

October 1 for October 2, 2023 Monthly Meeting

To: Florida Public Library Board of Trustees

From: Meg Sgombick, Director

Monthly Report

September 2022 Circulation	Door Count: 1381	Closed: 1 Holiday, 1 Sunday
Adult: 1159 Juvenile: 817	\$: 412.00	ILL loans: 831 ILL borrows: 510

September 2023 Circulation	Door Count: 1796	Closed: Holiday: 1, Sunday: 1
Adult: 1203 Juvenile: 771	\$: 268.45	ILL loans: 929 ILL borrows: 557

Programs

- Barron's September Program Report will be available at the meeting.
- Barron submitted our annual Summer Reading @ NY Libraries' worksheet. In comparing this summer to last summer, we saw a slight increase in the number of programs to 53 up from 51 the previous summer. Once again, the real increase was in attendance. We had 1608 children attend programs this summer compared to 1,368 for 2022. Registrations for the Summer Reading Clubs saw a slight increase at 96 children and 20 teens this summer compared to 82 children & 12 teens for 2022.

Communications

- Will be sending letter to Florida Union Free School District requesting tax levy.
- We received a letter from the NYS Attorney General Office. We will be receiving \$25 as compensation for money we have lost due to deceptive business practices of Major Energy Service who was our energy provider last year.
- Thank you letter to Warwick Valley for books donations. I accepted the donation of five books at the Gardeners' meeting on 9/19. Books titles are:
 - *The Bumblezz World Pollination* (children's book)
 - *We Garden Together* (children's book)
 - *The Companion Planting, Beginner's Guide*
 - *Container and Raised Bed Gardening for Beginners & Beyond*
 - *Gardening Step by Step*

Financial/Donations/Grants

- A. Dinsmore (ticket) \$25, credited to Donations (4050).
- R. Kamrowski (tickets) \$125, credited to Donations (4050).
- Janet's Baked Goods (tickets)\$125, credited to Donations (4050).
- Friends of the Florida Public Library \$600, credited Targeted Donations (4060) and credit Teen Programs (5247).
- Friends of the Florida Public Library \$190, credited Target Donations (4060) and Professional Dues line (6500).
- We received our renewal from Utica National Insurance for our Commercial Policy. The premium increased \$687.67 this year, slightly higher than the previous year.
- Ron, Nancy & I attended a press event at the Washingtonville Library with Senator Skoufis on Sept. 26th. The Senator announced he has secured funding for \$140,000 for the libraries in his district and RCLS. Each library is to receive \$7500. Not sure on when to expect funding.

- Our annual audit by Justin Wood, CPA of Nugent & Haeussler took place on 9/14. He will attend the December board meeting to present his report.

Building and Equipment

- We had a successful session at the Village of Florida Work Session on Sept. 20th. Trustee Taylor will give a report at the meeting.

65th Anniversary Weekend – a busy weekend ahead. We can share an update on Monday.

Community Outreach

Great Give Back (month of October) – We will once again be partnering with the Florida Community Food Pantry to collect items they are most in need of. The list includes:

- Lasagna noodles Mac & Cheese (boxed)
- Spaghetti Juice Boxes
- Peanut Butter
- Tomato Sauce
- Tomato Paste

Florida Chamber of Commerce Meeting – We hosted a successful September Mixer here at the library. I have also volunteer to be on the Nominating Committee.

Friends of the FPL

The Friends held their Used Book Sale this weekend. They will also be trying a new fundraiser this year, a Holiday Wreath Silent Auction in December. Community members are invited to create a unique holiday wreath and donate it to the Friends for a silent auction. The library is hosting a Wreath Making Class in November to help kick off the event. If wreath making is your thing, please consider participating.

Meetings, Travel & Events – Upcoming

October brings up the required yearly sexual harassment prevention training for all staff and trustees. Barron will forward you the information to complete the Niche Academy online training and print a certificate. All training must be done by 12/31/23.

Oct. 2: Battle of the Books/Teen Librarians Meeting – Barron & Beth P

Oct. 4: Florida Chamber of Commerce Meeting- Meg

Oct. 10: Friends of FPL Meeting

Oct. 26: Fall into Books – Barron, Beth V, Eileen & Jade

Nov. 2 – 4: NYLA Conference, Saratoga Springs, NY – Barron, Ashley & Meg

Upcoming Trustee Training Opportunities

Wednesday, October 4: First Amendment Audits: Everything You Need to Know (online)

Time: 2 – 3 p.m.

Monday, October 16: Advocacy Workshop: Learning about and Communicating with Elected Officials (Online)

Time: 10 – 11 a.m.

Tuesday, October 24: Trustee Training Tuesdays: Finance 102 - Investments

Time: 6 - 7 p.m.