♥ Thanks to all of you who faithfully send us donations "in memory of" or "in honor of" special friends and loved ones. We greatly appreciate each gift, large or small.

Madelyn Folino, Director



Library Hours

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

February is



Library Lovers' Month

♥ *Who's your*

favorite Library Lover?

It's become a tradition at Florida Public Library for patrons to write Valentine messages expressing their warm feelings for the library. We love their bright display and look forward to reading your appreciations. We'll still have those colorful paper hearts ready for your thoughts, but this year we're turning the spotlight on you.

Do you know an extraordinary Library Lover who can't get enough of the Florida Public Library? Someone who shows his or her love through frequent visits to:

- ♥ **check out materials? or**
- ♥ **attend programs? and/or**
- ♥ **use our computers? and/or**
- ♥ **volunteer hands on help? and/or**
- ♥ **provide financial or other support to the library?**

Nominate your favorite child, teen or adult Library Lover on forms available at the front desk. Winners will be announced at the Love Your Library Readaloud on February 23 and receive a basket of Florida Public Library gifts. (FPL staff and family members are not eligible for this award.)

♥ *Amnesty Week!*

Return any overdue item from February 21 to February 27 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. This will be your best chance this year to return overdue items fine-free!

February - March Programs

Adults

Black Dirt Storytelling Guild: Meetings are every second **Thursday at 7:30 p.m.** For adults over 16 years of age. Join us to tell a story or “just listen.”

Feb. 10 - Hearts and Kisses March 10 - Flight

***Sweet Bouquet:** Make an arrangement of chocolates & silk flowers. Space is limited. *Wed., Feb. 16 @ 6:30 p.m.*

Scrappers Delight! Do you love to scrapbook? Join us every fourth **Tuesday at 7 p.m.** Bring your own book and supplies, share your ideas and learn new techniques. For adults over age 16 only. *Feb. 22, March 22*

***Stenciling:** Use acrylic paint to stencil designs on a picture frame mat. *Wednesday, March 2 @ 6:30 p.m.*

Children

***Rhymetime: Wednesdays or Thursdays at 10 a.m.** Simple stories, songs and crafts for toddlers (18-35 mos) with a parent or caregiver. Please make arrangements for siblings. Six weeks beginning Feb. 2/3, except Feb. 23/24

***Storytime: Wednesdays or Thursdays at 11 a.m.** Stories, songs, and crafts for preschoolers (age 3 - 5 yrs) on their own. Six weeks beginning Feb. 2/3, except Feb. 23/24

***Chess Club: Friday afternoons, 3:30 p.m.** Free play and instructional chess with library volunteer Ed Dubin for students in Grade 1 & up. Adults are also welcome!

Books & Beyond: Kids in grades K - 5 are invited to drop in on **Tuesday afternoons at 4 p.m.** for stories, crafts and other fun events. A new 6 week session begins on **February 22.** A new sign-in policy will be in effect.

***Valentines Stamping:** Heather Birch returns to help you create a valentine with rubber stamps and colorful card stock. For children in K - 5. *Saturday, Feb. 5 @ 2 p.m.*

***Breakfast at the Library:** Make pancake hearts with Miss Maria. Grades K - 5. *Saturday, Feb. 19 @ 2 p.m.*

***Irish Music & Dance Celebration:** With Mr. & Mrs. Sloat and Irish Step Dancers *Saturday, Mar. 19 @ 2 p.m.*

***Caribbean Cruise:** Bring your beach towel and enjoy a spring break vacation adventure. Stories, crafts and snacks from the tropics! K - 5 only. **Thur., March 31 @ 2 p.m.**

***Registration Required.** To protect your privacy, we have instituted a new registration process. Please ask for details when you sign up in person or by phone. Thanks!

Young Adults

***T.A.G. (Teen Advisory Group):** Lunch meeting to plan future events and programs at the library for grade 6 & up. All interested teens are welcome the second **Saturday** of the month. *Feb. 12, 1 p.m.* **Board Games** to follow *@ 2 p.m.*

***YA Discovery: Hands On** fun for young adults in grade 6 and up, meeting each **Tuesday** evening at **6:30 p.m.** for six weeks.

Feb. 15 & 22 - Knitting is Cool! Make a Warm Scarf. Beginners or intermediate knitters will learn an easy way to knit. Create a scarf or bring your own pattern. Materials for beginners will be provided.

March 1 & 8 - Sign Language: Learn to express yourself without words. Experienced signer Kerriann Brodman will teach a short program in basic ASL.

March 15 & 22 - Watercolor Painting for All.

You don't have to be artistic! Learn to use watercolors in a free and easy style that is fun and doesn't require drawing skills. Materials will be provided.

***New SAT Practice Test by Princeton Review:** Take the practice test, then receive an in-depth explanation by mail of your scores. Sign up now! *Saturday, Feb. 19 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.*

***Thai Cooking with Nim** Demonstration and Tasting for Adults & Teens in Grade 6 and up. Menu will include Pad Thai, chicken w/ginger, & Tom Yum soup. **Sat., Feb. 26 @ 2 p.m.**

***Slide Show & Talk with Special Guest Photographer** For Teens & Adults **Saturday, March 12 @ 2 p.m.**

***Book Discussion & Dinner:** Reserve your copy now of the Printz Award winning book *how i live now* by Meg Rosoff. Share Pasta Primavera & your ideas. **Tues., March 29 @ 6:30 p.m.**

Family Programs

***Family Storytime:** If you can't make it to the library during the week, this is the perfect program for you! The whole family can enjoy readaloud favorites, stories, songs and crafts. **Sundays @ 2 p.m. Feb. 6 - March 13**

