

January 2021 Monthly Review

	Hart	St Cloud	Poinciana	BVL	West Osceola	Kenansville
Circulation	14,787	16,684	8,015	4,629	14,307	387
Visitors	10,848	5,239	2,256	3,576	4,621	111
Computer Sessions	54,765	16,548	27,345	10,807	13,310	3,686
AWE Computer Sessions	N/A	168	N/A	186	N/A	N/A
Programming Virtual, Onsite, In-Community, and Schools	Events: 10 Attendance: 78	Events: 6 Attendance: 53	Events: 9 Attendance: 34	Events: 2 Attendance: 27	Events: 3 Attendance: 51	Events: n/a Attendance: n/a

System Stats at a Glance

- Virtual Circulation totaled 22,254 checkouts or sessions, 38% increase over 2019
- Patrons used study rooms 320 times
- Staff performed 21 notary services
- 9,159 in person and virtual Reference questions were answered
- 48 volunteers donated 130 hours of service
- Staff completed 21 requests for 3D printed items
- 428 persons registered for full-service Library cards and 167 registered for eCards
- 7,904 holds were placed on Library materials
- Staff facilitated 282 Curbside Pickups
- Call Center received 3,591 phone calls
- Patrons use of checkout stations totaled 12,836 , accounting for 22% of checkout interactions
- Total circulation for January was 81,063

Highlights

New York Times and Flipster

The Osceola Library System improved its digital newspaper offerings with the additions of *The New York Times* and Flipster. Flipster provides an easy-to-use app and improved access to more diverse titles. Patrons were asked for their recommendation for an online newspaper subscription and *The New York Times* returned by patron demand replacing the *Washington Post*, now including convenient app access and the crossword via web browser.

Sidewalk Chalk Fun

The West Osceola Library created a fun sidewalk obstacle course for patrons of all ages. Staff designed the chalk challenge of walking like an elephant, following the twirling line, and counting by 10s on their way to visit the Library. Local Scholastic author and illustrator Peter Raymundo (*Third Grade Mermaid* series) and his elementary educator wife videoed themselves completing the challenge, which was posted to Facebook to encourage students and families to accept the fun challenge and post their own experiences using the hashtag #olschalk. More sidewalk challenges are planned at other branches over the next few months.

Hart Memorial Library staff worked diligently creating a beautiful sidewalk chalk experience, Four Elements Adventure, which challenged families to brave fire, water, earth, and air on an adventure quest for magical secrets. Sadly, the water element won the challenge; a weekend rainstorm washed the chalk away after only one day. Staff are determined to regroup better than before and brave the elements once more and design a new quest in the coming months.

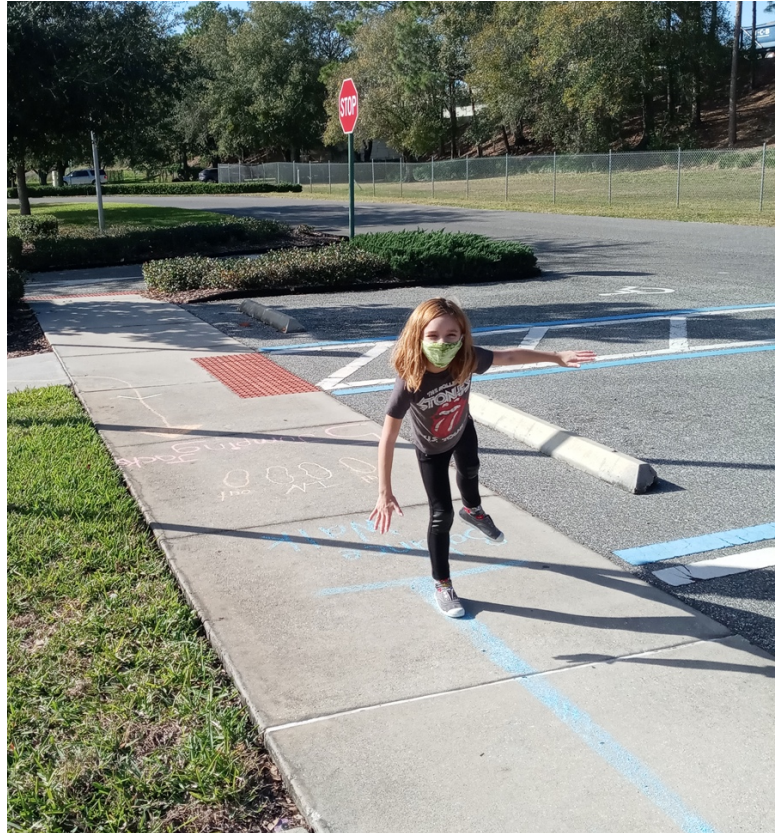
Weather Awareness Week Art Contest

In partnership with Osceola County Emergency Management, the Library launched its 2nd Severe Weather Awareness Week contest. Young artists in Kindergarten to 5th grade were encouraged to submit through the Library's BiblioBoard digital publishing website original works of art highlighting the importance of staying safe during extreme weather such as lightning, rip currents, wildfires, and hurricanes accompanied by a written safety message. The winner will be selected in February with a recognition by the Board of County Commissioners and their art will be shared by Emergency Management.

Art in Public Places

Osceola Arts and the Library continue their partnership with public exhibitions of curated works by important Florida artists, enriching the experience of Library patrons as they are exposed to new and exciting displays of artistic talent. This month exhibitions featured photographs by Laura Garza, watercolors from Emmanuel de Guzman, and paintings by Edmundo Lopez.

Gallery



The West Osceola Library launched our series of Sidewalk Chalk Challenges with their obstacle course.

ABOVE-LEFT: Kindergarten teacher Mrs. Raymundo and Scholastic author and illustrator Peter Raymundo filmed themselves completing the challenge and shared their video with us to share on social media.

LEFT and ABOVE-RIGHT: Staff and patrons took on challenges to complete the obstacle course.



Hart Memorial Library's Four Elements sidewalk challenge was a great hit, even if short-lived.

ABOVE-LEFT and ABOVE-RIGHT: Before a weekend storm washed it away, children and adults enjoyed jumping their way through the clues to solve the puzzles. **LEFT:** Staff worked hard on creating the dynamic patterns and challenges, and are looking forward to bringing the challenge back again in the future.



We partnered with Osceola County Emergency Management again to hold the Severe Weather Awareness Week Art Contest.

Students in grades K-5 submitted their works through our online publishing platform, BiblioBoard. Winners will be announced in February and their work recognized across the county!