

March 30, 2018 for April 2, 2018 Monthly Meeting

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

Monthly Report

March 2017 Circulation	Door Count: 2,265	Closed: 2 snow
Adult: 1,855 Juvenile: 704	\$: 780.79 ILL loans: 803	ILL borrows: 832
March 2018 Circulation*	Door Count:	Closed: 3 snow
Adult: _____ Juvenile: _____	\$: 761.90 ILL loans: _____	ILL borrows: _____

*Not yet available

Winter Weather

Weather disrupted seven programs in March, some of which we are now making up. We were closed on 3/2, 3/7 and 3/21 for snow; opened late on 2/8 and 2/13.

Programs

- Our programs in April and May will address the themes of Poetry and the Classics. This will carry us to the Summer Reading Program's theme of *Libraries Rock* for all ages. Staff are planning mostly music-related programs with some geology, too, for the five-week program. Staff will visit Golden Hill ES in early June to talk up the program. SRP registration begins on 6/18. The Kick-Off Party on 6/25 will be *Jurassic Encounter* by Mad Science of the Mid-Hudson and feature an 18' baby T-Rex outside the Senior Center. The Wrap-Up Party and Ice Cream Social will be on the deck on 7/27 with karaoke entertainment by Music Masters of Warwick. In addition to programs for all ages, we will do our usual outreach programs for the Village Summer Recreation Program, Florida ABCD Head Start; also the Farmer's Market, if possible
- All of our regular programs for preschoolers were greatly impacted by weather closings and late openings. Books & Beyond continues to bring in an average of 12 students per week. Tweens are steady at 9 per week and Teen Time has seen mostly high attendance ranging from 3-17. Coding sessions for Tweens ended with 14-17 in attendance; Teen coding sessions continue into April due to missed sessions. Maria plans to offer three sessions on Scratch in May to complete training for the software level partially reached.
- Our Spring Break Space Camp this week for grades K-5 brought in 14-17 children each day and concluded with a movie and a pizza party. Teen or adult helpers were on hand each day to supervise the crafts and experiments. Beth did a great job with this program.
- Popular adult programs this month were Irish Night (33), College Planning with Myles Financial (32), Local author Ed Finnerty (25) and Sheet Pan Dinners (18.) I did two outreach storytelling programs and presented "Defending the Queens of King & King" at Mt. St. Mary College's Banned Books Symposium for a total attendance of 50.
- We sent out 2,500 copies of our Spring Budget newsletters through bulk and first-class mail. Ashley hand delivered many copies to sites around the village and to realtors in Warwick. She also organized a mini-book sale for this Spring Break week.
- Coming up: We celebrate the 12th Anniversary of our Poetry Café series on 4/20. We have secured grants from Poets & Writers, Inc. for our featured poets (\$150 each.) Programs continue through Mid-May, then planning for the summer intensifies.

Communications – Sent a condolence card to knitting instructor Kathleen Braun on the loss of her husband. Sent a card with get well wishes to Mayor James Pawliczak.

Financial/Donations

- \$150 – Friends of the FPL for Boscobel Museum Pass – Targeted Donations 4060 and Children’s Programs 5240.
- \$50 – Friends of the FPL for 4/20 Poetry Café refreshments - Targeted Donations 4060 and Adult Programs 5241.

Election Day

All we need are the voters. Absentee ballot applications are available until 5 p.m. on 4/4. Ballots must be returned by 5 p.m. on 4/5. We have three candidates for the three open seats: incumbent Ron Kamrowski, newcomer Laura Fernandez and Stella Kosior who will run as a write-in candidate. As usual, trustees are invited to attend the closing of the polls at 9 p.m. and the announcement of the results. Come for the evening café, music and desserts, 6-8 p.m.

Personnel

- I am completing the canvass of the Librarian I list from Civil Service. Staff continue to fill in hours and duties for this position and to plan and conduct programs for all ages.
- Hired Jessica Cortez to fill in missing Page hours; \$10.40/hour, effective 4/16/18. Jessica is a sophomore at SS Seward.

No Fines Trial

Twelve RCLS member libraries have agreed to participate in a No Fines trial, beginning in September. Details to be developed.

Friends of the FPL

- The Friends remain without a president or secretary.
- Plans for the Spring Tea on 6/2 proceed under Trustee Scott’s able direction. Tickets go on sale on 4/2; \$20 each, no discounts, no refunds. Former trustee Kate Misciagna will cater. Solicitation for donations and baskets is ongoing. Help will be needed to move tables and set up the night before. As the Friends have requested that the Board of Trustees continue to co-sponsor the event, I’ve obtained a certificate of insurance to cover use of the Senior Center.
- The May Used Book Sale will be on the Seward Birthday Weekend as usual: set-up on Thursday evening 5/17; Members’ preview sale on Friday 5-8 p.m.; Book and Bake Sale on Saturday and Sunday, 9-3. Volunteers needed, especially for Sunday’s break-down at 3 p.m. Call Bob Scott to volunteer (651-7221.).

Meetings, Travel & Events – Upcoming

4/1 – FPL Closed (Easter)

4/2 – YA Librarians - Maria

4/5 – Election Day, 9– 9

4/7 – Trustee Education 101, Highland Falls Library, 10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

4/8-4/14 – National Library Week

4/10 – National Library Workers Day

4/9 – FFPL meeting, 6:30 p.m.

4/23 – CLOUSC – Maria?

4/30 – El dia de los niños/El dia de los libros/Children’s Day/Children’s Book Day

4/30- 5/6 – Children’s Book Week

5/18 – FPL closed; Staff training day

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

