

FLORIDA PUBLIC LIBRARY

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A member of Ramapo Catskill Library System
and Orange Library Association

A Look Back at Highlights of 2009

- ♦ Weekly computer classes for adults
- ♦ Drama Club & Anime Club for teens
- ♦ Outreach to Florida ABCD Head Start, Goshen Area Day Care, Village Summer Recreation Program
- ♦ 10th Annual Tellabration community storytelling event
- ♦ 12th Annual Campfire Storytimes
- ♦ Grant recipient, Poets & Writers, Inc. for Poetry Café series
- ♦ Four different author visits for all ages
- ♦ Purchase of all school reading list titles
- ♦ Notary Public on staff
- ♦ Fax service for the public
- ♦ Two new laptops for computer classes
- ♦ Computer tech help sessions
- ♦ Doubled our internet speed
- ♦ Successful SAT Prep, Job Counseling and Defensive Driving Workshops
- ♦ Friends of the FPL help and support including purchase of an awning for our deck and a ceiling mounted projector for the childrens' room, plus sponsorship of many programs

Spring 2010 News

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A Message From Your Board

The Library's annual budget vote and trustee election will be on Friday, April 9 from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. at the library. All qualified voters of the school district are eligible to vote and registration forms are available now, as are applications for absentee ballots.

Our proposed 2010-2011 budget is on page 2 and copies can be picked up now. In addition to approval of our yearly operating budget, voters will elect two trustee for three year terms. You can meet the candidates on page 5.

In the past year, the number of people visiting the Library has increased by 30% and checkout of materials has increased by 12.5%. At the same time, staffing has not increased and we are busier than ever providing books, CDs, DVDs, audio books and computer access for education, research, job searches and family entertainment.

We continue to be a home away from home for many and a community center that is open seven days a week. Our new budget covers only modest rises in maintenance, utilities and our popular programs for all ages.

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

\$\$ - 2010 Census - \$\$

Is Florida growing or shrinking?

According to U.S. Census data, the population in our school district service area was 4,724 in 1990 and 4,679 in 2000. Please stand up and be counted in the new census! More population = more federal and state dollars returned locally.

Report to the Community

2009 Annual Report Figures

Florida Public Library

- chartered to serve 4,679 (2000 census)
- had 2,694 registered borrowers
- was open 59 hours per week in fall, winter, & spring and 54 hours in summer
- had 111,932 total holdings, including 80,199 in electronic materials
- circulated 41,617 items, including 11,195 children's materials
- borrowed 8,108 items from other libraries
- loaned 9,896 items to other libraries
- added 13,363 new items (10,536 electronic)
- provided computer access to 9,180 users
- had free wireless access to the internet
- had 10 computers for public use, including 8 workstations and 2 laptops
- answered 9,800 reference questions
- offered 459 programs for all ages
- welcomed 32,055 visitors!

2010-2011 Budget

The total proposed Library budget is \$473,225. The tax levy (the amount voted on by taxpayers) is \$306,255. This figure represents an increase of \$16,065 over last year. The breakdown of budget figures includes:

Revenue

Tax Support	\$306,225
Library Charges	13,000
Grants /Aid	6,000
Interest	6,000
Donations	6,000
Fund Balance (2010)	110,000
Carryover from 2009-10	26,000
Total Revenue	\$473,225

Expenditures

Salaries	\$180,795
FICA/Disability/Medical	47,000
MTA Tax	600
Library Materials	34,500
Programs	12,200
Technology	17,400
Office	11,200
Building Expenses	33,500
Professional Fees	11,030
Fund Balance (2011)	120,000
Capital Reserve	5,000
Total Expenditures	\$473,225

Who are the Friends of the Florida Public Library?

A support group of people who believe excellent library services are important for everyone! To sign up, fill out the form and return with your check payable to: Friends of the FPL, 4 Cohen Circle, Florida, NY 10921

Name_____

Address_____

City_____ State_____ Zip_____

Phone_____

E-Mail_____

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

Next meeting: Monday, April 12 at 7 p.m.



Programs for All Ages

Visit www.rcls.org/fpl and go to the Event Calendar for a complete list of all of our programs, clubs and classes.

