A Message From Your Board

The Library’s annual budget vote and trustee election will be on Friday, April 7 from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. at the library. All qualified voters of our school district are eligible to vote and registration forms are available now, as are applications for absentee ballots.

Our proposed 2011-2012 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 trustees for three-year terms. Please vote! Inquire at the library or contact Nancy B. Scott unannounced for their support.

In the past year, check out materials has increased by 9% and we are seeing particularly heavy use by public computers by users of all ages. We continue to provide more items to other libraries than we borrow through inter-library loan. Our shelf space is now completely filled and we have no room to expand collections.

Our staff levels remain the same as we strive to provide the high level of service for which FPL is known, seven days a week.

Our new budget contains decreases or no increases in most areas and minimal rises in essential services. It is based on a present, reflecting today’s economy and cuts to library funding at the state & national levels. Libraries have a history of doing much with little and we remain committed to using funds effectively.

We hope you will take the time to vote and thank you for your history of strong support of your hometown library.
The 10% Challenge

Sustainable Warwick is an organization that was formed to increase public awareness of sustainable practices. Sustainable Warwick was chartered to serve 4,679 (2000 census) and had 11,019 members and materials. It borrowed 8,667 items from other libraries, loaned 10,383 items to other libraries, added 13,319 new items (11,095 electronic), and had free wireless access to the internet. It offered 476 programs for all ages, had 11 computers for public use, including 7 workstations and 4 laptops, provided computer access to 10,200 users, and loaned 10,238 items to other libraries. The library had 92,887 in electronic materials, was open 59 hours per week in fall, and had 2,740 registered borrowers.

Annual Seward Day Used Book Sale
May 13, 14 & 15

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Programs & Events ~ Registration is Required

Book Look for Teachers and Parents: Drop in and see what’s new and award winning in children’s literature. Members of our professional staff will “book-talk” favorite selections during storytime. Refreshments will be available and everyone who attends will play along to win a basketful of children’s books to take home. Wednesday, March 30, 4-5 p.m.

Go Green Shopping Bag: With guidance from expert seamstress Caroline Califf, turn one of your shirts into a basic bag. Bring a t-shirt or tunic top that you no longer wear, scissors, and your sewing machine (or we’ll have one available). Adults only. Thursday, March 31, 6-8 p.m.

Drums of Ghana: Experience the ancient art and music history of African drumming. Thursday, April 4, 4-6 p.m. Aで民族の音楽と歴史を体験し、アフリカン・ドラムを演奏します。パフォーマンスおよび講座が行われます。家族向けプログラム。火曜日、4月4日、4-6時。

Spring Time Magic: Meet Henry the Magic Rabbit and his friends at this colorful, fun-filled event for children’s literature fans! Thursday, April 11, 7 to 10:30 a.m.

Easy Listening Jazz with Mike Jackson: Drop in & stay for the cool jazz sounds of Mike on guitar. Free coffee & treats, too! Adults & teens. Thursday, April 7 from 6 to 8 p.m.

Tea Party for Little Muses: Dress up for a terrific party, mums included as Miss M suede “tek.” Fun, food and a magical show for toddlers. Spanish refreshments will be served. Sunday, April 10, 11 a.m. Girls’ Book Club Meeting co-sponsored with Golden Hill’s Library Media Specialist Mrs. Rick. This month we will explore the Nancy Drew mysteries. Choose any book in the series & join the fun-filled discussion. Yummy snacks! Grade 4 & 5 only.

Fashion Styles—Your Personal Look: Fashion stylist & educator Elaine DePro will share her knowledge and expertise on how to choose the right style for your body shape and age. For adults only. Thursday, April 14 from 6 to 8 p.m.

Black Dirt Storytelling Guild: Adult story lovers are invited to our monthly meetings to tell a story of your own or listen to others. Thursday, April 14, 6 p.m.

Poetry Café: Candlelit café setting with emcee Robert Milby, guest poets Adrianna Delgado & Jan Berlin and her animal ambassadors from Jan Berlin and her animal ambassadors from 2011-2012 Budget

The total proposed budget for library is $499,890. The tax amount voted by the taxpayers is $317,990. This figure represents an increase of approximately 11%, and over last year.

The breakdown of budget figures includes:

- Revenue: Tax Support $317,990, Library Gifts $300, Grants/Alm $5,400, Income from Investments $2,300, Donations $12,000, Fund Balance (2011) $12,600, Carryover from 2010 $29,500; Total Revenue: $499,890
- Expenditures: VICA/FICA/Disability/Medical $50,500, Library Materials $34,300, Programs $12,200, Total for 2010 $120,000, Capital Reserve $5,000; Total Expenditures: $499,890
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Name __________________________
City ____________________________ State ______ Zip __________
Phone __________________________
E-Mail __________________________________________
$5 Student (Gr 6-12) $10 Single or Family
$25 Sustaining $50 Contributing
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Please stop in the library today and check one out. Enjoy it and come back for your next tote!

Your child will learn to LOVE reading!

William Henry Seward Birthday Weekend Events
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