

Black Dirt Storytelling Festival

Saturday, September 22

2 p.m.

**Seward Senior Center
(next to the library)**



"Irish Jim" Hawkins



Muriel Horowitz



Christie Keegan

Join members of the Black Dirt Storytelling Guild for their first Festival! We'll celebrate the American Library Association's partnership with PBS on the Great American Read project and our 60th Anniversary. Your favorite books will inspire an afternoon of stories told by seven seasoned tellers.

Seating is limited.

Register online @

www.floridapubliclibrary.org

or call the library

at 845-651-7659.

Free Admission

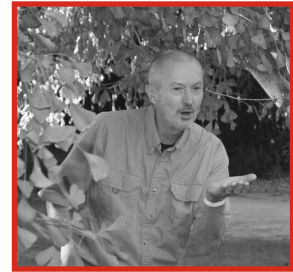
For ages 5 to 105!



Madelyn Folino



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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!

New members and new ideas are always welcome! Join the Friends and help your library. Membership is Oct. 1 - Sept. 30. Fill out this form and return to: **Friends of FPL
4 Cohen Circle, Florida NY 10921.**

(Please make checks payable to Friends of the FPL)

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Library Hours

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

Visit the Library online @
www.floridapubliclibrary.org.
We can also be found on



Are You Registered to Vote?

On Tuesday, September 25, FPL will join over 2,500 partners nationwide in hosting a National Voter Registration Day 2018 event as part of a massive 50-state effort to register thousands of voters.



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**for your donations to our
Anniversary Party.**

**And the Friends of the FPL for
all their support.**

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A member of Ramapo Catskill Library System
and Orange Library Association

1958: Birth of a Library

Sixty years ago, when Ike was President, *Volare* was the #1 song, when Elvis joined the army and the microchip, hula hoop, and peace symbol were invented, Florida Public Library was chartered as an association library to serve the residents of the Village of Florida and Pine Island and housed in the Professional Building on North Main St. The push to organize a library had started in 1956 when members of the PTA, Boy Scouts and the Florida Chamber of Commerce, went door to door collecting books. With \$88 from the Seward Trust Fund and free storage provided by local businessmen William Rosenberg and Lou Gordon, FPL was off to a modest, though determined start under the leadership of Director Marjorie Mance and a team of volunteers who kept FPL open nine hours a week.

In 1959, FPL migrated to the basement of the Sokoloski Building, located next to the present fire house on South Main and joined the newly formed Ramapo Catskill Library System. The library moved again in the late 1960s to the basement of 2 Bridge St., the premises of the former Village Tavern. Financial support of \$3,000 from the Village and \$4,000 from the school district promoted growth and by the early 1970s, the collection included 5,000 books and many LPs. Demands for service increased and voters approved the organization of a school district public library in 1991, to share the boundaries of the Florida Union Free School District which would collect annual taxes to support library operations. By 1994, the collection had increased to 8,000 and children's programs were regularly scheduled. A disastrous flood forced the closure of FPL and its removal to an office trailer behind the police station.

In October 2000, FPL's first permanent home at 4 Cohen Circle was opened. In premises leased from the Village for \$1 per month, the library is now open seven days a week, has almost 3,000 cardholders, a staff of four full-time and nine part-time employees, offers hundreds of programs for all ages, sixteen computers for public use with Wi-Fi inside and out and has a collection of over 200,000 items, most of which are in electronic form. Times have changed, but not the welcome you'll receive at your hometown library. Come visit us and see what's new!

For more detail on library history, visit our website for an article by past president Shirley Coughlin and see our Milestones on page 2.

60th Anniversary Issue September 2018

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FPL Staff (l. to r.) Barron Angell, Beth Verblaauw, Ashley Baroch, Amy Cassidy, Madelyn Folino, Meg Sgombick, Marie Arnstein, Eileen Stelljes, Barbara Conneally, Annette Shaughnessy (Missing Maria Martinez, Martha Sullivan, Grace Yeoman & Bradley Vogt.)

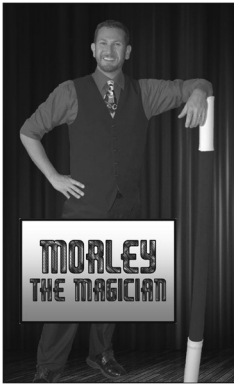
Happy Birthday, Florida Public Library!

Saturday, September 29

Family Magic Show at the Library

1 p.m.

