

May 1, 2026 for May 4, 2026 Monthly Meeting,

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

Monthly Report

March 2026 Circulation Door Count: 1,824 Closed: 1
Adult: 1,378 Juvenile: 1,297 Library Charges: \$346.65 ILL loans: 963 ILL borrows: 556
Circulation figures were unavailable at April meeting.

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

April 2026 Circulation Door Count: 1,587 Closed: 1
Adult: 1,108 Juvenile: 919 Library Charges: \$347.70 ILL loans: 868 ILL borrows: 464

Programs

- Barron’s monthly Program Report will be available at the meeting.



- Our worms from the *Let’s Composite* program are thriving. Our Book & Beyond attendees have the weekly job of feeding them!



- Catherine was at the Albert Wisner Public Library showcasing our Library of Things items. We partnered for a library-wide event co-sponsored by Sustainable Warwick to celebrate Earth Day on April 18th.

Communications

- Resignation letter from Board President Ronald Kamrowski.
- Donations and thank you letters made IMO of Shirley Coughlin.

Financial/Donations/Grants

- The following donations were received and credited to the Donations line of the Budget (#4050):
 - Copper Bottom - \$363.76
 - IMO Shirley Coughlin - \$240
Eleanor Faliski
Vivian Faliski
Ron & Marie Heter
Anita Godby
June McCarthy
Marie & Michael Pillmeier
James & MaryLouise Sosler
Kathy & Thomas Weslowski
- Friends of the Florida Public Library - \$275 credited to Targeted Donations and Library of Things – renewal of the Bethel Woods Museum Pass.
- \$162 – RCLS - remaining 10% of the NYS Aid for Member Libraries, Local Library Service Aid (LLSA) for 2025. Credited to Grants/Aid.
- \$6,592 – NY State SED Construction Aid (90%). Credited to Construction Grants (4084).

Annual Budget Vote and Trustee Election

Our Election Day on 4/9 went smooth under the supervision of Inspectors Donna Marie Anderson and Lourdes McLeod. After a slow start, the budget was passed by a healthy margin of 140 YES to 7 NO. Turn-out was similar to last year. Alison Harter was elected to a 3-year terms securing 142 votes. I will share with you at the meeting some voter observations.

Dr. John L. Flateau Voting and Elections Database of NY

A new election law came into effect on April 1, 2026 regarding the reporting of election results. The new law requires that a library that conducts its own votes thus acting as an “election authority” must send an array of information to the state board of elections. Beth and I attended a workshop on April 13th. As we were one of the few libraries at the workshop that had completed an election, the State Board of Elections has reached out to us to work with them as this new database is being finalized. We have another meeting on May 6th it is a real work in progress.

Building and Equipment

- Library Construction Aid Workshop – I attended the annual construction aid workshop online on April 22nd no major changes from the previous workshop.
- I am working with RCLS to file an amendment to our Construction Grant to allow for the installation of the bluestone slabs. Once completed we should be able to close out our project. We have received our payment of \$6,592 which represents 90% of our grant.

Technology

Barron has begun installing the new CIPA compliant firewall. The patron computer system will be down for a while in the morning on Tuesday, May 5th.

Policy Update

The *Wireless Internet Access Policy* and *Public Access Computer Use Policy* are on the agenda for approval. Both of these policies had to be updated with the changes made regarding CIPA compliance.

2025 State Annual Report

Our Annual Report was successfully submitted to RCLS on 4/13 and the required motion is on the agenda for approval. Here is a look at some of our numbers:

	6/30/23	6/30/24	6/30/25
Door Count	18,639	20,508	18,425
Program Sessions	441	492	589
Total Program Attendance	5,700	6,688	4,885
Children's Program Attendance	3,526	4,027	2,865
YA Program Attendance	215	404	287
Adult Program Attendance	1,181	1,302	1,395
Circulation-Adults	9,755	10,141	15,240
Circulation – Children	8,043	8,607	8,404
Digital Items Borrowed	Not reported	7,326	7,923

While we had some decreases, we also saw an uptick in attendance at adult programs and circulation. We also saw a 7% increase in digital items borrowed.

OLA

This year OLA will be hosting the OrangeReads Program in commemoration of the upcoming 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States. OrangeREADS is a county wide collaborative literacy initiative hosted by all 17 Orange County public libraries and features a central book and various book discussions and programs surrounding the book. This year's book is *You Never Forget Your First: A Biography of George Washington* by Alexis Coe. Alexis Coe is a renowned historian, primarily known for her work on U.S. history and historical figures and is local to the Hudson Valley. In conjunction with this presentation, OLA has purchased 10 copies of the book for each Orange County library as well. Other programs include a tour of the West Point Museum on May 12th and an activity gameboard which will run from May 10th to June 30th.

Friends of the FPL

- The used book sale is set for May 15-17. Set-up on Thursday, May 14th
- The Friends also renewed the Village of Greenwood Lake Beach Passes and purchased a season pass to the Mountain Lake Park Pool. A donation was also made to the Friends of Library Section of NYLA in memory of Randy Enos. All of the checks were written directly to the organizations.

Meetings, Travel & Events – Upcoming

May 5: Battle of Books Meeting – Barron

May 6: CTUG Meeting - Ashley

May 13: DA Meeting – Meg

May 11 Friends' Meeting – Meg

May 19: SRP Volunteer Information Visit at SS Seward– Dawn

May 19: Marketing Minds Online Meeting - Beth

May 20: RUG Meeting online – Barron

May 31: OrangeReads Author Talk – Albert Wisner Public Library - Meg