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

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?
- 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.”

*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 matte. 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.

*Cariibbean 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.

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

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!

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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
- This is My Time
- Encore
- Confessions
- College Dropout
- Get Rich or Die Tryin’
- Handel Arias
- Italian Opera Arias
- Davies Quartets 1 & 2
- Bells for Stokowski
- Peter and the Wolf
- Zippo Songs
- Drums of Passion
- Freedom Chants from the Roof of the World
- Mbuti Pygmies of the Ituri Rai
- Music of Egypt: Upper & Lower (Live)

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