

January 3 for January 5, 2026 Monthly Meeting

To: Florida Public Library Board of Trustees

From: Meg Sgombick, Director

Monthly Report

December 2024 Circulation	Door Count: 1,159	Closed: 3 days
Adult: 1,310 Juvenile: 487	Library Charges: \$310.05	ILL loans: 938 ILL borrows: 555

December 2025 Circulation	Door Count: 1,199	Closed: 3 days/2 snow
Adult: 1,084 Juvenile: 716	Library Charges: \$459.40	ILL loans: 827 ILL borrows: 439

Programs

- Barron's December Program Report will be available at the meeting.
- Our Culinary Showcase was a hit!
Our young patron prepared a delicious meal for their parents.



- Programs to resume the week of January 11th. Program Alert: Pie Night with Janet is Jan. 28th!
- O&R and RCLS are introducing “HomeBoost – A Do-It-Yourself Home Energy Assessment Program.” This program provides local libraries with a HomeBoost kit which patrons can check out. The kit has a Thermal Imaging Camera that will allow customers to perform a DIY Home Energy Assessment. It comes with everything they need to check their home's efficiency, plus step-by-step help from the HomeBoost app. After the customer performs the assessment, they will get a FREE custom energy report by email, a \$99 value, courtesy of O&R. We have received our kit and I am planning to have O&R give a demo for the staff. We would add this item to our Library of Things.
- Dawn recently applied for the “Let's Go Compost” program and I am pleased to report that we have been awarded a STEM Worm Farm! Dawn and Beth will be doing some composting program which will tie in wonderfully with the summer reading theme of “Unearth a Story.”

Communications

- NY State Library – Construction Aid award letter.
- We were pleased and surprised to receive a letter and check from RCLS for a Bullet Aid Award from Senator James Skoufis. A thank you was sent to his office.
- Thank you letters for various donations.

Financial

- Patrick & Cynthia Galizio \$150
- Moyna Singh \$150
- Bob & Nancy Scott – IHO Mary & John Fish \$ 50
- A. Alvelo \$ 25
- RCLS – 2025 Bullet Aid \$8,928.57
- The Finance Committee will meet later this month to finalize the 2026-2027 budget.
- The Tax Cap Override Resolution is on the agenda for approval.

Personnel

- A new minimum wage (\$16) went into effect starting with the new year. Pages' salaries have been adjusted.
- The Personnel Committee will meet this month to review proposed raises for 2026-2027.

Technology

Barron has been working on getting our computers and WIFI network CIPA compliant. We have sent over all the completed paperwork and have been in contact with RCLS about completing the final steps with our network.

Building

We have received our approval letter for our Construction Aid project from the 2024/2025 state aid cycle. This funding was for the upgrade to telephone system and emergency repair to the front railing. The telephone part of the project is finished and the railing will be completed this spring.

The Librarians

RCLS has obtained special permission to hold screenings of the award-winning, critically-acclaimed 2025 documentary *The Librarians*, which chronicles the efforts of courageous public and school librarians nationwide resisting censorship and book bans and defending the First Amendment. The Albert Wisner Library in Warwick is hosting a screening on either Saturday, March 7 at 11:00 am or on Wednesday, April 22 at 6:00 pm in their Community Room on the lower level, the movie runs about 1 ½ hours. I am planning to attend one of the showings and invite you to attend if possible.

Velma K. Moore Award

We had to pivot on the date for Diane's award. The new date is Friday, Jan. 23 at 11:30 am. The presenters are coming a distance and would like to do the presentation during the day. For those at are around, please try and attend. Thank you.

NYLA

Barron 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.

Friends of the FPL

The Friends held their Annual Cookie Swap on Dec. 9th. At the meeting they also approved \$250 for the purchase of the American Museum of National History vouchers

Library Advocacy Day – February 3 - We will be returning 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. RCLS has asked if you would please register even if you are driving. See their calendar or here is the link

<https://rcls.libcal.com/event/15587492>

Trustee Training

Thank you all for completing your Trustee and Sexual Harassment trainings. So here are some trainings for 2026!

Communicating with Elected Officials- In-Person

Thursday, January 8, 2026 from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm.

I am interested in attending and if anyone would like to go with me, I'll drive!

Attendance will result in 2 CE credits for staff and trustees.

Library Advocacy Day Overview & Information - Online

Monday, January 26, 2026 from 10:00 am - 11:00 am.

Or

Thursday, January 29, 2026 from 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm.

1 CE hour will be provided to library staff and trustees.

Staff Meetings, Travel & Events – Upcoming

Jan. 9: Mock Awards Discussion– Barron & Dawn

Jan. 14: Director's Association – Meg

Jan 28: CTUG Meeting – Ashley

Jan. 29: Lightning Talk: Community Connections and Partnerships – Dawn & Meg