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A Look Back at Highlights of 2011

- ♦ Weekly computer classes for adults
- ♦ Outreach to Florida ABCD Head Start, Village Summer Recreation Program
- ♦ 12th Annual Tellabration community storytelling event
- ♦ 14th Annual Campfire Storytimes
- ♦ 5th year grant recipient, Poets & Writers, Inc. for Poetry Café series
- ♦ Five different author visits for all ages
- ♦ Purchase of all school reading list titles
- ♦ Monthly multi-cultural programs
- ♦ Two new computer stations added
- ♦ Computer tech help sessions
- ♦ 3rd year Help For You Job Counseling
- ♦ Friends of the FPL help and support for many programs
- ♦ Biggest Ever Ice Cream Social and Summer Wrap Up Party for all ages
- ♦ Partnered with *Florida Farmers Market* to bring programs to community
- ♦ Kill-A-Watt testers available to borrow
- ♦ Sustainable Warwick Award for 10% Challenge Energy Savings
- ♦ Purchase of eReaders to train public and staff.

Spring 2012 News

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A Message From Your Board

The Library's annual budget vote and trustee election is Tuesday, April 3 from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. at the library. All qualified voters of the school district are eligible to vote and absentee ballot applications are available now. Our proposed budget is on page 2 and copies are available in the library. In addition to approval of our yearly funding, voters will elect three trustees for three-year terms. Meet the four candidates on page 3.

In December, all libraries in the system migrated to a new automated computer system and patrons can now pay overdue fines online, keep a history of their reading and specify the location at which they pick up reserved items. As always, we offer the latest in high tech with the best customer service. We encourage you to vote and thank you for your strong support of your hometown library!

Sincerely, FPL Board of Trustees

♥ What You Said ♥

Your Valentines to FPL said... "I love my library because ...I can sit quietly and do my homework or read a book...I love books!..I can dance and sing in storytime...whatever I want can be found on the shelves or ordered...you get to read the most greatest books ever written...books take me to different places...I love computers...I can check out video games by myself...I get free books for my e-reader...it's awesome...it is close to my home and the best place to go in the entire world... wonderful programs and a safe place for kids after school...used book sales are great...my favorite comic books...it's evolved with the times ... the hardest working staff this side of the Mississippi!...a peaceful place...all my friends come here."

Report to the Community

2011 Annual Report Figures

Florida Public Library

- chartered to serve 4,991 (2010 census)
- had 2,756 registered borrowers
- was open 59 hours per week in fall, winter & spring and 54 hours in summer
- had 124,361 total holdings, including 90,866 in electronic materials
- circulated 43,319 items, including 10,275 children's materials
- borrowed 8,514 items from other libraries
- loaned 10,119 items to other libraries
- added 2,160 new items to our shelves
- provided computer access to 10,500 users
- had free wireless access to the internet
- provided 13 computers for public use, including 9 workstations and 4 laptops
- answered over 10,000 reference questions
- offered 418 programs for all ages
- welcomed 30,582 visitors!

Where Have All the Clerks Gone?

Once upon a time, FPL, like most libraries, was staffed with part-time Library Clerks. That changed this year when four of our clerks qualified with Civil Service as Library Assistants. Our policy is to help employees reach the highest title for which they are eligible. The Library Assistant position requires a bachelor's degree. All six of our regular part-time adult staff members have this level of education plus three of them have master's degrees, as well. Our L.A.'s are triathletes in our world – they staff the front desk, conduct programs and help patrons with technology. At FPL, we believe that you can never be too qualified when it comes to serving the community.

Congratulations to L.A.s Annette, Meg, Amy and Marie who join Maria and Ashley!

2012-2013 Budget

The total proposed Library budget is \$517,200. The tax levy (amount voted on by taxpayers) is \$332,800. This figure represents an increase of \$14,810 over last year. The breakdown of budget figures includes:

Revenue

Tax Support	\$332,800
Library Charges	13,500
Grants/Aid	5,400
Interest	1,500
Donations	7,000
Fund Balance (2012)	135,000
Carryover from 2011-2012	22,000
Total Revenue	\$517,200

Expenditures

Salaries	\$192,500
FICA/Disability/Medical	53,500
Library Materials	34,800
Programs	12,600
Technology	17,400
Office	12,700
Building Expenses	34,300
Professional Fees	14,400
Fund Balance (2012)	145,000
Total Expenditures	\$517,200

¡Bienvenido a la biblioteca!

FPL's outreach to the Spanish speaking community will be highlighted in a new edition of *Bridging Cultures: Ethnic Services in the Libraries of New York State*, a book published by the New York Library Association. The monograph, by Madelyn Folino, highlights Miss Maria's monthly storytimes for Florida ABCD Head Start, our bilingual storytimes and the festive Cinco de Mayo and El día de los niños programs. Florida teachers **Sandra Correa**, **Marlayne Sick**, and **Joan Zombek**, and **Miguel Sepulveda** of ABCD assisted as guest readers and patrons **Lourdes McLeod** and **Elena Lopez** provided print translations and authentic Mexican food for some of the 80+ bilingual programs we presented from 2004-2011.

