

March 4, 2016 for March 7, 2016 Monthly Meeting

To: Florida Public Library Board of Trustees
From: Madelyn Folino, Director

Monthly Report

February 2015 Circulation Door Count: 1,786 Closed: 1 holiday, 2 snow
Adult: 1,912 Juvenile: 690 \$: 682.99 ILL loans: 701 ILL borrows: 668

February 2016 Circulation Door Count: 2,023 Closed: 1 holiday, 1 snow
Adult: 1,915 Juvenile: 653 \$: 768.85 ILL loans: 682 ILL borrows: 816

Programs

- Programs are still deep in Africa through March, then will focus on Asia for April and May. Rhymetime tripled its attendance this week to three children with parents, and Storytime has 12 registered with an average attendance of eight.
- Books & Beyond has a steady dozen children attending. They have been working on African art projects and will have a show on 3/22 during spring break week.
- Tween Club currently has only three kids, although four children are enrolled in the 3D printer study sessions with Annette and Bob Persing. Teen Time is bringing in 12 and is growing in popularity. This group tends to turn up whether there is a program or not.
- Construction by tweens/teens of the Little Free Library for Roe Brothers, Inc. will take place in the spring under the supervision of Cecelia Lillard and Bob Persing. We hope to have it in place by mid-May.
- Dusty the READ dog continues to be popular and will visit once a month to listen to children read. African Animal Design and a Black History Month Storytime were cancelled due to no registration. Diamonds of Africa was popular with both adults and Boy Scouts.
- The Wednesday Craft Club brought in ten attendees to make oversize crepe paper roses, some of which are featured on our Facebook page. Their next project will be a colorful rag wreath for spring. The Poetry Café drew 27 people and was supported by two grants from P&W and the FFPL. April's café will mark ten years of this series.
- Technology Classes, including MS Word 2 and Windows 7 & 8 had steady attendance. A program on digital photography was very popular and Annette will continue help sessions on this topic the first Saturday of each month. Maria will offer Excel classes in March and start tech help sessions every Wednesday morning in April.
- Upcoming adult programs include Healthy One-Pot Meals, Irish Music, Elephants of Thailand, Zentangle and a Storytelling Café. Programs for families include two movies, Naturally Dyed Easter Eggs and Bricks 4 Kids (motorized Legos.)
- The winner for the Super Bowl Prize Basket was Lourdes McLeod. Profit was \$142.
- BDSG storytelling volunteers Eileen Stelljes and Deb Weber, now living in Teaneck, will entertain at school tonight when the GH PTA kicks off its annual Parents As Reading Partners (PARP) program.
- The Warwick Sustainable Book Club will meet here on 3/15 and leader Michael Helme will teach a Chinese language class here on 4/6. Pine Island author Cheetah Haysom who has written *Pride and Produce*, a book about Black Dirt history. will visit on 4/16. I will be interviewing her and farmer and County Legislator Paul Ruszkiewicz on the book and Black Dirt issues. The book is now on sale here and Cheetah has generously agreed to donate 10% of sales to FPL.
- Sara and Meg will host the CLOUSC meeting at FPL for children's librarians on 3/28.

Communications – none

- The redesign of our website by Jennifer Doyon is complete. Martha and Annette worked hard to make it attractive, more organized and functional.
- The March newsletter has been completed and sent off to Star Press to produce 2,700 copies; 1,700 to be bulk mailed to Florida residents; 500 to Warwick, Goshen, supporters and legislators; 500 to be delivered by hand to local businesses, schools, realtors and through delivery, other libraries.

Financial/Donations

- \$607.53 – Grants/Aid – OLA, second payment of 2015 county funds
- \$100 – Donations – Victoria Kearns
- \$100 – Donation IMO John Seekamp – Pip Klein, Bob and Ben Grawi
- \$50 – Donation IMO Michael Dugan – Lynn and John Harter
- \$53 – Donations – Super Bowl Basket (\$142 total)
- \$63 – Donations – Romance Used Book Sale
- \$83.70 – Dividend, Energy Plus

Treasurer Kosior and President Arcieri transferred the Capital Reserve account from Sterling Bank to Greater Hudson Bank on 2/17. The funds are now in a 12-month money market account with an interest rate of 1.01%. A checking account with the minimum of \$1,000 was also opened.

