

January 5 for January 8, 2024 Monthly Meeting

To: Florida Public Library Board of Trustees

From: Meg Sgombick, Director

Monthly Report

December 2022 Circulation	Door Count: 1,175	Closed: 4 days
Adult: 1,075 Juvenile: 482	Library Charges: \$:175.10	ILL loans: 828 ILL borrows: 396

December 2023 Circulation	Door Count: 1,309	Closed: 3 days
Adult: 1,089 Juvenile: 610	Library Charges: \$144.55	ILL loans: 709 ILL borrows: 462

Programs

- Barron's December Program Report will be available at the meeting.
- Programs to resume this week. Program Alert: Pie Night with Noble Pies is Jan. 25th!

Communications

- Senator Skoufis letter regarding bullet aid.
- NY State Comptroller – Annual Financial Report for 6/30/2023 filed by Chris Arner and Debbie Slesinski. Thank you to both of them.
- Thank you letters for various donations.
- Get well cards to staff member Lori Greenberg and long-time patron and past Election Inspector Jeanne Uszenski.
- Letter of Resignation from Debra Violetto.

Financial

- Patrick & Cynthia Galizio \$150
- M. Singh \$100
- Frank & Patricia Pierce IMO JR Pillmeier \$ 50
- Robert Pillmeier IMO JR Pillmeier \$100
- Anonymous IMO JR Pillmeier \$100
- Robert & Nancy Scott IMO JR Pillmeier \$100
- The in-house holiday book sale raised \$292. Thank you to Ashley for organizing the book sale.
- The Finance Committee will meet later this month to finalize the 2024-2025 budget.

Personnel

- Library Assistant Debra Violetto gave her resignation letter effective 1/5/24. Debbie has done a great job with our social media and advertising and we are sad to see her go. Library Assistant-Children's Services Beth Pskowski has been appointed full time and will take over Debbie's responsibilities.
- We have hired Library Assistant Clarisa Rosario-DeGroate as our Adult Programmer on 12/15/23.
- The Personal Committee meet on 12/20/23. Proposed raises for 2024-2025 are an agenda item.
- All staff members completed their goals for 2023. We will be meeting to develop new goals for 2024.

Technology

- RCLS is looking into a group subscription to Blackstone Unlimited, a digital audiobook platform, for member libraries. Blackstone provides unlimited access to over 6,000 adult and children audiobooks. This service would be an add-on to Libby which provides limited access to audiobooks. Price would vary depending on number of libraries that participate.
- We have received our scanner and staff has begun to inventory all our items. The process has gone smoothly so far as we started with some of the smaller collections. During January the adult fiction, DVDs and non-fiction collections will be tackled. We hope to move into the Children's room in February.
- Barron purchased a new HP Smart Tank to replace the last of the older printers in the staff room.

Community Outreach

Chamber of Commerce – Chamber meetings resume in January.

WTBQ Radio - Barron will be making a guest appearance on WTBQ's *Creativity & Technology for Business and Life with Joe Dans* on Wed., Jan. 10th at 11 a.m. They will be discussing our Technology for Seniors series that Barron teaches. Make sure you turn in!

Golden Hill PARP (Pick A Reading Partner) Program – The library has partnered with the Golden Hill PTA in their PARP program this month. We have provided various items for their kick-off bags, including books and are co-sponsoring a Zoom visit with author Dan Gutman for the 3-5th Graders on Thursday, January 11th at the school. Dan is the author of the widely popular “Weird School” series.

NYLA

Barron, Ashley and I have all prepared a brief write-up on the NYLA session that we found most helpful. They will be shared at the meeting. Also, our very own Diane Arcieri presented with her RCLS colleagues an informative session called “A Deeper Dive into EDI.”

Friends of the FPL

The Friends held their Silent Auction Wreath Fundraiser at the Senior Center on Dec. 9th. They had over 20 wreaths for auction and each one received a bid. I was unable to make the Friends' meeting on Dec. 11th, Nancy can provide more details.

Library Advocacy Day – February 7 - We have the opportunity to return to Albany this year for Library Advocacy Day. RCLS is sponsoring buses from various locations (closes one for us is Newburgh.) If interested in attending let me know so we can coordinate drivers if needed.

Meetings, Travel & Events – Upcoming

Jan. 10: Director's Association – Meg

Jan. 10: Barron on WTBQ @ 11 a.m.

Jan. 12: Mock Awards Discussion– Eileen & Barron

Jan. 24: CTUG Meeting – Ashley

Jan. 24: APOC Meeting – Clarisa

Jan. 29: In-Person Annual Report Workshop – Meg

Jan. 30: RUG Meeting - Barron

Trustee Workshops

Trustee Training Tuesday: Advocacy - Learning about and Communicating with Elected Officials

Tuesday, January 9, 2024, Time: 6:30 - 8:00 pm – online

Advocacy Day Prep – Online

January 25 Time: 2 – 3 p.m. *or* 6 – 7 p.m.

Note: These sessions are not eligible for continuing education credit.