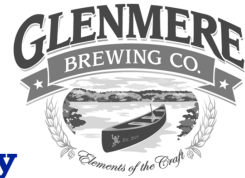
Scott Morley entertains us with his amazing tricks. We will also be unveiling a plaque in memory of the late Lawrence Furst for a recent donation made in his memory. **Birthday cake will be served at 2 p.m. All are invited.**



Anniversary Party

7:30—9 p.m.

at Glenmere Brewing Company



The Board of Trustees host an evening of food, fun, music and prizes. Admission is \$20 and includes food donated by local businesses. Local guitarist Jim Coleman provides the music. A portion of the evening's drink purchases will benefit the library. Adults only.

Sunday, September 30

Concert in the Leona Harter Children's Room

1 p.m.



Join James Emery and Tony Marino of the New York String Duo as they perform selections from the Great American Songbook featuring music from George Gershwin, Cole Porter, Miles Davis and John Coltrane. Adults and teens are invited to attend.

Our Library's Milestones, Honors & Awards

1958 Association Library organized...1991 School District Public Library organized...
1997 Campfire Storytimes begin...1999 RCLS Trustee of the Year, Rebecca Stage...
2000 Adult Literacy Grant, State Ed. Dept....2000 FPL opens new building; first full-time Director & staff...2000 RCLS Program of the Year, Comenzando con libros/Bilingual Bookstart...2001 Black Dirt Storytelling Guild founded...2001 RCLS Program of the Year, Tellabration!...2002 Absolute Charter, Board of Regents...2003 RCLS Program of the Year (with Warwick & Greenwood Lake), One Town, One Book...2003 NYLA Moshier/Wynkoop Award, Director Madelyn Folino...2004 NYLA Intellectual Freedom Award, Director Madelyn Folino...2005 Certificate of Registration, Board of Regents...2008 National Endowment for the Humanities Grant, Picturing America...2008 National Endowment for the Arts Grant, The Big Read...2009 Annual Budget Vote & Trustee Election held at FPL...2009 RCLS Program of the Year (with OLA), The Big Read...2009 Maddy Statue dedicated...2010 First Librarian with MLS hired...2010 National Endowment for the Arts Grant, The Big Read...
2010 NYLA Rural Libraries Round Table First Place Photo Award... 2013 National Endowment for the Humanities/ALA Grant, Muslim Journeys...2013 Arts in Orange Grant, Storybook Art Studio...2013 Five Library Assistants awarded highest level Certificate of Achievement by NYSLAA...2014 NY Council for the Humanities Grant, Growing & Aging series...2015 ALSC/Baker& Taylor Summer Reading Grant, Superheroes....2017 RCLS Adult Program of the Year, Door to Door Outreach Campaign...2017 RCLS Minecraft Challenge Winner...2017 ALA Libraries Ready to Code Grant...2017 1,000 blankets made for Project Linus by our volunteers...2006-2017 Poets & Writers, Inc. Grants for Poetry Cafes ...many RCLS Summer Reading Mini Grants...2017 All Board of Trustees' members have attended RCLS training.

Friends of the FPL Annual Used Book & Bake Sale

At the Seward Senior Center

Friday, Sept. 28 ~ Sunday, Sept. 30

Friday, Sept. 28, 5 - 8 p.m. Preview for current Friends only. Buy a membership in advance at the library or at the door that evening. This is your *best* chance for the *best buys* before the weekend sale!



REUSABLE TOTE BAGS & BAG SALE - Sunday @ 2 p.m.

\$3 - Buy a large sturdy reusable tote bag with the FPL logo.

\$5 - Buy a tote filled with used books of your choice.

Saturday & Sunday, Sept. 29 & 30
Sale Hours: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Volunteers are needed to help set-up, clean-up & sell books all three days. Call Bob Scott at 651-7221 if you can help!

***Take us shopping with you
and support your library!***

Clubs & Classes for Kids

Registration is required for all programs

Teen Time ~ Just for young adults in grades 6-12. We'll have some snacks, play some video games, celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month and Banned Books Week and kick off our new Page to Screen Book Club. Programs begin on September 10. **Mondays, 2:30 - 4 p.m.**

Super Science Storytime ~ Full STEAM ahead with our weekly Storytime with Miss Beth. This special interactive program is designed to give preschoolers (ages 3-5) an opportunity to explore, discover and create through play-based lessons. A parent must stay on library premise during the program. Our focus this session is on *All Things That Go!* **Tuesdays from 1 - 2 p.m.**

Sept. 11: Cars **Sept. 18:** Trains **Sept. 25:** Planes **Oct. 2:** Boats
Oct. 9: Rocket Ships **Oct 16:** Let's Get Moving ~ A Transportation Celebration

Books & Beyond ~ Our afterschool program for grades K - 2 featuring books and stories, games and crafts, food and fun. We're going around the world with these international programs.

