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“Thanks to funding from our library Foundation, we will be doing a Digital Creation Lab at the Florence-Lauderdale Public Library,” Mrs. Nancy Sanford, Director of FLPL told the FEC members at the Tuesday luncheon.

The mission is to create a public space that will serve as both a creation laboratory and an educational facility for the community. The space’s focus will be visual design, sound, video, picture creation, and technology training. The lab will have equipment and expert staff that will allow the library to offer new programs and services within this scope. Traditional library spaces facilitate knowledge, but this lab will go further. It will support creative production, technological proficiency, and the sharing of knowledge by providing access to tools and instruction.

Other services available include:

The Florence-Lauderdale Public Library Computer Lab offers free computer training classes to the public. The classes range in a variety of topics from learning the parts of the computer and movement of the mouse to acquiring skills for Microsoft Office Excel and PowerPoint programs as well as understanding how to find reliable health information sources

The Local History Room’s collection contains books, a large collection of microfilm, and subscriptions to the Ancestry Plus and Heritage Quest databases. The department’s collection emphasizes Lauderdale and the surrounding counties of Northwest Alabama, Northeast Mississippi, and Southern-Middle Tennessee. Additionally, the Local History Room houses an extensive collection of records spanning several New England, Southern, and Midwestern states.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

**Board Meeting
December 14**

**Christmas Party
December 15**

**No Meetings
Dec 22 & 29**

Plan to make the next Exchange Club meeting to enjoy the wonderful music performed by the Florence High School Chorus.

Florence-Lauderdale Public Library has four acoustic guitars and one cigar box guitar available for checkout. Adults with a valid driver's license and credit card may check out a guitar for two weeks.



With OverDrive Listen, you can borrow audiobooks and listen to them in your browser. There are no downloads or software required. Many ebooks are autobiographies,

fiction and non-fiction.

The Alabama Virtual Library provides all students, teachers, and citizens of the State of Alabama with online access to essential library and information resources. It is primarily a group of online databases that have magazine, journal, and newspaper articles for research. Through the AVL, an equitable core of information sources is available to every student and citizen in Alabama, raising the level of excellence in schools and communities across the state.

“FLPL’s mission is to serve all citizens and promote lifelong learning,” Mrs. Sanford added. “We are passionate about removing economic barriers by providing access to technology and to give all citizens the opportunity to experience and use tools of the 21st century.” The library will establish and maintain a selection of current library materials devoted to entrepreneurship, innovation, creativity, and business development.



President Adin has called for the Board of Directors’ meeting for next Monday (Dec. 14) at 5 PM. Again to meet at Teresa’s office.



Please turn in your pecan sales monies quickly. At last count, there are 2 cases of regular pecans left in Teresa’s office. There are NO chocolate or roasted pecans available at any

of the banks.

He also welcomed our newest member, Mr. J. R. “Jake” Sharp.



A special guest was Mr. Willie Joiner, Lexington High School Principal, who expressed his appreciation for the new Freedom Shrine.



Andrea Holt said that the Polar Plunge was postpone last Saturday due to the high water as the flood gates were opened. It is scheduled for this Saturday.

One more change: Due to lack of interest, there will be NO bell ringing for the Salvation Army this year

