





## WE ARE FAMILY



People began settling in Florida as early as 12,000 years ago when Florida's land area was twice the size it is today.

People from all over the US and the world continue to come to the Sunshine State, making Florida the fourth most populous state in the U.S. The people who live and work in

Florida make this population one of the most diverse in the world. In addition to the books that are recommended in this chapter, there is information about famous people with roots or ties to Florida. Here are just a few suggestions of some of the people who may be of interest:

"Cannanball" Adderley  
John James Audubon  
Mary McLeod Bethune  
Jimmy Buffett  
Steve Carlton  
Jacqueline Cochran  
Walt Disney  
Faye Dunaway  
Thomas Alva Edison  
Gloria Estefan  
Chris Evert  
Mel Fisher

Henry Morrison Flagler  
John Gorrie  
Ernest Hemingway  
Zora Neal Hurston  
James Weldon Johnson  
Osceola  
Sidney Poitier  
A. Philip Randolph  
Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings  
John and Mable Ringling  
Isaac Bashevis Singer  
Tiger Woods

### ***Stories – to share together or read alone***

Baca, Ana. ***Benito's Bizcochitos.***

As they prepare to make Christmas cookies known as Bizcochitos, Christina's grandmother tells her the story of how a magical butterfly first introduced these sweet treats to her great grandfather, a shepherd in the hills of New Mexico.

Interest Level: Preschool and Primary Grades

Barasch, Lynne. ***Radio Rescue.***

In an exciting story about the heroism of ordinary people, a 10-year-old boy earns his amateur radio license and aids in the rescue of hurricane victims. The book includes a time line of the invention of the telegraph, a list of the advantages of the telegraph, and a chart of Morse code. Help children construct a time line of their life and the significant events they have experienced.

Interest Level: Primary and Intermediate Grades

Bruce, Annette J. ***More Tellable Cracker Tales.***

Drawn from Florida history, folklore, and fiction, this collection of stories tailor-made for telling will entertain, inspire, and astound readers and listeners of all ages. Annette Bruce founded the Cracker Storytelling Festival and co-founded the Florida Storytelling Guild and the Florida Storytelling Camp.

Interest Level: Primary and Intermediate Grades

Bruce, Annette J. ***Tellable Cracker Tales.***

A collection of tall tales, modern fables, nonsense stories, and stories from history -- all with a Florida flavor -- that are perfect for telling. Notes for the storyteller include telling time, intended audience, and tips on how to tell it. Pull up a favorite chair and a few listeners and start a storytelling tradition with the gems from this collection.

Interest Level: Intermediate Grades and Middle School

Caraballo, Samuel. ***Estrellita se despide de su isla/Estrellita Says Good-bye to Her Island.***

This bilingual picture book for older children tells of Estrellita's farewell song to her island home. The gentle words paint a picture of her beloved environment in vivid strokes. She tells of the rooster calling to her in the morning, the coquf appearing at her bed, and the people that populate her lovely countryside. What comes across best is the poet's strong feeling for the island's "exquisite Caribbean song," which will strike a response in readers, whether recent immigrants or not.

Interest Level: Preschool and Primary Grades

Charlip, Remy. ***Fortunately.***

“Fortunately, Ned was invited to a surprise party. Unfortunately, the party was a thousand miles away.” See how Ned's luck alternates from good to bad and back again as he travels from New York to Florida to attend a surprise party that turns out to be for him. Have children write their own stories that alternate from good to bad and back again.

Interest Level: Preschool and Primary Grades

Galindi, Mary Sue. ***Icy Watermelon/Sandia Fria.***

When three generations of a family gather to eat watermelon, the grandparents reminisce about how the sweet fruit brought them together.

Interest Level: Preschool and Primary Grades

Garza, Carmon. ***Family Pictures.***

The author describes her experiences growing up in a Hispanic community in Texas. Get children to talk about their own family experiences.

Interest Level: Preschool and Primary Grades

Hutchins, Pat. ***There's Only One Of Me!***

Hutchins tackles family relationships in this cheerful, cumulative story with a birthday-party finale. In a series of spreads, a child greets her mother, sister, half brother, stepfather, stepbrother, cousin, aunt and uncle, grandparents, and great-grandmother as they arrive for the celebration, carefully stating her relationship to each one of them. After reading the story aloud, have the children make a “family tree” showing who they are related to and how.

Interest Level: Preschool and Primary Grades

Joseph, Daniel M. and Lydia J Mendel. ***All Dressed Up and Nowhere to Go.***

David and his parents travel to Florida to spend the winter holidays with his grandparents. After dreaming of snow, young David awakes and dresses in many layers to go out and make a snowman. Grandma searches for David, who is easily found: she simply follows the trail of discarded winter clothes to find David and his sandman. Create a flannel board with David and all his clothes. Layer them on and off as the story is told. Or, dress a child up with real winter clothes as the book is read.

