



Our dear friend and longtime volunteer Mary Kimiecik died on February 13. “Miss Mary,” as she was known here, was a constant presence, both as a library patron and as a dedicated helper in our Rhymetime and Storytime programs for preschoolers and their parents. Mary visited us every day to read the daily newspaper and to impart her own news of the day. She was our connection to Main Street and kept us informed about recent happenings, Florida history and local genealogy. Her blue eyes twinkled and her smiles were hard to resist as she shared Father Joe’s latest joke and her own snappy reply or her acute pleasure in an unexpected plot development in one of the cozy mysteries she so enjoyed. “Why, I *never* in my life heard of such a thing!” she would exclaim and listeners would resolve to read the book themselves, charmed by Mary’s enthusiasm.

As a volunteer, Mary greeted our youngest patrons and deftly ushered them into the Children’s Room for the magic of storytimes. When it came to separation anxiety, she was the champ at reassuring parents that they (the parents) would really be all right for the next hour. Her young charges loved her grandmotherly attention, listened when she said “No” and rarely thought about crying or acting up under Miss Mary’s watchful eye. Mary helped with arts and crafts, with clean up, and washed thousands of sticky little fingers. She attended our staff meetings and parties and was a grand storyteller and wise woman. Abraham Lincoln was one of her heroes and she often showed his picture to the children and spoke about his deeds. As we prepared to celebrate Lincoln’s 200th birthday this year, Mary became one for the ages, too. We will miss her and we thank all of her many loving friends and family who donated over \$2,000 in her memory:

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Library Hours

- Monday - Thursday 10 - 8
Friday & Saturday 10 - 5
Sunday 12 - 5
Closed Sunday, April 12 and Monday, April 27
- The Children’s Room is closed when programs are in session.*

Visit www.rcls.org/fpl and click on Library Events for closings, meetings and a complete list of programs.

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FPL Annual Budget Vote and Trustee Election
~ April 2 at the Library ~

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2008 Highlights

- 50th Anniversary Celebration
- Weekly computer classes for adults
- Four author visits and book signings
- News @ Noon current events chat
- Anime Club for teens
- Outreach to Florida ABCD Head Start, Goshen Area Day Care, Village Summer Recreation Program
- 9th Annual Tellabration community storytelling event
- 11th Annual Campfire Storytimes (new at Glenmere Lake this year)
- Grant Recipient, Poets & Writers for Poetry Café series
- Grant Recipient, National Endowment for the Humanities-*Picturing America*
- Grant Recipient, National Endowment for the Arts-*The Big Read*
- Grant Recipient, RCLS-Summer Reading Program
- Purchase of all school reading list titles
- Free Museum Passes for checkout
- Notary Public on staff
- Fax service for the public
- Friends of FPL help and support

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A Message From Your Board

The Library’s annual budget vote and trustee election is fast approaching and there is one important change this year. Our 2009 vote will be on Thursday, April 2 from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. and for the first time, voting will take place in the library instead of at school.

All qualified voters of the school district are eligible to vote and registration forms are available at the front desk, as are applications for absentee ballots. Voting will take place in our reference area with paper ballots under the supervision of familiar local election inspectors.

Our proposed 2009-2010 budget is on page 2 and copies can be picked up now. In addition to approval of our yearly operating budget, voters will elect one trustee for a three year term. You can meet the candidate on page 2.

Please know that your Board values your support and every dollar spent on providing services to our growing community. Residents rely on us in ever greater numbers for books, CDs, DVDs, audio books and computer access for education, research, job searches and family entertainment.

So far, in 2008-2009, use of the library has increased by 35%. Our 7 day a week schedule and our busy variety of programs for all ages makes FPL a home away from home for many and a community center that welcomes all. Our new budget will cover rises in maintenance and utilities, will continue our popular programs yet keeps staffing levels the same.

We encourage you to exercise your right to vote and thank you for your strong support of your hometown library.

