

FLORIDA PUBLIC LIBRARY

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and the Orange Library Association

A Message From Your Board

Dear FPL Residents and Voters,

The Library's annual budget vote and trustee election will take place on Tuesday, May 15 from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. Voting will be in the Music Room of S.S. Seward. Incumbent Trustee John Sgombick is running for a new five-year term. Vice President David O'Neill is retiring from the Board and his seat will be filled by a write-in candidate. Before you vote, please check with an election inspector for the proper procedure to write in a candidate's name so that your vote counts.

Inside you will find a breakdown of the proposed budget for 2007-2008 plus our annual report to the community. The Library has been very fortunate in the current fiscal year to receive several grants and bequests that were used to purchase new computers and materials at no cost to local taxpayers. These savings have allowed us to keep next year's total tax increase to \$9,875. This minimal increase will allow us to preserve present programs and hours of operation and continue to deliver the excellent service you have come to expect from FPL.

We encourage you to exercise your right to vote and thank you for your past and future support of our efforts to improve and expand Library services for all Florida residents.

Sincerely yours,

Shirley Coughlin, President
David O'Neill, Vice President
Manisha Ford-Thomas, Secretary
Kate Misciagna ~ Marie Pillmeier
Nancy Scott ~ John Sgombick

Summer Reading 2007 GET A CLUE @ YOUR LIBRARY

Registration for reading club & programs begins Monday, June 18.

Programs run from Monday, June 25 through Friday, August 3.



LOOK for our summer calendar of events. Schedules will be sent home with Golden Hill students in June.

By the Book: A Literary Detective Party

We'll kick off the summer reading program with this costume party for kids of all ages. Come disguised as a favorite fictional spy, P.I. or detective. Shhh... keep your identity a secret! Make badges and clue pads to use in our hunt for whodunit!

Monday, June 25, 2 - 3 p.m.

Campfire Storytimes

Bring your family for some good old-fashioned fun listening to stories by members of the Black Dirt Storytelling Guild at Memorial Park in Florida. Marshmallow roast begins at 7:30 p.m. & stories start at 8 p.m. Bring a blanket or chair to sit upon. For attentive listeners of all ages.

***Thursdays,
July 12 & 26***



2007 - 2008 Budget

The total proposed Library budget is \$362,980. The tax levy (the amount voted on by taxpayers) is \$264,480. This represents an increase of \$9,875 or 3.8% over last year. The breakdown of budget figures includes:

Revenue

Tax Support.....	\$264,480
Library Charges.....	12,000
Grants / Aid.....	7,500
Interest.....	4,000
Donations.....	5,000
Fund Balance (2007).....	<u>70,000</u>
Total Revenue	\$362,980

Expenditures

Materials.....	\$ 27,200
(Books, DVDs, Audio, CDs, Newspapers and Magazines)	
Building.....	29,275
(Insurance, Utilities, Telephone, Maintenance & Repair, Cleaning, Alarms)	
Program Expense.....	7,000
(Children's and Adult Programs)	
Office Supplies.....	11,300
(Materials & Supplies, Newsletter, Postage)	
Technology.....	16,250
(Computer/Printer/Copier Hardware, Software, Supplies & Maintenance)	
Personnel.....	182,555
(Salaries, FICA, Disability, Health Benefits, Bookkeeping, Accountant, Attorney, Treasurer, Mileage, Staff Training)	
Trustees.....	1,900
(Election Expense, Professional Dues, Travel & Conference)	
Encumbered Fund Balance (2008)....	80,000
Capital Reserve.....	<u>7,500</u>
Total Expenditures	\$362,980

Report to the Community

2006 Annual Report Figures

Florida Public Library

- chartered to serve 4,679 (2000 census)
- had 2,635 registered borrowers
- was open 54-59 hours per week
- had 66,322 total holdings, including 49,000+ in electronic materials
- circulated 32,870 items, including 9,581 children's materials
- borrowed 6,502 items from other libraries
- loaned 5,563 items to other libraries
- provided computer access to 5,742 users
- answered 7,400 reference questions
- offered 298 programs for all ages, attended by 4,534 Library users
- welcomed 22,173 visitors!

Friends of the Florida Public Library

Membership through 9/30/08
Pay in May and Get the Summer Free

Yes! I would like to join the Friends and help support the Library through fundraisers and volunteer work. 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 14 & June 11
Donations for May used book sale are being accepted now at the library.

Name_____

Address_____

City_____ State_____ Zip_____

Phone_____ E-Mail_____

\$10 Family/Single \$25 Sustaining
\$50 Contributing \$100 Patron \$_____ Other

Volunteers are needed for set-up, sales and clean-up both days of the book sale. Please call the Library if you can help us!

Spring Programs

Please register now!

Wednesday, May 9, 6 p.m. Appealing

Appetizers: Radio personality & guest chef John Moultrie will show you how to prepare three kinds of appetizers to serve at your next party. Adults (over age 16) only.

