July 9, 2021 for July 12, 2021 Monthly Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

To: Florida Public Library Board of Trustees

From: Meg Sgombick, Director

Monthly Report

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

June 2021 Circulation Door Count: 1,051* Closed: 1

Adult: 1,177 Juvenile: 743 \$218.94 ILL loans: 573 ILL borrows: 499

Programs

Please see Barron's report for news of programs and staff activities.

Communications – Received resignation letter from Page Bradley Vogt; received notice of examination for Library Manager; received Audit Letter from Nugent & Haeussler, PC; sent a condolence card to Mayor Dan Harter on the death of his grandfather; sent thank you notes for donations made to FPL in honor of Jake Harter.

Financial/Donations/Grants

- \$1,000 Donald Murphy, Donations (4050)
- \$630.60 Yard Sale, Donations (4050)
- \$195 Copper Bottom, Donations (4050)
- \$1,500 IMO John "Jake" Harter, Donations (4050)
- \$1,000 IMO John "Jake" Harter, Targeted Donations (4060)

Bullet Aid – We are receiving \$2,500 Bullet Aid from Karl Brabenec. He is coming here on Tuesday, July 13th for a photo op regarding the aid. The staff has had several discussions on what to do with the aid and agree that purchasing another awning would be the best use of the funds. Would love some board members to join us.

Personnel

- Orange County Department of Human Civil has sent notice of the Library Manager Exam. Applications are due on July 21, 2021 with the exam scheduled for the month of September. Notice has been given to all eligible staff members.
- Bradley gave his letter of resignation effective 7/26/21. The search for another page has begun.
- Beth Pskowski has completed the Civil Service Exam for Library Assistant, Children's Service and has been placed on the list.
- I will be on vacation the week of July 19th. I will have my laptop with me and can be reached whenever needed.

Building and Equipment

Beth Verblaauw and her Youth Group have begun to scrape the deck. The process has been slow between the heat and the rain. She has been noticing a fair number of boards that have seen better days. We have purchased two outdoor rugs which we use while programs are being held on the deck, especially with the little ones. We have also made regular use of the pop-up tent from our Library of Things.

The trees that were purchased in of honor Madelyn have been planted and the landscaping has been completed. I will schedule another visit from the landscaper in the fall.

^{*}Includes 1,049 walk-ins/2 curbside pick-ups.

Reopening Progress

We have relaxed our mask policy for people & staff who have been vaccinated. Full hours have been restored and we continue to clean and social distance. New notices have been posted.

Yard Sale

The annual yard sale was a great success with \$630.60 being donated to the library.

Summer Reading Program – Tails & Tales

The Summer Reading Program is underway with some shuffling of programs due to the weather. Upcoming programs include a visit from Florida resident and author Ed Finnerty to discuss his new book, *Marvin the Magnificent* on Sat., July 17 and our 25th Annual Campfire Storytime at Glenmere Lake on Thurs., July 22 with a marshmallow roast and members of the Black Dirt Storytelling Guild sharing stories. I am in search of a keeper of the fire! Responsibility included assisting Madelyn with moving the wood from her car up to the fire pit and keeping the fire burning during the stories. Any takers?

Adult and family programs include our weekly Understanding Technology class on Wednesday afternoons; Family Game Café on July 14; and Farm to Table-Pickles, Salsa & Pesto on July 24. Beth Verblaauw returns with another Wood Sign Craft Class on Thurs., July 15 and the Page Turner's Book Club will discuss *The Dutch House* by Ann Patchett on July 29

We continue our weekly outreach program on Thursday afternoons for the Village of Florida's summer recreation program. These sessions will feature books, games, and crafts related to the summer theme. Maria is continuing her weekly Zoom Storytime program with Florida ABCD bringing a bilingual "Tails & Tales" summer program to Spanish-speaking preschoolers.

Friends of Florida Public Library

The Friends' meetings have resumed. A meeting was held on June 14th on the deck. They are working on revising their Bylaws and are planning a Used Book Sale at the Senior Center the weekend of July 30 – Aug. 1. Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, July 13th.

Upcoming Events

Community Conversations for Small & Rural Library Grant - August 11th at 6:30pm.

OrangeREADS 2021 - Annual reading program sponsored by the Orange Library Association (OLA). This year's book is *The Body: A Guide for Occupants* by Bill Bryson. The library will support this program by hosting health and wellness programs and book discussion during the months of September and October. A headline event, a conversation with the author will take place on Sunday, October 17th on Zoom.

Trustee Information Sessions - Each month trustees will be encouraged to read a chapter of the *Trustee Handbook* and send in questions that the authors will address during the live event.

Save the Dates – Registration opens in July!

Tuesday, October 19, 2021: Duties & Responsibilities Tuesday, November 16, 2021: Library Board Meetings

Tuesday, December 14, 2021: Personnel

RCLS Action Items

- RCLS Plan of Service 2022-2026 is on the agenda for your approval.
- RCLS Board of Trustees Orange County Representative is on the agenda for your approval.