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.

Thank You, Library Donors & Angels
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In Memory of Lawrence Furst ~ Clara Furst

We appreciate all the generous donations we received in the fall for our 60th Anniversary!

And the Friends of the FPL for their support of our:
Summer Reading Program Kick-Off, Storytelling & Wrap-Up Events
7 Museum & Park Passes
Poetry Café since 2006
Ukuleles for our Tween & Teen Ukulele Club
Babysitting 101 Class
Ancestry Library Edition Database
Author Visit from Gregg Schigiel

Be a Friend - Join the Friends of the FPL!
A Message From Your Board

FPL’s annual budget vote and trustee election is Thursday, April 4 from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. at the library. All qualified voters of the school district are eligible to vote and absentee ballots are available now. Our proposed budget is on page 2 and copies are available at the front desk. In addition to approval of our yearly funding, voters will elect two trustees for full three-year terms and one trustee for a one-year term. Profiles of candidates will appear on our website and in local newspapers.

In 2018, we marked the 60th Anniversary of the library’s founding with a wonderful outpouring of donations from our patrons, Friends and local businesses who supported our bash at the Glenmere Brewery with many donations of food, gift certificates and prizes. This fall, we will ask for your support again as we start the process of developing a new strategic plan for the next five years. Input from all corners of the community is needed to give you the library building, technology, programs and services you identify as the best for Florida. We appreciate your strong and ongoing support for your hometown library!

The FPL Board of Trustees

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Spring Tea to Benefit FPL

Saturday, June 8, 1 - 2:30 p.m.

Our Annual Spring Tea has quickly become a Florida tradition and an anticipated afternoon of elegance and camaraderie. The Friends of the FPL are now sponsoring this fundraiser. The tea will feature finger sandwiches, freshly baked scones, pastries, cakes and treats plus entertainment. Prize drawings include one for best hat! Adults only. Each table seats four. Tickets go on sale April 8: $20 each.

“There is something in the nature of tea that leads us into a world of quiet contemplation of life.”
—Lin Yutang

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  
2018 Annual Report Figures  
Florida Public Library ....

- chartered to serve 4,991 (2010 census)
- had 2,985 registered borrowers
- was open 59 hours per week in fall, winter & spring and 54 hours in summer
- enjoyed a building accessible to all
- had 227,735 total holdings, including 198,8109 in electronic materials
- circulated 30,991 items, including 7,323 children’s materials
- borrowed 9,126 items from other libraries
- loaned 9,373 items to other libraries
- provided 383 programs for 3,964 users of all ages
- provided free Wi-Fi inside and outside
- provided 20 computers for public use
- employed 14 (6.92 FTE) staff
- had 45,622 visits to our website
- welcomed 24,715 visitors!

2019-2020 Budget

The total proposed Library budget is $528,758. The tax levy (amount voted on by taxpayers) is $472,458. This figure represents an increase of $13,318 over last year. The breakdown of budget figures includes:

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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, May 17
Preview Evening for current paid members of the Friends 5 - 8 p.m.
Memberships are available now in the library!

Saturday & Sunday, 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.
Bake Sale Saturday & Sunday Donations Welcome!
Call Bob to volunteer 651-7221

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 4

Sound Explorers with Matthew Cantello

Especially for 2 to 5 year old children, but all ages are welcome!
Join us for an adventure of sound and music that gets everyone playing, moving and using their ears in ways you never thought possible. Discover some of the scientific principles that make sound come alive while having fun in the process! Feel free to bring a percussion instrument or something out of your recycling bin to use in our Sound Explorers jam. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Thursday, April 4 at 1 p.m.

An Evening with Marc Mathelier
FPL welcomes back solo guitarist Marc Mathelier as he performs a variety of songs ranging from classical jazz to new age. Drop in, enjoy dessert and the music! For all ages. Thursday, April 4 from 6 to 8 p.m.

More Programs for All Ages at FPL

Spring Storytelling Café ~ Join members of the Black Dirt Storytelling Guild for World Storytelling Day as they share myths, folktales, humorous and historical tales, all on the subject of Water. Coffee, tea & homemade refreshments will be served. Program is open to adults & teens over 16. Wednesday, March 20, 7 p.m.

Civil War Women ~ Celebrate Women’s History Month as we step back in time to the Civil War and see what a typical woman’s day was like. The program will include a display of Civil War reproduction dresses and a demonstration on the art of lace making. Thursday, March 21, 6:30 p.m.

Eat This, Not That ~ Gina McAteer, registered dietitian from Shop Rite, returns with another insightful program based on the “Eat This, Not That” series of books. Consumers are faced with dozens of food choices; learn which ones will keep you fit and how easy it is to swap our unhealthy choices. Thursday, March 29, 6:30 p.m.

Baking Series: Tiramisu ~ Local baker Clare Kazmierczak will demonstrate the technique for making Tiramisu, a coffee flavored Italian dessert traditionally made with ladyfingers. Of course, we’ll have samples & recipes! Wednesday, April 3, 6:30 p.m.

One-on-One Career Help ~ 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. Register by calling Gregg directly at 845-325-9240. Wednesday, April 10 from 5 - 8 p.m.

Spring Break Special: Kitchen Chemistry ~ See how basic kitchen ingredients are used in a variety of experiments with amazing results. Document your findings as you move from station to station doing different interactive experiments. Program is open to children in Grades K-5. Wednesday, April 17, 2 p.m.

Gardening Series: Gardening 101: Planning, Building & Maintaining a Garden ~ Master Gardener Frank Dragone from Cornell Cooperative presents the basic steps of garden design & planning and how to implement your plan. Learn the tricks of the trade in this informative presentation. Wednesday, April 24, 6:30 p.m.

Spring Poetry Café ~ Join us as we celebrate the 13th Anniversary of our popular Poetry Café series. Orange County Poet Laureate Robert Milby will read his works and emcee the evening. Featured poets are Carl Welden of Rosendale and Roberta Gould of West Hurley. Adults, including teens over age 16, are invited to attend. Free homemade desserts, coffee & tea. Friday, April 26; doors open at 6:45 p.m. for sign ups for open reading.

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