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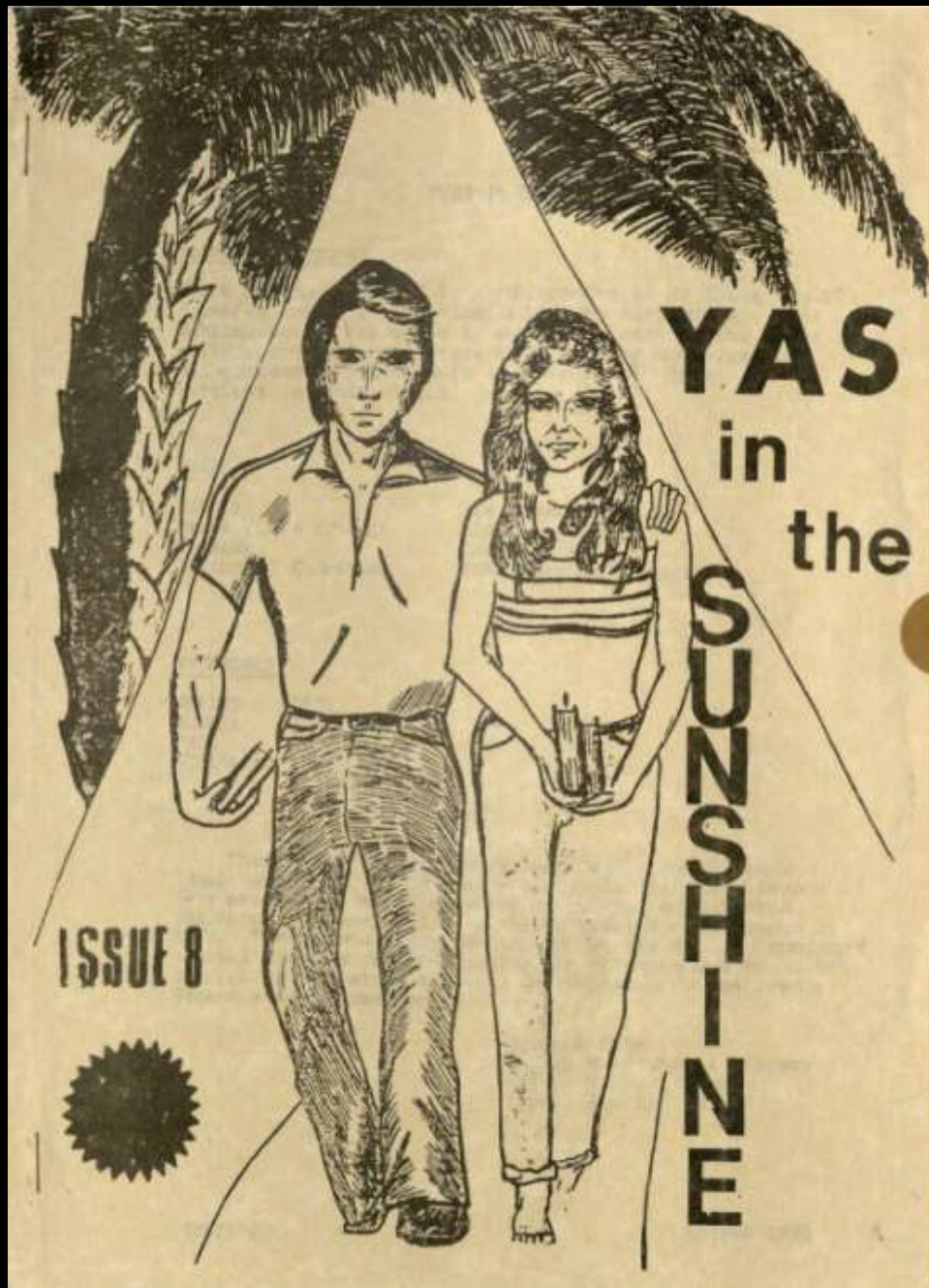
This collection contains records related to operations of the Florida Library Association, such as publications, minutes, treasurer's reports, conference planning and programs, and committee activities dating from 1905 to 2012.



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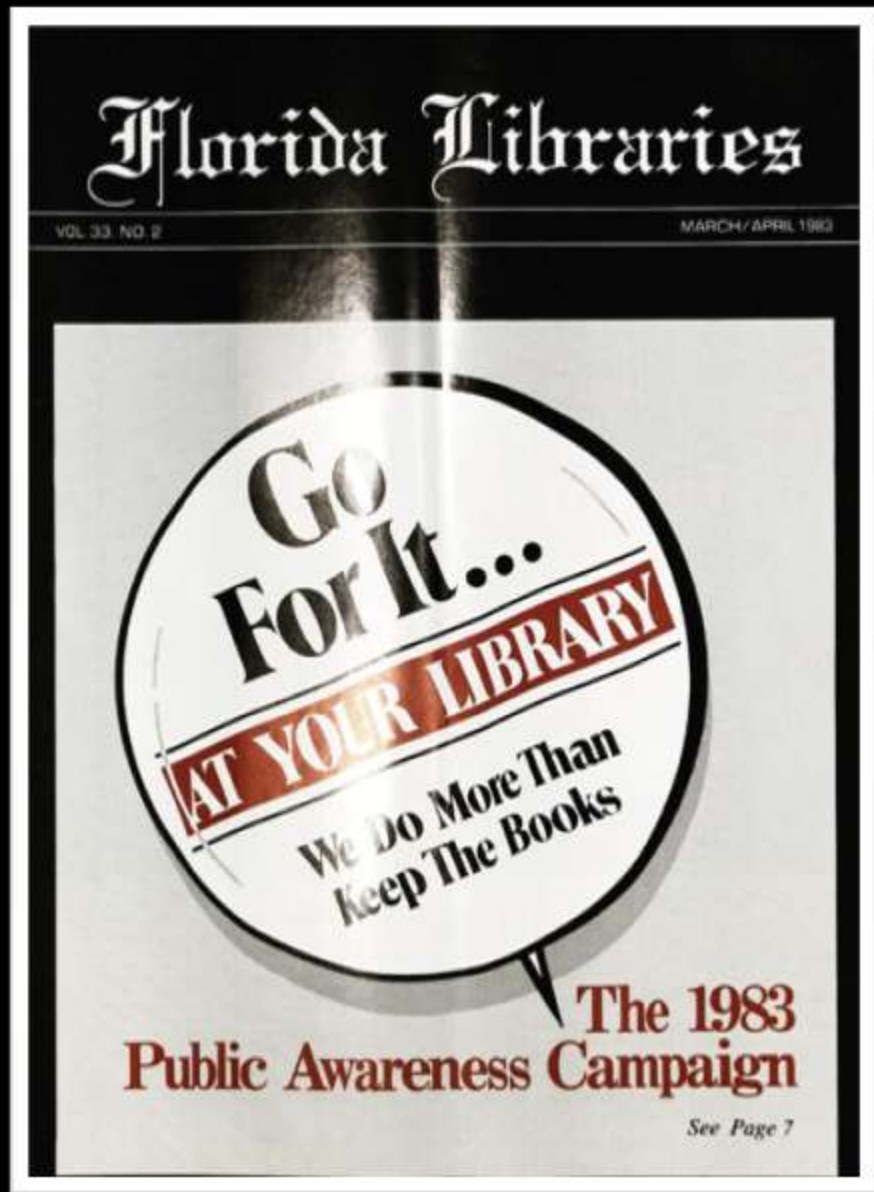




YAs in the Sunshine
Spring 1981, Issue 8



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625 participate in Library Day activities

Library supporters from all corners of the state converged on Tallahassee for Library Day 1985. Those who made the annual trek presented the PLA Legislator of the Year Award to Senator Jack Gordon and Special Awards to Representatives Tom Gustafson and Steve Pagcic. Remarks by Florida leaders, Sec. Firestone, Rep. Pagcic and Sen. Gordon portrayed a significant role for libraries in Florida's future.

Special thanks go to the Local Arrangements Committee (Leon County Public Library staff and Friends), Lois Fleming, Sara Johnson, Linda Barber, Linda Lucas, Dan Lhotka, Betty Ann Ryder, Don Tolliver, Jack Newell, Marie

Sawyer, and Kathleen Mann. And L.C.P.L. staff artist Debbie Graham should receive an award for developing the 1985 Library Day slogan and art.

Thanks also to the PLA Legislative Committee, Jody Fitzgerald, Marjorie Stealey and the PLA Office, Barratt Wilkins and the State Library staff.

How can we thank Charles and Virginia Grigg for opening their home for the traditional "evening before" social? Imagine, opening your home for a small, intimate gathering of 350...

But thanks most of all to those who made the trip to Tallahassee to present our message.

