October 2019
Monthly Review

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<td>Circulation</td>
<td>26,444</td>
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<td>Visitors</td>
<td>25,999</td>
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<td>Computer Sessions</td>
<td>62,551</td>
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<td>AWE Computer Sessions</td>
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<td>Programming Onsite, In-Community, and Schools</td>
<td>Events: 87</td>
<td>Attendance: 1,688</td>
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<td>Events: 54</td>
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*Does not include electronic resource circulation

System stats at a glance

- Virtual Circulation for the month was 12,605, an 8% increase over 2019
- Visitors to the Libraries for the month totaled 83,172
- The Library held 341 events attended by 10,379 persons
- Computer sessions at the networked public computers numbered 17,802
- Wi-Fi sessions totaled 156,693 sessions
- 1,233 persons registered for full-service Library cards and 142 registered for eCards
- 10,278 holds were placed on Library materials
- Self-Check-Outs numbered 17,340 resulting in 17% of print circulation
- Total circulation for October was 116,704 check outs

Highlights

An Evening with Bob Gurr
The West Osceola Library was doused in pixie dust magic when legendary Disney Imagineer Bob Gurr thrilled audiences with tales of his time working alongside Walt Disney on some of the most iconic rides and shows the fabled parks have to offer. This was a once-in-a-lifetime, only-in-Celebration opportunity to hear Gurr speak about the more than 100 designs he created for Disneyland and Disney World, including the Monorail cars,
Haunted Mansion Doom Buggies, Autopia, and the Matterhorn Bobsleds. Over 300 people nestled into the West Osceola Library as Gurr took turns moving about the crowd to give all attendees a chance to be included in the discussion, and stayed to take photos with his fans, truly living up to his legendary status.

Bard in the Library
"Pleasure and action make the hours seem short." While Othello himself may not have been present, the spirit of Shakespeare was felt mightily at the Hart Memorial Library during the Bard in the Library Shakespeare Festival. Activities and events abounded, and special guests brought to life Elizabethan England in Downtown Kissimmee. Guests attempted to free Fairy Queen Titania in a Midsummer Night Escape Room, local award-winning theater group Orlando Shakes’ costume designer regaled how to replicate the fanciful and fantastic costumes used in their productions, and the Society for Creative Anachronism presented a sword fighting primer. A live staging of the children's book *Romeosaurus and Juliet Rex* delivered laughs while staff-led activity stations challenged guests to make neck ruffles from book pages, complete a scavenger hunt, slurp Shakespeare-inspired potions, and more. ("Double, Double Toil and Trouble" featured Sprite, grenadine, and purple food coloring to evoke Macbeth's witches.) Photo opportunities with images from Shakespearean times and works created by Teen Ambassadors decorated the rooms. This was a unique and dazzlingly creative example of inspired Library programming, featuring attention to detail, historical authenticity, hands-on education, and plain ol’ fun, plus the benefit of community partnerships. 275 people attended this multigenerational program.

Hispanic Heritage Music and Art Festival
Buenaventura Lakes Library patrons enjoyed an afternoon of arts and culture as guests were graced with dance and song performances, poetry readings, and live art creation in celebration of National Hispanic Heritage Month. Members of Tertulia’s Cuatro Gatos and Cuatro Gatos para Niños delighted audiences with lively performances. Entertainment included traditional Mexican songs performed by Ameyal Mexicano Cantos en Lengua Nativa; singing by local performers Marianay Lantigua, Betty Penchano, and Areliz Perez; a poetry reading by Maribel Hernandez; and dance performances by Mariana Valerlio and Aroddiz Machado that featured Bomba y Plena, distinctive Puerto Rican music styles derived from African, Spanish and Taino cultures. Local artisans such as Jennicel Bolanos, Grace Senior Morandi, and Virginia Zambra displayed their colorful and engaging artwork throughout the Library. Bolanos even painted portraits during the event! From Peru and Venezuela to Puerto Rico and the Dominican Republic, through local talent the many intriguing and beautiful dimensions of our local Hispanic Heritage were on stunning display through this deftly organized and artfully produced program by BVL Library staff.

Other Noteworthy Happenings in October:
Annual Volunteer Fair – Hart Memorial
Mitchell Osborne – Past Life Regression and Basics of Tarot 101 – St. Cloud
Senior Expo – Hart Memorial
Where the Wild Things Are Costume Bash – Multiple Libraries
Crafter’s Fair – Poinciana
Legendary Disney Imagineer Bob Gurr (TOP LEFT) visited the West Osceola Library.

TOP RIGHT: With over 300 attendees split into two rooms, Bob Gurr took turns with each group, sharing his stories and experiences – allowing everyone a chance to participate and ask questions.

LEFT: After the presentation, Gurr met with fans and signed memorabilia making the already legendary event magical.
Hart Memorial Library’s Bard in the Library Shakespeare Festival brought the Elizabethan Era to nearly 300 knights and nobles.

**ABOVE LEFT:** Royalty from *The Lady of the Lakes Renaissance Faire* who donated a 4-pack of tickets as our Scavenger Hunt prize. **ABOVE RIGHT:** Nobles and gentlefolk alike made their own neck ruffles. **BELOW:** Teams tried to save Fairy Queen Titania in our Midsummer Night Escape Room.
Special presentations brought the world of Shakespeare alive to our modern-day audience.

LEFT: The Society for Creative Anachronism Kingdom of Trimaris held a sword fighting demonstration as our epic finale.

BELOW: Orlando Shakes’ costume designer explained how clothes dictated status and how these garments are recreated today.
The Buenaventura Lakes Library celebrated National Hispanic Heritage Month with a Music and Art Festival.

ABOVE: Included in the festivities were live dance and music performances. BELOW: Artwork from local Hispanic artists were displayed throughout the event. RIGHT: Local artist Jennicel Bolanos worked on her portraits on-site.