

October 2 for October 6, 2026 Monthly Meeting

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

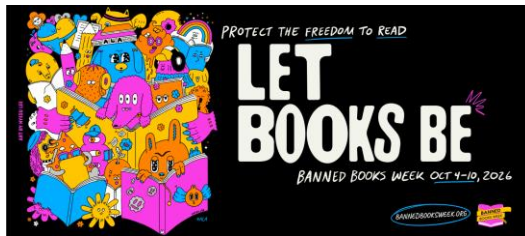
Monthly Report

September 2025 Circulation Door Count: 1,463 Closed: Holiday: 1
Adult: 1071 Juvenile: 961 Library Charges: \$334.25 ILL loans: 1047 ILL borrows: 546

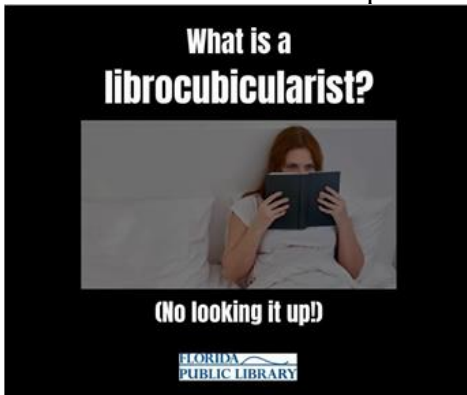
September 2026 Circulation Door Count: 1,407 Closed: 1 Holiday/1 Sunday/1 Cleaning
Adult: 1,108 Juvenile: 741 Library Charges: \$288.46 ILL loans: 975 ILL borrows: 550

Programs

- Barron's September Program Report will be available at the meeting.
- Check out our Banned Books Display as we celebrate Banned Books Week.



- We will once again be hosting a Defensive Driving Class on Sat., Oct. 17th, sign-up and save on your car insurance.
- One of our social media posts. Do you know what it means?



Communications

- Letter to FUFSD requesting Tax Levy.
- RCLS – NYS Aid for Member Libraries, Local Library Service Aid (LLSA) for 2026.
- Thank you notes for two donations.
- Letter from Shanna Sandor regarding open trustee seat.
- Email from Senator's Skoufis office regarding a grant opportunity with the Sustainable Library Certification Initiative.

Financial/Donations/Grants

- Madelyn Folino IMO Eileen Stelljes - \$100 credited to the Donations line (4050) of the budget.
- Andrew Fitzpatrick IMO Shirley Coughlin- \$50 credited to the Donations line (4050) of the budget.
- RCLS - \$1,460 - 90% of the NYS Aid for Member Libraries, Local Library Service Aid (LLSA) for 2026, credited to the Grants/Aid line (4080) of the budget.
- NY State SED Construction Aid - \$733 which is the remaining 10% of the grant amount, credited to the Construction Aid line (4084) of the budget.
- The RCLS Budget is on the agenda for approval. Information on the budget was distributed at the September meeting.

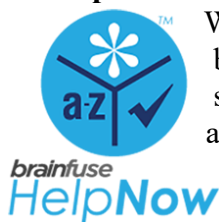
Sustainable Library Certification Program

I received an email from Senator Skoufis' office with an opportunity to receive a \$50,000 capital grant to any library that agrees to pursue the Sustainable Library Certification Program. The email was light on the details so I have followed up with his office for more information. The Sustainable Libraries Initiative's Sustainable Library Certification Program (SLCP) provides library leaders with a tested, structured path forward to increase your library's commitment to environmental stewardship, economic feasibility, and social equity. It is a multi-year program and is quite involved.

Personnel

Dawn Falone has transitioned from part-time Library Assistant, Children's Services to full time effective 9/28/26.

HelpNow



We are now offering a new online tutoring system through Brainfuse. Patrons will be able to access homework help with live tutors in math, science, reading/writing, social studies, PSAT/SAT, ACT, AP and state standardized tests. Also available are a 24-Hour Writing Lab where patrons can submit essays and other forms of writing for constructive feedback, submit homework questions for expert guidance and an Adult Learning Center Access a library of rich adult learning content (GED) and live, professional assistance in resume/cover letter writing, U.S. citizenship prep, MS Office Essential Skills Series, and more.

Community Outreach



Great Give Back – This month we are partnering with the other Orange County libraries and sponsoring a Diaper Drive with the Diaper Bank of Orange, Ulster and Sullivan counties. Donations will be accepted until the end of October.

Village of Florida Trunk or Treat – Ms. Dawn will once again be hosting a “trunk” at the Village Trunk or Treat Event on Sat., Oct. 24th from 2 to 4 pm. This year’s event will be held at the Seward-Mapes field behind Rookies.

Village of Florida Chamber of Commerce Morning Mixer – The library hosted a morning mixer for the Chamber on Tuesday, Sept. 22nd. Peter Hall discussed the rapidly evolving landscape of artificial intelligence.

Friends of the FPL

The Friends will be having a Holiday Chocolate Sale as their fundraiser this year. I have included an order form in your folder. The Friends can always use our support.

Meetings, Travel & Events – Upcoming

Oct. 5: Battle of the Books/Teen Librarians Meeting – Barron & Dawn

Oct. 7- 11: Meg - on vacation

Oct. 8: Professional Development Day @ NYCC – Barron & Ashley

Oct 13: Friend of FPL Meeting - Meg

Oct. 15: DA Meeting (online) - Meg

Oct. 14: Friends of FPL Meeting - Meg

Oct. 19: System Services (online) – Meg

Oct. 22: Fall into Books – Barron Beth and Dawn

Oct 26: CLOUSC Meeting - Dawn

Upcoming Trustee Training Opportunities

Trustee Education: Finance 102 (Online) - Join RCLS Chief Financial Officer, Stephen Hoefer, for a presentation tailored to trustees which focuses on library Budgeting and Financial Policies. **Tuesday, October 27, 2026 - 6:30 - 7:30 pm. Trustees will earn 1 hour of trustee training credit.**

Advocacy Workshop: Learning About and Communicating with Elected Officials

Thursday, November 19, 2026 - 10:00 - 11:30 am

Communication with elected officials should be pointed and meaningful when advocating in any regard. This session will focus on research best practices, crafting appropriate messaging using these best practices, and producing the final messaging content whether it be on social media, email, or in-person. This session will empower attendees to be proactive in their advocacy support and provide step-by-step instructions when communicating with elected officials. **This workshop will take place in-person at RCLS. Attendance will result in 1.5 CE credits for staff and trustees.**

RCLS HQ: A Guided Tour

Step into the inner workings of the Ramapo Catskill Library System and gain insights into our operations and how we can assist you. ***This session will not count for trustee education.***

Wednesday, October 28, 2026 - 9:30- 11:30 am.

Tuesday, November 17, 2026 - 9:30- 11:30 am