Thursday, May 10, 7:30 p.m. The Black Dirt Storytelling Guild meets on the 2nd Thursday of the month. May's story theme: *Enchantments*. Story tellers and story lovers over 16 years old may attend & tell a story or "just listen."

Saturday, May 12, 2 p.m. Meet the Alpacas of Warwick's Shalimar Alpacas Farm in the library parking lot. See & touch these beautiful & friendly animals and learn how their fleece is used to create luxurious fibers for fashion. For all ages.

Tuesday, May 15, 2 p.m. Unusual Pets: See the strange animals you might keep as pets! Drop in, no registration, grades K-5.

Wednesday, May 16, 6:30 p.m. Adult Book Discussion - Pick up your copy of *Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil* by John Berendt now. Part travel book, part murder mystery, this is a funny & spellbinding story with a cast of remarkable characters. Refreshments will be served.



**Happy 206th
Birthday,
William Henry Seward!**
Born May 16, 1801
in Florida, NY.

See page 4 for a listing of our Seward Weekend Events. →

Monday, May 21, 6-7:30 p.m. The FPL Knitting Club is for knitters & crocheters of all experience and levels. Adults only.

New @ Your Library

Music CDs

Call Me Irresponsible	Michael Buble
Year Zero	Nine Inch Nails
A Hundred Miles or More	Allison Krauss
Back to Black	Amy Winehouse
Abbey Road	The Beatles
Dreamgirls Soundtrack	Various Artists
Mozart for Mothers-to-Be	Orchestral
Casadaga	Bright Eyes
Kidz Bop Vol. 11	Kidz Bop Kidz
Plays Duke Ellington	Thelonius Monk
Favourite Worst Nightmare	Arctic Monkeys
Wake Up Laughing	Martina McBride
Let It Go	Tim McGraw
B'day	Beyonce
Rhythms Del Mundo: Cuba	Various Artists

DVDs

Dreamgirls	Miss Potter
Music and Lyrics	Happy Feet
Night at the Museum	The Queen
The Pursuit of Happyness	Rocky Balboa
Smokin' Aces	Planet Earth
The Nativity Story	Pan's Labyrinth
The Holiday	The Guardian
Casino Royale	The Hitcher
Déjà Vu	Volver
Last King of Scotland	Charlotte's Web

Books on CD

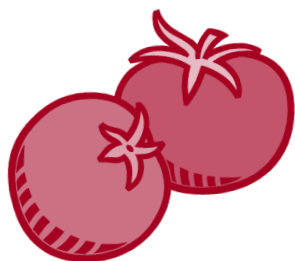
Blood Diamonds	Greg Campbell
Obsession	Jonathan Kellerman
Towards Zero	Agatha Christie
Fresh Disasters	Stuart Woods
Essential Vonnegut	Kurt Vonnegut
Orange County Choppers	Paul Teutul
The Nativity Story	Angela Hunt
The Alibi Man	Tami Hoag
Back Spin	Harlan Coben
The Great Escape	Kati Marton
Never Fear	Scott Frost
Fangland	John Marks

Seward Birthday Weekend Events

Friday, May 18

The Friends of the FPL Annual Used Book Sale kicks off with a members-only preview from 5-8 p.m. at the Seward Senior Center. Purchase membership at the door or anytime at FPL. After you shop at the Book Sale, stop by FPL for **Delicious Desserts** at 6:30 p.m. and stay for the **Book Banquet** at 7 p.m. Special guest Randall Enos, Youth Services Consultant for the Ramapo Catskill Library System, will present a fast paced show on ALA's Notable Children's Books - The 100 Best of 2006. Check out your top picks to share with the kids. Adults only, please.

Saturday, May 19



Shop at the **Book Sale** from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. And at 1 p.m., join us for a visit with **William Alexander**, author of *The \$64 Tomato: How One Man Nearly Lost His Sanity, Spent a Fortune, and Endured an Existential Crisis in the Quest for the Perfect Garden*. Enjoy a talk with our local garden humorist and philosopher and share insights on gardening disasters. Buy the book and have the author sign it for your favorite gardener. A perfect gift for Father's Day!

Sunday, May 20

Last day to shop the **Book Sale** from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.! The famous **Bag Sale** will close the day at 2 p.m. (fill a bag with books for \$3.) While you shop, children in grades K-5 can visit the Library from 1-3 p.m. for our **Page to Screen** program. Choice new arrivals from our book-based short films for kids will be on the BIG Screen. A **Potluck Supper** for Book Sale volunteers will follow at 4:30 p.m.

Library Hours

Monday - Thursday 10 - 8

Friday & Saturday 10 - 5

Sunday 12 - 5

*Closed on Sundays in
July & August.*

*The Library will be closed
on Monday, May 28.*

Director
Madelyn Folino

Treasurer
Stella Kosior

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Budget Vote & Trustee Election on Tuesday, May 15
S.S. Seward Music Room, 6 a.m. - 9 p.m.