Register now for sessions beginning in early April:

Tween Time
for kids in
Grades 4 & 5
*Drop in - No
Registration.*
**Mondays at
4:30 p.m.**

**Books &
Beyond** for
kids in K-3
*Drop in - No
Registration.*
**Tuesdays at
4 p.m.**

YA Discovery
for young
adults in
Middle &
High School.
**Tuesdays
at 6 p.m.**

Rhymetime
for toddlers
(aged 18-35
months) with
a parent
**Wednesdays
at 10:30 a.m.**

**New!! Family
Storytime** for
parents &
kids not yet
in school.
**Wednesdays
at 1 p.m.**

Storytime for
preschoolers
(3-5 years old)
on their own.
**Thursdays
at 10:30 a.m.
OR 1 p.m.**



Monthly Clubs


Super Savers Club - 1st Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.
Black Dirt Storytelling Guild - 2nd Thursday at 7:30 p.m.
Knitting Circle - 3rd Monday at 6 p.m.
ABC Book Club - 4th Thursday at 6:30 p.m.



Weekend Family Programs

Saturday Matinee New DVDs on our BIG screen **Saturdays, April 3 & May 1 at 2 p.m.**
LEGO Time Create, Build, Display **Sundays, April 18 & May 23 at 2 p.m.**

Spring Break Programs for Kids in K-5

 **Chess Tournament** Play for fun & prizes **Sunday, March 28, 12 - 4 p.m.**
Art-A-Rama Awesome Art with Artist Katrina Sleder **Monday, March 29 at 2 p.m.**

Pictures with Pets We'll snap a photo of you & your pet in front of our cool backdrops. No Pet, No Problem! We've invited Puff, the Bearded Dragon from Northern Bear Pet Foods to pose with you. Every pet goes home with a treat! **Thursday, April 1 at 2 - 3:30 p.m.**



Special Events!

Gigi & Franny's Musical Adventures

One program to kick off all
Rhymetime, Storytime and
Family Storytime sessions,
so join us and sing along!

**Friday, April 9
at 10:30 a.m.**

Certified Jazz Guitar



Mike Jackson
plays selections
from his CD,
accompanied by
coffee and treats.

**Friday, April 9
6 to 8 p.m.**

Dr. Michael Temchin Hero & Holocaust Survivor

In honor of Holocaust
Remembrance Day, we
present this look at the
Polish partisan who settled
in Florida after the war.

Sunday, April 11 at 2 p.m.

New Arrivals on Our Shelves

Adult Fiction

<i>House Rules</i>	Jodi Picoult	<i>Deception</i>	Jonathan Kellerman
<i>Caught</i>	Harlen Coben	<i>Midnight House</i>	Alex Berenson
<i>Worst Case</i>	James Patterson	<i>Split Image</i>	Robert B. Parker
<i>Not My Daughter</i>	Barbara Delinsky	<i>Fantasy in Death</i>	J.D. Robb
<i>Hell Gate</i>	Linda Fairstein	<i>Fair Maiden</i>	Joyce Carol Oates
<i>Impact</i>	Douglas J. Preston	<i>Kisser</i>	Stuart Woods
<i>Noah's Compass</i>	Anne Tyler	<i>First Rule</i>	Robert Crais
<i>Winter Garden</i>	Kristin Hannah	<i>Last Surgeon</i>	Michael Palmer
<i>Night Too Dark</i>	Dana Stabenow	<i>A Friend of the Family</i>	Lauren Grodstein
<i>Abraham Lincoln: Vampire Hunter</i>		Seth Grahame-Smith	

Adult Non-Fiction

<i>Born Round: Secret History of a Full-Time Eater</i>	Frank Bruni
<i>What the Dog Saw and other adventures</i>	Malcolm Gladwell
<i>Ninety Minute Baby Sleep Program</i>	Polly Moore
<i>Kovel's Antiques & Collectibles Price Guide</i>	Ralph M. Kovel
<i>Rare Portraits of America's Endangered Species</i>	National Geographic
<i>In Fed We Trust: Ben Bernanke's War on the Great Panic</i>	David Wessel
<i>This Book is Overdue: How Librarians and Cybrarians Can Save Us All</i>	Marilyn Johnson
<i>Pulitzer: A Life in Politics, Print & Power</i>	James Morris
<i>Stones Into Schools: Promoting Peace With Books, Not Bombs in Afghanistan and Pakistan</i>	Greg Mortenson

Children's & YA Books - Award Winners

<i>Going Bovine</i>	Libba Bray	<i>All the World</i>	Liz G. Scanlon
<i>Return to Sender</i>	Julia Alvarez	<i>Catching Fire</i>	Suzanne Collins
<i>The Lion & the Mouse</i>	Jerry Pinkney	<i>When You Reach Me</i>	Rebecca Stead
<i>The Magicians</i>	Lev Grossman	<i>Flygirl</i>	Sherri L. Smith
<i>Charles and Emma: The Darwins' Leap of Faith</i>		Deborah Heiligman	