Interest Level: Preschool and Primary Grades

Khalsa, Dayal Kaur. ***My Family Vacation.***

May has many new experiences on her first family vacation in Florida. Some of the new experiences include sleeping in a motel, playing miniature golf, and going sightseeing in places like Parrot Jungle. They play car games while on the road. Getting there is only part of the fun! Let the children talk about where they go with their family on vacation -- or about their distant family members that come to visit them in Florida.

Interest Level: Preschool and Primary Grades

Pollaco, Patricia. ***Keeping Quilt.***

A homemade quilt ties together the lives of four generations of an immigrant Jewish family, remaining a symbol of their enduring love and faith. Let the children design a quilt square to symbolize their family. Provide many different types, colors, and textures of paper. Have the children glue their designs onto a blank square of paper, then glue all of them onto a large piece of craft paper.

Interest Level: Preschool and Primary Grades

Ryan, Susan Jane. ***Florida A to Z.***

Crammed into the 26 letters of the alphabet are almost 200 facts about Florida personalities, history, geography, nature, and culture. The facts are both fun and accurate. From Alligator to Zephyrhills, there is more information on Florida packed in this alphabet than can be imagined. Sprinkle these

facts throughout presentations in this section, throughout the summer, or any time during the year. After sharing all the information, turn this into a game show and ask questions about Florida.

Interest Level: Primary Grades

Vigil-Piinon, Evangelina. ***Marina's Muumuu / El muumuu de Marina.***

In this bilingual book, Marina is a girl with a great imagination. She can imagine herself in Mexico, the country from which her grandfather came, or in Hawaii, her grandmother's homeland. After looking at pictures of her aunts and cousins in colorful muumuus, Marina decides she wants one for herself. Have children draw a picture of themselves in the type of clothing they want for themselves. Have them write a paragraph about why they would like that type of clothing.

Interest Level: Preschool and Primary Grades

Winner, Ramona Moreno. ***Lucas And His Loco Beans: A Bilingual Tale Of The Mexican Jumping Bean.***

Written in a lively, rhyming, bilingual style, with English as the main language and English meanings given for the Spanish words used, this tells the story of Lucas' summertime visit to his grandfather's ranch. There are four pages at the back of the book with jumping bean facts in both English and Spanish, and then a neat multiple-choice quiz on word meanings. A wonderful way to introduce Spanish to English speaking audiences and to entice Spanish speakers to be part of programs.

Interest Level: Primary Grades

Zamorano, Ana. ***Let's Eat!***

Every day, Mama prepares a mid-afternoon meal for the family. Grandparents, parents, and three children all join in to share stories as well as wonderful food. Lots of Spanish words and phrases help introduce readers and listeners to Latino culture.

Interest Level: Preschool and Primary Grades

## **Booktalks – to excite everyone to read**

Bode, Janaet. ***New Kids in Town: Oral Histories of Immigrant Teens.***

Eleven young people describe their lives since coming to the United States.

Interest Level: Middle and High School

Bloor, Edward. ***Crusader.***

Set in Miami, this book tells about Roberta River and her father. He operates an arcade in a failing mall where most of the action takes place. There is also a mystery about how Roberta's mother died seven years ago. Was she murdered?

Interest Level: High School

Blume, Judy. ***Starring Sally J. Freedman As Herself.***

Sally J. Freedman is spending the winter of 1947/48 in Miami Beach and she is full of wild ideas. She casts herself in starring roles in movies. She's got her eye on handsome Peter Hornstein, the Latin lover of her dreams. She encounters a stranger who looks suspiciously like Hitler. Sally's school year in Miami Beach is unforgettable.

Interest Level: Intermediate Grades

Brown, Robin C. ***Florida's First People: 12,000 Years of Human History.***

The author uses the discoveries at five archeological sites around the state to illustrate the major cultural periods of Florida prehistory. Pottery, tools (both shell & stone), and other artifacts as well as photos and drawings of hundreds of different potsherds provide the reader with a greater understanding of the people who created them.

Interest Level: Middle and High School

Cavanagh, Helen. ***Panther Glade.***

Bill Carven gains self-confidence when he spends the summer in Florida with Aunt Cait, an archaeologist studying the burial mounds of the Calusa Indians. He quickly gains interest in the Calusa Indians, especially in the legend of Manther, the

Cat-god of the Calusa. Bill learns how Calusa boys went alone into the Everglades to search for a vision and find their own spirit guides and protectors. The thought of being alone in the Everglades terrifies Bill, but he confronts his fears and finds the courage to survive when a sudden storm leaves him stranded in the Everglades. Author Helen Cavanagh is a resident of Marco Island, FL.

Interest Level: Intermediate Grades and Middle School

Crewe, Sabrina. ***Settling of St. Augustine.***

The story of the settling of St. Augustine, Florida is described with information about the indigenous people who lost their way of life, freedom, and their lives when the Spanish came to Florida.

