

July 1 for July 6, 2020 Annual Meeting

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

Monthly Report

June 2019 Circulation Door Count: 2,331 Closed: 1 holiday, 4 Sundays
Adult: 2,196 Juvenile: 1,085 \$: 607.13 ILL loans: 868 ILL borrows: 876

June 2020 Circulation Door Count: 82* Closed to public: 25 due to Covid-19, 1 holiday, 4 Sundays
Adult: 198 Juvenile: 52 \$: 0 ILL loans: 6 ILL borrows: 5

*78 curbside pick-ups; 3 photocopying appts.; 1 computer use on deck.

RCLS reports that FPL had 481 Overdrive checkouts with 80 unique users in May.

Programs

- Please see Barron's June report for details on programs and staff activities.
- I will be holding a campfire session for the BDSG in my backyard in July.

Communications – Received a letter of from Connect One Bank announcing the September 25th closure of the Warwick branch where we have two accounts. Received a thank you note for Eileen Stelljes for pay raise. Sent condolences to former Trustee Beth Pskowski on the death of her mother.

Financial/Donations/Grants

- \$100 – Pitso Mafata, Donations 4050.
- \$50 – Walter Pikul, In Memory of John Kimiecik, Donations 4050

Annual Budget Vote and Trustee Election

The election went very smoothly with counting starting at 5 p.m. and continuing until almost 9:30. The scene from the Seward cafetorium was livestreamed with no sound until the results were announced about 9:45 by the election inspector. Both the library budget and school budget passed with a healthy return rate of mail-in ballots. Although the ballots were tallied on June 16, the official vote date remains June 9 per the school attorney. Results were:

Proposition 1 (Library tax levy of \$486,058): YES 690; NO 293.

Proposition 2 (Election of two trustees): Kevin Lundell 755; Nancy B. Scott 814.

This was a gratifying show of support of FPL from the community. Superintendent Jan Jehring and secretary Helen Arena were a pleasure to work with through this untested process.

Personnel

- Staffing is back to normal since Pages returned to work the week of 6/22 and relieved other staff of watering outside plantings, garbage and recycling, shelving and checking the pull list. Emily has been doing a fine job pruning the butterfly bushes back to a reasonable size.
- Staff have adjusted to wearing masks and daily temperature checks and health questionnaires. They take breaks and meals on the deck and spread out in the building to work. They have been very busy figuring out how to do live online programs, record other programs and provide craft supplies to patrons. We are using this quiet time to weed the collections and are making good progress. Next: the basement.
- Barron was elected as Secretary of the Reference Users Group which usually meets quarterly, but has been meeting monthly online recently.

Building and Equipment

- VanGrol, Inc. visited on 6/2 for annual checking of the AC units. Cost: \$414.85. A bad contactor causing a blown fuse was replaced; all else was OK.
- Tom Mance's crew reassembled both picnic tables on 6/5 and they were level, though we are noticing one looks uneven again.
- JM Electric visited on 6/25 to replace a bypass ballast in a ceiling fixture and remove a ground snapped off in an outlet which had caused a short. Cost: \$125.
- Waiting for a quote from Classic Cleaning for additional visits.

Reopening Progress

The Mid-Hudson Region is in Phase 3 of the statewide reopening. We are moving into Stage 3 of our Reopening Plan. Curbside pick-up of local materials is going well under Ashley's procedure. We are providing materials to anyone with an RCLS member library card and have served patrons from neighboring libraries as well as Florida patrons. Everyone seems very happy to have access once more. No fines will be charged through Labor Day. RCLS will soon recommend that quarantine of returned materials be shortened from seven to three days. This will cut down on the clutter we now have in the Children's Room. RCLS has also advanced the start of regional ILL to 7/13 and this will expand access to items from other libraries on our delivery route. This will be a good date for us to allow patrons in the building to use computers by appointment for 30 minutes. We have adequate PPE and cleaning products and staff are working in a responsible and thoughtful manner. All of our book orders since March are due to arrive this week. We look forward to catching up with linking and having new materials available for patrons.

Little Free Libraries

Staff brainstormed a project or program to honor donor and Friends' member Pitso Mafata and suggested a second Little Free Library due to the popularity of our original one at Roe Brothers. President Lillard contacted Zircar and owners Phil and David Hamling have given their permission to erect the LFL on their property on North Main St. (this is the green lawn where the Seward grad photos are now installed.) A bright red LFL and black post, both made of composite boards made from recycled plastic milk jugs, have been ordered along with a doghook for \$679.61. The Charter #103246 aluminum plaque was included in the price. A separate plaque to honor Pitso will be purchased locally. The cost was charged to Publicity 5250.

Trustee Lundell and wife, Nicolle, have agreed to house another LFL at their 69 South Main St. property. This is a good mid-point between FPL and Cedarcrest and sees lots of foot traffic. It would also be another opportunity to honor someone. We hope to use this outreach to promote Florida as a literate, walkable, green community.

Friends of the FPL

The Friends meetings are still on hold.

Meetings, Travel & Events – Upcoming

Children's/Teen Librarians, Director's Association, Circ & Tech Users Group, Reference Users Group, Adult Programmers, etc. all continue to meet online.

