

November 3, 2017 for November 6, 2017 Monthly Meeting

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

Monthly Report

October 2016 Circulation	Door Count: 2,041	Closed: 1 holiday
Adult: 1,750 Juvenile: 795	\$: 865.25 ILL loans: 703	ILL borrows: 886
September 2017 Circulation	Door Count: 2,242	Closed: 1 holiday
Adult: 1,562 Juvenile: 655	\$: 860.14 ILL loans: 835	ILL borrows: 772

Programs

- Fall programs with mystery themes have been wrapped up with some good successes. Real Crimes with author Michael Worden, a heritage craft program on soap making and our 47th Poetry café with 42 attending were all well-received. The Page Turners Book Club has picked up a few new members.
- Rhymetime for toddlers had more consistency in attendance lately and a change of day will be tried next. Storytime remains a hard group to reach. With Sara's departure, Sub Eileen Stelljes will be conducting one Thursday program per week for all preschool ages through December.
- The Stop-Motion Animation Workshop for Tweens/Teens was full. Their creations can be viewed on our website. Beth has developed a core group of Tweens attending programs every week and Maria has 8-10 Teens coming each week, as well. It is good to see these programs rebound.
- Successful adult programs have included those on Lyme Disease, Medicare and job coaching. Our program on Shakespeare's *The Tempest* was cancelled due to no attendance.
- Our Halloween Harry Potter Day featured all staff in costume and we had 63 trick or treaters drop in for free books, activities and treats.
- Upcoming programs include our 18th Annual Tellabration on 11/18, 2-4:30 p.m. with a potluck supper to follows. I am still looking for volunteer tellers from the community. Trustee Lillard and Marie will present a program on holiday cooking on 11/8 and we will feature weaving in a heritage craft program on 11/15. Art Class with Heidi Bilezikian starts on 11/16. We are planning a holiday readaloud on 12/9 and looking for readers.

Communications

- RCLS – letter re balance of LLSA.
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- Sara Johnson Verneuille – letter of resignation.
- Smart/Procure of Deerfield Beach, FL made a FOIL request for all purchases from 6/30 to 9/30 which Chris completed on 10/11/17.
- Sent a condolence card to Andrew on the death of his grandfather.
- Sent notes of thanks to former trustee Leigh Patton and former librarian Sara Verneuille.
- Offered good wishes in person to Suzanne Brahm, retiring director of Highland Falls.

Financial/Donations

- \$443,940 – FUFSD – 2017-2018 tax levy.
- \$3,000 – RCLS – Special Senate Grant 4081.

- \$144.80 – RCLS – 10% balance of 2017-2018 LLSA - Grants/Aid 4080
- \$60.49 – RCLS – 3rd quarter Paypal – Library Charges 4010.
- \$200 – Bridgewood Fieldwater Foundation - Donations 4050.
- \$100 – Terry and Joan Hudson - Donations 4050.
- \$25 – Yard Sale (Craigslist by Annette) – Donations 4050.
- \$220 – FFPL – Targeted Donations 4060 and Supplies 5260 for Janway neon pencils.
- \$50 – FFPL – Targeted Donations 4060 and Adult Programs 5241 for Poetry Café food.
- CPA Justin Wood will be here on 11/9 for the audit of the 2016-2017 fiscal year.

Personnel

- Librarian I Sara Johnson Verneuille resigned, effective 10/31. We are sorry to lose Sara, who contributed so much to our programs, services and staff training. She is staying close as the new director of the Woodbury Public Library. Staff have volunteered to cover all of Sara's work schedule for essential times.
- I have agreed to give two presentations on banned books, drawing on FPL's response to a 2004 book challenge from a patron and the board's defense of intellectual freedom: the CLOUSC meeting hosted by FPL on 11/27 and the Mount Saint Mary College Banned Books Symposium on 3/10/18.

Building and Equipment

- Volunteers Bob Persing and Kevin Sullivan, with Annette, secured the ceiling projector to Bob's exacting standards.
- Van Grol, Inc. checked the furnaces on 10/30 for the annual heating season and found all in order. Cost: \$284.05. The large AC unit outside needed replacement of a capacitor to function. We have been experiencing unusually warm weather, but will make every effort not to use the AC at this time of year.
- Peters Landscapes worked here on 10/9 and 10/10 to remove weeds, prune bushes and trees, mulch, remove junipers and a dead stump by the side entrance and replant with a crab apple and boxwood and repair the adjacent wall. Cost: \$1,630.
- We have deferred painting the railings until the spring.

Technology Grant for Coding for Youth

Sara was notified that FPL had been chosen by ALA as one of 28 libraries in 21 states to receive \$2,100 for Libraries Ready to Code, a program sponsored by Google, to teach computer coding to youth. Maria will conduct sessions for grades 4/5 and 6-8, beginning later this month and into January. Another session will follow in February/March. Meg will take Sara's place to help with the weekly reporting requirements. After we were chosen, another requirement for the grant was announced: attendance at a meeting at ALA Midwinter in Denver in February. Maria has agreed to go, but we will have to figure out the cost and how to cover it.

Friends of the FPL

- The Friends remain without a president or secretary. In addition to \$270 in targeted donations to FPL, they also provided \$175 for fees for featured poets at the Poetry Café.

Meetings, Travel & Events – Upcoming

11/6 – YA meeting – Maria

11/11 – FPL closed for Veterans Day

11/13 – Florida ABCD – Maria

11/13 – FFPL, 6:30 p.m.

11/15 – Warwick Valley HS Library school and public librarians – Beth

11/23 – FPL Closed for Thanksgiving

11/27 – FPL hosts CLOUSC, 9-1