Florida 2000: Libraries and Public Policy

What will Florida's libraries resemble in 15 years? Four Florida librarians will share their predictions and prescriptions for the future of libraries in what will be the 3rd most populated state.

And you can participate too. Conference attendees are invited to present 2 minute statements. The program will be recorded and transcripts prepared. Plan on attending this conference program jointly sponsored by the Legislative and Planning Committee, Wednesday, May 29, 1985, from 8 to 10 a.m.

Kubiak appointed to chair PLA committee

Matthew Kubiak, Director of the West Florida Regional Library, has recently been appointed to chair the Affiliates Network Committee of the Public Library Association. Kubiak's term of office runs from April 1985 through the end of the American Library Association's annual convention in 1986. The appointment was made jointly by current PLA president Charles Robinson and incoming president Patrick O'Brien. Kubiak has been an active FLA member.

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Florida Library Association Newsletter
May 1985

Florida Senate Report Highlights Library Underfunding

From the FLA President: Let's Build Membership!

The Florida Library Association (FLA) is the umbrella organization for library and information staff, friends, and policy makers. Friends & Trustees (F&T) is an integral part of the Association. I need the help of the whole library community in reaching our goal to have 2000 members in FLA by December 31, 1999.

We have 1400 now. I am asking each of you to think about what our libraries are offering to Floridians as we enter the new millennium—from children's picture books to computer access. First, if you are not a member, consider joining the FLA, and second, think of other library supporters and speak to them about joining.

Madison Mosley
Stetson Law School Library

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 Winter Park, FL 32789.
 Voice: (407) 647-8839.
 E-mail: Marjorie Steales, at
 mjo@crowsegal.com.

From the F&T Leader: We need your help!

This year, as an ex-officio member of the FLA Executive Board, I will be reporting on the activities of Friends & Trustees (F&T) and speaking for our interests as library supporters. Friends, Trustees, and Advisory Board members—we are all working for Florida libraries. We library supporters, as is true of Floridians, are diverse, rural, suburban, urban, from many other states and many national backgrounds. As



library supporters, we come from communities across the state. Our libraries may be large, medium or small, but we have a common purpose: to help Florida have the library services needed in this information age.

As chair of F&T, I encourage all of you as individuals and as organizations to take part in our work this year. Read this newsletter and choose ways in which you can help.

Vivian Swanton
Vivian is a long time Friend of the
Marion County Library System.

An eye-opening September, 1999 report was issued by the Committee on Budget, Senator Locke Burt, Chairman, and the Committee on Government Oversight and Productivity.

This report shows that Library Operational Grants are funded at \$31.4 million, which is \$42 million under the statutory limit of 25¢ for each dollar of local effort.



Library Construction Grants are funded at \$2.9 million, which is \$230 million below the amount needed to bring Florida libraries up to the widely accepted formula of 0.6 sq. ft. per capita.

Multi-Library Cooperative Grants are funded at \$1.2 million, just half of the \$2.4 million statutory limit.

Please see page 5 of this newsletter for a summary of this report, recommendations for action, and an analysis of impact on Florida libraries.

Additional information can be obtained from:
 Senate Committee on Budget
 404 South Monroe Street
 Tallahassee, FL 32399-1100

Friends and Trustees Coming Events of note...

- F&T Workshops (winter, 2000)
 Topics for the next workshop: Leadership, Non-Profit taxation problem, and advocacy training. Locations and dates of workshops TBD.

- Library Day in Tallahassee
 Dinner at the University Club on March 21, 2000, with speaker Robert S. Willard. Followed on March 22nd by a briefing, and a visit to the Hill to see legislators.

- FLA 2000 Annual Conference and Exhibition

This event will be held in Tampa on April 25-28th. F&T day will be on the 27th, which will include a program and luncheon.

This 1999 *Friends & Trustees Newsletter* informs members on current issues from awards and contributions to the importance of advocating the need for continued library funding (a topic we are all too familiar with today).

Correspondence

Correspondence between William F. Yust, FLA President, and Mrs. Emily Dewey (Mrs. Melvil Dewey) regarding the location of the Florida Library Association's 1934 Annual Meeting, which was held at the Lake Placid Club, Melvin Dewey's home.

STANDARD LETTERS

Lake Placid Club in Florida
Lake Placid, Highlands Co, Florida

Lake Placid Co, Inc.
Operating Club House

Emily Dewey, President & Treas.
W J Kelly, Vice-president
Robert F. Cochrane
Celia Fennell
E D Treadwell
Douglas Mann, Secretary & Asst. Treas.

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Mr F Yust, Pres.
Florida Library Ass'n
Hollins College
Winter Park, Fla

My dear Mr Yust:

It would give us great pleasure to have the Florida Library Association hold its next annual meeting at the Lake Placid Club in Florida, which was Melvil Dewey's home.

After the 10th of April we could care for your number very conveniently and make most attractive rates. I am sending you a description of the Club and hope that you will be able to make arrangements to hold the meeting here.

Cordially,
Emily Dewey
(Mrs Melvil Dewey)
President

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January 14, 1934.

Mrs. Emily Dewey, President
Lake Placid Club
Lake Placid, Florida

Dear Mrs. Dewey:

Your gracious invitation to the Florida Library Association to hold its next annual meeting at the Lake Placid Club has been received and considered. It gives us great pleasure to report that the Executive Board has approved and fixed the time for April 12-15. Numerous other members of the Association have also expressed their gratification.

We will devote some part of the program to the life and work of Dr. Dewey. If you have any suggestion on this or any other phase of the program, please be sure to let us know.

We plan to publish a short bulletin the latter part of this month announcing the meeting and another one later before the meeting. With the first one will be mailed the bulletin which you sent describing the Lake Placid Club. It tells exactly what our members ought to know.

Is there any local person in your vicinity whom it would be advisable for us to have on the program? Possibly there are several of them.

Yours very truly,

W.F.Y.

W.F. Yust, President
Florida Library Association

This is a 1942 letter sent to members of the Florida Library Association encouraging participation in the Victory Book Campaign by sending books to servicemen. Notice how the books are graded on the attached card for members.

FOR THE PRESIDENT, CLARENCE BELLET
ALBANY PUBLIC LIBRARY, ALABAMA

SECRETARY, ETHEL ALLEN
BIRMINGHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY

TREASURER, MISS ALTHA WARRON
TALLAHASSEE STATE COLLEGE FOR WOMEN, TALLAHASSEE, FLA.

ASSOCIATION, MISS ELSIE
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FLORIDA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

January 12, 1942.

Dear Member:

Today the Victory Book Campaign is being launched. Are you on hand to assist in every way possible to make this campaign a success? I am sure that you have heard about the nation-wide effort to collect millions of books for our armed forces. I am, also, sure that you are willing and anxious to help. If you have not already done so, will you not hasten to volunteer your services in your own locality for this worthy cause.

By the time you receive this letter, many of you will already be engaged in some phase of the Victory Book Campaign activity. Some of you may be County or local chairman, in charge of organizing your local campaign; some of you may be in charge of sorting centers; and yet others may be on County or local committees. Wherever you happen to be serving, as a member of the Florida Library Association, you will be in need of certain official information as it relates to the Association's part in the campaign. It is the purpose of this letter to pass this information on to you.

Last December, Miss Althia Warren, National Director of VBC, seeking a State Director for Florida, requested that I, as President of the Association, or Miss Eulah Mae Snider, as Director of Extension, serve in this capacity. Due to the short time left for organization, it was apparent that full time would be required for this work. It was equally apparent that I could not serve. The State Library Board generously tendered permission to Miss Snider to accept the State Directorship, providing her with stenographic help and other facilities for organizing the campaign.

We were fortunate in having Mr. Joseph F. Marron, of the Jacksonville Public Library, accept the position of Coordinating Chairman for the F.L.A., to direct the Association's activities in the campaign, working with Miss Snider and the Executive Committee. At a meeting on December 30th, the Executive Committee appointed Mr. Marron Assistant Director, in charge of sorting and distribution.

Twelve main sorting centers and four auxiliary centers have been set up. The enclosed list of sorting centers will show the counties included in each district and the names of the chairmen for each district. In making up the plans for the

sorting centers, it seemed advisable to enlarge the Defense Committee of the F.L.A. so as to include a member for each locality in which a sorting center was set up. The original committee consisted of the following members:

Paul Kruse, Walter B. Hill, Olive Brumbaugh, Margaret Beaton and Grace L. Sparkman, who will serve with the newly appointed members.

Since the whole campaign has been planned as a part of the activity of the State Defense Council of Florida, under the Division of Home and Community Service; and since, the task of sorting and distribution will largely fall to the lot of librarians, you can readily see that ultimate success will depend in no small measure upon your hearty cooperation and assistance.

This is our first opportunity to serve the armed forces of our Nation. Let us pull together and make a worthy showing on behalf of F.L.A.