***Love Your Library Readaloud:** Come with a favorite poem, short story, or book or browse our selection of favorites to read aloud. Pizza will be served at **6:30.** Reading begins promptly at **7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 23**

***I Spy @ your library:** Bring your family to play a fun game of I Spy. Search the library posters for clues to complete the game! **Saturday, March 5 @ 2 p.m.**

New Award Winners @ your library

Caldecott Medal

Kitten's First Full Moon *Kevin Henkes*

Newbery Medal

Kira-Kira *Cynthia Kadohata*

Coretta Scott King Awards

Remember: The Journey to School Integration

Toni Morrison

Ellington Was Not a Street *Kadir Nelson (illustrator)*

Michael L. Printz Award

how i live now *Meg Rosoff*

National Book Award

The News from Paraguay *Lily Tuck*

Robert F. Sibert Award

The Voice That Challenged a Nation: Marian Anderson and
the Struggle for Equal Rights *Russell Freedman*

Mysteries??? & Thrillers!!! @ your library

New Adult Fiction (14 Day Loans)

A Blind Eye	<i>G.M. Ford</i>
D.B.	<i>Elwood Reid</i>
Darkness Falls	<i>Margaret Murphy</i>
Double Shot	<i>Diane Mott Davidson</i>
Good Morning, Midnight	<i>Reginald Hill</i>
Hard, Hard City	<i>Jim Fusilli</i>
Hour Game	<i>David Baldacci</i>
In a Dark House	<i>Deborah Crombie</i>
London Bridges	<i>James Patterson</i>
Melancholy Baby	<i>Robert B. Parker</i>
Metro Girl	<i>Janet Evanovich</i>
Monday Mourning	<i>Kathy Reichs</i>
Night Fall	<i>Nelson DeMille</i>
Prince of Beverly Hills	<i>Stuart Woods</i>
Skeleton Man	<i>Tony Hillerman</i>
Twisted	<i>Jonathan Kellerman</i>
Whiteout	<i>Ken Follett</i>
The Winds of Change	<i>Martha Grimes</i>
White Hot	<i>Sandra Brown</i>

Intellectual Freedom Award

At the New York Library Association's conference in Rochester, in November, Director Madelyn Folino was honored with the 2004 NYLA/Proquest Intellectual Freedom Award. This award is given annually and jointly by NYLA and Proquest, a distributor of electronic databases, to an individual or group for their defense of the First Amendment.

Here in Florida, the cause of intellectual freedom was tested when a patron sought to have a picture book removed from the shelves for perceived controversial content. Our library's written policies supporting intellectual freedom and the right of all patrons to choose their own (and their children's) reading material were unanimously supported by our Board of Trustees. The challenge was denied.

We are proud that our library has taken a stand against censorship and affirms the traditional American values of free speech and open debate for which so many have sacrificed so much. We pledge to continue to offer patrons of all ages the best materials available on diverse points of view.

**"Free speech is the whole thing, the whole ball game.
Free speech is life itself."**

- Salman Rushdie -

Friends of the Florida Public Library Membership through 9/30/05

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: Feb. 21 & March 21, 7 p.m.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____

Zip _____

Phone _____

E-Mail _____

Circle one: \$5 Single \$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. Thank you!**

Did You Know...

If you're looking for active non-profit social services, support groups, civic organizations, or recreational clubs in your area, you can access this information easily by logging onto the Florida Public Library's website at www.rcls.org/fpl and click on the *catalog*. Next click on **Community Organizations**. Search for any listed local organization by name, a keyword, or by subject. Available information is posted including phone numbers and websites of the group.

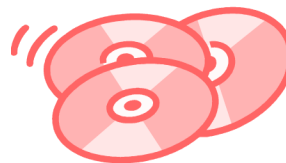
If you are a member of any of the above type groups, you may contact us at the library to add your organization to this list. Call us and we'd be glad to help you find or set up a new organization listing online!

Also available online...

Check out **Youth Services** on our website for child friendly and safe internet searching. Kids can search the library catalog for children's non-fiction and fiction books by clicking on *Kids' Catalog*; search the internet safely with *Kids' Internet Search*; or locate valuable and age appropriate websites through *KidsClick!*, an award-winning website created by librarians.

New DVDs

Bourne Supremacy
I, Robot
De-Lovely
Collateral
The Village
Princess Diaries 2
Devil's Arithmetic
Lost Boys of Sudan
The Terminal
A Day Without a Mexican
Troy
Gone With the Wind
Grateful Dead Movie
Easy Rider
Mean Girls
Ed Wood
Maria Full of Grace
Cracker Season 3
King Arthur
High Noon
Islands in the Stream
La Dolce Vita
Smiles of a Summer Night
Open Water
Rebels and Redcoats



New Music

Suit	Nelly
This is My Time	Raven-Symone
Encore	Eminem
Confessions	Usher
College Dropout	Kanye West
Get Rich or Die Tryin'	50 Cent
Handel Arias	Lorraine Hunt Lieberman
Italian Opera Arias	Rolando Villazon
Davies Quartets 1 & 2	Peter Maxwell Davies
Bells for Stokowski	University of Texas Wind Ensemble
Peter and the Wolf	Sergei Prokofiev
Zippo Songs	Phil Kline
Drums of Passion	Babatunde Olatunji
Freedom Chants from the Roof of the World	Gyuto Monks
Mbuti Pygmies of the Ituri Rai	Mbuti Pygmies of the Ituri Rai
Music of Egypt: Upper & Lower (Live)	Various

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