

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 20 from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. Voting will be in the Music Room of S.S. Seward. Incumbent Trustee Ian Murphy is running unopposed for a four year term.

Inside you will find a breakdown of the proposed budget for 2008-2009 plus our annual report to the community. A more detailed budget is available at our front desk. Please take a minute to look at these facts and figures and consider our success as a community institution. This year's minimal increase will allow us to preserve programs, cover rising utility costs and hire a part-time clerk to teach computer classes for all ages.

We encourage you to exercise your right to vote and thank you for your steady support of your hometown library. Please join us this fall when FPL will celebrate its 50th anniversary of library service.

Sincerely yours,

Shirley Coughlin, President
Manisha Ford-Thomas, Vice President
Nancy Scott, Secretary
Donna Bell ~ Kate Misciagna
Ian Murphy ~ Marie Pillmeier



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 26 and Friday, June 6.

Summer Reading 2008 ***Catch the Reading Bug*** ***@ Your Library***

Registration for reading club & programs for all ages begins Monday, June 23. Programs run from Monday, July 7 through Friday, August 8.



CATCH a copy of our summer calendar of events. Schedules will be sent home with all Golden Hill students in June.

Crazy Critter Party!

Dance with the fluffy chickens and enjoy a comical presentation with frogs, bugs and more! Kick off your summer reading with our party for kids of all ages.

Monday, July 7, 2 - 3 p.m.

12th Annual ***Campfire Storytimes***

More great stories, new location!

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

Thursdays,
July 12 & 26



Report to the Community

2007 Annual Report Figures

Florida Public Library

- chartered to serve 4,679 (2000 census)
- had 2,862 registered borrowers
- was open 54-59 hours per week
- had 94,582 total holdings, including 68,470+ in electronic materials
- circulated 29,800 items, including 8,924 children's materials
- borrowed 7,470 items from other libraries
- loaned 6,959 items to other libraries
- added 12,065 new items (9,800 electronic)
- provided computer access to 6,000 users
- had free wireless access to the internet
- had 10 computers for public use
- answered 7,500 reference questions
- offered 309 programs for all ages
- welcomed 24,224 visitors!

2008 - 2009 Budget

The total proposed Library budget is \$428,236. The tax levy (the amount voted on by taxpayers) is \$273,736. This figure represents an increase of \$9,256 or 3.5% over last year. The breakdown of budget figures includes:

Revenue

Tax Support	\$273,736
Library Charges	12,000
Grants /Aid	7,500
Interest	5,000
Donations	5,000
Fund Balance (2008)	90,000
Carryover from 2007-08	35,000
Total Revenue	\$428,236

Expenditures

Salaries	\$163,000
FICA/Disability/Medical	46,000
Library Materials	32,500
Programs	11,000
Technology	17,250
Office	10,636
Building Expenses	31,275
Professional Fees	9,075
Fund Balance (2009)	100,000
Capital Reserve	7,500
Total Expenditures	\$428,236

New @ Your Library

Bestsellers

7th Heaven	James Patterson
A Respectable Trade	Philippa Gregory
Antony and Cleopatra	Colleen McCullough
Certain Girls	Jennifer Weiner
Change of Heart	Jodi Picoult
Creation in Death	J.D. Robb
Dead Time	Stephen White
Exit Ghost	Philip Roth
Good Dog. Stay.	Anna Quindlen
Hold Tight	Harlen Coben
Home to Holly Springs	Jan Karon
Honor Thyself	Danielle Steel
Lady Killer	Lisa Scottoline
Remember Me?	Sophie Kinsella
Sizzle and Burn	Jayne Ann Krentz
The Whole Truth	David Baldacci

Music CDs

Hard Candy	Madonna
Nine Lives	Steve Winwood
Home Before Dark	Neil Diamond
Pretty.Odd.	Panic at the Disco
Jonas Brothers	Jonas Brothers
Spirit	Leona Lewis
Accelerate	R.E.M.
E=MC ²	Mariah Carey

DVDs

Alvin & the Chipmunks	Juno
Charlie Wilson's War	I'm Not There
Lars and the Real Girl	August Rush
Golden Compass	Enchanted
American Gangster	Atonement
Gone Baby Gone	Into the Wild
Michael Clayton	Nancy Drew
In the Valley of Elah	Kite Runner
No Country for Old Men	Superbad

