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A Message From Your Board

The Library's annual budget vote & trustee election is Thursday, 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 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 two trustees for three-year terms.

In May, we adopted a Long Range Plan to guide our programs and services for the next five years. Notably, residents from all sectors of the community called on the Board to expand library space. We take your concerns seriously and are working on it! As we address our space issue, discuss and plan what FPL should look like and do, please add your ideas to the mix. We want to hear from you. As always we encourage you to vote.

Thank you for your strong support of your hometown library!

The FPL Board of Trustees

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Anything But Books Library Yard Sale

Saturday, May 21
8 am to Noon
on the Deck



**Furniture, Kitchen Goods, Household
Items, Select Clothing Items, and more!**

**All items in good condition at great prices -
plus every purchase helps YOUR library!**

Cash Only ~ Call Annette for information.

Spring Tea to Benefit FPL

Saturday, June 4, 1 - 2:30 p.m.

Our Annual Spring Tea has quickly become a Florida tradition and an anticipated afternoon of elegance and camaraderie. This year, the Friends of the FPL join our Trustees in sponsoring this fundraiser. The tea will feature finger sandwiches, freshly baked scones, pastries, cakes and treats. Take part in drawings for prizes, including one for best hat! Adults only. Tickets: \$20 each

*"You can never get a cup of tea
large enough or a book long
enough to suit me."*

C.S. Lewis



No time for tea? Join our **Spring Tea** in spirit. Donate \$1 for your very own individual teabag in a pretty, petite envelope imprinted with a memorable quote from a favorite book. Available at the library.

Report to the Community

2015 Annual Report Figures

Florida Public Library

- chartered to serve 4,991 (2010 census)
- had 2,798 registered borrowers
- was open 59 hours per week in fall, winter & spring and 54 hours in summer
- enjoyed a building accessible to all
- had 176,970 total holdings, including 147,130 in electronic materials
- circulated 35,023 items, including 9,744 children's materials
- borrowed 9,042 items from other libraries
- loaned 9,704 items to other libraries
- provided computer access to 12,000+ users
- provided free Wi-Fi inside and outside
- provided 14 computers for public use
- employed 14 (6.43 FTE) staff
- offered 336 programs for all ages
- Had 26,590 visits to our website
- welcomed 25,490 visitors!

2016-2017 Budget

The total proposed Library budget is \$651,150. The tax levy (amount voted on by taxpayers) is \$428,350. This figure represents an increase of \$18,447 over last year. The breakdown of budget figures includes:

Revenue

Tax Support	\$428,350
Library Charges	12,500
Grants/Aid	5,500
Interest	800
Donations	9,000
Fund Balance (2016)	175,000
Carryover from 2015-2016	20,000
Total Revenue	\$651,150

Expenditures

Salaries	\$236,240
FICA/Dis/Med/401K	77,500
Library Materials	37,350
Programs	12,800
Technology	21,700
Office	11,000
Building Expenses	35,925
Professional Fees	23,635
Fund Balance (2015)	185,000
Capital Reserve	10,000
Total Expenditures	\$651,150

Friends of the FPL

The Friends believe excellent library services are important for everyone. Your membership dues and volunteer time help fund programs, furniture, purchases and more. We appreciate our Friends and hope you will join!



Friends Used Book Sale

Friday, April 15

Preview Evening and Bag Sale for current paid members of the Friends

5 - 8 p.m.

Memberships are available now in the library!

Saturday & Sunday, April 16 & 17

Sale is open to all from **9 a.m. - 3 p.m.** both days with a Bag Sale on Sunday at **2 p.m.**

Call Melissa to volunteer 508-6134

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 _____

E-Mail _____

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

_____ *Please contact me to help with book sales*

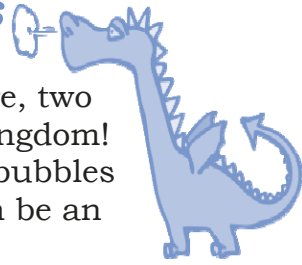
Special Events on our Election Day ~ Thursday, April 7



Dragons & Dreams with the **ScienceTellers**

Especially for 2 to 5 year old children, but all ages are welcome!

In a faraway world of castles, kings, an ice sorceress, and a powerful Horn of Fire, two young villagers take a daring journey to release the dragons & save the entire kingdom! Join us as we learn all about dry ice, shifting states of matter, fog, smoke-filled bubbles and flying rockets through the *Dragons & Dreams* tale. Wouldn't dragons' breath be an amazing sight to see? All children must be accompanied by an adult.



Thursday, April 7 at 11 a.m.



Florida Music Showcase

For all ages

FPL welcomes Mr. Visconti and the S.S. Seward Select Choir & other local musicians. Drop in, enjoy dessert & the show!

Thursday, April 7 from 6 to 8 p.m.

More Spring Programs for All Ages at FPL

Dusty the READ Dog - Every month at FPL! Dusty is a certified Reading Education Assistance Dog who is eager to hear children read! He helps inspire confidence in reading skills by “listening” to your child read, one-on-one. Sign up to read to Dusty or just stop by to meet him and give him a pat! **Check our Online Calendar for Dusty dates!**

Learning Chinese May be Easier than You Think! Our host Michael Helme (aka He Mingkai) learned to speak and read Chinese in Shanghai during the pre-internet era. Join us for an introduction & discover why learning some aspects of Chinese can be really easy and how a few shortcuts can help you go beyond the Great Wall. Suitable for Adults and Teens over age 16.

Wednesday, April 6 at 6:30 p.m.

Fiber Arts Fair - Enjoy demonstrations by guest artists and try your hand at a variety of fiber crafts such as cross stitch, quilting, crochet and spinning. Julia Sullivan from *Project Linus* will conduct a mini-workshop on fabric painted quilt squares. Great experience for families with older children in grade 4 & above. **Drop in on Wednesday, April 13 anytime between 6 & 7:30 p.m.**

Taming of the Shrew: A Readers Theater Program - SUNY Orange English professor Mary Warren will lead a discussion of Shakespeare's comedy with background on the author's life and times, video clips & selected readings. For adults & teens 16 & up. **Thursday, April 14, 7:30 pm**

Local Author Visit Meet and greet Cheetah Haysom, author of *Pride and Produce*, a book about the origin, evolution and survival of the drowned lands in the Hudson Valley's Black Dirt Farming Region. Books will be available for purchase and signing! **Saturday, April 16 at 1 p.m.**

Book Character Bingo Join us to celebrate *El Día de los Niños*, also known as Children's Book Day. Each child who attends will create a BINGO board featuring characters from their favorite books, and then play for prizes! We will also review recent award-winning picture books which will be available for checkout after the program. For families. **Saturday, April 30, 2 p.m.**

Go to www.floridapubliclibrary.org for more classes, clubs, & special events for all ages.

Library Hours

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



Summer Reading Program 2016

On Your Mark, Get Set...

Read! for kids

***Get in the Game: Read
for teens***

***Exercise Your Mind. Read!
for adults***

Registration for programs
begins on Weds., June 1

Reading Clubs registration
begins on Monday, June 20

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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.

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And the Friends of the FPL for all the support in 2016!

Thank you!