# November 2019
## Monthly Review

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<td>Circulation</td>
<td>23,988</td>
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<td>Visitors</td>
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<td>Computer Sessions</td>
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*Does not include virtual circulation*

### System stats at a glance
- Virtual Circulation for the month was 13,233 downloads or sessions
- Visitors to the Libraries in November totaled 70,680
- The Library held 272 events attended by 5,114 persons
- Computer sessions at the networked public computers numbered 13,651
- Wi-Fi sessions totaled sessions 132,262
- 796 persons registered for full-service Library cards and 93 registered for eCards
- 8,274 holds were placed on Library materials
- 16,878 items were checked out using the self-check stations, resulting in 19% of print circulation
- Total circulation for November was 103,246

### Highlights

**Reading is Groovy**

Using the Beanstack reading log app, we joined the nationwide early literacy program 1000 Books Before Kindergarten, which encourages families to read to their little ones in preparation for entering elementary school. To launch the new initiative, patrons were invited to a special “Ready Is Groovy” storytime, and treated to a visit from Pete the Cat as they enjoyed reading their first books together. 266 kids and grownups
participated across 5 branches. Progress toward the 1000 book goal will be tracked within Beanstack, but to give patrons a visual incentive to read, each branch received a banner with a reading tree where they can add their handprints as leaves to show how they are growing with reading.

**Elsa’s Reunion – A Frozen Escape Room**
Capitalizing on the Frozen 2 movie release, the Hart Memorial Library created a wintery wonderland where participants must solve clues to help Elsa unfreeze Anna from a Snow Witch’s curse before it’s too late! Like sneaking veggies into your kids’ dinner, Library staff mixed great entertainment with intellectual and scientific challenges – melt an ice heart to find a clue, perform a science experiment using instant snow, and using a tablet to open an enchanted jewelry box made from a LEGO® WeDo robotics kit. 89 people in total worked to save Anna!

**Florida Author Fest**
Local authors gathered together at the St. Cloud Library to showcase their accomplishments and meet and engage patrons in discussions on how to become a published author and how to stay creative and inspired. Tables were set up across the Library so patrons could move between authors. Genres included history, children’s stories, romance, science fiction, self-help, and mystery, with titles in both English and Spanish. Authors were able to both sell and sign their works. As patrons visited authors’ tables, they completed a card that was then turned into a raffle for a gift basket. Budding authors crafted their own mini-books as well. This event was generously sponsored by the St. Cloud Friends of the Library and attended by over 400 people.

**Art in Public Places**
Art in Public Places is an enduring partnership with Osceola Arts. This program showcases original artwork by Florida artists, providing artistic and cultural displays to engage the community and enrich the Library experience beyond traditional programming. From sculpture to oil paintings to photography and everything in between, there’s enchanting and inspirational creations at your local Library waiting to be discovered!
Blanca Rosada – Buenvaventura Lakes Library (through 1/2/2020)
Carolyn Davis – St. Cloud Library (through 12/31/2019)
Mike Valentine – Hart Memorial Library (through 12/31/2019)
Gisela Romero – West Osceola Library (concluded 11/30/2019, Heather Nagy currently on display)
We launched the 1000 Books Before Kindergarten Initiative with a special storytime featuring Pete the Cat.

LEFT: Kiddos were ecstatic to meet one of their favorite book characters. *(Photo taken at the Poinciana Library.)*

BELOW: Families danced along to the Cool Cat Boogie. *(Photo taken at Hart Memorial Library.)*
The Frozen Escape Room at Hart Memorial Library challenged families to solve clues with experiments and technology (ABOVE LEFT). The finale to solving the room involved opening a LEGO® WeDo box with a tablet to reveal the Evil Snow Witch’s ring to save Anna (ABOVE RIGHT). If a team successfully saved Anna, they were able to take a victory photo with Queen Elsa and Princess Anna to celebrate (BELOW).
The St. Cloud Library’s Florida Author Fest featured over 30 local and bestselling authors.

LEFT – Patrons were able to move through the rows of authors and explore different genres and ask questions on a one-on-one basis.

BELOW – All authors had some of their works available for purchase and even signed copies for established and new fans alike.