Sincerely yours,

Bertha Aldrich, President
Florida Library Association

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Name of Library: _____ Date: _____
Street Address: _____
County: _____
City and State: _____
Name of Local Director: _____

We have sorted and have available for distribution:

_____ Fiction (A-Grade)
_____ Fiction (B-Grade)
_____ Non-Fiction (A-Grade)
_____ Non-Fiction (B-Grade)
_____ Technical Books
_____ Total Books Available

Please provide us with the address of the camp or other service unit to which you wish the above books sent.

Sincerely yours,

These are letters written in 1954 by Donald K. Carroll to Dean Asheim and Louis Shores concerning the inclusion of books about communism in library collections.

*7/27/54 to
Lester Asheim*

LAW OFFICES OF
MILAM, McILVAINE, CARROLL & WATTLES
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MAIL ADDRESS
POST OFFICE BOX 30
JACKSONVILLE 6, FLORIDA

July 27, 1954

ARTHUR C. MILAM
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Dear Lester Asheim:
Graduate Library School
The University of Chicago
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Dean Asheim:

I have not returned from my vacation, one of the highlights of which was reading the proposed paper enclosed with your letter of July 7th received just as I was leaving for my vacation. In my opinion your paper truly and brilliantly reflects our correspondence. It goes without saying that I hugely enjoyed reading the paper.

In your letter you requested my reaction and asked whether I thought you had fairly presented my case. Yes, I think you have so far as it reflects my letters to you, but on one or two points I think I failed to make clear my attitude and approach.

I note on page 12 of your paper your statement that I "did not really trust librarians to be left alone with so broad a principle". Well, I suppose in a sense that is true but I feel that when you put it that way, while it is literally true, it gives an implication that is a little out of tune with my approach and purpose. It is, of course, literally true that I do not trust all librarians to do the right and sound thing any more than I would trust all of the members of any other profession including my own. By the same token you would say that I do not trust the members of my legal profession because we have a code of ethics that spells out the various applications of the broad principle that a lawyer should be ethical. Do you not think that it is only proper as well as highly desirable that in our code of ethics we set forth specific standards of ethical conduct in many practical applications as a guide to all members of the bar rather than leave them to decide on their own what say or say not be ethical. Would you say that it is

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distrusting the members of the legal profession because we are not content merely to leave each lawyer with no guiding principles other than the broad principle "be ethical".

This seems to me to be analogous to the situation of the library profession. Shall we be content merely to recommend to the librarians that they report all points of view so far as Communist books are concerned and leave it with that? You and I have spent months of correspondence on the subject of the application of this principle. You have spent a large part of your lifetime in studying such problems as this and are in an almost unique position to study the problem by virtue of your position. While my knowledge of the problems of librarianship is woefully weak, I have had a long interest in the field of books on Communism through my activities in the American Legion and, through my work in the law and in bar association activities, in the general field of the bill of rights. Would you, nevertheless, say that the librarians of the country, with the aid only of the broad principle of presenting all points of view, would immediately or quickly come to the conclusion that applications of the principles set forth in the statement are sound? I am not even sure, for example, that every librarian who would include books by Communists on his book shelves as an application of the principle of presenting all points of view, would immediately see that an inevitable corollary of that principle is that he should also include anti-Communist books. Again I am not sure that all librarians are familiar with the distinction between book selection and book censorship, which distinction an effort is made to point out in the statement.

Let us assume, however, that every librarian in the country would automatically do those things that are set forth in the statement in applying the broad principle of presenting all points of view without having the benefit of a statement worked out to try to help him in thinking about that principle. Even if that assumption were founded on fact, there is as I see it an additional and cogent reason for the adoption of a statement laying out the recommended applications of the broad principle.

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That reason is the need which I believe exists for librarians to have with them an authoritative statement with which they can explain to objecting citizens groups why they have included Communist books in their libraries.

Frankly, I believe that I would have been somewhat shocked several months ago at the idea of our public libraries, supported by public funds, becoming channels for Communist propaganda directed against our country. I am convinced that many truly patriotic citizens would today be shocked in the same way. If they learn that their public libraries are stocking Communist books, many of them will be outraged and I can thoroughly understand their position. It will not be easy to convince them that it is more in the interest of America to include Communist books than to ban them completely by act of censorship. If when these indignant citizens descend upon the library, all the librarian can say to defend himself is that he wanted to present all points of view because of the broad principle stated in the ALA bill of rights, I suspect that some of those patriotic citizens will go away still with unresolved doubts regarding the patriotism of the librarian. But if the librarian could produce a statement such as has been prepared setting forth the basic principle of the freedom to read, the quotations from our own President Eisenhower on the problem, the admission that it is a calculated risk but that the over-all good of America will be served by including even Communist books in the libraries, the statement that the librarian is keeping with that same principle is including many anti-Communist books on the same subject, the statement that the librarian has exercised his power of selection but not of censorship in weeding out purely Communist propaganda works -- with this full and sensible, and I feel, patriotic, explanation, I believe that those good citizens, or at least most of them, will leave satisfied that they had not fully understood the problem and feeling that the library was indeed striking a courageous blow for democracy in thus upholding the principle of the freedom to read.

With best personal regards, I am

Yours truly,

Donald K. Carroll

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cc: Mr. Paul Noon

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April 18, 1954

Dear Louis Shores
President, Florida Library Association
Library School
Florida State University
Tallahassee, Florida

Dear Dean Shores:

Please forgive my sending you a handwritten letter, but this is Sunday - and no secretary.

You will remember that last August you appointed me a member of the Committee on Intellectual Freedom of the Florida Library Association, and I was very happy to accept.

Since that time I have been working intermittently on a statement of principles with reference to the inclusion of books on Communism in the libraries - a question in which, as you know,

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I am intently interested and wish, in fact, to attain, one of the greatest problems before librarians today.

After months of correspondence with Dear Lester Adams of the University of Chicago, and after conferences on the subject with lawyers, Legion officials, librarians, and ^{representing every point of view -} others, I finally have hammered out (after many drafts) a statement that reflects my views on the question. My own thinking has undergone quite a metamorphosis and clarifying process during this period, particularly as a result of the letters I have received from Dear Adams.

Enclosed is a copy of this statement, the original, ^(with other copies) of which I submitted to Mr. Winston E. Henderson, Chairman of the Committee on Intellectual Freedom, a few weeks ago. I talked with Mr. Henderson last night ^{on the phone} and found that he had not ever submitted this statement to the other members of the committee, although your convention is but a few days away. Frankly, as things stand now, I do not believe that the committee is going to take any action, either one way or the other, but merely, in essence, ask to consider the problem

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for another year. That is perfectly all right, of course, so far as I am concerned, if that is the wish of the Association.

However, since you were gracious enough to appoint me to the Committee, I did not want what I have done to be buried in a committee file, without at least letting you know that I have worked on the assignment you gave to me, and which assignment I greatly appreciate.

With best wishes for a most successful convention, and with best personal regards, I am

Yours truly,

Don Carroll

A letter dated March 1973 responding to a complaint and request to restrict access to the book Explosives and Homemade Bombs in the Fort Lauderdale Library. The letter references the Library Bill of Rights and was referred to the Intellectual Freedom Committee.

FORT LAUDERDALE PUBLIC LIBRARY
1200 EAST SUNRISE BOULEVARD
FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA 33304

March 21, 1973

Mr. James D. Pournaras
6886 N. W. 26th Court
Sunrise Golf Village
Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33313

Dear Mr. Pournaras:

Your concern over a book in our collection was brought to my attention yesterday morning. I was sorry I was in a meeting at the time and unable to speak with you.

I'm sure your intent is well meaning, but let me explain to you the position libraries take in situations of this kind. I think you will see the greater danger inherent in a more restrictive stance. I am enclosing a copy of the Library Bill of Rights, which Fort Lauderdale Public Library endorses wholeheartedly. I shall also be quoting from The Freedom To Read Statement, a joint statement by the American Library Association and the Association of American Publishers.

First, let me assure you the nature and content of this book, EXPLOSIVES AND HOMEMADE BOMBS, by Major Joseph F. Stoffel, is known to the staff, in fact, was chosen by the professional staff for inclusion in the collection. You have singled out exactly that section of the Book Selection Policy which justifies the inclusion of this book.

"Materials which are serious, objective, factual, and authoritative treatments and studies of narcotics, alcoholism, sexual perversion and other topics allegedly of potential danger to the impressionable young are selected for the use of adults seriously concerned with these problems."

EXPLOSIVES AND HOMEMADE BOMBS is a serious work, designed specifically for training in the identification, handling, and disposal of homemade explosive devices. It is objective and factual in its presentation,

Mr. James D. Pournaras

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a quality substantiated by your own observation of its excellence in graphic detail and completeness of presentation. You will agree it is authoritative, written by a qualified person presenting his subject matter in a truthful and exact manner. This book was chosen for the use of adults seriously concerned with the purpose for which the book was written, history and handling of primarily homemade explosive devices.

