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Friends of the Northwest Branch Library  
1580 Northwest 3rd Avenue  
Pompano Beach, FL 33060  
Phone: (954) 357-6599

TO: Dennis W. Beach, City Manager

Dear Mr. Beach,

The Friends of the Northwest Branch Library of Pompano Beach, is requesting your support for the 2016 Juneteenth Celebration, Blues and Sweet Potato Pie Festival for the sum of \$2000. This is the sixteenth year for the Friends of the NW Branch Library's effort to provide a one day festival to the residents of the City of Pompano Beach and its surrounding communities. The purpose of the Festival to celebrate freedom as outlined in the Emancipation Proclamation of this great country. This year's Festival is celebrated in conjunction with the national Juneteenth Celebration. Juneteenth is the one hundred and fifty year Anniversary celebration of the oldest African American holiday in the United States. Cultural activities will include Civil War historical re-enactors, Blues music, cultural exhibits, a trackless train, professional story tellers, health and wellness services, Supervisor of Elections outreach, a DJ, a mobile historical museum, face painting, cultural foods, and fun and games for the entire community. All proceeds generated from the event will be used to enhance the literacy program, after school programs, and cultural programs not covered by the library budget. We look forward to your continued support of the "Blues and Sweet potato Pie Festival."

Sincerely,

Felicia Frazier

President of the Friends of the Northwest Branch Library



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**2016 Blues and Sweet Potato Pie Festival Budget**

Key West Civil War Soldiers (Re-Enactors) \$1000

Sign/Banners /Advertisements \$1000

Two Professional Story Tellers \$600

Kinad Mobile Historical Museum (African-American and Caribbean History) \$1000

Tents, chairs, and tables \$800

Trackless train and hayride \$700

Blues band \$600

Sweet Potato Pies \$250

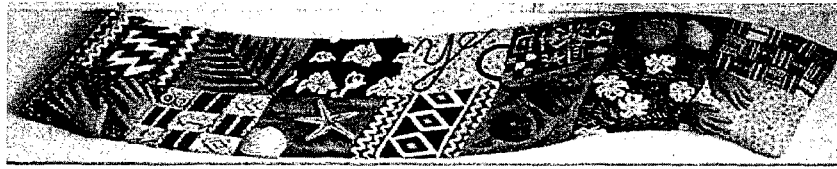
DJ \$300

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Face paint \$100

Misc. \$250

Total \$6900



**March 20, 2016**

**Dear City of Pompano Beach,**

The Friends of the North West Library would like to invite you to help sponsor our annual "Blues & Sweet Potato Pie Festival: A Juneteenth Celebration", taking place June 18, 2016. We are a 501c3, not-for-profit organization that supports the programs of the library, while also promoting cooperation and communication between the library and its community.

***What is The Juneteenth Celebration?***

The Juneteenth celebration is a reminder of the end of slavery in the United States. The freeing of slaves started with Abraham Lincoln's signing of the Emancipation Proclamation in 1862. However it was not until June 19, 1895 that the last of the slaves in Texas were freed.

Our Celebration of this historic moment is one of the Friends major projects. "The Blues & Sweet Potato Pie Festival" takes place each June and features lots of exciting, yet educational attractions. Participants are asked to wear 1864-65 period clothing. There are motivational speakers, live performances from youth/young adults in our community, and old time blues music. Also there are inspirational segments where local churches can participate by displaying their choirs, dance teams, or groups. For the children there will be lots of fun activities including trackless train rides, a kickoff for the Summer Reading Program, storytelling, professional story tellers, a mobile historical museum, to name a few. The collaborative effort of community volunteers, businesses, agencies, and Friends help to make it a success.

***How can I help?***

**The Festival Coordinators need your support in sponsoring the event with a monetary donation to off-set the cost of the event. In addition we would love your organization to volunteer at our event. We would really appreciate your help. All donations are tax deductible.** All proceeds from the event will be used to enhance the literacy programs and cultural programs not covered by the library budget. Please respond by 5/1/2016.

***Make Checks Payable to: Friends of the Northwest Branch Library***

Contact us at 954-357-6615, or by fax 954-357-6625. Please call us upon receipt of this letter to confirm arrival.

Thanks in Advance,

Felicia Frazier, President, NW Friends