Meet Our Candidates & Vote for Three



Ian Murphy

Incumbent Trustee
since 2008
Past Secretary, current
Vice President

7 years in Florida
B.A. Gettysburg College
Web designer, writer,
copy editor, illustrator
full-time for Monroe
Free Library & free
lance & volunteer

Community– Helps
with book sales, local
theater, radio shows,
and acts a little, too.

“A democracy rests on
the ability of people to
govern themselves and
people are only as
smart as what they
know. A library repre-
sents people making
time to see, hear,
experience and learn.”

FPL’s Future:
A valuable resource for
continuing ed, job
searches, low cost
programs; more robust
website; expansion
of building to solve
overlap of program
& collection space.



Sheryl Linton

Incumbent Trustee
since 2009
Member, Finance &
House Committees

26 years in Florida
A.S. Science & Math
US Air Force veteran,
craftsperson, leader of
preschool reading
group for FPL in 1988
at Bridge St. location

Community-Docent at
Constitution Island,
plays the bells at
U.S.M.A. Cadet Chapel

“FPL has something
to offer for children,
teens, adults and
seniors. I love inter-
library loan & the
many programs
offered to the public
for free.”

FPL’s Future:
Expansion of
technology continuing
and growing, training
for the community
while maintaining
a one to one
human approach.



Adam Fernandez

First-time Candidate
Library user; attends
programs with family

7 years in Florida
B.F.A. Parsons School
of Design, 20 years as
pro photographer,
adjunct professor at
NYU, much experience
with non-profits

Community-Active at
Golden Hill ES, Boy
Scouts, Little League,
eager for public service

“I love FPL’s vitality.
There is always
something going on
and the library really
understands the
community it serves.”

FPL’s Future:
Tap into the rich and
diverse number of
community craftsmen,
farmers & builders
to benefit from
their experience
and knowledge.



Caroline Califf

First-time Candidate
Library user; attends
programs with family

7 years in Florida
Univ. of Connecticut
Former bookkeeper &
small business owner;
currently a teller at
Walden Savings Bank,
Florida

Community-President,
Friends of FPL, member
Page Turners Club,
Golden Hill PTA & BLT,
asst. soccer coach

“I love the library as a
community gathering
place for children and
adults, as well as its
serving its patrons
with information in a
friendly, welcoming
atmosphere.”

FPL’s Future:
Libraries will evolve
into information and
community gathering
centers with eReaders
and multimedia as the
wave of the future.

Programs & Events ~ Registration is Required

Author Jim DeFelice: Meet the best-selling author and discuss his new biography, *Omar Bradley: General at War*. Check out a copy today and/or buy a copy and have the author personalize it for you. DeFelice has written fiction and non-fiction, including collaborations with Dale Brown, Stephen Coonts and Larry Bond. **Thursday, March 29, 6:30 p.m.**

Rainbow Fish and the Deep Blue Sea: Bring your preschoolers and toddlers to see this delightful puppet show by the Robert Rogers Puppet Co. **Tuesday, April 3, 10:30 a.m.**

Petal Power: Sara Mayes, the Traveling Naturalist returns by popular demand to share this beautiful botanical workshop. For kids in grades K-5 only. **Tuesday, April 3, 4:15 p.m.**

Best All-American Dessert: Chef Peter Sullivan will demonstrate how to make a fabulous chocolate mousse dessert. Everyone gets a taste! Adults only. **Tuesday, April 3 at 6 p.m.**

Easy Listening Jazz with Mike Jackson: Stop in for a moment or stay for the cool jazz sounds of Mike on guitar. Free coffee & treats, too! **Tuesday, April 3 from 7 to 8:30 p.m.**

Spring Break Afternoon Matinee: See *Hop* on our BIG screen. Popcorn and juice will be served. Bring the whole family. **Tuesday, April 10 at 2 p.m.**

Nature Wagon: Spring Break Special for kids of all ages. Through activities & thoughtful discussion, make friends with scaly, furry & slippery critters. **Thursday, April 12, 2 p.m.**

InvenTeam Panel Discussion: S. S. Seward Institute was recently awarded a Lemelson-MIT InvenTeam grant. A team of students is developing a portable, solar powered autoclave to be used by health care professionals where there is no electricity available, focusing on remote areas in Africa. S. S. Seward Institute is one of 16 teams nationwide, and the only public school in NY, to be selected this year. Meet the students and research advisor Mr. VanderKruik and hear about their invention. For families. **Wednesday, April 18, 6:30 p.m.**

Orchids-The Basics: A master gardener from Cornell Cooperative Extension will lead a presentation on the basic care & growth of orchids. Adults only. **Thurs., April 19, 6:30 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 12~Wilderness, May 10~Curiosity**

