

April 3 for April 6, 2026 Monthly Meeting

To: Florida Public Library Board of Trustees

From: Meg Sgombick, Director

Monthly Report

March 2025 Circulation Door Count: 1,791 Closed: 0
Adult: 1,457 Juvenile: 845 Library Charges: \$402.73 ILL loans: 988 ILL borrows: 541

March 2026 Circulation Door Count: 1,824 Closed: 1
Adult: Juvenile: Library Charges: \$346.65 ILL loans: ILL borrows:
Circulation figures will be available next month.

Programs

- Barron's March Program Report is attached.



- We had a wonderful visit at Golden Hill on March 9th with Authors/Illustrators Jacky Davis and David Soman. They gave 3 presentations and then had lunch with a small group of 5th graders. Several students and teachers shared their enjoyment of the program.

- We have a full day of programs scheduled for Vote Day. A special musical unicorn storytime with Miss Nicole is scheduled at 11 a.m. Barron will have his tech class at 1 p.m. and at 6:30 p.m. Alex Pritzgintas and his amplified cello will present his *Jazz Ambassadors* concert.

Communications

- Donation letters and thank you letters for the assorted IMO donations.
- Letter to purge patrons – Every year RCLS purges inactive patrons who have not had any activity on their account for five years. In an effort to get some of these patrons back in the library we mailed out a *We Miss You at the Library* flyer to them.

Financial/Donations/Grants

The following donations were received and credited to the Donations line of the Budget (#4050):

Friends of Hawthorne - \$20

IMO Ingeborg Dagele - Brenda Downs - \$ 10

IMO Deborah Ann Kamrowski - \$285 (7 donations-breakdown attached)

IMO Shirley Coughlin - \$1,870 (21 donations-breakdown attached)

Annual Budget Vote and Trustee Election

Our bulk-mailed Spring budget newsletter has been printed and is being mailed to residents. Our second press release with budget information, tax rates and candidate information were sent to the local newspapers and posted to our website. Our Trustee Candidate Alison Harter is on the ballot. We have updated the section on our website that gives a thorough explanation of the tax rates. Our Chief Election Inspector is Donna Marie Anderson who is returning from last year and is familiar with our procedures. Lourdes McLeod will serve as the other inspector. The Friends of the FPL will distribute the Vote Day lawn signs at the beginning of the week.

Check it out!

Meet the Candidate for Trustee Election



Alison Harter is an elementary school teacher with a Master's in Literacy, bringing professional expertise in literacy development, current educational technology, and the evolving learning needs of children and families.

ALISON HARTER

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Check it out!

Personnel

- Staff Training Day - I would like to thank the board for approving our Staff Professional Day. The film *The Librarians* was both moving and timely. Additionally, Martha provided a helpful update on the Aspen system from the patron's perspective.
- New Hire – We have hired Dominick LaBelle as a substitute Library Clerk effective March 31, 2026.

Building

The front railings project has been completed. This completes all the projects for our Construction Aid Application that was submitted in August of 2024. I will coordinate with RCLS on the closing process for the application.

Technology

- Barron will give an update on the progress on our CIPA compliance.
- We have purchased a new iPad for Beth which will allow for an easier time posting from Canva to our social media.



- *NYTimes Complimentary All Access Digital Subscription* Patrons will now enjoy access to News, Games, Cooking, podcasts, Wirecutter and more! Patrons can access from inside the library or from home. Scan the QR code and follow the steps to activate your free access.

Annual Report

DLD has finally opened the 2025 Annual Report software. Counting Opinions will host the report on their platform, LibPAS. The due date to submit our report to RCLS is Monday, April 13th.

OLA

The Orange Library Association (OLA) will be hosting an OrangeReads Program this year. In honor of the 250th Anniversary, OLA has selected *You Never Forget Your First* by Alexis Coe has the county wide book selection. OLA will be hosting Alexis for a conversation and Q&A at the Albert Wisner Public Library on Sunday, May 31st. OLA also purchased ten copies of her book for Orange County libraries to use. Our Page Turner's Book Club will be reading the book at their May meet-up. Other activities being hosted included an activity gameboard for patrons to complete and a tour of the West Point Museum on May 12th. Additional information will be share once it is completed.

Community Outreach

The Chamber of Commerce hosted their annual Easter Egg Hunt on March 21st. We had a large crowd visit our table to make spring crafts and answer some library trivia for small prizes.



check out these cute bunnies!

Friends of the FPL

- The Friends' March meeting did not have enough members to make a quorum so no business was conducted. Next meeting schedule for April 13th.
- Reminder – the next book sale is set for May 15-17. Set-up on Thursday, May 14th. Many hands make light work!

Meetings, Travel & Events – Upcoming

April 6: Battle of the Books/Teen Librarians Meeting – Barron

April 8: Directors Association Meeting on Zoom - Meg

April 9: VOTE DAY

April 20: System Services Meeting on Zoom - Meg

April 21: Marketing Minds Meeting - Beth

Upcoming Trustee Training/Workshops

Trustee Education: Supporting Library Sustainability -Tues., April 14 – 6:30 - 7:30 pm – (online)

Breakdown of Donations:

IMO Deborah Ann Kamrowski - \$285

Diane Arcieri
Carmela Clearwater/Bill Popper
Ann-Marie Kowalczyk
Adele Lempka
Rose Pawliczak
Sue Romer
Robert & JoAnn Schultz

IMO Shirley Coughlin - \$1,870

Mary-Ann Aloisio
Diane Arcieri
Allan Barry
Anita Baumann
Craig Calzaretta/Michelle Koury
Dominic & Elizabeth Cappelleri
Deborah Czubak
Brenda Downs
Mary & John Fish
Harold Grout
Lynn & John Harter & Family
Ann-Marie Kowalczyk
Diane Leo
John & Judy Mottola
Amy Okurowski
Frank & Patricia Pierce
Robert Pillmeier
Georgia Riley
Robert & JoAnn Schultz
Robert & Nancy Scott
Christine & Louis Sorgenti