



Programs & Events ~ Registration is Required

Boys' Book Club (Grades 4-6): Read *On the Wings of Heroes* by Newbery Medal winner Richard Peck, who highlights the sense of community in America before and during World War II. After the discussion, parents are invited to join the boys for a presentation by the Civil Air Patrol, a branch of the USAF. Books available now. **Wed., April 20, 3:30-5 p.m.**

Nature Wagon: Spring Break Special for kids of all ages. Through activities & thoughtful discussion, make friends with scaly, furry & slippery critters. **Thur., April 21, 2 p.m.**

Container Gardening: Cornell Cooperative Master Gardener Debbie Lester will present a program about creating container gardens at home. Adults only. **Thur., April 21, 6:30 p.m.**

FPL Page Turners: S.S. Seward Institute's English teacher Frank Gannon will lead our next two discussions for adults & teens over age 16. Refreshments served. **Thursdays, 6:30 p.m.**
April 28~Life of Pi by Yann Martel, a magical story about adventure, survival & faith.
May 26~Into the Beautiful North by Luis Alberto Urrea, an uplifting "journey" tale of 4 friends.

Holocaust Remembrance Day: Join guest speaker Linda Dubin to hear the courageous story of Polish heroine & 2007 Nobel Prize nominee Irena Sendler and view the Hallmark Hall of Fame movie *The Courageous Heart of Irena Sendler*. A short discussion will follow and light refreshments will be served. Suitable for adults & teens. **Sunday, May 1, 1 p.m.**

Children's Book Week is May 2 - 8. We will celebrate with author visits:
Pamela Schembri, a librarian, storyteller & author of three easy reader chapter books will talk about storytelling & the writing process. (Grades K-5) **Tuesday, May 3, 4 p.m.**
Susan Beth Pfeffer, award winning NY Times bestselling author of fiction and non-fiction, will talk about her apocalyptic genre novel series for young adults. The library will be set up in café-style for meeting the author. **Wed., May 4, 3 p.m.**

Fashion Colors for You: Fashion stylist & educator Elaine DeFeo will return to help you identify your best seasonal colors using fabric draping. Adults only. **Thur., May 5, 6 p.m.**

Butterfly Farm: Explore painted lady butterflies in a special 8x8 ft. screened tent. Take a closer look using microscopes with visiting "butterfly lady" Marian Dolan, licensed breeder of Butterfly Botanicals Farm. For kids in K-5 only. **Tuesday, May 10 from 4 to 6 p.m.**

Spring Quilt Pillow: Florida Quilters Guild member Karen Weslowski will lead a class in the basics of machine quilting. Create a quilted pillow in spring colors in 2 sessions. Supply list will be provided at signup & is limited to 8 participants. **Weds., May 11 & 18, 6:30 p.m.**

Photographs on Computers: Work with our expert Annette Shaughnessy on an overview of the process of uploading & storing photos on your computer. **Friday, May 20, 10 a.m.**

Spring Songs & Marionettes: Your family is invited to come and sing along with Mr. Sloat of the Foggy Dew Irish Band & Mrs. Sloat with her marionettes. **Saturday, May 21, 2 p.m.**

Sign up today for Weekly Spring Programs for toddlers, children & young adults!
Rhymetime (18-35 mos. with a parent/caregiver) ~ Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m.
Family Storytime (toddlers, preschoolers, siblings & parents) ~ Wednesdays at 1:30 p.m.
Storytime (3-5 years "on their own") ~ Thursdays at 10 a.m. OR 1 p.m.
Books & Beyond (Kids in grades K-3) ~ Tuesdays at 4 p.m. with Miss Meg
Tween Time (Kids in grades 4 & 5) ~ Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. with Miss Meg
YA Discovery (Young adults in middle school & high school) ~ Mondays at 2:30 p.m.

Library Hours

Monday - Thursday 10 - 8
Friday & Saturday 10 - 5
Sunday 12 - 5
Closed Sunday, April 24
and Monday, May 30

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

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get up to the minute news
about events at FPL!