As you have expressed your complaint formally, I have had three other professional librarians review the book in question. We are all in agreement that the book does meet the qualifications of our Book Selection Policy and should be on the shelves. In the words of one member, "The library attempts to reflect the healthy diversity in our society. The public library sees its responsibility to be that of providing for all citizens free and open access to all kinds of information and does not presume to prescribe the use of such information. Free expression and free access to ideas are the foundation of democracy."

You suggest that this book might be put to other uses. So might every book on any library shelf anywhere. You suggest restricting the readership of this book to only those who could produce police I.D.'s or other qualification for their privileged use of this information. The Freedom To Read Statement summarizes our position better than anything I can say.

"It is not in the public interest to force a reader to accept with any book the prejudgment of a label characterizing the book or author as subversive or dangerous. The idea of labeling presupposes the existence of individuals or groups with wisdom to determine by authority what is good or bad for the citizen. It presupposes that each individual must be directed in making up his mind about the ideas he examines. But Americans do not need others to do their thinking for them."

The Fort Lauderdale Public Library does not label, restrict, place on closed shelf, or in any other way inhibit the free use of any of the materials or information contained in our resources. We, as librarians, feel it is our duty to withstand any and all attempts to censor the library collection in any area by whatever means. We strongly believe that to defer to censors of any persuasion is to invite loss of freedom for all citizens. Consider for a moment how you would feel if information of use, relevance,

Mr. James D. Pournaras

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or interest to you were denied you because another concerned citizen found it harmful or controversial.

Sincerely,



Joan S. Harris
Acting Director

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Enclosure

Copies to: Sheldon Lerner
Robert H. Bobbitt, City Manager



FLORIDA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

April 3, 1973

Miss Verna Nistendirk, Chairman
Intellectual Freedom Committee
Florida Library Association
Leon County Public Library
127 N. Monroe
Tallahassee, Florida 32302

Dear Miss Nistendirk:

I am writing to inform you of an incident of attempted censorship of the collection of the Fort Lauderdale Public Library.

On March 18, 1973 a patron vocally registered a complaint regarding the book EXPLOSIVES AND HOMEMADE BOMBS by Joseph F. Stoffel. As is our procedure in matters of this kind, we gave him a copy of our Book Selection Policy to which is attached the formal Request for Removal of Book. Enclosed you will find a copy of this form.

The patron stated he objected to the subject matter of the book based on his engineering background and stated that the book gave accurate information for constructing an explosive device. He strongly recommended the book should be made available only to police officers or others with a legitimate interest in deactivating of explosive materials.

Following our procedures, I requested three professional librarians to review the book. Before this could be done and before I could frame an official response to his complaint, he appeared in my office with a friend who happened to be the editor of TV Digest. Both were adamant in feeling the book should be restricted. Unsuccessful in my attempts to reason through the matter with them, they indicated they intended to take this to the City Manager. To save time I am enclosing a copy of my letter of response to them, a copy of which was sent to the City Manager.

Miss Verna Nistendirk

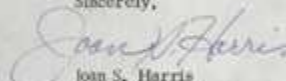
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The following week the enclosed article appeared in TV Digest and there has been no other publicity nor discussion of the matter, save the fact that I did immediately take this to my Library Advisory Board who were informed of all the details.

I feel the matter will die here but realize the importance of good communication with the Intellectual Freedom Committee of the Florida Library Association. I wanted you to be aware of the incident. If there is any further complaint I will inform you. If the matter becomes more serious in any way, I shall also be in touch with the Intellectual Freedom Committee office of ALA.

Sincerely,

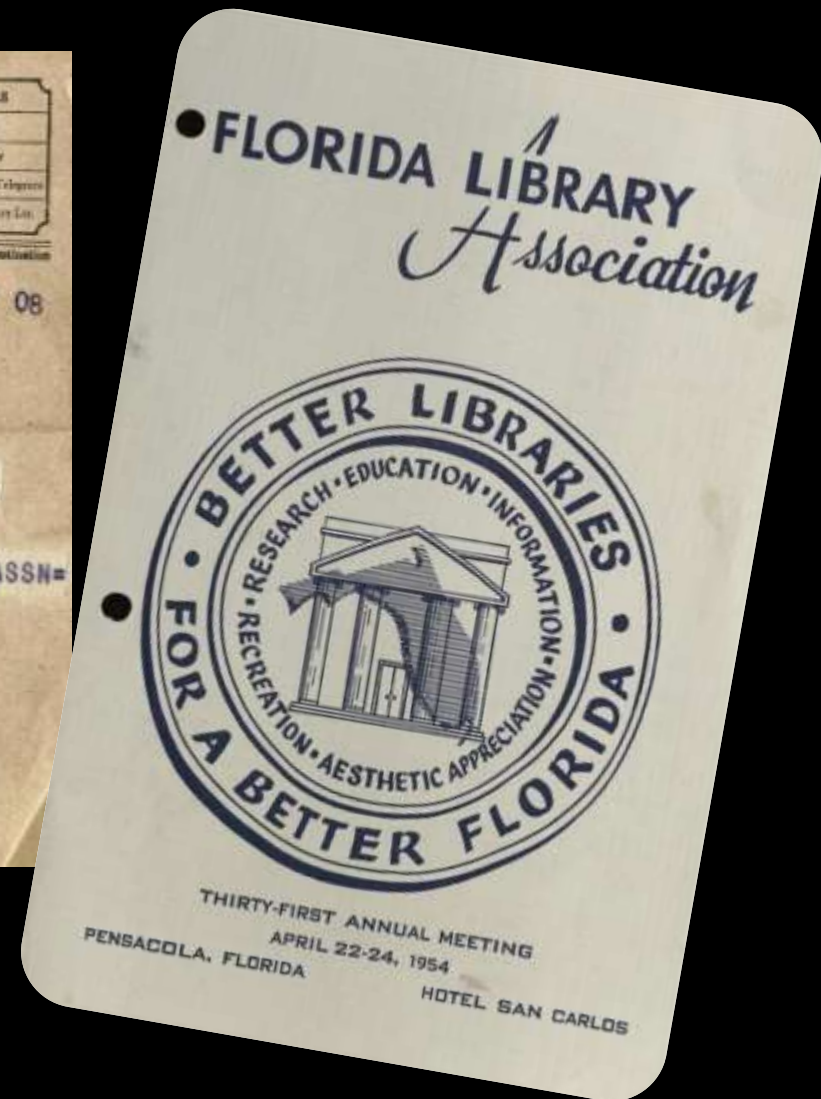
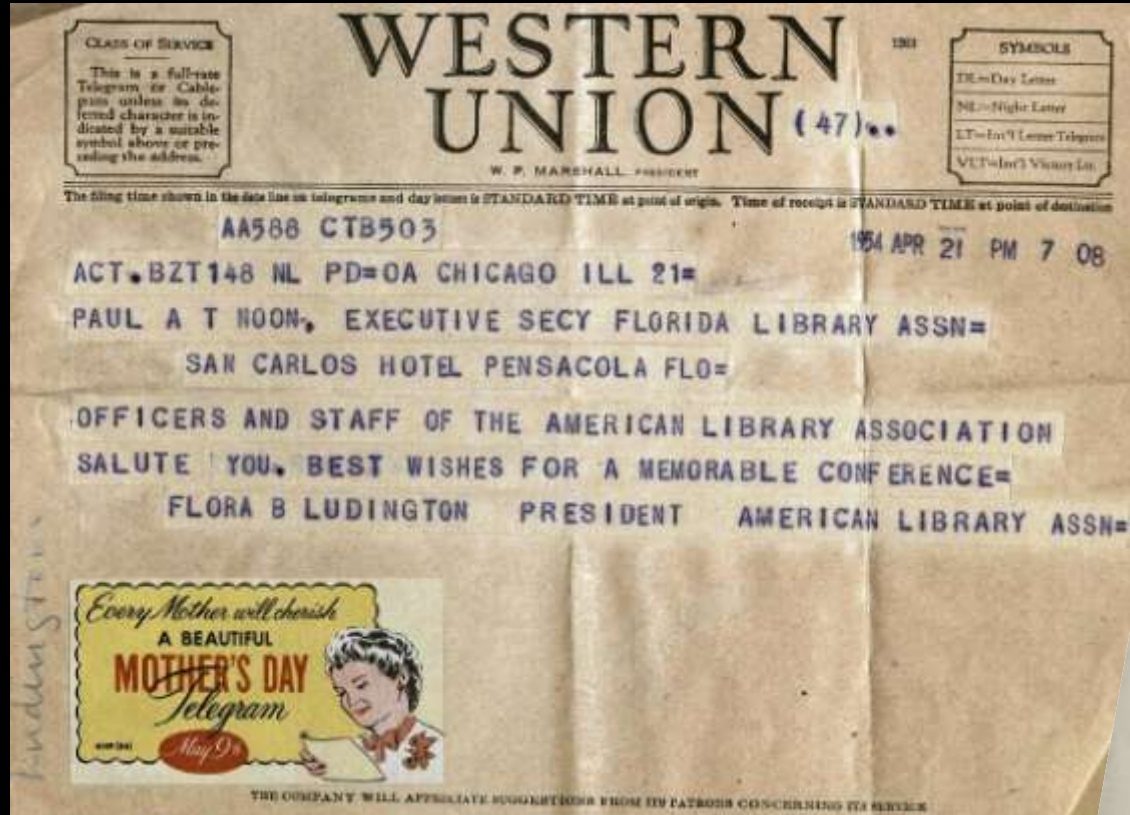

