

# FLORIDA PUBLIC LIBRARY

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and Orange Library Association

## A Look Back at Highlights of 2012

- ◆ New website: [www.floridapubliclibrary.org](http://www.floridapubliclibrary.org)
- ◆ 2 computer workstations added
- ◆ Co-sponsored successful programs with the Village Recreation Dept. and Florida Farmer's Market
- ◆ Village Stars poster contest
- ◆ Five different author visits for all ages
- ◆ 85 blankets created for Project Linus
- ◆ 517 Volunteer Hours by 50 Teen Volunteers
- ◆ Wine-tasting fundraiser sponsored by the Board of Trustees
- ◆ Little Red Wagon Reading Club debut
- ◆ ABCD Parents & Kids visit FPL
- ◆ InvenTeam Comes to the Library
- ◆ 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Holocaust Remembrance Day
- ◆ Visits by Reading Therapy Dog Nikki
- ◆ 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Community Ice Cream Social
- ◆ Four Library Clerks achieved Civil Service position of Library Assistant
- ◆ 6th Year of Poets & Writers Grants

### Spring 2013 News

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## A Message From Your Board

The Library's annual budget vote and trustee election is Wednesday, 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 one one-year term and two three-year terms.

This fall, we will celebrate our 55th Anniversary and 13 years at Cohen Circle. The Library keeps growing as a vital community center. Our 2012 circulation of materials increased by 6.6% and we continue to loan more materials to other libraries than we borrow. Libraries are a great American value and we are here to serve you seven days a week and online anytime. We encourage you to vote and thank you for your strong support of your hometown library!

Sincerely, FPL Board of Trustees

## Our 2013 Trustee Candidates

*William Kelemen* is our youngest candidate ever. Bill is a Florida native, lifelong library user and a 2010 grad of SUNY Binghamton. He supports the library as the best local source for modern technology and knowledge.

*Diane Arcieri* has served on the Board for three years and plans to continue advocating for FPL using her talents of coordinating, collaborating and listening to provide support and a helping hand to her community library.

*Beth Harcum-Pskowski* was appointed last year to fill a vacancy and will continue another successful chapter of serving the public with her knowledge of finance & fundraising and experience as a home schooling parent.

# Report to the Community

## 2012 Annual Report Figures

### Florida Public Library ....

- chartered to serve 4,991 (2010 census)
- had 2,754 registered borrowers
- was open 59 hours per week in fall, winter & spring and 54 hours in summer
- had 157,051 total holdings, including 121,642 in electronic materials
- circulated 46,197 items, including 10,915 children's materials
- borrowed 10,216 items from other libraries
- loaned 11,350 items to other libraries
- added 2,379 new items to our shelves
- provided computer access to 10,750 users
- had free wireless access to the internet
- provided 15 computers for public use, including 9 workstations and 6 laptops
- answered over 10,000 reference questions
- offered 451 programs for all ages
- welcomed 31,361 visitors!

### Friends of FPL

The Friends believe excellent library services are important for everyone. Your membership dues & volunteer time ensure that we can continue to provide great programs & services. Fundraisers are held throughout the year & proceeds fund programs, furniture and more. We thank the Friends for the new handicapped accessible picnic tables for our deck.



## 2013-2014 Budget

The total proposed Library budget is \$551,150. The tax levy (amount voted on by taxpayers) is \$357,750. This figure represents an increase of \$24,950 over last year. The breakdown of budget figures includes:

### Revenue

Tax Support	\$357,750
Library Charges	13,500
Grants/Aid	5,400
Interest	1,500
Donations	7,000
Fund Balance (2013)	145,000
Carryover from 2012-2013	21,000
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$551,150</b>

### Expenditures

Salaries	\$201,600
FICA/Disability/Medical	60,000
Library Materials	34,700
Programs	12,600
Technology	17,700
Office	12,700
Building Expenses	34,800
Professional Fees	22,050
Fund Balance (2014)	155,000
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$551,150</b>

### Friends of the FPL Membership

New members and new ideas are always welcome! Join the Friends & help your library. Membership is Oct. 1 - Sept. 30. Fill out this form & return to:

Friends of the Florida Public Library  
4 Cohen Circle Florida, NY 10921

(Please make checks payable to Friends of the FPL)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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Circle one: \$5 Student    \$10 Single or Family  
\$25 Sustaining    \$50 Contributing    \$100 Patron

\_\_\_\_\_ Please contact me to help with book sales

# Storybook Art Studio for Kids

We are pleased to announce that FPL has been awarded a \$1,000 *2013 Arts Community Grant* from Arts in Orange. Our *Storybook Art Studio* will be a Visual Literacy series about Caldecott Award-winning picture books featuring art studio time with professional artist Heidi Bilezikian and a visit from author and illustrator Steve Light.

**Storybook Art Studio** is a six-week hands-on interactive art program for kids in grades K to 3 to:

- ◊ Explore visual literacy through art elements in picture book illustrations
- ◊ Listen to Caldecott Award-winning books as read by our librarians
- ◊ Create art in a variety of media

**Week 1 ~ Author Illustrator Steve Light** will appear at FPL on Tuesday, April 2 when he will read his newest book, *Zephyr Takes Flight* & share his sketches from idea to story to completed work. Book & art lovers of all ages are invited.

