May 2, 2025 for May 5, 2025 Monthly Meeting,

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

Monthly Report

April 2024 Circulation Door Count: 2,113 Closed: 0
Adult: 1,227 Juvenile: 724 Library Charges: $479.61 ILL loans: 703 ILL borrows: 475

April 2025 Circulation Door Count: 1,816 Closed: 1
Adult: 1,422 Juvenile: 738 Library Charges: $295.70 ILL loans: 1014 ILL borrows: 592

Programs

- Barron's monthly Program Report will be available at the meeting.
- The RCLS Road Trip is back for the summer. Staff will be attending training on the program during the month of May.
- Our Spring Break Birdhouse Building drew a large crowd!
- The Yard Sale was a success, donating $490 to the library.
- We are sponsoring an online author visit with Lauren Tarshis, author of the popular "I Survived" series for the middle school students at S.S. Seward on May 13. Funds from our bullet aid are funding this visit.

Communications

- We have received our 2026 Menu of IT Services from RCLS.

Financial/Donations/Grants

- $727.05 – Utica National Insurance Co, safety dividend, credited to Insurance #5220;
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- $490 – Yard Sale, credited to Donations #4050;
- $ 75 – Western Sullivan Public Library – their portion of the recent adult program they co-hosted with us – credited to Adult Programs #5241;
- $350 – M. Sgombick – credit to Staff Training #6600 – Director's portion of fall class.
- Two budget transfers are on the agenda. This will address two-line items currently over budget.
- The two 7-month CD are up for renewal.

Annual Budget Vote and Trustee Election

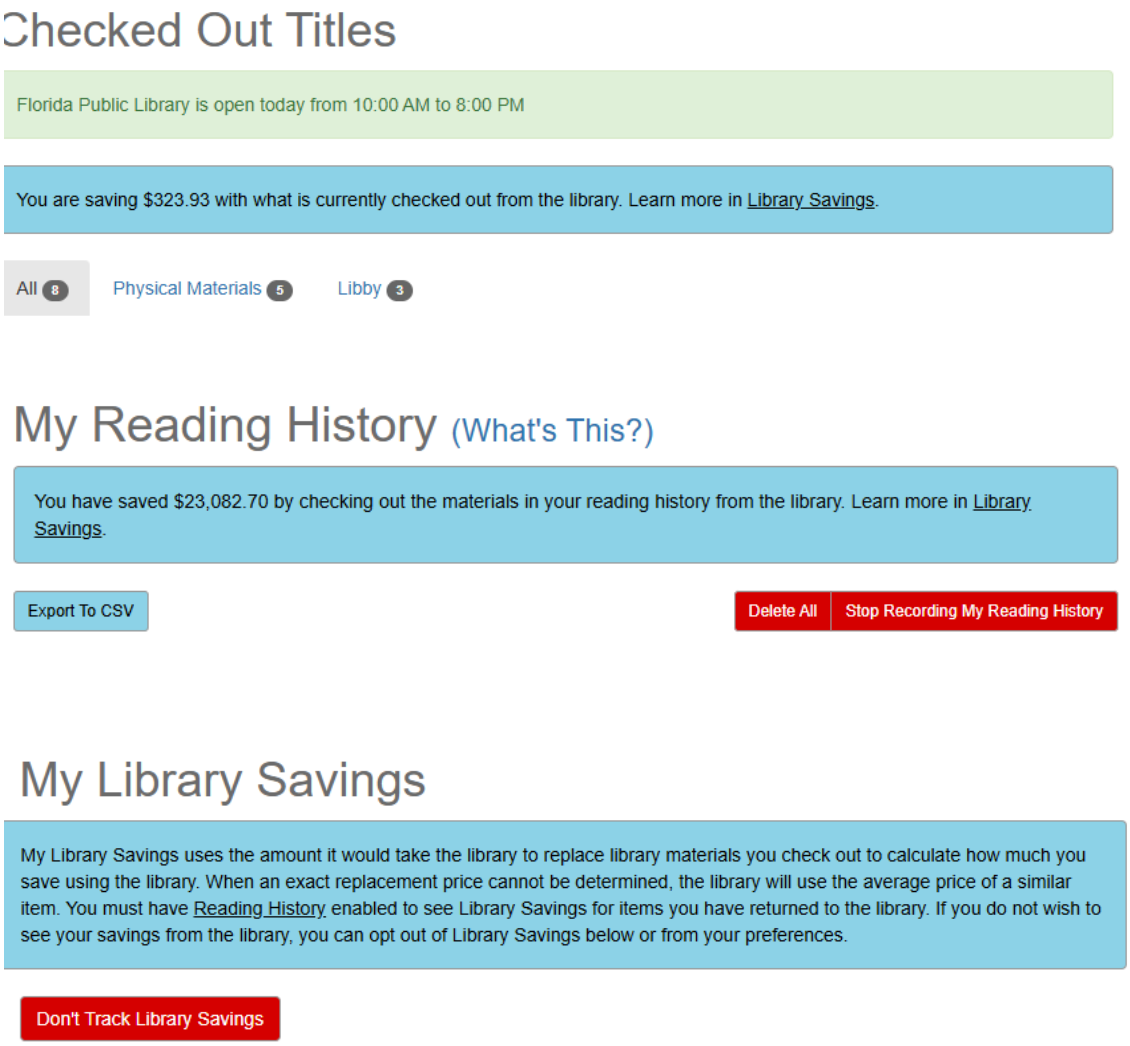
Our Election Day on 4/10 went very smooth under the supervision of Inspectors Mary Coleman and Donna Marie Anderson. After a slow start, the budget was passed by a healthy margin of 120 YES to 9 NO. Turn-out was similar to last year. Full 3-year terms were secured by Trustee Carey (121) and Trustee Taylor (120). I will share with you at the meeting some voter observations.