Joan S. Harris
Acting Director

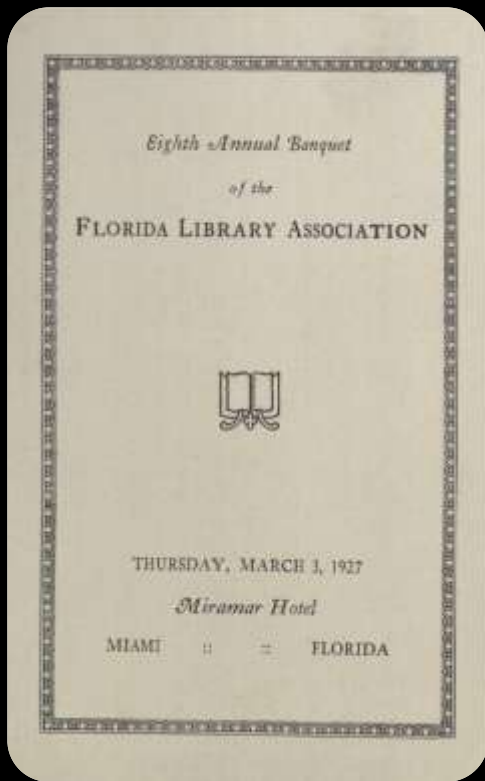
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Annual Conference Programs

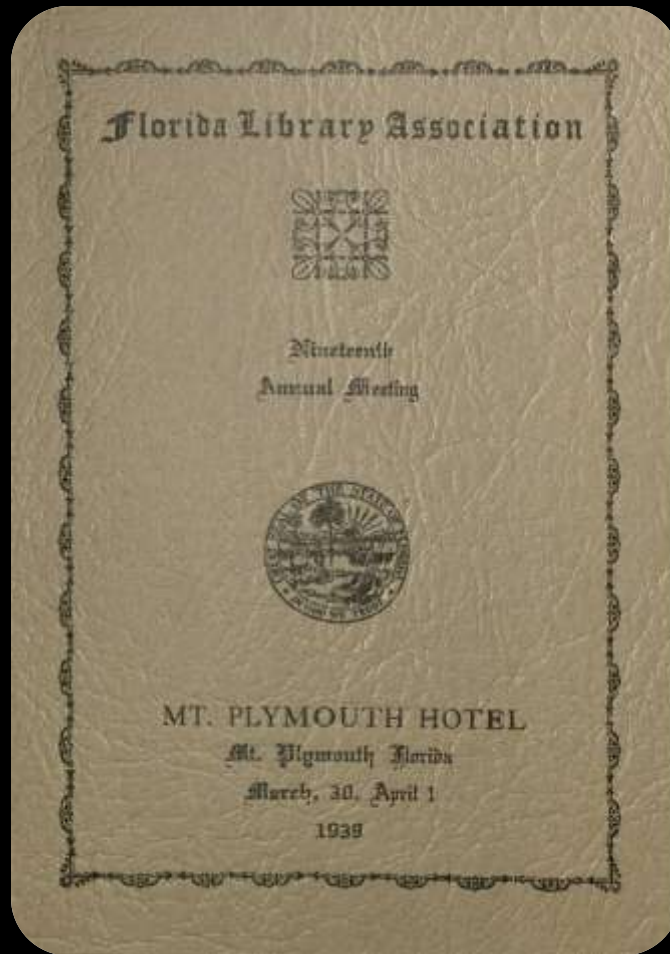


The 1954 conference includes a tour of a naval air base and a Professional Unity Program: We are All Librarians. Also shown is a telegram from the American Library Association, which they sent annually before each conference.

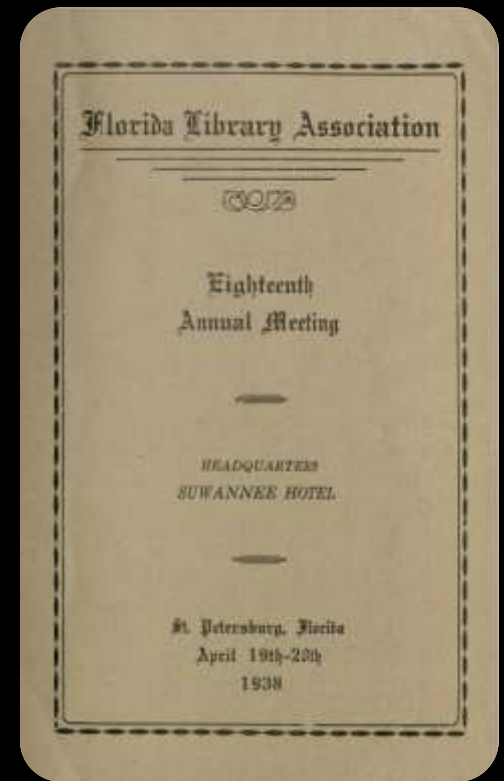




8th Annual Banquet
March 3, 1927
Miramar Hotel,
Miami



19th Annual Meeting
March 30-April 1, 1939
Mt. Plymouth Hotel,
Mt. Plymouth



18th Annual Meeting
April 19-20, 1938
Suwannee Hotel,
St. Petersburg

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TWENTY-NINTH ANNUAL MEETING

MIAMI, FLORIDA - HOTEL McALLISTER - APRIL 3-5, 1952

29th Annual
Meeting
April 3-5, 1952
Hotel McAllister,
Miami

FLORIDA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION



ANNUAL MEETING

"FLORIDA LIBRARIANS
COPING WITH CHANGE"

St. Petersburg, Florida
Hilton Hotel
May 2-5, 1973

50th Annual Meeting
May 2-5, 1973
Hilton Hotel,
St. Petersburg

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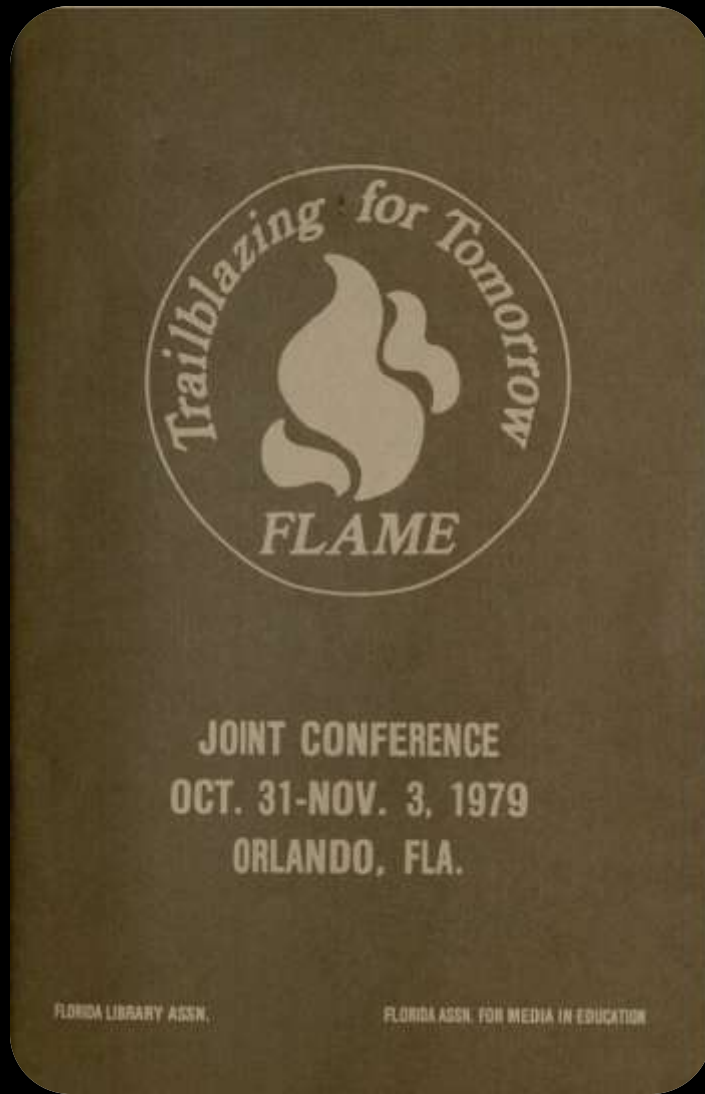
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APRIL 25-27, 1963