Sincerely, FPL Board of Trustees

Report to the Community

2008 Annual Report Figures
Florida Public Library

- chartered to serve 4,679 (2000 census)
- had 2,620 registered borrowers
- was open 54-59 hours per week
- had 105,715 total holdings, including 76,117 in electronic materials
- circulated 36,571 items, including 11,504 children’s materials
- borrowed 8,304 items from other libraries
- loaned 8,201 items to other libraries
- added 11,859 new items (9,398 electronic)
- provided computer access to 6,460 users
- had free wireless access to the internet
- had 10 computers for public use
- answered 7,550 reference questions
- offered 368 programs for all ages
- welcomed 24,567 visitors!

2009 - 2010 Budget

The total proposed Library budget is \$445,660. The tax levy (the amount voted on by taxpayers) is \$290,160. This figure represents an increase of \$16,424 over last year. The breakdown of budget figures includes:

Revenue	
Tax Support	\$290,160
Library Charges	13,000
Grants /Aid	7,500
Interest	10,000
Donations	5,000
Fund Balance (2009)	100,000
Carryover from 2008-09	20,000
Total Revenue	\$445,660
Expenditures	
Salaries	\$171,600
FICA/Disability/Medical	46,000
Library Materials	32,000
Programs	11,000
Technology	16,150
Office	10,800
Building Expenses	32,975
Professional Fees	10,135
Fund Balance (2010)	110,000
Capital Reserve	5,000
Total Expenditures	\$445,660

Meet the Candidate

Sheryl Linton is running unopposed to fill the seat currently held by Manisha Ford-Thomas. Sheryl grew up in Jamestown and Chautauqua and holds an A.S. in science and math. With four librarians in the family, she can’t help loving the library. Sheryl credits her constant reading as a young child as the inspiration for her love of travel. Her desire to see the world came true during her four years in the U.S. Air Force.



Sheryl’s association with FPL goes back many years. Her family settled in the Village over 20 years ago. In 1988, she organized a preschool reading group at the library’s Bridge Street location.

As an FPL user, Sheryl values access to materials from home, free advice from Consumer Reports, travel guides and foreign language tapes. She says “I feel privileged to be involved in a place that provides so much to Florida. It’s during tough times that we need our community and the library does so much to make our community better. It gives us a place to gather and so many ways to save money.”

Friends of the FPL...

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\$100 Patron	\$_____ Other

Next meeting: Monday, April 13 at 7 p.m.

Special Programs for All Ages

For Families

Bear Smarts ~ A speaker from the Bear Education & Resource Group will share a fun & factual presentation on how to co-exist safely & peacefully with our wildlife neighbors. Saturday, March 28 at 2 p.m.

Find It in Florida Treasure Hunt Wrap Up Party ~ All participants are invited to celebrate the awarding of 1st, 2nd & 3rd prizes to the winning teams. Honorable mentions & door prizes, too! Sunday, March 29 at 1 p.m.

Florida, NY ~ Zip Code 10921 A lively and interactive program on Florida history for attentive listeners with Bob Scott and John Kimiecik. Sunday, March 29 at 2 p.m.

Improve Your Hearing & Listening: A Different Approach ~ Doctor of Audiology Mary Gallert will host a discussion & visual presentation on hearing loss. Monday, March 30, 10:30 a.m.

Spring is Springing! ~ Celebrate spring with puppets and songs by Gigi and Franky! Musical entertainment for preschoolers & families! This program is for all April 1 & April 2 Rhymetime and Storytime sessions. Wednesday, April 1 at 10:30 a.m.

Smooth Jazz ~ Drop in and stay for the cool jazz sounds of local guitarist, Mike Jackson. Visit his site, www.CertifiedJazzGuitar.com, for a sample of his talents. Thursday, April 2, 6-8 p.m.

Saturday Family Matinee ~ See Bolt, the new Disney animated superhero movie, on our BIG screen. Popcorn and juice will be served. Saturday, April 4 at 2 p.m.

Beatrix Potter Program ~ “Meet the author/artist” in costume with Peter Rabbit. Discover how her story began by drawing the pets & animals of her English country home. Hear a classic story and make a character bookmark. Saturday, April 18 at 2 p.m.

Musical Innovention ~ Pip Klein and Bob Grawi, The Gravikord Duo, will showcase their own brand of music plus a short talk about their innovative instrument. Sunday, April 26 at 1 p.m.