DVDs

Sherlock Holmes	The Princess & the Frog	2012
The Blind Side	The Fantastic Mr. Fox	Astro Boy
Hurt Locker	Michael Jackson's This Is It	New Moon
Precious	Capitalism	Ponyo

Music CDs

<i>I Dreamed a Dream</i>	Susan Boyle	<i>I Am....Sasha Fierce</i>	Beyonce
<i>We Started Nothing</i>	The Ting Tings	<i>American Classic</i>	Willie Nelson
<i>Soldier of Love</i>	Sade	<i>The Fame Monster</i>	Lady Gaga
<i>For Your Entertainment</i>	Adam Lambert	<i>Battle Studies</i>	John Mayer

Meet the Candidates

Diane Arcieri



Diane has lived in Florida for 28 years. She has a BA in Spanish from Hunter College and a Master's Degree in Human Resources Education from Fordham University. She is a senior consultant with ARCH Associates, where she works with organizations and individuals in areas of management and leadership development, team building, and group facilitation.

She is a member of the Friends of FPL, the American Society for Training and Development, and the Orange County Chamber of Commerce.

As a long-time patron and advocate of all that FPL has to offer, Diane would like to use her special talents of coordinating, collaborating and listening to provide support and a helping hand where she can be most useful as a trustee. She will help the library to continue to reach out and address our real community needs by constantly taking stock of what is already being done well and what can be done more effectively. She would like to see the library provide the same and even more diverse programming and explore opportunities that can provide the village with a place and a space to come together, a place where everyone can feel welcome and comfortable.

She loves the sense of community that the library fosters, whether it's creating new programs that reach out and address needs, or the feeling that learning and knowledge is available to everyone. Diane would like people to think of the library as a place where we can all go to find, explore and learn how to apply new ideas.

Shirley Coughlin



Shirley has lived in Florida for 46 years. She has a BA from Albany State Teachers College and a Master's Degree in Computer Technology for Secondary Education from Long Island University. She is retired from 25 years of teaching at S.S. Seward Institute and now works part time for the Village Planning Board and Building Department.

In addition to serving presently as library trustee, Shirley is a member of Friends of FPL, American Legion Auxiliary, Parkland Committee, Fun Fest Committee, NYSUT Retirees Assn., Mid-Hudson Area Retired Teachers Assn., and an honorary member of the Seward Alumni Assn.

During her 20 years' service as a trustee, Shirley has watched the library develop from a small operation in the basement of the old pharmacy into a beautiful building that offers numerous and varied programs and services for the community. She will use her knowledge of the village's needs to advocate for the growth of the library's collections, programs and services, as well as more space so that the children's room does not have to close in order to hold a program or meeting. She would like to add tutoring space and a special area for local history displays.

Shirley would like to see the library become the focal point and cultural center of our small community, a place for local groups to meet, share special programs, and provide services for people not only in these difficult economic times, but for all times. Shirley loves coming to the library and seeing children, teens and adults enjoying all the library has to offer.

Library Donors



& Angels

Terry & Joan Hudson

Daurier Krebs

Arnold & Christina Bieling

In appreciation

S.S. Seward Alumni Assn.

*In memory of
Madeline Pillmeier*

Pharmline, Inc.

*In memory of
James W. Sturr, Sr.*

Elizabeth Linnell

*In honor of
Declan & Cameron Murphy*

*Thank you to our
teen volunteers
for jobs well done:*

Elayna Li

Jaden Marks

Erin Pawliczek

*and to our new
Storytime volunteer,
Mary McNally*

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Board Meetings are held
on the first Monday
of each month
at 7:30 p.m.
and the public
is invited to attend.

Library Hours

Monday - Thursday 10 - 8

Friday & Saturday 10 - 5

Sunday 12 - 5

Closed Sunday, April 4
and Friday, April 30

*The Children's Room
is closed when programs
are in session.*

Visit www.rcls.org/fpl
Click on *Library Events*
for closings, meetings
and our programs.
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e-mail reminders
for your favorites.

**Friends of the FPL
Annual Seward Day
Used Book Sale
May 14, 15 & 16**

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Summer Reading Program

2010 Themes:

**Children's: *Make a
Splash - Read!***

**Teen: *Make Waves
@ Your Library!***

**Adult: *Brainwaves
@ Your Library!***

Registration begins June 21
Kickoff Program & Start of
the SRP Programs~June 28

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