Books on CD

The Morcai Battalion	Diana Palmer
Winged Creatures	Roy Freirich
Santa Fe Dead	Stuart Woods
The Third Angel	Alice Hoffman
Unaccustomed Earth	Jhumpa Lahiri
A Wrinkle in Time	Madeleine L'Engle
Matilda	Roald Dahl
Tuck Everlasting	Natalie Babbitt
Stardust	Neil Gaiman

Spring Programs For Adults

Author Appearance

Author Mike Ricksecker will talk about his mystery novel *Deadly Heirs* as well as help aspiring writers learn to navigate publishing routes, choose an agent, write query letters & become a successful author. Copies of his book will be available for purchase and for signing. **Thursday, May 15 at 6:30 p.m.**

News @ Noon

Adults, bring a bag lunch & join us at noon on Fridays for a discussion of front page world & national news moderated each week by a local personality.

May 16: *Shawn Dell Joyce*, environmentalist & nationally syndicated columnist.

May 23: *Bob Scott*, local historian & library advocate.

May 30: *Jeremiah Horrigan*, Times Herald-Record columnist.

Knitting Circle: Beginning to advanced knitters & crocheters are invited to bring a project and give or get advice. **Monday, May 19 at 6 p.m.**

Sewing Circle: Limited to 6 participants. Bring your machine and sew up some fun with Caroline Califf. **Wednesday, May 21 at 6:30 p.m.**

Book Club: Pick up a copy and register for the discussion. **Thursdays at 6:30 p.m.**

May 22: *Remember Me* by *Sophie Kinsella*

June 19: *Fast Women* by *Jennifer Crusie*

Classical Guitarist

Peter Fletcher returns to perform original arrangements of classical music from his latest CD *Music of Four Centuries*. Since his last library appearance, he has performed in venues throughout the country including Carnegie Hall. **Thursday, May 29 at 7 p.m.**

Defensive Driving Class: Two session class for \$50. Call 845-429-1403 to sign up. **Wednesday/Thursday, June 4/5, 6-9 p.m.**

Registration is required for all programs.

Seward Birthday Weekend Events

Friday, May 16

5 - 8 p.m.: The Friends of the FPL Annual Used Book Sale kicks off with a members-only preview at the Seward Senior Center. Purchase membership at the door or anytime at FPL.

6:30 p.m.: Magic Fun & Games with Seth Dale Children in K-5 only are invited to the Big Magic Show. Play games and enjoy amazing magic by returning magician Seth Dale!

Saturday, May 17

9 a.m. - 3 p.m.: Shop the Used Book Sale for more great bargains.

1 p.m.: 18th Century Foodways In period costume, Eileen Stelljes will demonstrate 18th century cooking tools & methods. Compare foods in the *market basket* then with foods found in our *grocery bag* now. Take a turn at the butterchurn and taste the freshly made butter. A great family program for all ages!

Sunday, May 18

9 a.m. - 3 p.m.: Last day to shop the Used Book Sale!

12 p.m.: Village Walking Tour ~ Historical Society members Bob Scott & Diane Leo will lead a walking tour through Florida for history buffs & all who are curious about the beautiful architecture and famous past residents of Florida. Adults only. **\$5 each** Tour begins at FPL & lasts about 2 hours. Refreshments will be served in the library at the end of the walk.

2 p.m.: Bag Sale ~ Don't miss the end of the book sale! Fill a bag with books for \$3. Bring your own large bag or we'll provide one.



**Happy 207th
Birthday,
William Henry Seward!
Born May 16, 1801
in Florida, NY 10921**

Thank you, Rose



We very much appreciate the generosity of the family and friends of Rose Nowak who made donations of over \$1,500 in loving memory of this library lover.

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**Membership through 9/30/09
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

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ E-Mail _____

Please circle one:

\$5 Student (Gr.6-12)	\$10 Family/Single
\$25 Sustaining	\$50 Contributing
\$100 Patron	\$_____ Other

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

Madelyn Folino, Director
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