

January 5, 2017 for January 8, 2017 Monthly Meeting

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

Monthly Report

December 2016 Circulation	Door Count: 1,909	Closed: 3 holidays, 1 training
Adult: 1,481 Juvenile: 505	\$: 902.20 ILL loans: 724	ILL borrows: 755
December 2017 Circulation	Door Count: 1,741	Closed: 3 holidays, 1 training
Adult: 1,591 Juvenile: 510	\$: 834.60 ILL loans: 689	ILL borrows: 661

Winter Weather

Winter weather has affected a few days on our schedule so far. We closed at 1 p.m. for snow on 12/9, closed at 4 p.m. on 12/30, closed all day on 1/4 and opened at 11 a.m. today.

Programs

- Programming has been quiet over the holidays with the weekly children's programs starting again mid-month. Preschool programs (TBA) and most adult programs will start next month.
- The Holiday Readaloud was good fun, though a change in date due to snow and many changes in readers made for unduly exciting planning. The Craft Club holiday plate project was attended by 16. Marie's first Mystery Book Club for adults debuted today with good attendance. We hope it will get patrons hooked on reading various mystery series to the benefit of our circulation statistics. Our popular annual Pie Night returns on 1/24 with Leslie and Tom Noble of Noble Pies on hand.
- Eileen and I will be doing our annual Winter Classics program on 1/27 with stories for families on the The Year of the Dog. The Black Dirt Storytelling Guild celebrates its 17th anniversary on 1/11 and we will share stories on "When I was 17." I will be telling Native American stories to eight classes at Sanfordville Elementary School in Warwick for outreach programs this month. I have been selected to give a fringe performance at Northeast Storytelling's Sharing the Fire Conference in Plymouth, MA in March and will be previewing my 90 minute show here a few times in February.
- Annette resumes with Tech Help classes next month. Maria's coding sessions with kids are going very well and she and Meg are watching weekly webinars to prepare. Working with our laptops has been challenging and led to many on the fly adjustments and learning experiences. Attendance for Teens has averaged 11 and for Tweens 14 per session.
- Beth starts an ambitious program for Books & Beyond and Tween Club this month, focusing on cooking, including making potato soup outside over a firepit. Ice cream, butter, jam, apple butter, skillet bread, johnny cakes, gingersnaps and mini pies will also be made from scratch during the series.
- Visits from Dusty the READ dog and showings of newly released movies anchor Saturday programs. Maria has also started a monthly Dungeons & Dragons Club for teens and adults and she continues monthly bilingual outreach programs to Florida ABCD Head Start.
- Staff have begun to think about a themed morning "camp" for K-5 over the spring break week and Marie and I are about to tackle writing an ALA grant for a 2019 program series on founding documents of the USA.

Communications

- OC Human Resources Dept. – annual request for signatures of appointing authorities (Director and President.)
- Thank you note sent to Celia Kutny of Antiques & Flowers for her donation of a holiday floral arrangement.

Financial/Donations

- \$25 – Michael Helme – Donations 4050.
- \$50 – Patricia Reynolds, in honor of Shirley Coughlin – Donations 4050.
- \$2,000 – Friends of the FPL for LED lights, Targeted Donations 4060 and Repair and Maintenance 5310.
- December Mini Book Sale - \$161.50 – Library Charges 4010.
- Holiday Gift Basket - \$44 – Library Charges 4010.

Grants/Aid

- \$2,100 – American Library Association for Libraries Ready to code project – Grants/Aid 4080 and Children’s Programs 5240.
- ALA will provide a stipend of \$1,200 for Maria to attend the conference in Denver as required by the grant. FPL will pay registration of \$270.

Personnel

- The Librarian I canvass list from Civil Service contains only two names, so I will not be using it to fill our vacancy. I will be composing an ad for the position in the near future. Staff have been great about filling in necessary hours.

Building and Equipment

- LED lighting was installed on 12/28 by SmartWatt without incident and the change is barely noticeable. Fluorescent tubes and packaging will be picked up by a recycler next week. Trustee Lillard has completed a color-coded map of ceiling fixtures on the main floor and matched this to circuit breakers in the electrical panel which she labeled. This plan will be added to the Disaster Plan.
- Signed a contract with electricity supplier Direct Energy at a Kwh rate lower than 2017. Energy broker and patron Paul Block has been very helpful in researching the best price.

Friends of the FPL

- The Friends remain without a president or secretary and “Help Wanted” ads for these positions have been placed in the January issue of the *Florida Focus*. They have donated \$2,000 toward the cost of the new LED lighting and will sponsor our 48th Poetry Café on 2/16 (\$350.)

Meetings, Travel & Events – Upcoming

1/8 – Friends of the FPL, 6:30 p.m.

1/8 – Florida ABCD - Maria

1/10 – CTUG – Ashley

1/11 – Director’s Assn. – Madelyn

1/12 – Juvenile Book Review - Eileen

1/15 – MLK Day, FPL closed

1/22 – Mock Caldecott/Newbery/Printz Awards – Beth, Maria, Eileen

1/31 – RCLS Orientation, 10 a.m.-noon, register online at www.rcls.org

2/28 – NYLA Advocacy Day, RCLS bus to Albany, leave from Newburgh Mall, register online