Building and Equipment

- Library Construction Aid Workshop – I attended the annual construction aid workshop online on April 11th, no major changes from the previous workshop.
- I meet with FUFSD Superintendent Dr. Spindler and School Business Official Chris Sleskinki to get the basic parameters for a library bond vote. The school district is responsible for facilitating the vote and the costs associated with running it.
- Spoke with Ben Gailey regarding Architect agreement, Lothrop will now use the Standard AIA agreement in of the place of short form that had been signed. The standard form includes language regarding a Construction Manager. Bob G to provide Standard form to Ben by next week for his review.

Technology

- Our 2026 Menu of IT Services has been received from RCLS and is an item on the agenda. It is due back to RCLS by June 30th. We are currently a hybrid library and should continue as such. We will see an increase of $857 for 2026. The bulk is for the replacement of our three RCLS computers in 2026.
- Patron savings on Aspen - I mentioned last month about staff highlighting the amount saved by patrons on their detailed receipt. This savings also shows up on a patron's Aspen account:



Update on IMLS

As you may be aware, the American Library Association (ALA) and the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) filed a lawsuit to stop the dismantling of IMLS. On Thursday, the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia granted a temporary restraining order to block the Trump Administration's order to eliminate IMLS. This restraining order comes just days before the scheduled mass layoffs of all IMLS employees on May 4th. While this is good news, it is only a temporary order put in place to give the court time to consider the merits of this case. It is imperative to reach out to our legislators. This link takes you to NYLA's advocacy page: https://www.nyla.org/become-an-advocate-

Friends of the FPL

- The used book sale is set for May 16-18. Set-up on Thursday, May 15th.

Meetings, Travel & Events – Upcoming

May 5: Battle of Books Meeting – Barron & Clarisa
May 6: NY Hiring for Emergency Limited Placement Statewide Information Session - Meg
May 7: RCLS Road Trip Online Training – Barron & Clarisa
May 12: RCLS Road Trip Online Training – Ashley
May 12: System Services Committee Blackstone Unlimited presentation - Meg
May 12: Friends' Meeting – Meg
May 13: Author Visit at SS Seward/SRP Volunteer Information Visit – Clarisa & Dawn
May 20: RUG Meeting online – Barron
May 21: CTUG Meeting online – Ashley

RCLS Guided Tours (these **do not** count as Trustee Training sessions):
May 16 from 9:30 – 11:30 am
May 28 from 2 0 3:30 pm

Trustee Trainings

Trustee Education: Library Social Media & Marketing (online) – May 28 – 6:30 to 7:30 pm.
Trustee Education: Finance 101 - Trustee Responsibilities (online) – June 25– 6:30 to 7:30 pm.