Budget Vote

Petitions for the two trustee candidate open seats were due on 3/2. A petition was returned by incumbent Diane Arcieri only which means a write-in candidate will claim the other seat. This will be the first time since 2006 that we have had this situation. Trustee Kelemen will “retire” on June 30. Absentee ballots were sent out to the list provided by the Board of Elections on 3/3. Absentee ballot applications are now available. To date, I have not received any information from Mr. Cameron at FUFSD regarding tax rates. Our Special Information Meeting on the budget will be held before the regular March meeting.

Personnel

- Ashley and Marie are organizing a used book sale for 3/4 - 3/11 featuring adult fiction. Ashley’s sons and another teen volunteer have been very helpful in recycling books.
- Paisley will be picking up the additional Summer Page hours to help with the Summer Reading Program.
- Sara requests permission to carpool to a STEAM conference at Fayetteville Free Library on 4/12. I am recommending this for your approval based on FPL reimbursing only a share of mileage costs and with Sara to be paid her regular hours. There is a possibility that RCLS will send a van in which case there would be no travel costs.

Building/Equipment

- The power source for our public computers was destroyed by what we are guessing was a hard kick, resulting in half a day’s downtime on 2/16. It was replaced at no charge by Alteva and re-installed by Martha. Annette is looking for a cover for it.
- With the help of patron Paul Block, an energy broker, we switched electricity suppliers from Energy Plus (15.875 cents per KWH) to Direct Energy (7.84 cents per KWH) to realize a significant savings on our O&R bill.
- We have acquired a mourning ribbon for our indoor American flag. Attaching this to the flag is a recognized alternative to lowering a flag to half-mast. As our outside flag is difficult to reach, this is a practical solution for us to honor state and federal orders.

RCLS

- The State Annual Report was submitted to RCLS on 2/8. CFO Stephen Hoefer deemed it “outstanding” i.e. no problems.
- On the agenda: the RCLS Direct Access Plan for your approval.
- Sara and Trustee Patton attended Advocacy Day in Albany on 3/2.
- RCLS Assistant Director Grace Riario is available to speak to library boards on the following topics:
 - Plan of Service/Strategic Planning
 - Running an effective board meeting
 - Overview of changes to the trustee handbook
 - Community engagement
 - Essential policies

FOIL Request

We received a third request from SmartProcure of Deerfield Beach, FL, this time for all purchase records from 9/22/15 to the present. Their request was complied with on 2/11.

Chamber of Commerce

Sara and I attended the Florida Chamber of Commerce meeting on 3/1. Hours for the Farmer’s Market have been set this year as 10 a.m.- 4 p.m.. They are now taking applications for the position of Market Manager. County Legislator Paul Ruskiewicz was in attendance and I thanked him for his support for keeping county funds to libraries steady vs. the cut proposed. Frank Merrick, Operations Manager for Black Bear Campground offered to run news of library programs on their CCTV. Attendees were pleased to take our coupons for Copper Bottom Restaurant, an ongoing fundraiser.

Friends of the FPL

The Friends will hold a Used Book Sale in the Senior Center on Friday, 4/15 – Sunday, 4/17. Set-up will be the evening of 4/14. There will be a bag sale on Friday evening as well as Sunday afternoon. Volunteers are especially needed on Sunday when the Boy Scouts will not be available to help. The usual potluck dinner is planned for volunteers following the sale and donations of food are always welcome. The group is at a standstill on the matter of establishing themselves as a 501(c)3 organization. They are supportive of the Spring Tea and two volunteers stepped forward to help with food.

Meetings, Travel & Events – Upcoming

3/7 – Teen Summer Reading Program Workshop – Meg

3/9 – Director’s Assn. – Madelyn

3/14 – FFPL, 7 p.m.

3/15 – Village Elections in the Senior Center

3/21 – Children’s Summer Reading Program Workshop – Sara and Meg

3/23 – Trustee Orientation, RCLS, free dinner 5:30 p.m., workshop to follow, register online

3/24 – Adult Music Performer’s Showcase – Marie

3/27 – Easter, FPL Closed

4/7 – FPL Budget Vote and Trustee Election, 9 a.m. – 9 p.m.

5/25 – RCLS Annual Friends Gathering, NFL, dinner and speakers from NYLA

