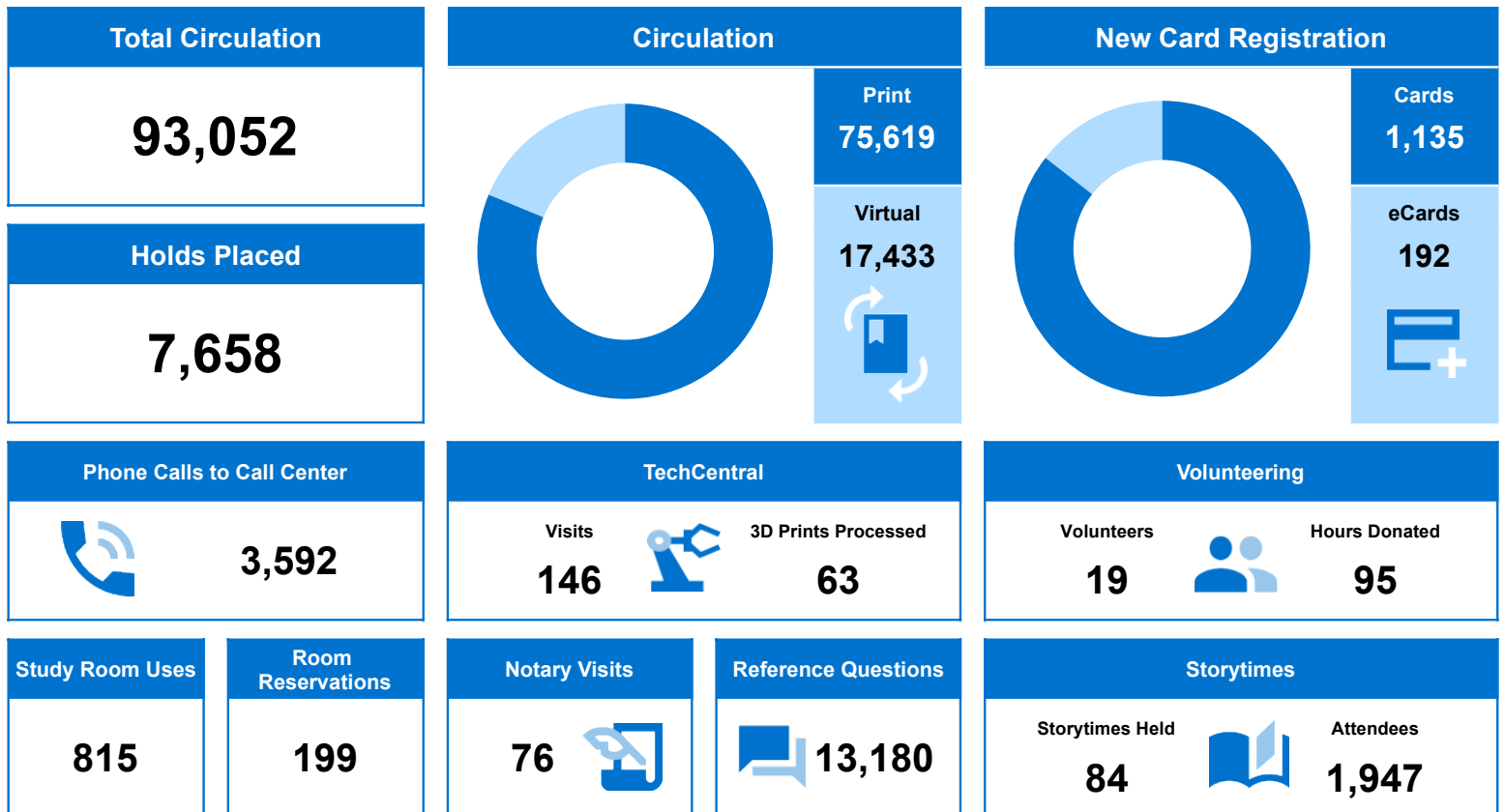


Monthly Report August 2022

Fiscal Year Oct. 2021 - Sept. 2022

| Location | Print Circulation | Visitors | Computer Sessions (including WiFi) | Programming |
|--------------------|-------------------|----------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| Hart Memorial | 18,037 | 16,576 | 72,511 | 55 Events & Activities, 2,429 Participants |
| St. Cloud | 26,009 | 10,864 | 21,325 | 58 Events & Activities, 1,091 Participants |
| Poinciana | 10,609 | 9,362 | 35,377 | 48 Events & Activities, 988 Participants |
| Buenaventura Lakes | 6,332 | 6,116 | 22,104 | 49 Events & Activities, 724 Participants |
| West Osceola | 14,984 | 11,521 | 28,382 | 51 Events & Activities, 892 Participants |
| Kenansville | 198 | 83 | 3,144 | N/A |

System Stats at a Glance



National TV show films at Hart Memorial Library

The Hart Memorial Library was selected as a location for filming a Travel Channel TV series. The *Dead Files* pairs a NYC detective with a medium as they explore haunted locations in search of solving the unsolved and explaining the unexplained! The crew filmed in the Ray Shanks Memorial Law Library and in a staff area meeting room overlooking the Monument of the States, before moving on to another location in Kissimmee at historic Steffee Landing. Air time for this episode has not yet been scheduled.

