

July 7, 2023 for July 10, 2023 Monthly Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

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

Monthly Report

June 2022 Circulation	Door Count: 1,314	Closed: 1
Adult: 1,140 Juvenile: 643	\$: 349.40	ILL loans: 731 ILL borrows: 572
June 2023 Circulation	Door Count: 1,674	Closed: 1
Adult: 1,267 Juvenile: 835	\$398.09	ILL loans: 841 ILL borrows: 473

Programs

- Barron's monthly Program Report will be available on Monday.
- The RCLS Road Trip is underway. This summer, member libraries will join to connect patrons with library services and programs around the region. Between June 26th and September 8th, RCLS libraries throughout Sullivan, Rockland, Orange, and southern Ulster counties are inviting people of all ages to participate in the RCLS Road Trip Program. The goal is for library users to visit as many of the 47 RCLS libraries as they can throughout the summer months, picking up prizes along the way. To start your trip, pick up a Road Trip Map and your first prize at our Circ. Desk. The RCLS Road Trip is sponsored by Senator James Skoufis.
- **Summer Reading Program – All Together Now**
We are knee deep in our Summer Reading program. The deck has been busy these first two weeks. A couple of upcoming programs to note. On Wednesday, July 19th we will be hosting a *Community Night & Art Show* where we are partnering with our community to embrace the "All Together Now" theme. Local business and organizations have been invited to set up a table, we will have collaborative artwork made during library programs and over at the Summer Rec. Program on display, refreshments and games on the deck. Patrons are asked to bring an item for the Food Pantry.

Our annual *Campfire with the Black Dirt Storytelling Guild* is scheduled for Thursday, July 20 at The Park at Glenmere Lake. Marshmallow roasting begins at 7:30 p.m., stories at 8. We hope to have a traditional campfire and are in search of a keeper of the fire! Responsibility included transporting wood to the park and keeping the fire burning during the stories. Let me know if anyone is interested.

The *Wrap- Up Program & Ice Social* is on Friday, July 28. Magic Mark takes the stage at the Senior Center beginning at 5 p.m. with ice cream to follow. Always looking for helpers to scoop ice cream, let me know if interested. Thank you to the Friends for sponsoring Magic Mark!

Communications

- Thank you notes to Marie Arnstein & Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Pitre for their donations.
- Save the Date from RCLS for the 64th *Annual Meeting* on Fri., Sept. 8 at the Palacio Catering Center in Goshen from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The morning will begin with a buffet breakfast, followed by the Annual Awards ceremonies and a brief business meeting which includes RCLS Trustee elections. The event will conclude with a Keynote Address by award-winning author Ibi Zoboi. Registration is required, see the RCLS

calendar to register. Please let me know if you are planning on attending, I am unable to go this year.

Financial/Donations/Grants

- \$234 – Hartford Insurance – refund following Workers’ Compensation audit, credited to Employee Benefits (6490).
- \$24.85 – Direct Energy – credited to Utilities (5223) - refund of sale tax charged in error on our O&R bill.
- \$644.50 – Yard Sale - Donations (4050).
- \$20 – Marie Arnstein – IMO Mary Kelder - Target Donations (4060) & Books (5010).
- \$100 – Thomas & Rebecca Pitre – IMO John & Dorothy Kimiecik - Donations (4050).
- Friends of Florida Public Library – \$200 for Robert Milby – emcee Summer Poetry Café in August, check written directly to Robert.
- Debbie Slesinski will be returning as Treasurer. Due to her recent hip surgery, she will take her Oath of Office at the August Meeting and will also present her annual Report on Investments.

Personnel

- Beth Harcum-Pskowski, PT Library Assistant (Children’s Services), has completed her probationary status as of 6/30/23.
- Certificate of Public Library Administration Class – RCLS in conjunction with Mid-Hudson Library System is looking to offer the Certificate of Public Library Administration Class in early 2024. The class is designed to develop and enhance the management skills and credentials of professional librarians working within the public library sector, and to train the leaders of tomorrow. All applicants should hold a relevant master’s degree (the Master of Science in Library and Information Science – M.S.L.I.S.) and a minimum of two years’ experience in public libraries. I expressed my interest to attend to Grace Riario. She has spoken with Rebekkah Smith Aldrich, Executive Director for Mid-Hudson, who has stated that exceptions to the MLS requirement have been given. I have submitted an exception letter to her and Grace has provided a letter of support on my behalf. We will see what happens.
- RCLS Continuing Education Committee is offering directors a workshop on *Management in Difficult Times*. Topics to be covered include management as it relates to book and program challenges, policies and procedures, community support, and the continuance of staff management. I will be attending on July 19.
- Ashley received two “big thanks” from patrons this past month. One for helping a patron submit their resume which resulted in them getting a job. The other for tracking down a hard-to-find copy of a book. I will share them at the meeting.

Building and Equipment

- Our local handyman Bob Persing has painted the gate mounting boards he added to the deck.
- Mike Maher from Maher Mechanical is interested in donating and installing a ductless air conditioning/ heating unit for the Children’s Room. This will allow the main unit to cool/heat only the main section of the library, eliminating many cooling/heating issues.

- Tyler Carey and I had a conference call with Kathleen from Lothrop on June 28th. Tyler will provide an update at the meeting.

Technology

RCLS is in the process of evaluating different ILS options. Ashley and Barron have attended three product demonstration on Zoom. The vendors have also provided test databases for them to try out as well. The final presentation by our current ILS vendor, SirsiDynix, will be on July 13th. They have also been asked to evaluate each vendor with forms provided by RCLS.

Yard Sale

The annual yard sale was a great success with \$644.50 being donated to the library. A big thank you to Ashley for all her hard work.

Community Outreach

ABCD Gearing Up for Kindergarten Event – Maria and I participated in the ABCD graduation event in Middletown. Approximately 75 people attended including several families from our local ABCD. We distributed bilingual materials on early literacy and signed up one new patron.

Florida Chamber of Commerce – I was unable to make the June meeting. The Summer Concert Series is underway and I hope you can attend the upcoming concert on Thursday, July 27 from 6 to 9 p.m. I have been assisting the Chamber's marketing efforts for the concerts by distributing press releases to the local papers.

Florida Family Fun Fest – Sunday, August 13 – It's back! The Friends will be having a table again this year. More details to come!

Friends of the FPL -The Friends will be having their elections at this month's meeting.

Trustee Training

RCLS has provided us with a listing of trustee education courses attended through 6/30/23. I will provide a copy at the meeting, please let me know if any information is missing.

Meetings, Travel & Events – Upcoming

July 11: Friends of FPL Meeting

July 12: DA Meeting – Zoom - Meg

July 13: NYLA Friends of Library Section Annual Meeting - Cazenovia Public Library. I will be leaving late in the day on July 12.

July 19: Management in Difficult Times - Meg

July 24 & 26: ABCD - Maria