

May 3, 2019 for May 6, 2019 Monthly Meeting

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

Monthly Report

March 2018 Circulation	Door Count: 2,383	Closed: 3 snow
Adult: 2,049 Juvenile: 600	\$: 761.90 ILL loans: 807	ILL borrows: 769
March 2019 Circulation	Door Count: 2,251	Closed: none
Adult: 1,954 Juvenile: 664	\$: \$570.75 ILL loans: 885	ILL borrows: 912
April 2018 Circulation	Door Count: 2,312	Closed: Easter
Adult: 1,706 Juvenile: 598	\$: 748.35 ILL loans: 856	ILL borrows: 776
April 2019 Circulation	Door Count: 2,090	Closed: Easter
Adult: 1,842 Juvenile: 642	\$: 688.18 ILL loans: 752	ILL borrows: 791

Programs

- Please see Barron's April report for details on programs, emailed to you separately.

Communications – Sent a thank you letter to Marco Soleri of Copper Bottom for donations.
Sent a note of condolence to patron Paula Kujawski on death of her mother.
Sent a thank you letter to Tim Brunswick, Village of Florida DPW, for replacing our flag on the flagpole.

Financial/Donations

\$24.63 – RCLS, PayPal for 12/1/18-3/31/19, credited to Library Charges (4010.)
\$22.16 – Utica National Ins., refund on Business Auto Policy, credited to Insurance (5220.)
\$361.14 – Utica National Ins., refund on Commercial Package, credited to Insurance (5220.)

Donations (4050):

\$432 – Copper Bottom

\$160 - Copper Bottom

\$20 – Paula Kujawski, IMO her dog, Rocky

Donations IMO Beverly Mae Vogel:

\$100 – Doreen Brodmerkel, Diane Burns, Mike Davidson, Matt Davidson

\$25- Matuszewski Family

\$25 – John and Christina Murphy

\$25 – Eleanor Snyder

- Submitted grant applications to Poets & Writers, Inc. for two featured poets for our 13th Anniversary Poetry Café on 4/26 and they were awarded \$150 each.
- Submitted a grant application to RCLS for Early Literacy Backpacks.
- Submitted a grant application to the Freedom to Read Foundation for \$1,000 for Banned Books Week programs in September.
- Sent letters to Senator Jen Metzger and Assemblyman Karl Brabenec requesting grants-in-aid funding which is at their discretion to award to local groups.

Annual Budget Vote and Trustee Election

We had a smooth election on April 4 with no issues at the polls. The proposed budget for 2019-2020 was passed with 119 Yes votes to 24 No votes. Trustee Arcieri received 126 votes and Trustee Lillard 120 votes to capture the two full three-year terms. Trustee Lundell was elected to the one-year term with 113 votes. Thanks go to Election Clerk Martha Sullivan, Chief Election Inspector Jeanne Uszenski and Election Inspector LuAnn Haviland for their good work in overseeing the polling. Election expenses included the required four weeks of legal notices; we published in the Warwick Valley Dispatch (\$649.60) and the Goshen Independent (\$413.) The three programs we conducted during the day were a pleasant nod to tradition, but did not attract significant numbers of voters.

An analysis of who voted showed the following breakdown:

Analysis of FPL voters on April 4, 2019

Age	# of Voters	% of Voters	Gender	
18-24	7	5	5F	2M
25-34	7	5	4F	3M
35-44	18	13	11F	7M
45-54	23	16	17F	6M
55-64	25	18	17F	8M
65-74	36	25	27F	9M
75-84	22	15	13F	9M
85 +	5	3	3F	2M
Totals	143	100%	97F	46M

Voter Zipcode	# Absentee Voters
Florida 133	11
Warwick 8	
Goshen 2	

Conclusions:

Voters living in proximity to the library were overwhelmingly responsible for turnout. Residents living toward the edges of the district voted in very low numbers. More than twice as many women voted as men. Seniors, age 65-74, were the largest age group to vote. Although conventional wisdom says that seniors are likely to oppose budgets, our older/senior voters (age 55+) far outnumbered the total of No votes and passed the budget. Absentee voters supported the library 10:1. What actions can we take to increase the number of voters and library support? How can we increase absentee voting among college students? What other blocs of non-voters are there that we could reach? How can we encourage voter registration throughout the year?

Policy Revisions

On the agenda for your approval and emailed to you along with revisions:
Travel, Conference & Reimbursement Policy
Photography & Recording Policy

Personnel

- Barron has completed probation as of 5/1 and now has permanent job status with Civil Service as a Librarian I.
- Tia has resigned her Page position, effective 5/9. Emily Romano has been hired as her replacement at a wage of \$11.10, effective 5/6/19. Emily is a sophomore honor student at Seward and lives in the village.
- We will be closed on Friday, 5/17 for staff training and will be setting up for the Yard Sale (in the children's room) the next day. Donations are welcome; see Annette for what items are acceptable for sale.
- I will be on vacation 5/20-5/24. Barron and Meg will be in charge in my absence.

Building and Equipment

The Village DPW secured a bucket truck and put up a new rope and flag on the flagpole on 5/1. Weeding has been completed around the building and planting of annuals and perennials will take place next week, weather permitting.

Outreach

Trustees Lillard, Arcieri, Lundell and I attended a reception at Golden Hill on 4/25 for community partners. Meg, in her capacity as a school board member, presented us with a certificate and an engraved glass apple. Seward Principal Michael Rheaume offered to help find representatives for our focus groups in the fall.

RCLS

- Executive Director Robert Hubsher's last day was 4/26. Donations in his honor may be made to the Freedom to Read Foundation (www.ftrf.org) as intellectual freedom, fighting censorship and privacy were issues very dear to him.
- Interim Director Grace Riario announced that the Commissioner's Regulations governing libraries will be changed to require a minimum of two hours training per year for each trustee. When this becomes effective, library bylaws should be changed to include this requirement.
- You will see a new payment to RCLS of \$110.61 per quarter to pay for the Consumer Reports database. RCLS negotiated the license and member libraries are assessed by population. This database can be accessed from home.
- Grace has arranged for online training for staff members for Sexual Harassment Prevention at a cost of \$11 per person per year to KnowB4, an online training company. I will look into it as yearly training is required.

Friends of the FPL

The Friends now have a Nominating Committee to select officers for 2019-2020. They will hold a Used Book Sale & Bake Sale the weekend of 5/17-5/19 and are looking for help transporting books from the basement on 5/16 and help cleaning up on 5/19. Baked goods for the sale should be brought to the Senior Center. The Spring Tea Committee has been meeting regularly to plan the event on 6/8 and will also need muscle to set up the night before.

Meetings, Travel & Events – Upcoming

5/2 – Marketing Workshop, SENYLRC – Meg
5/6 – YA Librarians – Barron 5/6 – Florida ABCD – Maria
5/10 – CLOUSC trip to Darien, CT library - Maria
5/13 – FFPL, 6:30 p.m. 5/17 – Closed, Staff Training
5/21 – Scholastic Book Fair - Meg
5/27 – Closed, Memorial Day 6/3 – CLOUSC - Maria