**Summer Reading Program
2011**
One World, Many Stories

Registration begins June 20
Kickoff Party ~ June 27

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**FPL Annual Budget Vote and Trustee Election
~ April 7 from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. at the Library ~**

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A Look Back at Highlights of 2010

- ♦ Weekly computer classes for adults
- ♦ Outreach to Florida ABCD Head Start, Goshen Area Day Care, Village Summer Recreation Program
- ♦ 11th Annual Tellabration community storytelling event
- ♦ 13th Annual Campfire Storytimes
- ♦ Grant recipient, Poets & Writers, Inc. for Poetry Café series
- ♦ Six different author visits for all ages
- ♦ Purchase of all school reading list titles
- ♦ Fax service for the public
- ♦ Two new laptops for computer classes
- ♦ Computer tech help sessions
- ♦ Successful SAT Prep, Job Counseling and Defensive Driving Workshops
- ♦ Friends of the FPL help and support for many programs
- ♦ Installation of our Maddy statue and garden
- ♦ Partnership with *The Florida Focus* to publicize local news
- ♦ First place photo award from NYLA's Rural Libraries Round Table

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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 the 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. Incumbents Kathleen B. Misciagna and Nancy B. Scott are running unopposed for their second terms on the board.

In the past year, check out of materials has increased by 9% and we are seeing particularly heavy use of our 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 lines. It is truly a bare bones budget, reflecting today's economy and cuts to library funding on the state & national levels. Libraries have a history of doing much with little and we remain committed to using funds effectively.

As always, we encourage you to exercise your right to vote and thank you for your history of strong support of your hometown library.

Sincerely, FPL Board of Trustees

Report to the Community

2010 Annual Report Figures

Florida Public Library

- chartered to serve 4,679 (2000 census)
- had 2,740 registered borrowers
- was open 59 hours per week in fall, winter & spring and 54 hours in summer
- had 125,198 total holdings, including 92,887 in electronic materials
- circulated 45,298 items, including 11,019 children’s materials
- borrowed 8,667 items from other libraries
- loaned 10,238 items to other libraries
- added 13,319 new items (11,095 electronic)
- provided computer access to 10,200 users
- had free wireless access to the internet
- had 11 computers for public use, including 7 workstations and 4 laptops
- answered almost 10,000 reference questions
- offered 476 programs for all ages
- welcomed 33,201 visitors!

The 10% Challenge

Sustainable Warwick is an organization that was formed to increase public awareness of sustainable living. FPL has accepted their challenge to reduce our energy usage at the library by at least 10% this year.

- We have taken these steps to meet that goal:
- ♦ Foyer & porch lights replaced with LED bulbs;
 - ♦ Reflective blinds installed to reduce a/c load;
 - ♦ Front floodlights replaced with sensor lamps to reduce electric bills;
 - ♦ Extra insulation added in basement;
 - ♦ Plans are underway now to make our annual Summer Reading Program as “green” as possible.

It IS easy to be green! For more info: www.SustainableWarwick.org



2011-2012 Budget

The total proposed Library budget is \$499,890. The tax levy (the amount voted on by taxpayers) is \$317,990. This figure represents an increase of \$11,765 over last year. The breakdown of budget figures includes:

Revenue	
Tax Support	\$317,990
Library Charges	13,000
Grants/Aid	5,400
Interest	3,000
Donations	6,000
Fund Balance (2011)	125,000
Carryover from 2010-2011	29,500
Total Revenue	499,890
Expenditures	
Salaries	190,500
FICA/Disability/Medical	50,000
MTA Tax	650
Library Materials	34,300
Programs	12,200
Technology	16,550
Office	12,400
Building Expenses	32,600
Professional Fees	10,690
Fund Balance (2012)	135,000
Capital Reserve	5,000
Total Expenditures	\$499,890

Welcome Back, Terry!

After teaching Kindergarten for three years, Terry Numa rejoined our staff last August. Recently, she earned her Master’s Degree in Library Science from Clarion University with a perfect 4.0. We are so proud of her!



Terry is in charge of adult programming and coordinates children’s & teen programs. She loves living in Florida and working at her public library.

Terry leads book discussions at the library for the Page Turners’ Book Club and is eager to hear from you. What are you reading?