CLEARWATER, FLORIDA

JACK TAR HARRISON HOTEL

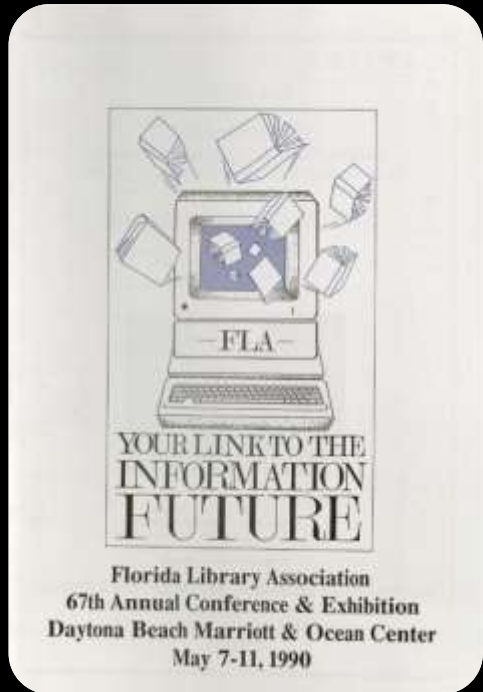
40th Annual Meeting
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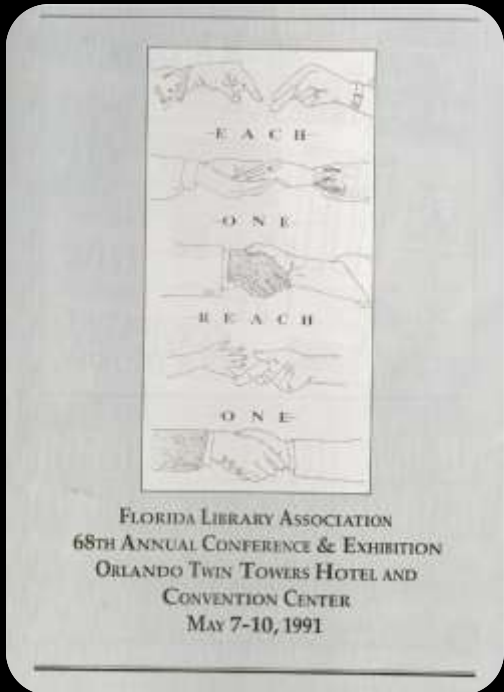
Florida Library Association and Florida Association for Media in Education Joint Conference
October 31-November 3, 1979
Sheraton Twin Towers
Orlando



56th Annual Conference
May 9-12, 1979
Sheraton Twin Towers,
Orlando



67th Annual Conference &
Exhibition
May 7-11, 1990
Marriott Hotel & Ocean
Center,
Daytona Beach



68th Annual Conference &
Exhibition
May 7-10, 1991
Twin Towers Hotel &
Convention Center,
Orlando



70th Annual Conference & Exhibition
 May 10-13, 1993
 Marriott Hotel & Ocean Center,
 Daytona Beach

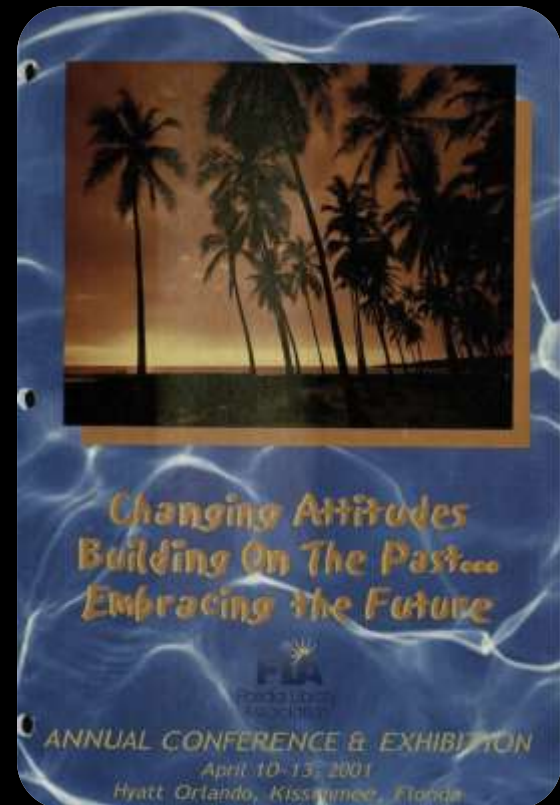


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83rd Annual Conference & Exhibition
 April 18-21, 2006
 Buena Vista Palace Hotel,
 Lake Buena Vista



78th Annual Conference & Exhibition
 April 10-13, 2001
 Hyatt Orlando,
 Kissimmee

And So Much More...



Charter Members in order in which they signed at
Orlando, Fla. April 26, 1920.

Louise Richardson,	Librarian	Fla. State College,	Tallahassee
May Chance Lewis	Assist. Librarian		Tampa, Fla.
Fattie Frost	Cataloguer & Chief Loan		
	Dept. Pub. Lib.		Jacksonville
J. F. Marron	Librarian Pub. Lib.		Jacksonville
Louise E. Gansby	Librarian Pub. Lib.		Ocala
S. B. Green	Trustee Pub. Lib.		Bartow
Frankie A. Howze	Palmetto Pub. Lib.		
Mrs. Ellen J. Wilson	S. Cornelia Young Mem. Lib.		Daytona Beach
Emma Moore Williams	Librarian Pub. Lib.		St. Petersburg
Public Library			St. Petersburg
Gertrude E. Mann	Free Public Library		DeLand, Fla.
Ruth Whitaker			Orange City, Fla.
Elizabeth Skinner			Dunedin, Fla.
Dunedin Lib. Assoc. (by Pres.)			Dunedin, Fla.
Mrs. Theodore L. Mead	Public Library		Oviedo, Fla.
Mrs. J. D. Rafford	Treas. Cocoa Lib. Assoc.		Cocoa, Fla.
Mrs. Ford H. Rogers	Assist. Librarian		
	Member of the Board		Ocala Fla.
Mrs. May Dickens			Sanford Fla.
Palatka Library			Palatka Fla.
Serena C. Bailey	Librarian		Palatka Fla.
Tampa Public Library			Tampa, Fla.
Helen Virginia Stelle	Librarian		Tampa Fla.
Constance Chase	Librarian		Clearwater, Fla.
Margaret L. Duncan	Hd. Children's Dept.		Jacksonville, Fla.
State University Library			Gainesville, Fla.
Cora Miltimore,	Librarian State Univ.		Gainesville, Fla.

This list contains the names of Florida Library Association's charter members, which was signed on April 26, 1920.

Minutes of the 3d & 4th General Session (Business Meetings) of the Florida Library Association
9:30 a.m. Friday, April 23 and 9:00 a.m.
Saturday, April 24, 1954 Pensacola

The first general Business Meeting of the 31st annual conference of the Florida Library Association was held at the San Carlos Hotel, Pensacola at 9:30 a.m., April 23, 1954 with Dr. Louis Shores, president, presiding.

A telegram was read by the president from Miss Flora Ludington, president of ALA, requesting the membership of the FLA to support President Eisenhower's choice of Quincy Mumford as Librarian of Congress and to urge the U. S. Senators from Florida to endorse confirmation of this appointment. A motion was made by Delyie Runge instructing the secretary to send telegrams to Senators Holland and Smathers endorsing the President's candidate, Quincy Mumford, for the position of Librarian of Congress. This motion was promptly seconded and passed.

Dr. Shores announced that due to the efforts of Miss Beaton and Mrs. Cahill that Senators Smathers and Holland had introduced a bill to establish National Library Day. Mrs. Cahill was presented.

The minutes of the 1953 convention were read by the secretary and approved as read.

The report of the treasurer was presented by Mrs. Jewel Garvin, who assumed the duties of the treasurer upon the resignation of Mrs. Serena Bailey Ross. The report of the treasurer is attached and shows a balance of \$2,321.92. It was moved by Mrs. Margaret Duer that the report of the treasurer be accepted. This motion was seconded, voted upon, and passed.

A report on FLORIDA LIBRARIES was presented by Mrs. Barbara Larkin, editor, who stated that in spite of a substantial increase in the sale of advertising space in FLORIDA LIBRARIES, that an increase in the membership of FLA and in the mailing list of FLORIDA LIBRARIES had resulted in an increase in expenses and contributed to the poor balance of \$79.26 shown on the financial statement of FLORIDA LIBRARIES which is attached to these minutes.

