December 2019
Monthly Review

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<td>Circulation</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 was 14,519 downloads or sessions, an increase of over 20% from last December
- Visitors to the Libraries in December totaled 61,836
- The Library held 240 events attended by 3,425 persons
- Computer sessions at the networked public computers numbered 13,411
- Wi-Fi sessions totaled 126,008 sessions, a 73% increase from December 2018
- 740 persons registered for full-service Library cards and 112 registered for eCards, a 12% increase in total Library cards given over December 2018
- 7,889 holds were placed on Library materials
- Total circulation for December was 100,268

Highlights

C³ Cubing Club in Celebration
As part of the continuing drive to mix fun with STEAM education, the West Osceola Library started C³ (Cubing
Club in Celebration) and it has been steadily growing in popularity since its debut in August. Club meetings occur after school each Thursday where as many as 50 participants at a time work together to get a fun brain workout while learning how to solve the master of puzzles, the Rubik’s Cube. Led by a local Rubik’s Cube master (he can complete it in under 18 seconds!), participants start by exploring the cube and getting basic lessons on techniques for solving the Cube, moving up to head-to-head Cube competitions when their skill level grows. Through these Cube exercises, participants can learn spatial reasoning, planning and strategy, confidence, and managing frustration, all in a friendly and supportive environment for all ages.

**Santa’s Ornament Workshop**

Even though December is his busy month, Santa took a break from working with his elves to fly in on his sleigh and enjoy a special storytime at each of the Osceola Library System branches. Everyone enjoyed cookies and holiday-themed craft stations like Snowman Caps or unique creations out of paper and string and other supplies. And Mrs. Claus even packed Santa appropriate clothes for our Florida weather – shorts and a Hawaiian shirt, of course! Nearly 450 people attended our holiday festivals. These programs are mainstays of Library programming and the community looks to their local libraries as positive sources of enrichment and fellowship during the holiday season.

Other holiday events included the gift of “A Guitar for Christmas” from Jane Rosenbohm, Guitar Extraordinaire®, at Hart Memorial Library, a delicious Christmas Cookie Recipe Exchange at the St. Cloud Library, and an insightful Winter Around the World program at the West Osceola Library.

**More eContent Free with Your Library Card**

In addition to moving to CloudLibrary from Overdrive, we’ve made other significant updates to our eContent available to patrons for free with their Library card. AtoZdatabases is a powerful business database that provides all levels of useful data for job seekers, small business owners, market researchers, and more. AtoZdatabases was frequently requested to be added to our online resources, and with good reason. With resume and cover letter templates, interviewing tips, and company information, it’s a job seeker’s best kept secret to land the perfect position. And savvy entrepreneurs can gather data on their competitors, create marketing strategies with household data, and understand the latest trends in buying and lifestyle interests.

We also added free access to the Washington Post, a national newspaper of record that is consistently on the forefront of investigative journalism. With convenient links for in-house or at home use, and access to extra content such as puzzles and recipes, the Washington Post is another great reason to cherish your Osceola Library card.
The West Osceola Library’s $C^3$ Cubing Club challenges its members to solve the world’s best-selling puzzle: The Rubik’s Cube.

Taught by a Rubik’s Cube Master (LEFT), members hone their skills and learn techniques to solving the cubes. Those who reach a certain level with their skills are able to represent the Club in competitions (ABOVE) against other Rubik’s cube enthusiasts.
Santa Claus took time off his busy schedule to visit our Libraries (ABOVE). Photo taken at Hart Memorial Library.

Dressed in his Florida-best, Santa brought cookies, stories, and joy to the children on his Nice List before they all made ornaments to take home. Sticks and twine became Rudolphs (LEFT), green pom poms made Grinch Heart ornaments, and paper and scissors made memorable Santa beards and other photo-op props. Photo taken at the Buenaventura Lakes Library.
The one and only Jane Rosenbohm, Guitar Extraordinaire®, visited Hart Memorial Library and performed both classic Christmas songs as well as timeless songs from classic bands.

RIGHT: Jane spoke on her life experiences, from how she learned guitar to her teaching years to the incredible people she’s met. Her stories captivated the audience just as much as her soulful playing.

BELOW: Jane generously raffled off a soprano ukulele to one lucky winner at the conclusion of the program, allowing this attendee to take the gift of music home for the holidays.

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