**Weeks 2 - 5 ~ In the Studio** Children will work with Heidi exploring different media used in picture book artwork and create their own project based on the techniques.

**Week 6 ~ Storybook Art Studio Show** open to family, friends and the public. Children's artwork from the previous weeks will be on display on Tuesday, May 7 from 4 to 8 p.m.



Teens in our community are also invited to participate in our grant using video cameras to record librarians reading stories, children working and talking about their artwork, and highlights of the art gallery at the end of the series.



This project is made possible, in part, with public funds from the New York State Council on the Arts' Decentralization Program administered by Arts in Orange.

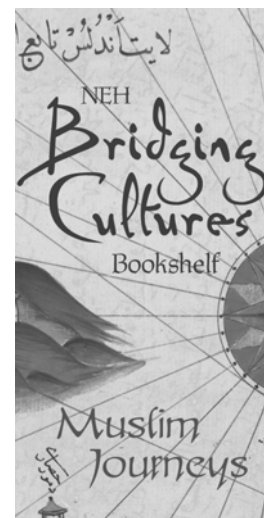
## Florida's Favorites, New Arrivals & Coming Soon

New Books		New DVDs	New Databases
<i>Six Years</i>	Harlan Coben	The Borgias: Season 2	<b>NoveList &amp; NoveList K-8</b>
<i>1356</i>	Bernard Cornwell	Anna Karenina	
<i>Accursed</i>	Joyce Carol Oates	Argo	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Looking for more books like your favorites?</li> <li>◆ Need a new author?</li> <li>◆ Can't remember all the titles in a series?</li> </ul>
<i>Ground Zero Dogs</i>	Meish Goldish	End of Watch	
<i>Deeply Odd</i>	Dean Koontz	The Hobbit	
<i>Chu's Day</i>	Neil Gaiman	Life of Pi	<p>NoveList and NoveList K-8 have the answers! Go to our website and hover on <i>Find Books/More</i> tab. Click on <i>Reference Database</i> and choose <i>NoveList</i> or <i>NoveList K-8</i> to get started!</p>
<i>Grand Central</i>	Sam Roberts	Rise of the Guardians	
<i>Last Runaway</i>	Tracy Chevalier	Skyfall	
<i>Striker</i>	Clive Cussler	Tractor Mac Show	
<i>Year of Pies</i>	Ashley English	Breaking Dawn Pt. 2	
<i>Touch &amp; Go</i>	Lisa Gardner	Zero Dark Thirty	
<i>Suspect</i>	Robert Crais	Les Miserables	
<i>Week in Winter</i>	Maeve Binchy	This is 40	
<i>Guardian</i>	Beverly Lewis	The Dawn Patrol	
<i>My Beloved World</i>	Sonia Sotomeyer	Lincoln	
<i>Twelve Tribes of Hattie</i>	Ayana Mathis	Wreck-It Ralph	

## Bridging Cultures Bookshelf: Muslim Journeys Grant

FPL has been awarded the *Bridging Cultures Bookshelf: Muslim Journeys*. The program aims to familiarize public audiences with the people, places, history, faith & cultures of Muslims in the United States and around the world. The *Bookshelf* includes 25 books and 3 movies which were selected with the advice of librarians and cultural programming experts as well as distinguished scholars. Pick up a brochure and check out one of our books from the Bookshelf today!

Also available is full access to *The Oxford Islamic Studies Online Database* which consists of over 5,000 A-Z reference entries, scholarly works, Qur'anic materials, primary sources, maps, and timelines. Go to [www.oxfordislamicstudies.com](http://www.oxfordislamicstudies.com) and sign in with username: FPLGrant and password: Sunny4



### Enjoy samples of Middle Eastern Cuisine & Tea at our events.

#### **Storytelling Café: *Tales of the Arabian Nights* Friday, March 22 @ 7 p.m.**

Enjoy an evening of stories featuring *The Arabian Nights* told by members of the Black Dirt Storytelling Guild and guests.

#### **Panel Discussion: *Pathways of Faith***

**Thursday, April 18 at 6:30 p.m.**

Come and listen to representatives of many faiths connect the tenets of their beliefs and find out what we have in common.

#### **Poetry Café: *With Selected Muslim Poetry***

**Friday, April 19 @ 7 p.m.**

The FPL Poetry Café will honor National Poetry Month & include selections of poems from our *Bookshelf* and feature poets Robert Milby, Florence Lenhard & David Messineo.

#### **Book Discussion: *Snow* by Orhan Pamuk.**

**Thursday, April 25 at 6:30 p.m.**

A Turkish poet, twelve years in political exile in Germany, witnesses firsthand the clash between radical Islam & Western ideals in this enigmatically beautiful novel.