Interest Level: Middle and High School

Crist-Evans, Craig. ***Amaryllis.***

Amaryllis. That was the name of the ship that ran aground on Singer Island during a hurricane in 1965. For several years, it jutted out into the Atlantic off the coast of Florida, creating perfect sets of waves that called to surfers Jimmy Staples and his older brother Frank. Now that Frank is in Vietnam fighting the enemy and his own demons, and Jimmy is left at home to deal with the repercussions, Amaryllis takes on an ominous new meaning -- a symbol of what happens when life places unexpected events in our paths.

Interest Level: Middle and High School

Doherty, Kieran. ***Marjory Stoneman Douglas, Guardian of the Glades.***

This is a biography of Florida's foremost environmental activist. Grass motifs are used in the chapter title pages as well as to complement the soft, gray-toned photos scattered throughout the book. This is not just a book about the history of Florida; it is an interesting and eloquent account of Douglas' life and her evolution as a conservationist.

Interest Level: Middle and High School

Englar, Mary. ***Seminole: The First People in Florida.***

Provides overview of past and present lives of the Seminole people of Florida and Oklahoma.

Interest Level: Primary and Intermediate Grades

Ferris, Jean. ***All That Glitters.***

Sixteen-year-old Brian is forced to stay with his father, Leo, in the Florida Keys while his mother is on a honeymoon with her new husband. Leo alienates Brian who then gets involved with a local group who search for a sunken galleon. There is a bit of romance and lots of adventure as the group has to cope with a hurricane.

Interest Level: Middle and High School

Fichter, George S. ***Floridians All.***

A review of the lives and accomplishments of people who were either born in Florida and achieved greatness elsewhere, or came to Florida and achieved greatness here.

Interest Level: Primary and Intermediate Grades

Freedman, Russell. ***Immigrant Kids.***

Text and contemporary photographs chronicle the life of immigrant children at home, work, and play during the late 1800's.

Interest Level: Primary and Intermediate Grades

George, Jean Craighead. ***Talking Earth.***

Billie Wind, a member of the Seminole nation, does not believe in the tribe's beliefs about talking animals and spirits. She wants to believe in the culture of her heritage, but it conflicts with the science she is learning in school. Billie goes to live in the Everglades where she survives a hurricane and lives with the animals until she hears the spirits of the animals talk and sees the magical serpent.

Interest Level: Intermediate Grades and Middle School

Harvey, Dean. ***Secret Elephant of Harlan Kooter.***

Harlan, the smallest boy in school, is always picked on by the school bully. When the circus comes to his home town of

Pine View, Florida, he discovers “a medium-sized elephant, which is to say it was about the size of a delivery van” that has run away from the circus. Harlan befriends the elephant who wants to be free of the circus.

Interest Level: Primary and Intermediate Grades

Heinrichs, Ann. ***De Soto: Hernando De Soto Explores the Southeast.***

A biography of the sixteenth-century Spaniard who explored Florida and other southern states, and became the first white man to cross the Mississippi river.

Interest Level: Intermediate Grades

Heinrichs, Ann. ***Ponce De Leon: Juan Ponce De Leon Searches For The Fountain Of Youth.***

A biography of the Spanish explorer who first came to the new world with Columbus, went on to become the governor of Puerto Rico, and later came to Florida looking for the Fountain of Youth.

Interest Level: Primary and Intermediate Grades

Horne, Will. ***Tales of the Tamiami Trail.***

This tells the stories of floods and hurricanes in the Everglades, of people who lived or died through them. It also tells the story of a strange young woman born in the eye of a hurricane.

Interest Level: Middle and High School

Hoobler, Dorothy. ***African American Family Album.***

A collection of memories, experience, and photographs of a people who were first Africans, then slaves, then Americans.

Interest Level: Middle and High School

Hoobler, Dorothy. ***Mexican American Family Album.***

This book tells the story of Mexican-Americans, explaining their role in U.S. History and the contributions they have made to American culture.

Interest Level: Middle and High School

Hudson, Joyce. ***Apalachee.***

A Native American woman is caught in the rapidly changing world of the early colonial south. The novel recounts the beginnings of the colony of South Carolina and the struggle between the colonists and the Native Americans.

Interest Level: Middle School

Johnson, Delores. ***Seminole Diary: Remembrance of a Slave.***

Using diary entries, Johnson introduces readers to a seldom recognized aspect of Native-American and African-American relationships.

Interest Level: Preschool and Primary Grades

Jones, Maxine D. ***African Americans in Florida.***

This book includes brief descriptions of the lives and contributions of more than 50 notable African Americans in Florida, from 1528 to the present, who made contributions in fields such as education, politics, journalism, sports, music, and religion. Also included is a detailed description of the 141 sites on the Florida Black Heritage Trail that mark African-American contributions to culture and history in our state. A month-by-month calendar of important dates that highlight the history, culture, setbacks and successes of one of the state's largest minorities makes this volume useful all year long.