Little Free Library debuts at water park

Through a partnership with a local water park, the Library is able to deliver “beach reads” to vacationers and locals alike. Island H2O Water Park in Kissimmee debuted a Little Free Library in the wave pool area so when parents and little ones are taking a break from the fun in the sun and water, they can relax with a good book provided by the Osceola Library System. Island H2O General Manager Jim Kunau noted, “We are constantly striving to improve the visitor experience,” and Library lovers know that a good book makes every experience better!

Central Florida Kids and Family Expo outreach success

Following the wrap up of Summer Learning, the Osceola Library System participated in the Central Florida Kids and Family Expo held at the Orange County Convention Center. The regional event is open to the public and staff are able to chat with parents and kids about library services and sign up new library patrons. It’s also an invaluable opportunity to connect with vendors in the kid entertainment and education industries and this has led to Summer Learning performers and securing giveaways and prizes. This year was by far the most successful! The Library sent 3 staff on each day of the two-day event. On Saturday, the first day, staff chatted with 1,118 people who stopped by the Library table. On Sunday, an impressive 602 people also visited the Library's table. Featured at the table were flyers for TechCentral, STEAM Kits and Launchpads, and Career Online High School information, and visitors were able to play our table-top Plinko game to win fun prizes.

Commissioner Grieb donates music stands to TechCentral

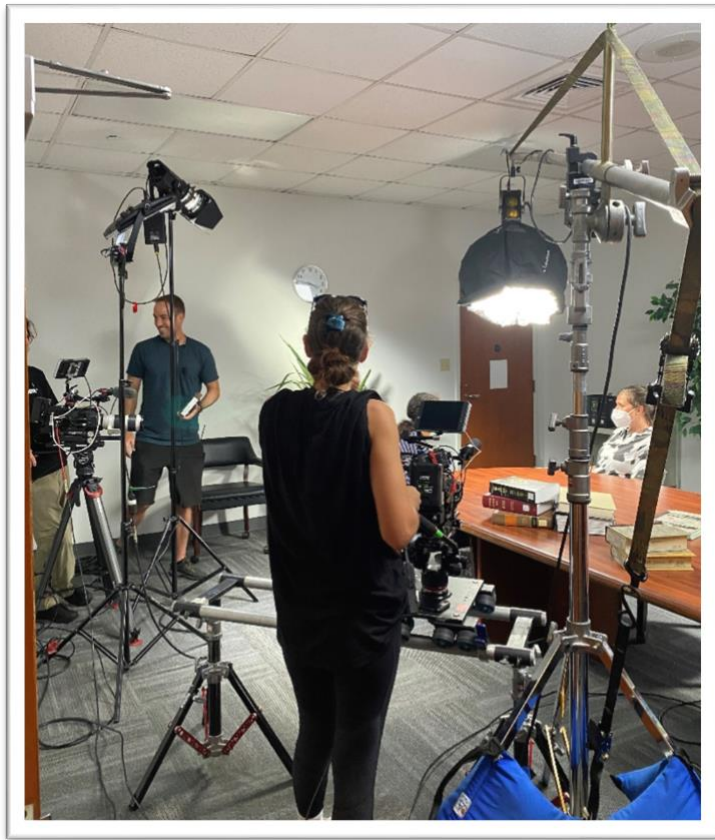
Commissioner Cheryl Grieb has been a supporter of all the creative arts and technology TechCentral offers, but as a musician herself, she was very impressed with the recording studio and the Beginning Guitar classes taught by the Makerspace Technicians. After attending the guitar class series, Commissioner Grieb generously donated 12 music stands plus a cart in order to make the learning experience better for future students. The Library is very grateful for not only the funds to support these classes but the time Commissioner Grieb takes to be a vocal and visible Library enthusiast.

Other August happenings

Osceola Friends of the Library book sale: The three day “Back to School” book sale was a big hit, moving out of storage hundreds of boxes of donations and discarded books and netting the Friends a healthy nest egg to enable them to continue their support of Library programming and collections.

English for Families at Poinciana: This Florida Humanities Council grant funded program seeks to gather families together to improve English language skills. The program was previously held at the Buenaventura Lakes Library.

St. Cloud Friend is CommUNITY Champion: Barbara Shuman, president of the St. Cloud Friends of the Library, was profiled by WESH TV as a CommUNITY Champion for her tireless commitment to education, the Teen Ambassador program and the St. Cloud Library.



Left: A production team takes over the Monument Room at the Hart Memorial Library to film scenes from the Travel Channel's investigation series, *Dead Files*, which pairs a cop and a psychic to solve crime and murder cases across the country.

Bottom: Beginning Guitar students enjoy the use of new guitar stands gifted by County Commissioner and musician, Cheryl Grieb.



Right: Island H2O partnered with the Library to build a Little Free Library so guests could enjoy a good story while lounging after a day in the sun. The Library will supply books and Island H2O is offering discounts to card holders through November.

Bottom: The Osceola Friends of the Library held a successful back to school book sale at the Hart Memorial Library. The 3-day event netted nearly \$2000 to support Library programs and services, and was the first book sale at this branch library since before the COVID pandemic started.





Above: St. Cloud Friends of the Library president Barbara Shuman was celebrated as a CommUNITY Champion by WESH TV.

Below: Visitors to the Central Florida Kids and Family Expo learned all about Library services and programs at this 2 day outreach event.

