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

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

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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.
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 $306,255
- 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

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**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:

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<td>for kids in Grades 4 &amp; 5 Drop in - No Registration. Mondays at 4:30 p.m.</td>
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<td><strong>Books &amp; Beyond</strong></td>
<td>for kids in K-3 Drop in - No Registration. Tuesdays at 4 p.m.</td>
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<td><strong>YA Discovery</strong></td>
<td>for young adults in Middle &amp; High School. Tuesdays at 6 p.m.</td>
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<td><strong>Rhymetime</strong></td>
<td>for toddlers (aged 18-35 months) with a parent Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m.</td>
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<td><strong>New!! Family Storytime</strong></td>
<td>for parents &amp; kids not yet in school. Wednesdays at 1 p.m.</td>
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<td><strong>Storytime</strong></td>
<td>for preschoolers (3-5 years old) on their own. Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. OR 1 p.m.</td>
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**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

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

Adult Non-Fiction

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

Children’s & YA Books - Award Winners

Going Bovine  Libba Bray  All the World  Liz G. Scanlon
Return to Sender  Julia Alvarez  Catching Fire  Suzanne Collins
The Lion & the Mouse  Jerry Pinkney  When You Reach Me  Rebecca Stead
The Magicians  Lev Grossman  Flygirl  Sherri L. Smith
Charles and Emma: The Darwins’ Leap of Faith  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 Dreamed a Dream  Susan Boyle  I Am….Sasha Fierce  Beyonce
We Started Nothing  The Ting Tings  American Classic  Willie Nelson
Soldier of Love  Sade  The Fame Monster  Lady Gaga
For Your Entertainment  Adam Lambert  Battle Studies  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
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In appreciation

S.S. Seward Alumni Assn.
In memory of
Madeline Pillmeier

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In memory of
James W. Sturr, Sr.

Elizabeth Linnell
In honor of
Declan & Cameron Murphy

In appreciation

Thank you to our teen volunteers for jobs well done:
Elayna Li
Jaden Marks
Erin Pawliczek

and to our new Storytime volunteer,
Mary McNally

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

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