Interest Level: Middle and High School

Jumper, Moses. ***Osceola: Patriot and Warrior (Stories of America).***

This fact-filled book describes the struggle of Seminole chief and warrior Osceola to save people from being forced off their land in Florida.

Interest Level: Middle and High School

Kavasch, E. Barrie. ***Seminole Children and Elders talk together.***

A child and older person of the Seminole Native American tribe of Florida talk about their history, culture, and festivals.

Interest Level: Primary Grades

Kavasch, E. Barrie. ***Seminoles.***

This book introduces the history, culture and daily life of the Seminoles.

Interest Level: Primary and Intermediate Grades

Koestler-Grack, Rachel A. ***Seminole: Patchworkers of the Everglades.***

This book discusses the Seminole Indians, focusing on their tradition of creating patchwork.

Interest Level: Primary Grades

Konigsburg, Elaine L. ***T-backs, T-shirts, Coat, and Suit.***

Spending the summer in Florida with her stepfather's sister, who operates a "meals on wheels" van, twelve-year-old Chloe and her aunt become involved in a controversy surrounding the wearing of T-back bathing suits. Written by a two-time Newbery award-winning author and Florida resident.

Interest Level: Intermediate Grades and Middle School

Konigsburg, Elaine L. ***View From Saturday.***

Florida resident Konigsburg tells the story of four extraordinary sixth-graders. They form an incredible friendship centered around the ritual of Saturday tea, and, later, on an academic bowl team coached by their teacher, Mrs. Olinski. Konigsburg won her second Newbery Medal for this book. Serve tea before the book is introduced. Set up a quiz bowl type program using questions about Florida and the books the group is reading.

Interest Level: Middle School

Knotts, Bob. ***Florida Native Peoples.***

This book contains interesting facts about the people who lived in Florida from 10,000 years ago to the present day.

Interest Level: Primary and Intermediate Grades

Kudlinski, Kathleen V. ***Night Bird: A Story of the Seminole Indians (Once upon America).***

Night Bird is a young Seminole girl who lives in the Florida Everglades in the mid-19th century. Unexpectedly, her cousin and her family come to her village fleeing white soldiers. This act inadvertently exposes the tribe's safe haven in the swamp. Given the option of relocating to Oklahoma or being driven further into the swamp, the members of the camp must decide what to do. Night Bird, who is destined to head the Otter clan in this matriarchal society, faces a decidedly difficult choice. She ultimately opts to remain with her grandmother and learn the ways of the clan in their homeland even though the rest of her immediate family heads west. Full-page black-and-white paintings punctuate the narrative and reveal unique aspects of Native American customs and dress.

Interest Level: Intermediate Grades

Lenski, Lois. ***Strawberry Girl.***

This Newbery award-winning book tells how life was in rural Florida in the early 1900s. Birdie Boyer and her hard-working family raise strawberries in Florida, but have to face the dislike of their neighbors.

Interest Level: Primary and Intermediate Grades

Lourie, Peter. ***Everglades: Buffalo Tiger and the River of Grass.***

Take a tour of the “slow-moving swamp that is in fact a huge, silent river” covering a vast area of southern Florida in this book with former Miccosukee chief, Buffalo Tiger. This is an engrossing and moving narrative, clearly presented and liberally supported with full-color photographs.

Interest Level: Primary and Intermediate Grades

Maestro, Betsy. ***Coming to America: The Story of Immigration.***

This basic overview of immigrant experiences in early America relates how new arrivals came to this country in search of religious and political freedom.

Interest Level: Primary and Intermediate Grades

McCarthy, Kevin. ***Native Americans In Florida.***

This book explores the importance of archaeology in preserving the past for future generations, how archaeologists do their work, and even how young people can gain hands-on experience in a real dig. It traces the history and culture of various Native American tribes in Florida, addressing such topics as mounds and other archeological remains, languages, reservations, wars, and European encroachment. It provides detailed descriptions of 185 sites on the Native American Heritage Trail that mark important historical events as well as a calendar of important dates.

Interest Level: Intermediate Grades and Middle School

McDonald, Megan. ***Beezy.***

In three short stories styled just right for the beginning-to-read crowd, Beezy waits out a Florida hurricane with her Gran; adopts a homeless dog she names Funnybone; and befriends newcomer Sarafina Zippy, whose parents are the Flying Zippys in the Pickle Circus.

Interest Level: Primary Grades

McGoun, William. ***Ancient Miamians: The Tequesta of South Florida.***

This concise and readable tale of the remarkable predecessors of Miami-Dade's current 2 million residents is the first such treatment of Florida's pre-European and early historic native people. McGoun includes the major cultural periods and significant archaeological sites in the region, all in terms of day-to-day life rendered in engaging narrative.

Interest Level: Middle and High School

Naylor, Phyllis Reynolds. ***To Walk the Skypath.***

Ten-year-old Billie Tommie, a Seminole Indian, is caught between the cultures when his family moves away from a mangrove island in the Florida Everglades and nearer the white man's civilization. Billie is the first person in his family to attend a public school.

