

March 1, 2018 for March 5, 2018 Monthly Meeting

To: Florida Public Library Board of Trustees

From: Madelyn Folino, Director

Monthly Report

February 2017 Circulation	Door Count: 2,085	Closed: 1 holiday, 2 snow
Adult: 1,889 Juvenile: 666	\$: 680,30 ILL loans: 756	ILL borrows: 838
February 2018 Circulation	Door Count: 2,064	Closed: 1 holiday, 1 snow
Adult: 1,838 Juvenile: 513	\$: 524.25 ILL loans: 800	ILL borrows: 675

Winter Weather

Let's hope we're at an end. We were closed on 2/7 for snow, opened at noon on 2/8 and closed at 4:30 p.m. on 2/22 for icy roads.

Programs

- Several programs were lost this past month due to bad weather and illness. Our theme of History and Realistic Fiction continues through March. In April and May, the theme will be Poetry and the Classics. Beth's Super Science Club is a hit with preschoolers on Tuesday afternoons. Rhymetime continues to be difficult with few to no toddlers showing up on Thursday mornings, but Eileen is persisting and ready to serve.
- Books & Beyond is now bringing in 11 students per week. Teen Time has a following of 7-9 students. Coding sessions for Tweens and Teens are now at the mid-point of their second session and remain slightly more popular with Tweens. Maria and Meg are to be congratulated on their dedication to, and management of, this new program. There has been a lot of learning and improvising with equipment along the way.
- Plans are set for the daily Space Camp for grades K-5 during the week of 3/26-3/30.
- The Knitting and Crochet Club donated another 40 handmade blankets to Project Linus. Annette continues to volunteer to haul donations to the Food Pantry from our busy box.
- Popular programs last month were the Poetry Café on 2/16 (6 women, 19 men), the Tuskegee Airmen last night (46) and Take Your Child to the Library/National Soup Day (23.) Tech Help sessions on Wednesday mornings have half a dozen seniors regularly attending. Annette plans to offer advanced sessions once a month.
- Coming up: Jim Mezzetti of Myles Financial returns with the very popular College Financial Aid program on 3/28. RCLS will fund six hours of job coaching with Greg Knowles in April and May.
- On Election Day, we will offer a ScienceTellers program in the morning for preschoolers and parents. Guitarist Marc Mathelier returns in the evening for our dessert café from 6-8 p.m.
- Planners are now turning their attention to the Summer Reading Program commencing in June. The theme for all ages will be *Libraries Rock* (music, geology and ???)

Communications – sent a get-well card to staffer Barbara Conneally, recuperating at home.

Financial/Donations/Grants/Aid

- \$100 – Anonymous (FPL was Week 3 and Week 9 winner of the Seward Alumni Assn. raffle – Donations 4050.
- \$3.50 – Florida Historical Society (10% of book sale) – Donations 4050.
- \$125.75 – February Used Book Mini Sale – Library Charges 4010

- \$500 – Friends of the FPL for Intrepid Museum Pass - Targeted Donations 4060 and Children's Programs 5240.
- \$670 – Friends of the FPL for two ScienceTellers programs in July (one at FPL; one at Summer Rec) - Targeted Donations 4060 and Children's Programs 5240.
- The Warwick Valley Gardeners have donated two adult non-fiction books, a juvenile picture book and a subscription to *Country Gardens* magazine.

Grants/Aid

- \$1,200 – American Library Association for Maria's travel to Denver – Grants/Aid 4080 and Staff Training 6600.
- \$1,051.25 – Orange Library Association – 2nd payment of county funds for 2017 – Grants/Aid 4080. The county legislature increased aid to OLA for our member libraries resulting in an extra \$500 for each of our 17 libraries.

Election Day

Plans are well in hand for Election Day on April 5. On the agenda: special information meeting on the 2018-2019 FY Budget; appointment of election inspectors and a meeting chairman. I am awaiting tax rate information from the FUFSD re my 2/9 request. We are still down a third candidate for an open seat. Petitions must be returned by Friday, 3/9 at 5 p.m. Ballot order will be drawn by Martha on 3/12 at 5 p.m. Absentee ballots will be available on 3/13 at 10 a.m. Please remind absent college students that they may vote by absentee ballot.

Personnel

- Staff continue to cover hours for our missing FT person. I am awaiting another Librarian I canvass list from Civil Service.
- I will be away at a conference from 3/22-3/25. Meg will be in charge in my absence.
- Grace has requested a reduction in her hours during the upcoming softball season. She and Andrew are shifting hours and I am adverting for a temporary page for three months. Staff really need assistance for set-up/break-down of programs.

Building and Equipment

- Tom Mance visited on 2/20 and attached a rubber sweeper to the back door to keep out the draft. He replaced two cracked PVC elbows on the northwest corner downspout.
- Our ceiling projector in the Children's Room is approaching ten years old and Annette is looking into a replacement all-in-one easy to use system. Our piecemeal set-up with separate speakers, DVD player, computer and two remotes is cumbersome to use and keeps staff hopping to accommodate presenters arriving with various devices. So far, she has one quote of \$2,500 and is seeking others.
- Two laptops for adult classes were replaced this week at a cost of \$699.98.

No Fines Trial

Ten RCLS member libraries, so far, have agreed to participate in a No Fines trial. Date and length of the trial, what materials it will include (juvenile/YA only?), when materials not returned will be set to Lost and billed, how to undo the trial, publicity and other details are yet to be worked out.

Friends of the FPL

The Friends remain without a president or secretary. Plans for the Spring Tea on 6/2 proceed. Their next planning session is 3/27, 3 p.m., at the American Legion. Help will be needed to move tables and set up the night before.

Meetings, Travel & Events – Upcoming

3/5 – YA Librarians SRP Workshop – Maria

3/7 – Director’s Association – Madelyn

3/10 – MSMC Banned Books Symposium – Madelyn

3/12 – Florida ABCD – Maria

3/12 – FFPL, 6:30 p.m.

3/13 – Webinar on Construction Aid – 10-11:30 a.m.

3/19 – CLOUSC SRP Workshop – Beth

3/20 – Village Election, Senior Center, noon - 9 p.m.

4/1 – FPL Closed (Easter)

4/15 – Election Day, 9– 9

5/19 – Anything But Books Yard Sale on the deck, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. – Bring us your stuff!