President Shores introduced Mr. Arthur Hamlin, Executive Secretary of ACRL, who was to be speaker at the luncheon meeting of the College and Special Libraries Section.

Paul Noon presented a report of his activities as executive secretary of FLA from April 1, 1953 to April 21, 1954, a copy of which is attached to these minutes. He stated that the membership of the Association totaled 520 members plus any persons joining at the Pensacola meeting. Dr. Shores expressed appreciation for the fine work of the executive secretary and especially commended him for his membership drive, his excellent relations with exhibitors at the convention, and for his help with program planning for the convention.

Numerous issues discussed at a 1954 Florida Library Association Business Meeting are outlined here in the minutes. Some of the highlights from this meeting include the reading of a telegram from the ALA President urging FLA members to support President Eisenhower's choice of Quincy Mumford as Librarian of Congress and the introduction of a bill to establish National Library Day.

Dr. Shores delivered his message as president to the Association, pointing to the accomplishments of the past year under his eleven point program.

Committee reports were called for as follows:

Committee A - Activities. Dr. Archie McNeal, chairman, requested the postponement of his report until the next day.

Committee B - Membership. Mrs. Betty Service reported that the membership of the Association increased to 550 members.

Committee C - Nominating. Miss Boston, chairman of this committee was made at the convention at which time the follo presented:

First Vice-President and President

Miss Elizabeth Pealar
Miss Charlotte Smith

Second Vice-President

Mrs. Joe H. Farrington
Mrs. Howard Smith

Secretary

Miss Margaret Roberts
Mrs. Margaret Sewell

Treasurer

Miss Sarah Byers
Mrs. Jewel Garvin

Committee D - Public Relations. Miss Clara Wood reported that the work of the comm threefold: that to promote better they planned to sell a Fla engage would tell the story of the need f library development in Florida; th had sent 300 or more letters to le political candidates calling their the need for library legislation i She moved that "the FLA adopt a re fixing steps to be taken to promote of representative citizens of the designated by Executive Order of of the Florida Citizens Committee on l the purpose of conducting a thorough

developing a sound, adequate and progressive program of library development for the state of Florida". This motion was seconded by Miss Danice Keen and passed.

Promptly at 9 a.m. April 24, the second Business Meeting of the 31st annual conference was called to order by Dr. Shores, president.

Invitations for the 1956 convention from Ft. Lauderdale, Ocala, Venice, West Palm Beach and Clearwater were read.

It was announced that the 1956 ALA Convention will be held in Miami Beach.

The nomination of officers followed. There were no nominations from the floor. It was moved by Delyle Runge, and seconded and passed that the nominations be closed. Ballots were distributed. The following officers were elected:

First Vice-President and President Elect	Elizabeth Pealar
Second Vice-President	Mrs. Howard Smith
Secretary	Mrs. Margaret Sewell
Treasurer	Mrs. Jewel Garvin

President Shores introduced Mrs. Alice Pearce, past president who because of an auto accident had been unable to preside at any of the meetings last year at the Sarasota Convention. Mrs. Pearce presided while the report of Committee A, Activities, was presented by Dr. Archie McNeal who moved "that Article I, Section 1 of the Bylaws should be revised so that the following dues are established:

- (a) annual dues for active members \$2.00
- (b) student members \$1.00
- (c) institutional members

\$2.50 for institutions with annual incomes of \$9,999 or less
\$5.00 for institutions with annual incomes of \$10,000-\$25,000
\$10.00 for institutions with annual incomes of over \$25,000

This motion was seconded and passed.

Dr. Archie McNeal reported further that the matter of changing the time of meeting of the Association from the spring to the fall had been discussed by the members of the Activities Committee. Mrs. Margaret Sewell stated that she would like to support the idea because the matter had also been discussed by the School Librarians Section and that for various reasons it seemed a good idea. Dr. McNeal then moved that the Florida Library Association in 1955 change the time of the annual meeting from the spring to the fall on a trial basis as an experiment to see how it worked and how it was liked, and if it proved a satisfactory arrangement to adopt it later as a regular thing. This motion was seconded by Mrs. Sewell, and when put to a vote was passed by the members present.

In making the report of Committee "C", the Schenberger Award, Miss Albrich stated that the committee has under study a resolution to be presented later. The history of the Schenberger Award will appear in the September issue of FLORIDA LIBRARIAN.

As chairman of Committee "B", Constitution Committee, Mrs. Garvin presented two last changes in the constitution. In accordance with the provisions of the FLA constitution, Article II, Amendments, it was noted that a vote by mail would be necessary to consider these recommendations. A motion was made by Delyle Runge, seconded and using the Executive Board to conduct a vote by mail conditions of Committee B with regard to constitutional

tee on Intellectual Freedom requested continuance of
No action was necessary.

Adams announced that she had received a letter from regular attendance at ALA annual convention by asking one to charter a bus. Miss Adams reported that tickets in Minneapolis on such a bus would be about \$40.00 from any interested persons were asked to contact Miss Adams the clearing house for this project.

ra Larkin made the following motion, "In light of the Association's increased revenues, which call for allot if they are to be properly handled and in view of the ere of the association are at present elected by less bers qualified to vote, I move that the membership active Board to explore these matters and to present Item". This motion was seconded by Mrs. Betty Woodall ed.

of the Resolutions Committee was presented by Miss No moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by e and carried.

s of all committee reports are herewith attached to

conclusion of all Association business, the meeting was a benediction by Father McNahy.

Rosanna Bether

Secretary, Florida Library Association

State of Florida

Secretary of State



I, Tom Adams, Secretary of State of the State of Florida,
Do Hereby Certify That the following is a true and correct copy of

Certificate of Incorporation
of

FLORIDA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION, INC.,

a corporation not for profit organized and existing under the Laws of the
State of Florida, filed on the 2nd day of May,
A.D., 1966, as shown by the records of this office.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the
State of Florida, at Tallahassee, the Capital,
this the 10th day of February,
A.D. 1967.



Tom Adams
Secretary of State

Florida Library Association
Certificate of Incorporation,
1966

Miami News, April 6, 1962

This issue covers National Library Week events, including predictions for the library of tomorrow, which will include "all the books you want" thanks to "the miracle of miniaturization."

APRIL 6, 1962 THE MIAMI NEWS

This Week

MAGAZINE



What Will The Weather Be On Easter?

Meet a weatherman who breaks all the rules and makes an out-of-the-look long-range forecast for fashion's big day... 22224

A salute to National Library Week—Coming The Wonder Library of Tomorrow... 22224

How—How To Be A Reader... 22224

STEP INSIDE THE

Lively Library of Tomorrow!

Living out dusty shelves, poor light, cramped space and too few books. Coming in: light, air, comfort—and books by the million! Here America's best libraries and its library architect give you an exciting preview.

By **FLOBBINELL F. MORTON**
Editor, The Standard Edition

An told to Judith Randall

THE concept of a new kind of public library is being developed in Miami. I think it is one of the most important things being done in the city. It is a new kind of library, one that is not just a place to go to borrow books, but a place where you can find everything you need in a comfortable, pleasant atmosphere. It is a place where you can find everything you need in a comfortable, pleasant atmosphere. It is a place where you can find everything you need in a comfortable, pleasant atmosphere.



NEW LIBRARY LOOK: Shown for reading, research, listening, art appreciation, discussion, the key to readers. Page 22

All the books you want

BOOKS BY THE MILLION. Miniaturized books that are books, come to you.

THE MIRACLE OF MINIATURIZATION: To cover un-estimated thousands of books, an inventor's original invention has produced a breakthrough. The books are so small they can fit on a tiny page. They are so small they can fit on a tiny page. They are so small they can fit on a tiny page.



INSIDE THE LIBRARY OF TOMORROW

The reader sits, see Page 22

1963

CARD CATALOGUE

—One of the most important duties of a librarian, Lillian Pearson learns, is keeping up the card catalogue. Lillian, a student assistant at Ocala High School library, is shown in picture at right with Librarian Mildred Kerby.



The FLA Archives also contains numerous photographs and newspaper clippings showing librarians from across the state. This is an image of a student assistant learning how to keep up the card catalogue at Ocala High School in 1963.



NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

April 8 - 14, 1973

**DON'T READ.
I DON'T AND I DO OKAY.**

So can you, if you want to bury your head in the sand.
But if you want to get ahead in life and get your fair share, reading is a must. How else will you get to know what you have to know to succeed?
Read all you can. Reading feeds your mind, makes it grow, and makes you the bigger person you have a right to be.

National Book Committee Inc.

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK 1973

This platform, which was presented by the Legislative Committee of the Florida Library Association, outlines the legislative issues supported by the Florida Library Association during the 1999-2000 Legislative Session.

