March 3, 2023 for March 6, 2023 Monthly Meeting

To: Florida Public Library Board of Trustees
From: Meg Sgombick, Director

Monthly Report

February 2023 Circulation  Door Count: 1,655  Closed: 2
Adult: 1,228  Juvenile: 761  $: 270.95  ILL loans: 770  ILL borrows: 560

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

Programs
- Barron’s February Program Report will be available at the meeting.
- Barron has partnered with his colleagues at the Goshen Public Library & Historical Society and have created a podcast! Hosted by Barron and Melissa Tidd from Goshen (with editing help from Clarisa Rosario also from Goshen), The FLOGOS Library Podcast focuses on informing the public about the programs happening at our respective libraries as well as new items in our collection and occasionally other topics. The first episode is available now, so please enjoy if and when you have a chance! Here is the link: https://clrosari.podbean.com/e/the-flogos-library-podcast-episode1/

Communications – Received a note from Margaret Fox, one of last month’s featured poets, thanking the library for hosting the Poetry Café. Sent thank you letters for donations.

Financial/Donations/Grants
- $25 – Donna Dellato – IMO Rita Mudrick, credit Donations (#4050.)
- $25 – Donna Dellato – IMO Dottie Kimiecik, credit Donations (#4050.)
- $150 – Moyna Singh – credit Donations (#4050.)
- $152 – RCLS - final 10% of the 2022-2023 Local Library Services Aid (LLSA), credit Grants/Aid line (#4080.)
- Bookkeeper Chris Arner will attend Monday’s meeting to address questions regarding Budget Line #4090 – Carry Over from Previous Year.

Annual Budget Vote and Trustee Election
Trustees Arcieri, Dinsmore and Scott have picked up their petitions. Debbie 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. Important Reminder – Petitions are due back on Monday, March 13th at 5 p.m.

Building and Equipment
- New Energy Contact – our contract with Spark Energy ended in April 2022. At that time patron and energy broker Paul Block suggested we wait before entering into new agreements. He has once again researched electric supply costs for us. We paid 14 cents/KWH and 15 cents/KWH these past two months. Paul has done a new contract
with Direct Energy which will be 11.93 cents/KWH for 24 months.

- Meeting with Lothrop Associates – Kathleen Stowle will be attending our meeting on Monday. She will provide an update on the process and will be looking for some feedback from Trustees.

**Technology**

- RCLS will be switching from Rosetta Stone to Mango in the near future. Mango for libraries offers over 70 world language courses expertly designed to adapt to a diverse range of learning needs, styles, and backgrounds. Over the next few weeks, RCLS will announce training dates on how to use Mango, market it, and the many benefits it can offer patrons.

**Library Services**

Port Jervis Free Library is contracted to provide library services to people living in the unserved areas of Greenville, Mount Hope, Minisink, and Wawayanda. However, the contract will not be in accordance with the New York State-approved Direct Access Plan. For this reason, these non-resident patrons will not have borrowing privileges at the other 46 member libraries when the contract goes into effect March 1st. RCLS has taken step to help enforce this new policy and staff has been informed. We know of about 1 or 2 individuals from those areas that have utilized our library.

**2022 State Annual Report**

I am happy to report that our Annual Report was successfully submitted to RCLS on Feb. 24 and is on the agenda for approval.

We saw some nice increases in our door count and program attendance, returning to in-person programming certainly help! Here are some highlights:

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The report also included the update 2020 Census numbers for our service area of 5,132 an increase of 141 from 4,991.

**Library Advocacy Day**

Thank you to all who attended the meetings with Assemblyman Brabenec and Senator Skoufis.
Community Outreach

*Florida Chamber of Commerce* – The library will be hosting the March 15th meeting over at the Senior Center. David Cosco, Marketing Manager for RCLS will be our guest speaker. Dave will give a brief presentation on utilizing Facebook for businesses. Upcoming Chamber events include the Easter Egg Hunt on April 1 and a Chicken BBQ in June.

Friends of the FPL
- Will be meeting on March 13.
- Have refiled the Certificate of Incorporation application.
- Next book sale is set for May 19-21. Set-up on Thursday, May 18th. Many hands make light work!

Meetings, Travel & Events – Upcoming
March 3: Author Visit @ Golden Hill Elementary – Beth V & Meg
March 6: Meeting with Sen. Skoufis – Meg, Nancy & ?
March 8: Director’s Association – Meg
March 9: RUG Meeting - Barron
March 22: Compliance Session for New Directors – Meg
March 23: Cricut 101 Training – Beth V, Debbie & Beth P
March 24: 2nd Author Visit @ Golden Hill Elementary – Beth V & Meg

**Trustee Training Tuesdays**: Library Compliance Tuesday, March 21 from 6 – 7 pm