Welcome to the Historic Stranahan House Museum!

The Stranahan House was built in 1901 by Fort Lauderdale’s founding father, Frank Stranahan, to serve as a trading post, post office, and campsite for the new pioneer community. Together with his wife, the area’s first school teacher, Ivy Cromartie Stranahan, the site became the community center and town hall for the area’s few residents. As time progressed and the area grew, the House served as a bank, restaurant, and residence for the Stranahans. It is fitting that this important landmark is the oldest surviving structure in Broward County as it has played a significant role in the economic and social life of the community.

The Stranahan House is credited to be the place where the City of Fort Lauderdale began and today serves as a reminder of the city’s vibrant history, the growth of business, and the need for the community to work together to expand cultural, educational, and civic endeavors. The Stranahan House preserves the legacy of Frank and Ivy Stranahan while providing educational opportunities that emphasize literacy, local and state history, historic preservation, environmental conservation, character building, the arts and more.

The Historic Stranahan House Museum offers several interactive and experiential programs that complement the classroom curriculum and brings history to life for the students.

All lessons meet Florida's Core Standards and are appropriate for all grade levels.

Most tours can be modified to meet your specific curriculum needs. Please contact Jonathan C. Axler, Education Coordinator, at 954-524-4736 or education@stranahanhouse.org.
WHERE IT ALL BEGAN TOUR: $7.00 per student includes tour and an activity book
Elementary School students will travel back in time to learn about Frank and Ivy Stranahan. Students will be immersed in the pioneer lifestyle while learning about the Stranahans’ involvement with the Seminole Indians. This tour will consist of a museum tour, ring of the historic bell, making butter and participation in a history scavenger hunt. This tour can be modified to meet your curriculum needs.

Grade K Standards: SS.K.A.1.2, SS.K.A.2.1 
Grade 3 Standards: SS.3.A.1.1, SS.3.A.1.3 
Grade 5 Standards: SS.5.A.1.1, SS.5.A.3.3

Middle and High School students will explore the lifestyle of those living in early Fort Lauderdale. Through the use of old photos and letters, they will learn about why Frank and Ivy Stranahan individually choose to come to the pioneer settlement, their involvement with the Seminole Indians and the importance of the New River. This tour can be modified to meet your curriculum needs.

Grade 7 Standards: SS.7.G.1 
Grade 8 Standards: SS.7.G.5 
Grade 9, 10, 11 & 12 Standards: SS.912.A.1, SS.912.A.3, SS.912.C.2, SS.912.G.2, SS.912.G.6, SS.912.H.1

THE LAST EGRET TOUR: $12.00 per student includes visit to two locations and an activity book
The Historic Stranahan House Museum and Bonnet House Museum & Gardens partner to present a unique, exciting program based on Harvey Oyer’s book, *The Adventures of Charlie Pierce The Last Egret*. This program explores pioneer life as experienced by Charlie Pierce, a young boy growing up in the untamed wilderness of Florida. Students will step back in time as they learn colorful tales of Seminoles and early citizens. As ‘pioneers’, students will ‘barter’ for supplies at Frank Stranahan’s Trading Post and participate in water testing and butter making. Valuable science lessons include a presentation about the Barrier Island Eco System and its sensitive food chain as well as the effects of pollution on the New River.

Grade K Standards: SS.K.A.1.2, SS.K.A.2.1 
Grade 3 Standards: SS.3.A.1.1, SS.3.A.1.3 
Grade 5 Standards: SS.5.A.1.1, SS.5.A.3.3

OLD SOUTH FLORIDA PORTRAIT TOUR: $12.00 per student includes visit to two locations and an activity book
Explore two historic homes of pioneer families from the early 20th century. Examine local history while witnessing the environmental impact on the historical sites of the Stranahan House on the New River and the Bonnet House on Fort Lauderdale’s beach. Students will compare and contrast the differences between the two families, their homes and their lifestyle with a focus on historic preservation.

Grade K Standards: SS.K.A.1.2, SS.K.A.2.1 
Grade 3 Standards: SS.3.A.1.1 
Grade 5 Standards: SS.5.A.1.1, SS.5.A.3.3

LIVE FROM THE HISTORIC STRANAHAN HOUSE MUSEUM!

MEET THE STRANAHANS:
1st Monday of the month*
Travel through time and interview members of the Stranahan family! Ask Ivy Stranahan about her accomplishments, ask Frank Stranahan about the post office and ask Alice Cromartie about her adventures in the Stranahan House!

PIONEERS SHOW AND TELL:
2nd Monday of the month*
Learn about historic artifacts through this interactive show and tell. Students will be asked to compare and contrast the differences between today’s modern objects and objects used by Frank and Ivy Stranahan.

VIRTUAL FIELD TRIP:
3rd Monday of the month*
Explore the community, meet experts in archaeology, environmental conservation and history and culture. This interactive program encourages students’ participation.

*Programs are subject to change.
**For Middle and High school programs contact Melanie Claros Rodriguez, Education Coordinator at 954-524-4736 or education@StranahanHouse.org

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**Programs meet the Florida’s Core Standards. Topics presented include: History, Environmental Conservation, Vocabulary, Social Studies, Literature, Geography, Etymology, Seminole Culture, Horticulture, Agriculture and Character Building.**