Tuesdays, 4:15 - 5:15 p.m.

Sept. 11: International Games **Sept. 18:** Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month
Sept. 25: The Art of Henna **Oct. 2:** International Foods with Gina McAteer
Oct. 9: International Art **Oct 16:** Sounds from Around the Globe

Tween Club ~ A time just for tweens (kids in grades 3-5.) Travel the globe with our "Where In The World" series. **Tuesdays, 6 - 7 p.m.**

Sept. 11: International Cooking **Sept. 18:** The Art of Zentangle

Sept. 25: Music from Around the World

Oct. 2, 9 & 16: International Art with local artist Heidi Bilezikian~ a special three-part series.

Rhymetime ~ A special session for infants & toddlers (ages 18 to 35 mos.) with a parent or caregiver. You and your child will learn some basic Spanish in our special session ~ *Español, Anyone?* **Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m.**

Sept. 12: Shapes **Sept. 19:** Colors **Sept. 26:** Numbers **Oct. 3:** Animals
Oct. 9: Vegetables **Oct 17:** Fruit

September is Library Card Sign-Up Month. Get your free card and enter our prize drawing for new patrons. Please bring an i.d. and proof of residence to obtain your card today. Minors need a parent/guardian signature.

Programs for Adults

Job Coaching ~ Gregg Knowles is a professional career coach and resume writer with over 25 years' experience in human resources. He will help assess your needs, skills and interests, answer career questions and guide you in rebuilding your resume.

Wednesday, September 12, October 3 or November 14 for one hour appointments between 4:30 - 7:30 p.m. **Register by calling Gregg directly at 845-325-9240.**

Understanding Technology ~ Our adult weekly tech sessions help improve your computer knowledge & skills. Each week we'll feature a new topic. Sessions begin **September 13.**

Thursdays from 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Knitting Circle ~ Bring your own knitting or crochet needles and join our casual and lively group. Help is available for beginners. **Mondays, Sept. 17, Oct. 15 & Nov. 19, 6 p.m.**

Preparing for Retirement Workshop ~ How do I want to retire? How much money will I need? How do I invest for retirement? Representatives from Foresters Financial will discuss how to plan for retirement. *This workshop is informational in nature; no specific product recommendations will be made.* **Wednesday, September 19, 6:30 p.m.**

Hispanic Cooking Class ~ In celebration of National Hispanic Heritage Month, we'll be cooking some regional favorites for you to taste and enjoy. Please bring a written recipe to share. **Thursday, September 20, 6:30 p.m.**

Super Coupons ~ September is National Coupon Month. Learn how to "super coupon" and save some \$\$\$ with little effort by using coupon match-ups, digital & manufacturers' coupons and store loyalty cards. **Wednesday, September 26, 6:30 p.m.**

Page Turners Monthly Book Club ~ This month's selection is *The Giver* by Lois Lowry. Join us for a lively discuss of this and other banned books as we celebrate Banned Books Week. The theme for this year is "Banning Books Silences Stories," a reminder that everyone needs to speak out against censorship. **Thursday, September 27, 6:30 p.m.**

Mystery Book Club ~ Calling all mystery book lovers! Join our Mystery Book Club. Each month we'll discuss a different mystery series. October's selection is *Tell No One* by Harlan Coben. **Friday, October 5 at 1 p.m.**

College Financial Planning Workshop ~ Jim Mezzetti from *Myles Wealth Management* will discuss the FAFSA form and other information you need to maximize the amount of financial aid you are eligible to receive. High school students and parents/guardians are invited to attend. **Wednesday, October 10 at 6 p.m. Please call 845-651-3070 to register.**

Black Dirt Storytelling Guild ~ Meets on the second Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. Story lovers aged 16 & up are invited to "just listen" or share a story. Next meeting is **October 11** and our theme will be *A Good Scare*.

The Statue of Liberty: A History ~ Jeffrey Dosik from the National Park Service will present a program on the history of the Statue of Liberty. The statue will turn 132 years old on October 28. **Thursday, October 18 at 6 p.m.**

Fall Poetry Café ~ Join us for 51st Poetry Café. Orange County Poet Laureate Robert Milby will read his works and emcee the evening. Featured poets are Donna Spector of Warwick and Ken Holland of Fishkill. Adults, including teens over age 16, are invited to attend. Free homemade desserts, coffee & tea. **Friday, October 19; doors open at 6:45 p.m. for sign ups for open reading; the event will run from 7 to 10 p.m.**