Poetry Café: Candlelit café setting with emcee Robert Milby, guest poets Adrianna Delgado & Terence Chiesa, followed by open mic. Free desserts! Adults only. **Friday, April 20, 7 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 16, May 21, June 18; 6-7:30 p.m.**

El Día de los Niños/El Día de los Libros (Children's Day/Book Day) is a celebration of children, families and reading, emphasizing literacy for children of all linguistic and cultural backgrounds. Come to our bilingual family storytime with guests from local schools and the community. Spanish refreshments will be served. For all ages. **Saturday, April 21, 2 p.m.**

bag it: Is your life too plastic? Celebrate Earth Day by joining us to view this persuasive and award winning documentary about the effects of plastic on our waterways, oceans and our bodies. Plastic alternatives will be explored. For adults & teens. **Sunday, April 22, 1 p.m.**

Cake Decorating Class: Tina Tahir will lead a basic decorating class for adults. Pick up the short list of supplies needed. No experience necessary! **Wednesday, April 25, 6-7:30 p.m.**

Programs & Events ~ Registration is Required

Page Turners Book Club: Pick up your copy of April's selection *Extremely Loud & Incredibly Close* by Jonathan Safran Foer & join our discussion. Adults. **Thursday, April 26, 6:30 p.m.**

Holocaust Remembrance Day: View *Defiance*, the film starring Daniel Craig about the Bielski partisans who are credited with protecting & saving 1,200 Jews during World War II. Reflective discussion will follow. For adults & teens. **Sunday, April 29 at 1 p.m.**

American Sign Language 101 & Deaf Culture: Lisa Montanaro will introduce the hearing adult to the manual alphabet, finger spelling, basic conversational vocabulary and FAQs about deafness and deaf community. For adults only. **Thursday, May 3, 6:30-8 p.m.**

Create a Literary Cake for Children's Book Week: Use your cake decorating skills to design & create a literature-themed cake to be judged at our Book Cake Contest. Cakes are due at the library for judging by **1 p.m. on Sunday, May 6.** Adults & home bakers, only.

Hearty Summer Salads: Chef Peter Sullivan will show you how to create delicious and easy summer salads. Adults only. **Wednesdays, May 9 & 16, 6:30 p.m.**

Page Turners Book Club: A classic for May~ *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee. Read it for the first time or read it again! Join us for a scholar-led discussion with retired high school English teacher Wendy Dembeck, recognized as a NY State Teacher of Excellence. For adults. Teens are welcome, too. **Thursday, May 17 at 6:30 p.m.**

A Magical Night at FPL: For the first time ever, our Boys and Girls Book Clubs will meet together. Read *The Multiplying Menace (A Magic Repair Shop Book)* by Amanda Marrone. Join in our discussion on **Friday, May 18 at 6 p.m.**, then enjoy a magical treat for book club members only ~ **Wonderfun Magic Class:** Magician Scott Morley will reveal secrets behind some of his favorite tricks and he'll teach you how to perform magic like a professional! Boys and girls in grades 4 - 6 only are invited to join the book club. Reading selection is available for check-out now. Space for the program is limited.

Life Size Clue: The popular detective game comes to life and center stage for all ages. With costumes, props & special settings, everyone plays a part or is in the stage crew. For players old enough to understand the rules of the game. **Saturday, May 19, 1 p.m.**

Classes & Clubs ~ Registration is Required

Sign up today for Weekly Spring Programs for 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 4:15 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.

RENEGADES BASEBALL, FIREWORKS, FAMILY FUN!

The Hudson Valley Renegades are sponsoring a benefit night for public libraries! Tickets sold using the password *floridapl* benefit FPL. Purchase tix for the Renegades vs. Staten Island Yankees on **Saturday, June 30** - visit GadesGroups.com or call Corinne Adams at (845) 838-0094 x217 and be sure to use the password! For more details or information, call Meg Sgombick at the library at (845) 651-7659. Thanks for your support!

Library Hours

Monday - Thursday 10 - 8
Friday & Saturday 10 - 5
Sunday 12 - 5
Closed Sunday, April 8
and Monday, May 28

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

Find Us on Facebook and
get up to the minute news
about events at FPL!

Summer Reading Program 2012

Dream Big - Read!

Registration begins June 18
Kickoff Party ~ June 25

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**FPL Annual Budget Vote and Trustee Election
~ April 3 from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. at the Library ~**

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Our Mission

**The Florida Public Library
is the community center
for personal growth. We
support learning for all
residents by providing
library materials,
information, technology
and programs for
education, enrichment,
and entertainment.**



We're Expecting

The arrival of our new
interactive website is
imminent and we have
already named it:

FloridaPublicLibrary.org

Start up costs for this
project have been provided
by the Friends of the FPL.
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651-7221 to sign up!



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