

October 29 for November 2, 2020 Monthly Meeting

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

Monthly Report

October 2019 Circulation	Door Count: 1,785	Closed: 1 holiday
Adult: 1,6118 Juvenile: 824	\$: 521.81 ILL loans: 932	ILL borrows: 821
October 2020 Circulation*	Door Count: **	Closed: 1 holiday
Adult: _____ Juvenile: _____	\$: 215.25 ILL loans: _____	ILL borrows: _____

*Not available yet

**Includes ____ walk-ins, ____ curbside pick-ups, plus ____ documents were notarized.

Programs

- Barron is on vacation. His October report on programs and staff activities will be available on 11/2.

Communications – RCLS Director Grace Riario – thank you note for her attendance at 9/14 board meeting; FUFSD – letter granting permission for installation of a Little Free Library and a StoryWalk.

Financial/Donations/Grants

- \$486,058 – FUFSD, 2020-2021 Tax Levy, Tax Support 4100. Treasurer Slesinski will make recommendations about allocation of funds (agenda motion.)
- \$1,027 – RCLS, 2020-2021 Local Library Services Aid (90%), Grants/Aid 4080. New York is underfunding this grant by 27.85% for this budget year.
- \$400 – Bridgewood Fieldwater Foundation, Donations 4050.
- \$100 – Dorothy Kimiecik, IMO Daniel and Mary Kimiecik, Donations 4050.
- Gift basket of treats for the staff received from Calvary Baptist Church, Warwick.

Personnel

- Very happy to report that Meg Sgombick has been chosen by NYLA as one of thirty library workers in NYS for the 2021 Developing Leaders Program. She will be attending online classes from November-June for 37.5 contact hours at a cost of \$695. She has applied for scholarship funding which will be announced in a few weeks. Each group within the cohort will have representation from public, school, academic, special or youth services library positions. Each group will do a joint project for presentation in May. Congratulations, Meg!
- Staff will be attending the NYLA Conference online on 11/5 and 11/6.
- Looking ahead: all three of our Pages are high school seniors who will be leaving us next year. The position requires the completion of 8th grade. Successful employees have proven to be motivated students, readers and organizers. Please be on the look out for likely candidates.
- I will be taking vacation time in November; Barron and Meg will be in charge in my absence.

Building and Equipment

- Two steel storage cabinets for our Library of Things have arrived. Volunteers John and John Sgombick, Jr. got them downstairs to the basement safely.

- Volunteer Bob Persing fixed our wi-fi router on 10/26. A power surge the previous day had knocked it out.
- We have continued to use the deck for programs as much as possible. This outdoor space, the picnic tables and awning have really proved invaluable during this time of restricted indoor programming. Future building programs should take this into account!

Reopening Progress

All has been going well both with patrons coming inside and curbside service. Patrons are compliant with our rules and staff are vigilant about enforcing them and our cleaning routines. Staff continue to do temperature checks and fill out health questionnaires daily. We are still quarantining returned items for seven days. We will be receiving some free masks from RCLS and PPE has been available for purchase. Although we are moving toward mostly online programs for our Nov./Dec. series, parents still want outdoor programs as much as possible, weather permitting. We expect Election Day, as usual, to be busy for us.

Little Free Library/StoryWalk Projects with FUFSD

Board of Education members voted on 10/15 to support both the Little Free Library on school grounds and the installation of the Storywalk® at Golden Hill ES along the cross-country course. Beth Verblaauw will move ahead with this project with volunteer labor. Her husband, Bob, will be donating some of the lumber and materials needed.

On 10/24 we held dedication ceremonies for our second and third Little Free Libraries at 51 North Main St. in front of the FUFSD Memorial Building and 69 South Main St. (Lundell property) with about 15 attending each event. Honoree Pitso Mafata was thrilled to attend. He later returned that day with five bouquets of flowers for staff members. Kimiecik family members were also very pleased and commented that Mary loved books and FPL so much. Trustee Lundell reports that the South St. location is very busy. Meg has registered both chartered numbers with littlefreelibrary.org. Tom Mance charged \$300 for installation of the two posts and LFLs.

Library of Things

We are making good progress on our Library of Things and have purchased hand tools and gardening tools from Roe Brothers and Werner's ACE, the latter which offered discounts on many items. Ashley has been busy linking items and Annette is taking photos of them to go online. Meg has been busy researching and purchasing storage bags for various sized items. This has required much thought and planning. We must organize and label storage cabinets and do a show and tell with staff so everyone knows what the items are.

Friends of the FPL

The Friends are on hiatus indefinitely. We miss their financial support.

Meetings, Travel & Events – Upcoming

CLOUSC and Youthlist Librarians, Director's Association, Circ & Tech Users Group, Reference Users Group, Adult Programmers, etc. all continue to meet online. Please remember to complete your Niche Academy Sexual Harassment Prevention Training. Any questions, please contact Annette for help.

