

# *The Friends of the Library of Flagler County, Inc.*

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## **Urgent Message to the Friends of the Library**

The Flagler County Commission is considering a huge cut to the Library budget possibly as much as \$2.5 million dollars. That would result in a reduction in employees at the library and cutting back on the hours the library is open and other cuts.

The meeting to discuss this issue is 9 a.m. Monday, Sept 12<sup>th</sup> at the government services building on Moody Boulevard in Bunnell (the same building you go to for license tags etc.)

**The only thing the County Commission responds to is the number of voters that show up to a meeting and voice their opinion and support. I am calling on every Friends of the Library member and their acquaintances who care about their library, to wear a green shirt and speak on behalf of the Library to the County Commission on Monday.**

If we do not respond in numbers it is likely that the Library will suffer the lion's share of the budget cuts. What has prompted this problem is the Commission voted earlier to cut the county's overall budget – an action under state law that they cannot rescind. At the same time they are increasing the Sheriff's budget which means they have to cut \$2.5 million somewhere in the general budget.

While no one is opposed to holding the line on county property taxes, the cuts should be shared among all the funds the county taxes pay for (including the Sheriff's Office) **and not dumped on the library.**

**If you care, be there.**

**Carl Laundrie, President of the Friends of the Library of Flagler County**

**If you have questions, please feel free to contact me at 386-283-8386**