Interest Level: Intermediate Grades and Middle School

Nolan, Peggy. ***Spy Who Came In From The Sea.***

Fourteen-year-old Frank Hollahan moves to Florida at the height of World War II to join his father, a Navy seaman. Frank soon develops such a reputation for exaggeration that when he announces having seen an enemy spy land on the beach, no one believes him. He sets out to prove the spy's existence and warn his neighbors of impending danger.

Interest Level: Intermediate Grades

Oppel, Frank. ***Tales of Old Florida.***

Prior to the boom of the 1920s, when Florida was a wilderness, only the brave chanced swamps, alligators, hurricanes, and the lush, tropical forests. This collection of original articles and period stories is illustrated with contemporary drawings, photographs, and etchings. An amazing contrast to the vacation paradise of today!

Interest Level: Middle and High School

Osa, Nancy. ***Cuba 15.***

This first novel by Nancy Ocal tells of Violet Paz, who has just turned 15, a pivotal birthday in the eyes of her Cuban grandmother. Fifteen is the age when a girl enters womanhood, traditionally celebrating the occasion with a quinceañero. But while Violet is half Cuban, she's also half Polish, and more importantly, she feels 100% American. Except for her zany family's passion for playing dominoes, smoking cigars, and dancing to Latin music, Violet knows little about Cuban culture, nada about quinces, and only tidbits about the history of Cuba. So when Violet begrudgingly accepts Abuela's plans for a quinceañero and as she begins to ask questions about her Cuban roots, cultures and feelings

collide. The mere mention of Cuba and Fidel Castro elicits her grandparents' sadness and her father's anger. Only Violet's Aunt Luz remains open-minded. With so many divergent views, it's not easy to know what to believe. All Violet knows is that she's got to form her own opinions, even if this jolts her family into unwanted confrontations.

Interest Level: Middle and High School

Peck, Robert. ***Cowboy Ghost.***

Sixteen-year-old Titus MacRobertson can handle a wild mustang, but can't prove to his father that he's as good a rancher as his brother. In this riveting coming-of-age story, Titus faces ghosts, Seminoles, and a stampede on an unforgettable cattle drive. This could also be used in the "Score with Sports" segment of a program.

Interest Level: Middle and High School

Peck, Robert Newton. ***Horse Hunters.***

This is a heart-warming coming-of-age tale set on a Florida ranch during the early 1930s. Fifteen-year-old Ladd sets off on a journey in open country where horses roam. His mission is to round up these wild horses. His trek is filled with danger, triumph and discovery.

Interest Level: Middle and High School

Peck, Robert. ***Horse Thief: A Novel.***

This book is set in Depression-era Florida. Tullis Yoder has never known a home, and his only family is a group of horses that he tends for a rodeo. After losing two fingers in his first bull ride, seventeen-year-old Tullis Yoder worries he'll never have a chance to top another bull. Then the rodeo show he works for goes broke, and he learns that its thirteen horses, his only family, will be slaughtered for dog meat. With the help of a lady doctor and an aging professional horse thief, Tullis steals his beloved horses. He wants to set the horses free, but with crooks, three sheriffs, and a powerful judge after him, will he have a chance?

Interest Level: Middle and High School

Peck, Robert Newton. ***Nine Man Tree.***

Deep in the Florida swampland in the 1930s, young Yoolee Tharp is fast becoming a man. When his family's tiny Everglades settlement is stalked by an enormous killer beast, and his father disappears, it is up to Yoolee to protect his family. He's aided only by his wits, courage, and a mysterious stranger.

Interest Level: Intermediate Grades

Phillips, Jane. ***Gloria Estefan.***

Gloria Estefan went to Miami after the Bay of Pigs. This is the biography of a Cuban-American superstar.

Interest Level: Middle and High School

Schrecengost, Maity. ***Panther Girl.***

After moving to the Tampa area in the 1840s, a young pioneer girl befriends the son of a Seminole chief. This book has won a Patrick Smith Historical Fiction Award.

Interest Level: Intermediate Grades and Middle School

Selden, Bernice. ***Story of Walt Disney, Maker of Magical Worlds.***

There is more to Disney than Disney World. This is the fascinating life story of Walt Disney, who was responsible for creating the first full-length animated motion picture and today's most popular amusement parks.

Interest Level: Primary and Intermediate Grades

Sweeney, Joyce. ***Spirit Window.***

Miranda, a budding photographer, finds her skills put to the test while staying with her grandmother in Florida. The blossoming romance between Miranda and Adam adds to the interest.