#### **Movie: *Prince Among Slaves***

**Friday, May 17 @ 6 p.m.**

True life story of Prince Abdul-Rahman sold by rival African tribes into European hands & enslaved in Mississippi in 1788 & set free 40 years later by President John Quincy Adams.

#### **Muslim Journeys: Storytime for Kids**

**Saturday, May 18 @ 2 p.m.**

Stories, snacks and a craft for kids in Grades K-3.

#### **Muslim Journeys: Cuisine and Culture**

**Sunday, May 19 @ 1 p.m.**

Enjoy a Middle Eastern cooking demonstration while hearing our Muslim neighbors' stories.

**ESSAY CONTEST** How will understanding and gaining knowledge about Muslim cultures contribute to your future leadership skills and relationships with people of other cultures?

*Contest is open to students in grades 10-12. Applications & essay guidelines are available in the library. Essay is due by June 1 with a \$100 award for one winner. A book or movie from the Bridging Cultures Bookshelf must be used for your source of knowledge.*

The Bridging Cultures Bookshelf: Muslim Journeys is a project of the National Endowment for the Humanities, conducted in cooperation with the American Library Association. Support was provided by a grant from Carnegie Corporation of New York. Additional support for the arts and media components was provided by the Doris Duke Foundation for Islamic Art. Local support is provided by The Friends of the Florida Public Library.



## Programs & Events ~ Registration is Required



**Family Chess Guild** with local chess expert Ed Dubin. First hour for novice, 2<sup>nd</sup> hour for experienced players. **Sat., 3/23 & 4/27, 2-4 p.m.**

**No-School Afternoon Matinee** for kids in K-5. See *Wreck-It Ralph* on our BIG screen. Popcorn & juice will be served. **Tuesday, March 26 at 2 p.m.**

**Hop Into Spring** with Jeffrey Friedberg of The Bossy Frog Band. Enjoy songs that say Hello, Spring! For all ages. **Thurs., March 28 at 10:30 a.m.**



### Special Events on our Election Day ~ Wednesday, April 3

**Deluxe Magic Show** with Jim Vagias! Fun, magic & puppets for all ages. **10:30 a.m.**

**Cream Puffs by Janet Picarelli:** Join us in the kitchen for a demonstration on making the most delightful cream puffs. Then enjoy a cuppa with your dessert! **6:30 p.m.**

**Musical Entertainment:** Stop in for a moment or relax in our cozy café with a selection of free treats. **7 p.m.**

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**Civil War Book Author:** Charles LaRocca will talk about and sign copies of his newest work *The 124th New York State Volunteers*. Copies available for sale. **Sunday, April 14 at 1 p.m.**

**Knitting Circle:** Bring your knitting supplies for our friendly get-together with expert knitter Kathy Braun, who will offer beginner instruction or lend a hand to more experienced knitters with current projects. **Mondays, 3/18, 4/15 & 5/20 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 11~Rich Man, Poor Man, May 9~Earth**

**Jr. Storytelling Guild** for kids in grades 3-5 who love stories! **Saturday, April 13 at 2 p.m.**

**El Día de los Niños/El Día de los Libros (Children’s Day/Book Day)** is a celebration of children, families & reading. **Choose one of Miss Maria’s April 24 or 25 Programs.**

**Home & Garden Series: A Simple Spring Arrangement** Demonstration of how to create a spring table arrangement. Learn to select & care for cut flowers. **Sunday, Apr. 21 @ 2 p.m.**

**Holocaust Remembrance Day:** Hear a little history and view *Sarah’s Key*, an engaging true story based on the book by Tatiana de Rosnay. Adults & teens. **Sunday, April 28 at 1 p.m.**

## Classes & Clubs ~ Registration is Required

**Sign up today for Weekly & Monthly Programs for children & young adults!**

**Baby Read & Play** for new parents & babies up to 18 mos.~First Monday of month at 10 a.m.

**Rhymetime** (18-35 mos. with a parent/caregiver) ~ Wednesdays at 10 a.m.

**Family Storytime** (toddlers, preschoolers, siblings & parents) ~ Wednesdays at 11 a.m.

**Storytime** (3-5 years “on their own”) ~ Thursdays at 10:30 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.

## Library Hours

Monday - Thursday 10 - 8  
Friday & Saturday 10 - 5  
Sunday 12 - 5



## Summer Reading Program 2013

***Dig Into Reading***  
*for kids*

***Beneath the Surface***  
*for teens*

***Groundbreaking Reads***  
*for adults*

Registration begins on  
Monday, June 17

## Board of Trustees

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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.**



## Annual Seward Weekend Friends Used Book Sale

**Friday, May 17**

Preview Evening for current  
paid members of the Friends

**5 - 8 p.m.**

*Memberships are available  
now in the library!*

**Saturday, May 18 & 19**

Sale is open to all from

**9 a.m. - 3 p.m.**

both days with a Bag Sale  
on Sunday at **2 p.m.**



## Library Donors & Angels

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***In honor of  
the Murphy Clan***

Kathy Garvey  
***In memory of Jan Granger***

Friends of the FPL  
***For all the support in 2013***

**Thank you!**