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): $70,000

**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: $7,500

**Total Expenditures** $362,980

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# 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!

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## 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
Year Zero
A Hundred Miles or More
Back to Black
Abbey Road
Dreamgirls Soundtrack
Mozart for Mothers-to-Be
Casadaga
Kidz Bop Vol. 11
Plays Duke Ellington
Favourite Worst Nightmare
Wake Up Laughing
Let It Go
B’day
Rhythms Del Mundo: Cuba

Michael Buble
Nine Inch Nails
Allison Krauss
Amy Winehouse
The Beatles
Various Artists
Orchestral
Bright Eyes
Kidz Bop Kidz
Thelonious Monk
Arctic Monkeys
Martina McBride
Tim McGraw
Beyonce
Various Artists

DVDs

Dreamgirls
Music and Lyrics
Night at the Museum
The Pursuit of Happyness
Smokin’ Aces
The Nativity Story
The Holiday
Casino Royale
Déjà Vu
Last King of Scotland

Miss Potter
Happy Feet
The Queen
Rocky Balboa
Planet Earth
Pan’s Labyrinth
The Guardian
The Hitcher
Volver
Charlotte’s Web

Books on CD

Blood Diamonds
Obsession
Towards Zero
Fresh Disasters
Essential Vonnegut
Orange County Choppers
The Nativity Story
The Alibi Man
Back Spin
The Great Escape
Never Fear
Fangland

Greg Campbell
Jonathan Kellerman
Agatha Christie
Stuart Woods
Kurt Vonnegut
Paul Teutul
Angela Hunt
Tami Hoag
Harlan Coben
Kati Marton
Scott Frost
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

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Closed on Sundays in July & August.

The Library will be closed on Monday, May 28.

Director
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