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

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

William Henry Seward Birthday Weekend Events

Friday, May 13, 6:30 p.m. *The String Trio of New York* will perform their own brand of creative jazz and classical music fusion. The library will be transformed into a cozy, candlelit café setting perfect for the listening. Homemade refreshments & coffee will be served. Adults only.

Saturday, May 14, 2 p.m. Jan Berlin and her animal ambassadors from *Everything Animals Resource Center* will be here for a highly interactive, humorous and humane program, *Splish, Splash, Do Animals Take Baths?* Lively & entertaining for all ages.

Sunday, May 15, 12 p.m. Come to the library at noon for an informative presentation by Bob Scott & John Kimiecik about the Seward Homestead in the Village of Florida. Learn a little history of William H. Seward’s birthplace & boyhood home. Then we’ll take a stroll down to the homestead and enjoy a tour of the grounds. Return to the library for refreshments and wrap up the program with your questions and comments. Suitable for families with children at least 10 years.

Introducing Book Lights Literacy Totes



The newest additions to our children’s collection are Book Lights Literacy Totes. They are designed especially for preschoolers and a parent or caregiver to read and enjoy the best quality children’s literature. Each tote bag contains at least two books, fiction & non-fiction, literacy tips to promote a love of reading, and creative activity ideas to enhance the experience between parent and child. Book Lights was partially funded by a gift from the Vogt family.

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!

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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 the hour. Refreshments will be available and everyone who attends has a chance to win a basketful of quality 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 handy bag. Bring a t-shirt or tank top that you no longer wear, scissors, & your sewing machine (or we’ll have one available.) Adults only. **Thur., March 31, 6 p.m.**

Drums of Ghana: Experience the ancient art and music history of African drumming “hands-on” with Miss Henne, music educator at Golden Hill. Participants will play along in the drumming circle. A family program. **Saturday, April 2 at 2 p.m.**

Spring Time Magic: Meet Henry the Magic Rabbit and his friends in this colorful, fun-filled magical show for toddlers, preschoolers and family! **Thursday, April 7 at 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 Misses: Dress up for a terrific party, manners included as Miss Meg serves “tea.” Fun, food and games, too. (Grades K-3) **Saturday, April 9 at 2 p.m.**

Civil War in Orange County: Charles LaRocca from the 124th NYS Volunteers Civil War Reenactment Unit, the Orange Blossoms, will share a slide presentation on the 1862 Orange County recruits and the soldiers & leaders of the 124th NY Union Infantry. This is a great program suitable for adults as well as middle school students. **Sunday, April 10, 1 p.m.**

Highlights of Electronic Books (eReaders): See & learn about the popular electronic book readers on the market. Touch, navigate & find out which features are available on a variety of brands. Learn which reader is best for you BEFORE you buy! **Tues., April 12, 10 a.m.**

Girls’ Book Club Meeting co-sponsored with Golden Hill’s Library Media Specialist Mrs. Sick. 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. **Wed., April 13, 4 p.m.**

Fashion Styles~Your Personal Look: Fashion stylist & educator Elaine DeFeo will share her style knowledge and help choose the best fashion looks for YOU based on your body shape and your age. For adults only. **Thursday, April 14 from 6-7:30 p.m.**

Black Dirt Storytelling Guild: Adult story lovers are invited to our monthly meetings to tell a story or “just listen.” Second Thursdays at 7:30; **April 14~Civil War 150, May 12~Names**

Poetry Café: Candlelit café setting with emcee Robert Milby, guest poets Adrianna Delgado & Rita Pentenrieder, followed by open mic. Free desserts! Adults only. **Friday, April 15, 7 p.m.**

El Dia de los Ninos/El Dia de los Libros (Children’s Day/Book Day) is a celebration of children, families and reading, emphasizing the importance of literacy for children of all linguistic and cultural backgrounds. You are invited to our bilingual family storytime with special guests from local schools and the community. Spanish refreshments will be served. For all ages. **Saturday, April 16, 2 p.m.**

Knitting Circle: Bring your knitting or crochet supplies to for our friendly, casual meeting. Master knitter and instructor Kathy Braun will be on hand for beginner instruction or to lend guidance on current projects. **Mondays, April 18, May 16, June 20; 6-7:30 p.m.**