

## March 3, 2022 for March 7, 2022 Monthly Meeting

**To: Florida Public Library Board of Trustees**

**From: Meg Sgombick, Director**

### Monthly Report

February 2022 Circulation	Door Count: 1,003	Closed: 1 holiday/2 snow
Adult: 1,004    Juvenile: 541	\$: 249.28	ILL loans: 599    ILL borrows: 498

February 2021 Circulation	Door Count: 290	Closed: 1 holiday/5 snow/9 COVID
Adult: 943    Juvenile: 350	\$: 221.33	ILL loans: 518    ILL borrows: 366

### Programs

- Barron's February Program Report will be available at the meeting.
- Debbie has created a QR that we have added to our flyers, calendar, etc.
- When you scan it, patrons are brought directly to the calendar where they can register.



### Financial/Donations/Grants

- \$100 – Pitso Mafata, credit Donations 4050.
- \$143 – RCLS - 143 from RCLS for final 10% of the 2021-2022 Local Library Services Aid (LLSA), credit Grants/Aid line (4080) of the budget

### Personnel

- Page Karina has completed her probationary period.

### Annual Budget Vote and Trustee Election

Trustees Arcieri, Carey and Taylor have stated that they intend to run. Martha has placed the legal notice with the *Warwick Valley Dispatch* and *Goshen Independent*. All budget information is in the Election Binder at the front desk. Debbie has been working along side Martha throughout the process so she can take Martha's place next year. Important Reminder – Petitions are due back on Monday, March 7<sup>th</sup> at 5 p.m.

### Building and Equipment

- New Energy Contact – our contract with Direct Energy has ended. Patron and energy broker Paul Block once again researched electric supply costs for us. We paid 7.143 cents/KWH in 2020. The new contract with SparkEnergy will be 9.052 cents/KWH for six months.
- Meeting with Architects – We will be discussing next steps at the meeting.

## **Technology**

- RCLS's contact with EBSCO/Consumer Reports is up for renewal. EBSCO is offering Consumer Reports at a consortium discount that includes no increase in price for the first year, and then a 2% increase for each of the next two years of the three-year contract. Libraries can opt out, but if too many decide not to participate, that could affect the discount. RCLS is surveying all libraries to gauge their interest in continuing. It would be beneficial for us if the consortium discount continues. Cost for FPL is \$1,139 per year with discount and \$1,595 without.
- RCLS is looking for libraries to test the Symphonyweb system. Annette, Ashley and Barron are all participating. They are testing the web version of our ILS system.
- My meeting with Grace regarding new IT and ILS contacts was cancelled. I am awaiting a new date from RCLS.

## **Florida Public Library Airborne Infectious Disease Exposure Prevention Plan**

Revising our plan to include new wording regarding masks. Item on agenda for action.

## **2021 State Annual Report**

I am happy to report that our Annual Report was successfully submitted to RCLS on Feb. 11. I only had to add one additional note! It is on the agenda for approval. I am grateful to Martha for her help and for the very detailed notes Madelyn left for me.

Not having any in-person programs from July 2020 to April resulted in a lower door count than in the previous year (8,242 for 2021 vs. 14,783 for 2020). However, the number of programs held increased due to the many virtual programs conducted during that same time period (494 for 2021 vs. 306 for 2020). We also saw an increase of 11,000 more visits to our website this year. I'm happy to report our door count for this year has already passed last year.

## **Library Advocacy Day**

Once again Advocacy Day was held virtually. We took part in meetings with Assemblyman Brabenec and Senator Mike Martucci. Thank you to for participating.

## **Community Outreach**

*Florida Chamber of Commerce* – The Chamber has resumed their monthly meeting however they are now of the first Tuesday of the month. Upcoming Chamber events include a possible breakfast meeting on April 5, the Easter Egg Hunt on April 9 and they will be once again sponsoring the Concert series to be held at the Seward-Mapes Homestead Park on June 9, July 14, August 11 and September 8 from 6pm to 9pm.

## **Friends of the FPL**

- February meeting was cancelled. Keeping my fingers crossed for March!

**Meetings, Travel & Events – Upcoming**

March. 3: Florida Chamber of Commerce Meeting – Meg

March 7: Battle of the Books Question Writing Workshop - Barron

March 9: Director's Association – Meg

March 10: An Ocean of Programming Possibilities: Teen Summer Reading Workshop - Barron

March 21: System Services Meeting on Zoom - Meg

March 22: ANSER Meeting on Zoom – Meg

March 28: RUG Meeting on Zoom - Barron

March 29: APOC Meeting on Zoom - Marie