July 2019
Monthly Review

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<td>Circulation</td>
<td>24,427</td>
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<td>Computer Sessions</td>
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<td>Programming Onsite, In-Community, and Schools</td>
<td>Events: 70 Attendance: 2,127</td>
<td>Events: 68 Attendance: 1,512</td>
<td>Events: 63 Attendance: 1,328</td>
<td>Events: 53 Attendance: 2,570</td>
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*Does not include electronic resource circulation

System stats at a glance
- Electronic Resource Circulation for the month was 12,627, an 8% increase over 2018
- Visitors to the Libraries for the month totaled 82,215
- The Library held 298 events attended by 8,488 persons
- Computer sessions at the networked public computers numbered 17,828
- Wi-Fi sessions numbered at Hart Memorial, St. Cloud, Kenansville, BVL and Poinciana Libraries totaled 108,903
- 1,208 persons registered for full-service Library cards and 115 registered for eCards
- 9,919 holds were placed on Library materials
- Self-Check-Outs numbered 20,020 resulting in 19% of print circulation
- Total circulation for July was 119,370, a 2.5% increase over 2018

Highlights

Summer Reading Wrap Up

Summer Reading is kind of like Christmas – you plan and wait for what seems like forever for it to come and then it’s over before you know it (or just in time, if you ask some!). And what an amazing summer it was. The Library hosted 816 programs across 5 Libraries and reached 25,183 people with creative events, reading
challenges, performers, passive programs, special guests, and so much more. From beginning readers through school age, tweens, teens and even adults, this summer was inter-stellar.

Some highlights from July:

92 teens and families took the sushi challenge at the Teen Quest/Family Quest Kabuki Sushi program provided by Benihana of Orlando. Hands-on programming gets teens out of their comfort zone and into learning new things, improving interpersonal skills and communication, and lets families interact and problem-solve together as a team.

The Florida Astronomical Society helped teens and adults uncover the question “Are we alone?” in the universe, or at the very least to think beyond the borders of Earth. And the Buehler Perpetual Trust Planetarium from Seminole State College was also on hand to challenge your knowledge of the universe and what is “beyond visible light.” Both programs stoked curiosity and with intriguing, thought-provoking discussions for our older patrons.

Magic and Mayhem brought entertainment to nearly 600 kids and families with a “choose your own adventure” program combining storytelling, magic, and comedy, with a special guest appearance by loveable sidekick, ChaChing the Amazing Bunny.

In a unique twist on the space theme, the West Osceola Library hosted an Out of This World Glow Party for 75 lucky guests as part of their Summer Reading wrap up. Those (and family) who completed at least one reading log received entrance to this exclusive “invitation only” party.

For the icing on the cake, or more appropriately, the whipped cream on the sundae, kids at the Buenaventura Lakes, Hart Memorial, and Poinciana Libraries who turned in at least one completed reading log received a ticket to another exclusive party – the Ice Cream Social. Participants made their own sweet treat while celebrating their reading accomplishments and an end to another great summer of fun and knowledge.

Back to School Bashes

School sneaks up on you fast! We were just wrapping up summer and then it was already time for book bags and school supplies. Luckily, through the generous donation and coordination of County Commissioners, we were ready. Hart Memorial Library hosted the annual Back to School Bash with Commissioner Cheryl Grieb who donated 150 backpacks and supplies. This was followed by an out-of-this-world storytime with Astronaut Cheryl who read Frog in Space by Tedd Arnold and gave away plush frogs to delighted kids. 450 kids and grownups joined in the fun.

At the Buenaventura Lakes Library, 1000 book bags were distributed by Commissioner Viviana Janer and a wonderful team of County folks. Commissioner Janer partnered with Sheriff Russ Gibson, The Nater Foundation, and others to get kids ready for school from head to toe! Attendees had the opportunity to get a free haircut, pick up school supplies, receive a discount on a student physical, and grab a t-shirt. 1,416 kids and grownups got ready for the first day of school with Commissioner Janer and the Buenaventura Lakes Library team.
Starry, Starry Night Paint Night

The stars were out in a full show of talent and imagination during St. Cloud Library’s after hours Starry, Starry Night paint program. The Library closed as normal on July 26 and then reopened as adults gathered together with local artist Julianna Davidson to learn the secrets of Van Gogh’s famous Starry Night masterpiece and how to put their own creative spin on it. With refreshments provided by the St. Cloud Friends of the Library, 57 budding artists enjoyed a magical and unique evening. Many attendees brought their little ones for fun under the stars as kids created their very own cars out of cardboard and attended a Drive-In Movie Night while their grownups painted. 23 kids enjoyed popcorn and a flick. Kudos to the staff at the St. Cloud Library for exhibiting such organizational and artistic talents and creating an occasion for cultural enrichment that is usually reserved for those who can afford this type of experience. Programming is another venue for the Library to bridge divides created by economics and lack of opportunity or access.

Gallery

ABOVE: Behinana visited the Hart Memorial and St. Cloud Libraries, transforming teens and families into sushi chefs with Kabuki Sushi. (Photo taken at the St. Cloud Library.)
ABOVE-LEFT: Children had the opportunity to pet Cha-Ching the amazing bunny, after each Magic and Mayhem performance. *(Photo taken at Hart Memorial Library.)* **Glow Parties wrapped up the summer at the St. Cloud (ABOVE-RIGHT) and West Osceola Libraries.** Teens and families used glow sticks in the dark and shined as their own galaxies.
Families received free book bags and school supplies at our Back to School Bashes at the Hart Memorial (ABOVE) and Buenaventura Lakes Libraries (BELOW). Commissioner Cheryl Grieb presented a special storytime as Astronaut Cheryl after her giveaway (ABOVE). Commissioner Viviana Janer partnered with other organizations in the community to distribute book bags, supplies, as well as provide haircuts (BELOW).
ABOVE: The St. Cloud Library held a Starry, Starry Paint Night where adults created their own versions of Van Gogh’s famous Starry Night painting with the help of local artist Julianna Davidson.