Margi Zintz Sings ~ Local musician Marji Zintz will perform songs for all ages - both jazz and folk songs for listening or sing along. Friday, May 15 at 6:30 p.m.

The Many Faces of Lincoln ~ Hear stories and see the transformation of the clean shaven young Abe to the bearded President Abraham Lincoln. Craft a miniature top hat and a patriotic medal with a shiny Lincoln penny. Saturday, May 16 at 1 p.m.

Spring Break for Kids in K - 5 Only

April in Paris! See the brilliant short French film The Red Balloon, learn a French song and enjoy a tasty treat. Tuesday, April 14 at 2 p.m.

Explore with Curious George: Science experiments with sand, water and wind (outdoors, if weather permits.) Thursday, April 16 at 2 p.m.

For Adults & YA Only

Poetry Café: Enjoy poetry & coffee by candlelight with Robert Milby & guests, followed by open mic. Adults over 16. Friday, April 17, 7 p.m.

Gar in the Garden: Gar Wong, organic gardener par excellence will share tips & techniques for growing amazing flowers and veggies. Saturday, April 25 at 2 p.m.

Classes & Clubs

For Our Littlest Patrons

Rhymetime is library time for toddlers (aged 18-35 months) with a parent or caregiver - books & stories, songs & a craft. Choose Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. OR 1 p.m.

Storytime is for preschoolers (3-5 years old) “on their own.” Books & stories, music & marches, games & crafts! Choose Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. OR 1 p.m. New sessions begin on April 1 with Spring is Springing! (see page 3) Register now!

For Kids in K - 5

Books & Beyond - Just for Kids in Grades K-3: Registration not required for this drop-in program. Bring a friend and enjoy stories & crafts, books & movies. Mondays, 4 - 5 p.m.

Tween Time - Just for Kids in Grade 4 & 5: Meet your friends at the library, and create a new craft or recipe, watch films and talk about current subjects. Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m.

For Young Adults (Grade 6 & up)

YA Discovery is a meeting place for young adults in grades 6-12. Create a new craft or recipe each week, discuss books, movies and hot topics. Tuesdays, 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Teen Advisory Group meets on the first Friday of the month at 2:30 p.m. to plan teen library programs. A Community Service letter will be provided for participants. After school snacks will be served. Friday, April 3 at 2:30 p.m.

Mother Daughter Book Discussion ~ Moms & girls, pick up The Hunger Games by Suzanne Collins now. Twilight series continues! Thursday, April 30 at 6:30 p.m.

Anime Club ~for YAs to view & discuss favorite anime. Call for movie title. Teens under 16 need a signed parental permission slip. College students welcome. Wednesdays, 3:30 p.m.

For Adults (over age 16)

Computer School ~ Attend all four beginner classes with Annette & receive an FPL computer certificate! Tuesdays at 10 a.m.: March 31, April 7, April 21, and April 28

Tech Help ~ Computer expert Bob Persing will help with your PC hardware & software. Make an appointment or just drop in. Fridays at 10 a.m.– March 27, April 3, April 24

Home Computer Security ~ Learn about software to prevent viruses, how to handle dangerous spam in e-mail, internet safety, and practices to keep your computer safe and trouble free. For beginners & seasoned users. Thursday, April 16, 6:30 p.m.

Black Dirt Storytelling Guild meets on the second Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. Adult story lovers are invited to “just listen” or share a story. April 9~Faerie Realms

Sewing Circle ~ Bring your machine & a current project. Wednesday, April 15, 6:30 p.m.

Foreign Film Sunday ~ Before the Rain won a total of 34 international film awards. See it on our BIG screen. Popcorn will be served. Sunday, April 19 at 2 p.m.

Knitting Circle ~ Bring your own knitting or crochet needles and join our casual and lively group. Give help and get help with a current project. Monday, April 20, at 6 p.m.

Adult Book Club ~ Join in the monthly discussion at 6:30 p.m. Snacks will be served. 3/19~ She’s Come Undone by Wally Lamb, 4/23~Three Cups of Tea by Greg Mortensen.

Registration is required for all programs (except where noted.)