

September 11, 2026 for September 14, 2026 Monthly Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

To: Florida Public Library Board of Trustees

From: Meg Sgombick, Director

Monthly Report

August 2025 Circulation	Door Count: 1,296	Closed: 1 training/5 Sundays
Adult: 1,450 Juvenile: 793	Library Charges: \$346.15	ILL loans: 982 ILL borrows: 483

August 2026 Circulation	Door Count: 1,049	Closed: 1-training, 1-cleaning, 5 Sundays
Adult: 1,113 Juvenile: 650	Library Charges: \$344.98	ILL loans: 860 ILL borrows: 427

Programs

- Barron's Program Report will be available at the meeting.
- We had a great program with Golden Hill Principal Starla Ciarelli at our "Meet the Principal" on August 26th with 12 new cards being opened.
- RCLS Battle of the Books – We once again were pleased to have a team participate in this event and although they didn't place this year it was great to be a part of this event. Thank you to Dawn for coaching this year's team and to Barron for assisting while also running of the battle.



- Make sure you check out our "Pickleball" social media post. A big thank you to Ashley and Catherine for truly getting in the spirit of the video.

New Museum Pass



We now offer discounted tickets to sites run by the Wildlife Conservation Society. This includes the Bronx Zoo, Central Park Zoo, Queens Zoo, Prospect Park Zoo, and the New York Aquarium. Click the link on our website and use our code “FloridaPL” to get 20% off your tickets.

Communications

- RCLS – presentation of 2027 Budget.

Financial/Donations/Grants

- Valley Cottage Library – credit Library Charges (#4010) – Damaged item

RCLS Budget

We received a copy of the 2027 RCLS Operating Budget and for the first time in five years RCLS is increasing their service fee. For us that means our quarterly amount increases from \$1,947.50 to \$2,170. A copy of the full budget is included in your folder. Also, there will be two virtual budget presentation on:

- Wednesday, Sept. 16 from 6:30 to 7:30 pm **or** Wednesday, Sept. 30 from 10 to 11 am.
- Registration is required, please visit the RCLS calendar to register.
- Approval of the budget will be an action item at the October meeting.

Insurance Renewal

- We have received notice of renewal for our MVP Health Insurance. Rates for the current MVP EPO Platinum 1 plan are:
 - o Single - \$1,799.10
 - o Employee + Child(ren) - \$3,058.47
 - o Employee + Spouse - \$3,598.20
 - o Employee + Spouse + Child(ren) - \$5,127.44This represents about a 13% rise in rates.

The committee is also recommending an additional plan, the MVP Gold EPO 4, as a second choice. Costs associated with this plan are:

- o Single - \$1,599.49
- o Employee + Child(ren) - \$2,719.13
- o Employee + Spouse - \$3,078.86
- o Employee + Spouse + Child(ren) - \$4,558.55

The percentages that the library pays will remain the same:

Single – 80% by library/20% by employee
Employee + Child(ren) – 75% by library/25% by employee
Employee + Spouse – 70% by library/30% by employee
Family – 65% by library/35% by employee

The new monthly rates will be effective on October 1. We will discuss this more at the meeting and it is an action item at the meeting.

Personnel

Library Assistant Catherine Incledon and Page Virginia Clark both completed their Civil Service probationary periods.

Staff Training

- The Annual Clean Up Day & Staff Meeting was on August 24th. Staff spent some time weeding and cleaning the shelves. During our staff meeting we discussed the upcoming program session along with possible goals for the Long-Range Plan.
- My final class resumes on Wednesday, September 23rd and runs through December.
- Staff has been taking the annual Sexual Harassment training. Barron has sent an invitation via Niche Academy to all trustees. When taking the training please make sure to print out and complete the questionnaire. Both the questionnaire and the certificate need to be turned into the Library Director.

New Bookkeeper

As you all are aware, Chris Arner our bookkeeper for the past 13 years will be retiring and moving to Delaware. I am happy to report that we have found a replacement. Tammy Artusa a recently retired bookkeeper and insurance professional will be replacing Chris. Tammy also serves as the Treasurer for the Village of Florida Chamber of Commerce. Chris and Tammy will be working together over the next months as we transition.

Long Range Plan

Objectives of the plan have been reviewed and updated for discussion at Monday's meeting. I will also share some ideas the staff had for goals.

Building and Equipment

- RCLS was here on August 27 and replaced the two remaining computers. All three RCLS machines have been updated.
- Classic Cleaning was here on the weekend of August 22nd to strip and wax the tile floors. They will be cleaning the carpets the weekend of September 26th.

Community Outreach

Village of Florida FunFest – the Library once again had a table at the annual FunFest. The day was hot and the crowd seemed lighter. I did have several Library of Things items with me and had several inquiries about what the library had to offer.

Village of Florida Chamber of Commerce – the Library will be hosting a morning mixer for the Chamber on Tuesday, Sept. 29th beginning at 9 am. Meeting topic will be the rapidly evolving landscape of artificial intelligence.

Friends of Florida Public Library

Upcoming monthly meeting on Tuesday, September 15. The Friends recently purchased new tote bags with the library logo on one side. The next book sale is scheduled for October 2 – 4. Books will be moved to the Senior Center on Thurs., Oct. 1st, much help is needed.

Meetings, Travel & Events – Upcoming

Sept. 15 - Lightning Talk: Be a Social Media Library Star – Beth & Meg

Sept. 15 – Friends of FPL Meeting

Sept. 18 – RCLS Annual Meeting – Meg & Trustees

Sept. 22 – System Services Meeting – Meg

Sept. 28 - CLOUSC Meeting – Dawn

Sept. 29 – Director's Panel – Trusted Trustees - Meg

Upcoming Trustee Training

Trustee Education: Finance 102 - Tuesday, October 27 - 6:30- 7:30 pm (Online)

Trustee Education: RCLS Support for Member Library Advocacy - Tuesday, December 1 - 7:00 - 8:00 pm (Online)

Register for all events can be done at <https://rcls.org/calendar>