Interest Level: Middle and High School

Veciana-Suarez, Ana. ***Flight to Freedom.***

Thirteen-year-old Yara is given a diary by her father. The story, set in the 1960s, is told through her diary entries. As the family waits for permission to leave, readers are told about the

rationing of food, neighbors spying on neighbors to report disloyalties to Castro, and the humiliation of being labeled a Cuban exile. Arrival in Miami is fraught with a new set of difficulties as language and cultural differences make adjustment painful. The story and characters ring true in their portrayal of loss, longing, and the hope of starting a new life.

Interest Level: Middle and High School

Wade, Mary D. ***Cabeza de Vaca: Conquistador Who Cared.***

This is a biography of Cabeza de Vaca. This Spanish conquistador survived a failed mission to Florida. He spent seven years among Indians in the American Southwest and then tried to secure humane treatment of the Indians in the lower half of the South American continent.

Interest Level: Intermediate Grades

Weitzel, Kelley G. ***Timucua Indians: A Native American Detective Story.***

Discusses the history, language, customs, and explores the daily life of the Timucua Indians who lived in northern Florida and southern Georgia. The story is told from a young person's perspective. Page by page activities reinforce information presented.

Interest Level: Middle and High School

## ***Crafts and Games – to involve everyone***

D'Amico, Joan and Karen Eich Drummond. ***The United States Cookbook: Fabulous Foods And Fascinating Facts from all 50 States.***

Registered dietician Drummond and cooking instructor D'Amicio have combined a delicious mixture of maps, facts, history, and recipes from each state. They have also included fun food trivia. Make the Key lime pie or learn some Florida facts, read a brief history of Florida, and find out about Florida foods and the Florida citrus industry. Make some of these tasty treats with older program participants or make some ahead of

time and have a tasting. Use a U.S. map to show where each of the treats originates.

Interest Level: Primary and Intermediate Grades

Pavon, Ana-Elba. **25 Latino Craft Projects.**

Prepared by practicing children's librarians, this book has 25 Latino craft projects that you can add to your programs. Each chapter includes an activity for preschoolers, after-schoolers (over 6 years old), and families (all ages). Related resources help turn each craft project into a comprehensive program by incorporating songs, poems, and books.

Interest Level: Professional Resource

Perl, Lila. ***Piñatas and Paper Flowers: Holidays of the Americas in English and Spanish.***

Brief descriptions of several Hispanic holidays as they are celebrated in North, Central, and South America.

Interest Level: Primary and Intermediate Grades

### ***Poetry and Music – rhythm and rhyme***

Agard, John and Grace Nichols. ***Under the Moon & over the Sea: A Collection of Caribbean Poems.***

This exuberant anthology provides a feeling for what it is like to live near the Caribbean Sea. Read “Nature,” page 42, to find out how people live in the endless summer; “Fruit in a Bowl,” page 60, to get a taste of some of the tropical fruits that are grown in Florida; or “Emily Hurricane,” pages 14-15, to see how people react to a hurricane.

Interest Level: All Ages

Alarcon, Francisco X. ***Iguanas in the Snow / Iguanas en La Nieve: And Other Winter Poems / Y Otros Poemas de Invierno.***

Though these poems are about people in California, the one on page 23, “Migrant Life in Seasons,” mirrors the lives of the migrant families that work in Florida. Share the other seasonal poetry books by Alarcon with groups: *From the*

*Bellybutton of the Moon, Angles Ride Bikes, and Laughing Tomatoes.*

Interest Level: Primary and Intermediate Grades

Buffet , Jimmy. ***Floridays.***

Parrot Heads and others will enjoy this traditional Buffett sound. Play the title track to get in the mood for your Florida programs.

Interest Level: Intermediate Grades and Middle School

Buffet, Jimmy and Savannah Buffett. ***Jolly Mon.***

A magical guitar floats to Jolly Mon while he is singing for fish. The guitar is inscribed with instruction for the Jolly Mon to share his singing talent with everyone on the neighboring islands. Play some reggae and other Caribbean music and let the children dance and sing to the beat. Have rhythm instruments available for them to join in the fun.

Interest Level: Primary Grades

Chapin, Tom. ***Billy the Squid.***

This foot-tapping, finger-snapping collection is done with a fresh approach. Singer and guitar player Chapin brings humor and imagination to children in Billy the Squid. Parents will be thrilled with this variety of amusing, thought-provoking songs that they, too, can enjoy even after listening for the 20th time. Enjoy “Great Big Words,” track 1, or “All My Friends,” track 3, in this program or “You’ll Be Sorry,” track 4, in “Animals Alive.”

Interest Level: Primary and Intermediate Grades

Dole, Mayra L. ***Drum, Chavi, Drum/Toca, Chavi, Toca.***

Even though nobody in her Cuban-American neighborhood thinks girls should play the drums, Chavi knows she was born to make just this kind of music. And the whole world is her instrument: she drums on paint cans, sofa arms, even on her mother’s cheeks. Her favorites, however, are the tumbadoras, the conga drums that liven the Caribbean music she and her neighbors love. This book will give you a taste of Miami and its unique blends of cultures. Use this bilingual book to introduce your participants to the Calle Ocho festival in

Miami. This is the biggest street party and the largest Latino festival in the nation. Stage a Latin-American festival after sharing this book.