Florida Library Association Legislative Platform 1999-2000

The Legislative Committee of the Florida Library Association presents the following platform for the 1999-2000 Legislative Session. The platform was approved at the July 9, 1999 meeting of the Legislative Committee and was adopted by the FLA Executive Board on September 10, 1999.

Statement of Philosophy

The Florida Library Association recognizes and endorses the right of the people of Florida to free library service and access to publicly supported information in print and electronic formats. In addition to being a basic right of all Floridians, library services represent a major economic development resource and education service vital to the future of the State.

The Florida Library Association supports and encourages the development of all types of libraries so that Floridians can have access to the information necessary to meet their personal and professional needs.

To achieve this goal, reasonable standards of staffing, collection development, and service should be met statewide. Ongoing funding should be consistent to ensure that adequate equipment, materials and telecommunication/networking infrastructure are available to support new technologies and library services for all Floridians.

Therefore, in order to provide responsive library services to the people of Florida, The Florida Library Association recommends the following funding commitments:

for the STATE LIBRARY

- Budget allocations for the continued development and enhancement of programs, infrastructure, services and training at the Division of Library and Information Services (the State Library) and advocate continuation of the Division as presently organized within state government

for PUBLIC LIBRARIES

- Full funding of State Aid to Public Libraries based on the formula of 25 cents of state match for every dollar invested in libraries
- Maximum funding for each of the top fifteen construction projects submitted

for UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES

- Support for the replacement of the integrated library automation system serving the State University System and the Florida Center for Library Automation (FCLA)
- Allocation for the development of a digital library
- Increases required for the enhancement of libraries and information services at state universities

for COMMUNITY COLLEGE LIBRARIES

- Continued support for replacement of older materials and ongoing collection development
- Increased allocations for information services and equipment replacement or upgrades
- Continued development and maintenance of the College Center for Library Automation (CCLA)

for REGIONAL MULTI-TYPE LIBRARY COOPERATIVES

- Recurring General Revenue support based on full funding as defined by statute to stabilize funding and continue the statewide collaborative training initiative

for STATEWIDE PUBLIC ACCESS TO ELECTRONIC DATABASES

- Appropriations for continued public access to national information databases and online encyclopedias for state university, community college and private academic libraries
- Restoration of monies for public library participation in this program

for TALKING BOOK LIBRARIES

- Continued development of the Bureau of Braille and Talking Book Library services and its coordination of subregional libraries serving residents throughout Florida

The Florida Library Association Also Supports the Following:

- Free access to library services
- The protection of Floridians' right to the privacy of library records
- Continued support and funding for the Florida Information Resource Network (FLIN)
- Continued development of distance learning infrastructure among libraries of all types
- Funding of continued education for library and information professionals so that quality library services are available to all Floridians
- The American Library Association accredited degree as the minimum education requirement for professional librarians in Florida
- Competitive salaries and benefits for all library personnel
- Cooperation with other Florida advocacy groups on matters of mutual concern
- Continuation of the Division of Library and Information Services as presently organized and that the agency report to a Secretary of State appointed by the Governor

The Florida Library Association Opposes the Following:

- The privatization of publicly supported libraries by for-profit organizations
- Legislative activity which diminishes the exercise of Intellectual Freedom as stated in the Library Bill of Rights and the Freedom to Read statement
- Attempts to limit the fair use provision of the Copyright Law

After the 2004 hurricane season, the Florida Library Association established a Hurricane Relief Fund to help Florida Libraries and library employees recover from damages caused by hurricanes Charley, Frances, Ivan, and Jeanne.

Also included here is a note from incoming FLA President Dr. Barbara Stites thanking the Florida Library Association for the assistance provided to the SWFLN Library Disaster Fund.

FLA Hurricane Relief Fund

Purpose

- The purpose of the FLA Hurricane Relief Fund is to make available funds to help Florida libraries and library employees recover from damages due to the recent hurricanes.

Guiding Principles

- Distribute funds based on local needs. Regional MLC's may refer a library or library employee to the FLA Hurricane Relief Fund Committee.
- Distribute funds efficiently and effectively directly to the library or library employee in need.

Fund Request Process

- All libraries, MLC's and their employees are invited to apply for funds. Requests will be submitted to the FLA Hurricane Relief Fund Committee for consideration.
- Funds may be requested on the behalf of a library employee by the employing library.
- Applications will be reviewed by the FLA Hurricane Relief Fund Committee and funding will be awarded as requested and approved.

Distribution of Funds

- Funds will not be distributed in cash.
- Funds will be distributed directly to the library, MLC or library employee.

Policies & Procedures

1. Establish a restricted fund called the Hurricane Relief Fund.
2. A committee consisting of the president, vice president/president-elect, and treasurer shall be created to review and approve requests for funds.
3. Bookkeeper will prepare, at a minimum, a monthly accounting of all fund donations and expenditures.
4. Bookkeeper will maintain a spreadsheet of donor contact information.
5. In a timely fashion, president will send thank you note to each donor.
6. Relief fund committee will determine ways to recognize donors.
7. All donations shall be tax deductible.
8. Any funds remaining in the FLA Hurricane Relief Fund on March 31, 2005 shall be moved to the FLA scholarship fund. All donors will be notified of this policy.

Hurricane Relief Fund To Do List

1. Create an application - web based
2. Additional marketing and PR

3. Post details and process to website
4. Determine ways to recognize donors
5. Notify past donors of policy regarding dissolution of fund
6. Include dissolution policy in all future fundraising marketing materials

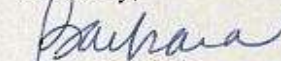
September 23, 2004

Dear Marjorie,

Please thank Florida Library Association for their generous donation to the SWFLN Library Disaster Fund. It will be used to provide direct and personal assistance to library staff and libraries throughout the storm damaged areas. Many staff members need assistance purchasing food, medical supplies, construction materials, and repairs. The Association's gift will make this possible.

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for helping others.

Yours truly,



Barbara J. Stites
Executive Director

Donation amount: \$250.00

Thank you!



JEB BUSH
GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA

Library Appreciation Month

WHEREAS, libraries are a cornerstone of Florida's educational system, providing programs for children, families, adults, and elders to enrich their understanding of the world; and

WHEREAS, libraries provide residents of Florida with access to important information about health, economics, the environment, and countless other subjects, improving living conditions and allowing Floridians to live more productive and fulfilling lives; and

WHEREAS, libraries support a competitive workforce with basic literacy programs, computers and other resources, helping people find, evaluate and use information they need for their jobs, health and recreation; and

WHEREAS, the expansion of electronic networks linking libraries and their resources gives library users easier access to information;

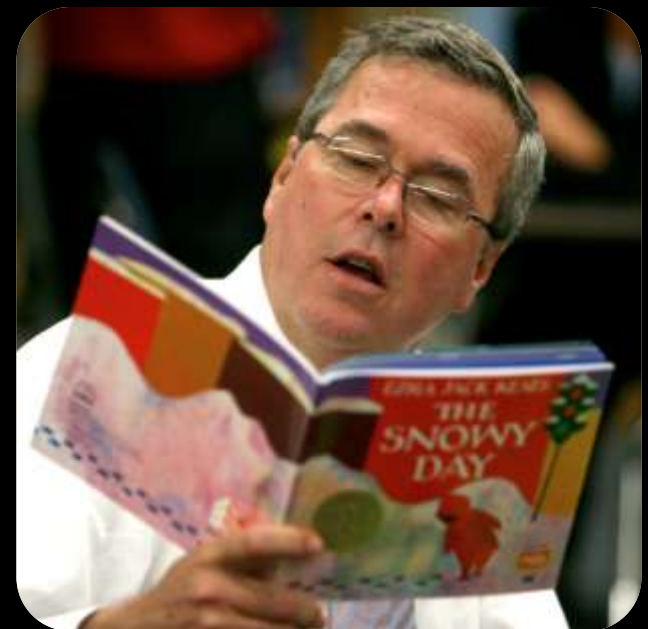
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jeb Bush, Governor of the state of Florida, do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all celebrating April 2006 as Library Appreciation Month.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I
have hereunto set my hand
and caused the Great Seal of
the state of Florida to be
affixed at Tallahassee, the
Capital, this 21st day of March
in the year two thousand six.

Jeb Bush
GOVERNOR

Former Governor Jeb Bush acknowledged the importance of libraries and showed his support for Library Appreciation Month in this 2006 statement.



The University of South Florida School of Information recently finished a new display for their complete collection of Florida Libraries Drawings, which have been commissioned and printed annually for Florida Library Day since 1991 courtesy of Doug McNamara of Mumford Library Books.





Archives

The Florida Library Association Archives are open to the public to view in the USF Tampa Library Special Collections.

To view the full contents of this collection, please access the Florida Library Association Records finding aid through <http://www.lib.usf.edu/special-collections/>