Angels Among Us

We are always delighted to receive donations, but especially so in this past year of reduced spending. Recent gifts to FPL have included funds from five local angels. These gifts will be dedicated to improving and expanding our computer technology. Fast, reliable access to the internet is one of the fastest growing and most heavily demanded services requested by library users. Our heartfelt appreciation goes to the angels among us:

- $5,100 Bequest of Jean M. Kiernan
- $5,000 Bequest of Hazel Regelski
- $4,000 Gift of Marion Sicina
- $1,500 Gift of Terry & Joan Hudson

Speaking of angels, you may spot a familiar face around the library. We welcome Golden Hill library teacher Marlayne Sick who is completing the internship for her master’s degree at FPL and helping us out in 101 different ways.

We are ☺ to report that our Library Assistant Rose-Emma Calabrese is leaving us, but ☹ that she will be the new Head of Children’s Services for Greenwood Lake. Her position will be filled by our longtime sub Terry Numa ☺!

Congratulations to the Friends of the FPL who had a great used book sale in January with an all-time high profit of $998 for sales and new memberships. This success will fund the purchase of new paperback spinners. Thanks!

Madelyn Folino, Director

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Love Your Library in April!

Well, of course we hope you love us all year round, but this April will feature special celebrations sponsored by the Friends of the Florida Public Library. April is National Poetry Month and the Friends are looking for local poets to showcase in a café style presentation plus working on an author reading (details TBA.) Please call us with your suggestions. Friends of the Library Week and National Library Week are April 2-8 and we’ll be offering our annual amnesty for overdue items during these dates. Will your spring cleaning turn up any overlooked library materials? Bring ’em in, no questions asked, no fines.

We’re Open!

Monday - Thursday 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Friday & Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Sunday closed

Check for closings or delays due to weather conditions — go to our website and click on the flashing blue box.
Programs for Children, Teens, Adults & Families

**Children:**

*Rhymetime* for children 18-35 months old with a parent or caregiver. Listen to stories, sing and make a simple craft. Wednesdays OR Thursdays at 10 a.m.

*Storytime* for children 3–5 years old (on their own.) Parents must stay on premises during the program. Enjoy books, music, games & crafts. Wednesdays OR Thursdays at 1:30 p.m.

Registration for *Rhymetime & Storytime* starts on Monday, March 13 for the next six week session beginning March 22/23.

**Books & Beyond** for kids in grades K-5. This is a drop-in program so no registration is required. Tuesday afternoons at 4 p.m.

*March 7: Yoga for Young Ones.*
*March 21: Spring Sillies-stories, jokes & tricks.*
*March 28: Bake a chocolate cake!*

**Chess Club** for kids in grade 1 & up. Expert Ed Dubin provides instruction and a bit of history on the game. Wednesdays at 3:30 p.m. Please make other arrangements for siblings.

**Young Adults (Grade 6 & up):**

*YA Discovery* - Tuesday evenings at 6:30 p.m.
*March 7: Make vegetable sushi.*
*March 21: Create a fabulous dessert.*
*March 28: The FPL Manga Club - read and discuss mangas, view anime favorites. Snacks!*

**T.A.G. (teen advisory group)** on the second Saturday of each month at 1 p.m. Plan future library programs during a casual get-together followed by a special program at 2 p.m.
*March 11: Make your own pizza.*

**Family:**

**Family Art Series** from 2-4 p.m., Saturdays, Mar. 4, Apr. 1 & May 6. Artist Derys Jagde teaches techniques used by the great artists & helps you draw and paint your own artwork. A parent may bring more than one child.

**Irish Heritage Day** with Rick Sloat of the Foggy Dew Irish Band. Dance and sing to traditional Irish music. Sat., March 18, 2 p.m.

**Spring Readaloud:** Bring a favorite short story or selection from a book and share it with other readers. Young readers love to show off their new skill! Enjoy dessert at 6:30 p.m. & reading begins at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, March 22.

*Registration required.*
New Arrivals for All Ages @ your library

Award Winners for Children & Young Adults

Newbery Medal for outstanding contribution to children’s literature:

**Winner:** Criss Cross
**Author:** Lynne Rae Perkins
**Honors:**
- Whittington
- Hitler Youth
- Princess Academy
- Show Way

What a Wonderful World!
Take time to browse the beauties of the
This new reference volume has
stunning views of the art in our earth.

Caldecott Medal for distinguished American picture book for children:

**Winner:** The Hello, Goodbye Window
**Illustrator:** Chris Raschka
**Author:** Norton Juster
**Honors:**
- Rosa
- Zen Shorts
- Hot Air: The (Mostly) True Story of the First Hot Air Balloon Ride
- Song of the Water Boatman and Other Pond Poems

Michael L. Printz Award for excellence in literature written for young adults:

**Winner:** Looking for Alaska
**Author:** John Green
**Honors:**
- Black Juice
- I Am the Messenger
- A Wreath for Emmett Till
- John Lennon: All I Want is the Truth

Come, Come and Read

If you learned to read in the 1950s or ’60s, you’ll remember the adventures of Dick and Jane. They’re back! Baby boomers with kids (grandkids?) will enjoy checking out this reissued series of twelve easy readers and getting reacquainted with the original Dick, Jane, Sally, Mother, Father, Spot, Puff & Tim.

We also have new selections in the always popular Henry and Mudge series by Cynthia Rylant for beginning readers. Other new series include Native American tribes, service dogs, the human body, the solar system and biographies of popular children’s authors.

New Adult Fiction

- The Camel Club
- Lipstick Jungle
- Crusader’s Cross
- S is for Silence
- Turning Angel
- Mary, Mary
- Christ the Lord: Out of Egypt
- Gabriel’s Angel
- At First Sight
- Toxic Bachelors

- The Divide
- Rider of the Ruby Hills
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- Neil Gaiman
- Stephen Hawking
- Larry McMurtry
- Nicholas Evans
- Louis L’Amour
- Anita Shreve
- Studs Terkel
- David McCullough

New Books on CD

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Friends of the Florida Public Library

Yes! I would like to join the Friends and help support the library through fundraisers and volunteer work.

Meetings are the third Monday of each month at 7 p.m. New members are always welcome. Bring your suggestions to help the library.

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Donations of clean, used books are now being accepted for the Seward Day book sale on May 19 & 20. Please drop off boxed donations during regular library hours. Sorry, we can’t accept textbooks, magazines, encyclopedias or damaged books. Thank you.

Next meeting: Monday, March 20

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Board of Trustee meetings are held on the first Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. The public is welcome to attend.

DVDs - New & Coming Soon

Capote
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Grave of the Fireflies
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