Interest Level: Primary Grades

Herman, Micahel. ***World of Fun (kit): Around the World in Folk Dance.***

This kit includes 3 CDs containing dances to 79 tunes from 22 different countries, and the accompanying manual provides directions for folk dances and games. The dances and games promote cultural understanding. Available on-line at [www.erckids.com](http://www.erckids.com)

Interest Level: All ages

***Jammin' Oldies.***

This recording has the theme song for this section, "We Are Family." Play this at the start and end of your program.

Interest Level: All ages

Lessack, Frane. ***Camp Granada: Sing-Along Camp Songs.***

Camp songs can make any day of the year more enjoyable. Enjoy old favorites such as "Hail, Hail, the Gang's All Here!" page 16, or new ones such as "Swimming," sung to the tune of "Sailing, Sailing, Over the Ocean Blue," page 25. After sharing some of these songs, let the group make up their own verses for some of their favorites.

Interest Level: Primary and Intermediate Grades

Smith, Charles, R. ***I Am America.***

The poetic text in this book is enhanced by the accompanying photographs that represent children of diverse ethnic and racial backgrounds. The playful images and touching poetry work together to tell the story of America. Children and parents alike will be moved by each unforgettable face and each strikingly beautiful line of verse. Photographer Charles Smith, Jr. brings his unique artistic style to this patriotic and poignant portrayal of America's children. Have a Polaroid or digital camera available and let the children take pictures of each other. Let them write a line or two to describe

themselves. Mount the pictures with the text and either display on a bulletin board or bind into a book. Written permission from parents is necessary to have the children photographed.

Interest Level: Primary Grades

Thomas, Marlo. ***Free To Be a Family.***

A collection of stories, poems, and songs about different types of families and family relationships.

Interest Level: Professional Resource

Thomas, Marlo. ***Free to Be . . . You and Me.***

This is a songbook, a collection of poems, and a gallery of pictures that brings out the child in readers of all ages.

Originally published more than a decade ago, this innovative book celebrates diversity, challenges stereotypes, and encourages kids to be themselves in a joyful, positive manner. The contents of this book can be read aloud and shared.

Interest Level: All ages

## ***Internet – connect with the world***

### ***19th Century Seminole Men's Clothing.***

<http://www.nativetech.org/seminole/index.php>

This is part of the larger Native American Technology and Art website. This portion of the site includes patterns and instructions for making Seminole clothing and beadwork. Basic clothing construction techniques are required to make these items from simple patterns. Also includes information about the significance and use of turbans, face painting, and moccasins.

Interest Level: Intermediate Grades and Middle School

### ***Music from the Sunshine State.***

<http://dhr.dos.state.fl.us/folklife/radio.html>

Music from the Sunshine State is a series of eight one-hour radio programs that presents a sample of the traditional music of the people who call Florida home. Music includes: Fiddling Traditions, Mexican, Old-Time Country and Bluegrass,

Pacific Island, Sacred Music, Cuban, Caribbean and Blues: Roots and Branches. Presented by the Florida Division of Historical Resources.

Interest Level: Intermediate Grades and Middle School

***Pioneer Florida Museum and Village.***

<http://www.pioneerfloridamuseum.org/>

Take a virtual tour of the Pioneer Florida Museum and Village, located in Dade City, Florida and see eight buildings that are historically significant. The buildings were moved from various parts of Pasco County to the museum grounds.

Interest Level: Intermediate Grades and Middle School

***Ringling Museum of Art.***

[www.ringling.org](http://www.ringling.org)

Take a virtual tour of the museum of art or the circus museum.

Interest Level: Intermediate Grades

***Seminole Tribe of Florida.***

[www.seminoletribe.com/](http://www.seminoletribe.com/)

This web site is the official site of the Seminole Tribe of Florida. It includes information about the history of the Seminoles, how and where they live, their food, culture, government and more. There is even a link to the Seminole Marketplace.

Interest Level: Primary and Intermediate Grades

***Statue of Liberty - Ellis Island Foundation, Inc.***

<http://www.ellisland.org/>

Located in the Ellis Island Immigration Museum and on the World Wide Web, the American Family Immigration History Center (AFIHC) allows visitors to explore the extraordinary collection of immigrant arrival records stored in the Ellis Island Archives.

Interest Level: Middle and High School

## ***Parenting and family activities***

Walton, Chelle Koster. ***Fun with the Family in Florida.***

This easy-to-use guide contains up-to-the-minute information on Florida's family attractions. Includes things to see and do to keep the kids busy and happy for an hour, a day, or a weekend. A guaranteed antidote to vacation boredom!

Interest Level: Parents



# **Read Around Florida**

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## Lectura Alrededor de la Florida **Tips for Parents**

Use events such as the Olympics to explore the cultures and customs of other countries.

Make maps of neighborhoods and places to visit with children.

Interview older community members about their lives and the history of the neighborhood.

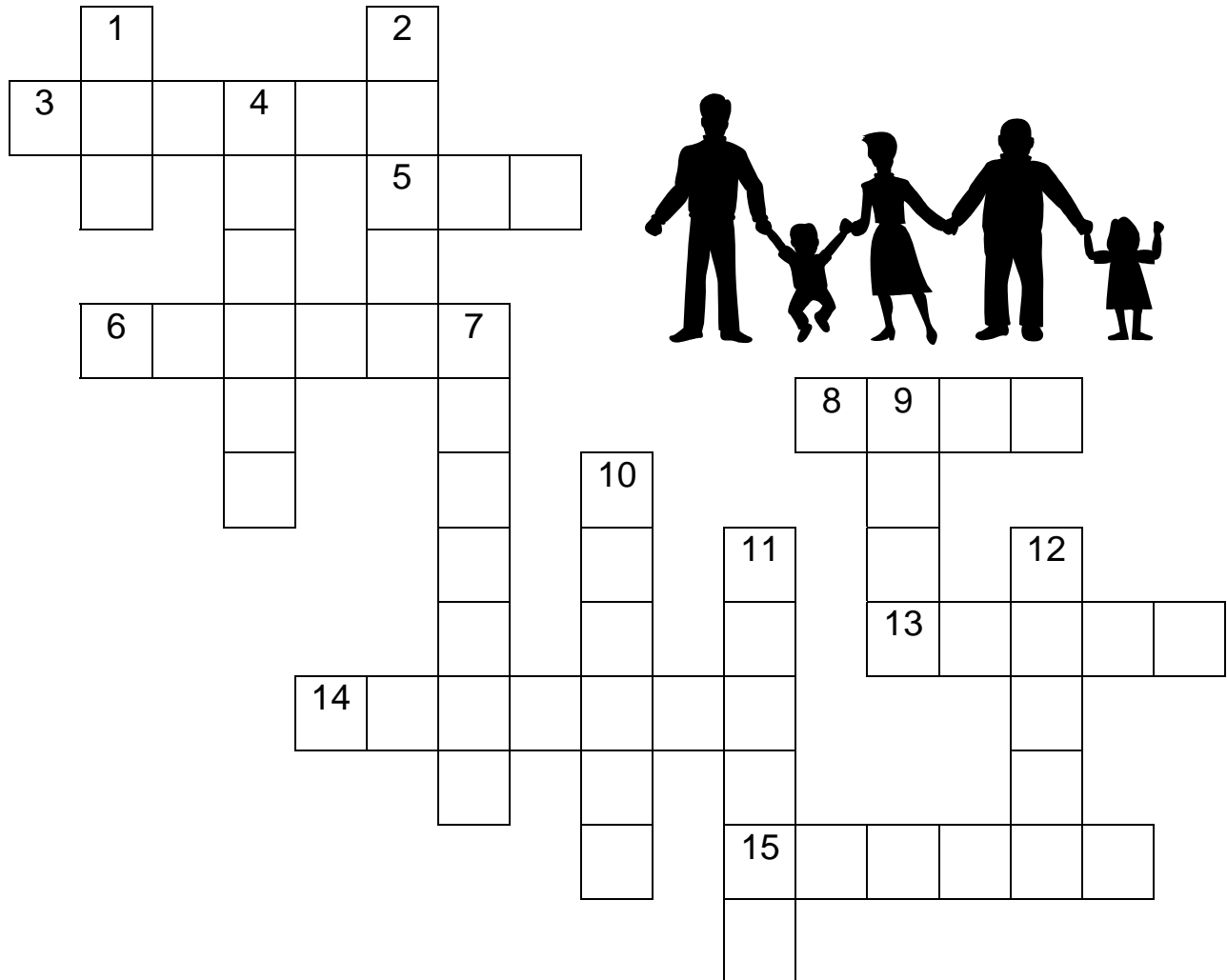
Learn capitals, countries, and continents by playing games and taking virtual trips online.

Visit a local library or historical society and start working on a family tree.





## WE ARE FAMILY CROSSWORD PUZZLE



### ACROSS

- 3 The child of your aunt or uncle
- 5 A soft, furry animal with sharp claws, whiskers, and usually a tail
- 6 A female parent
- 8 A very young child; infant
- 13 Two children born at one birth
- 14 A boy or man having the same parents as another person
- 15 The son of your aunt or uncle

### DOWN

- 1 A family pet related to wolves
- 2 The brother of your father or mother
- 4 A girl or woman having the same parents as another person
- 7 A gathering of family members
- 9 The sister of your father or mother
- 10 A male parent
- 11 A father or mother
- 12 The daughter of your aunt or uncle

# WE ARE FAMILY CROSSWORD PUZZLE

## Answer Sheet

