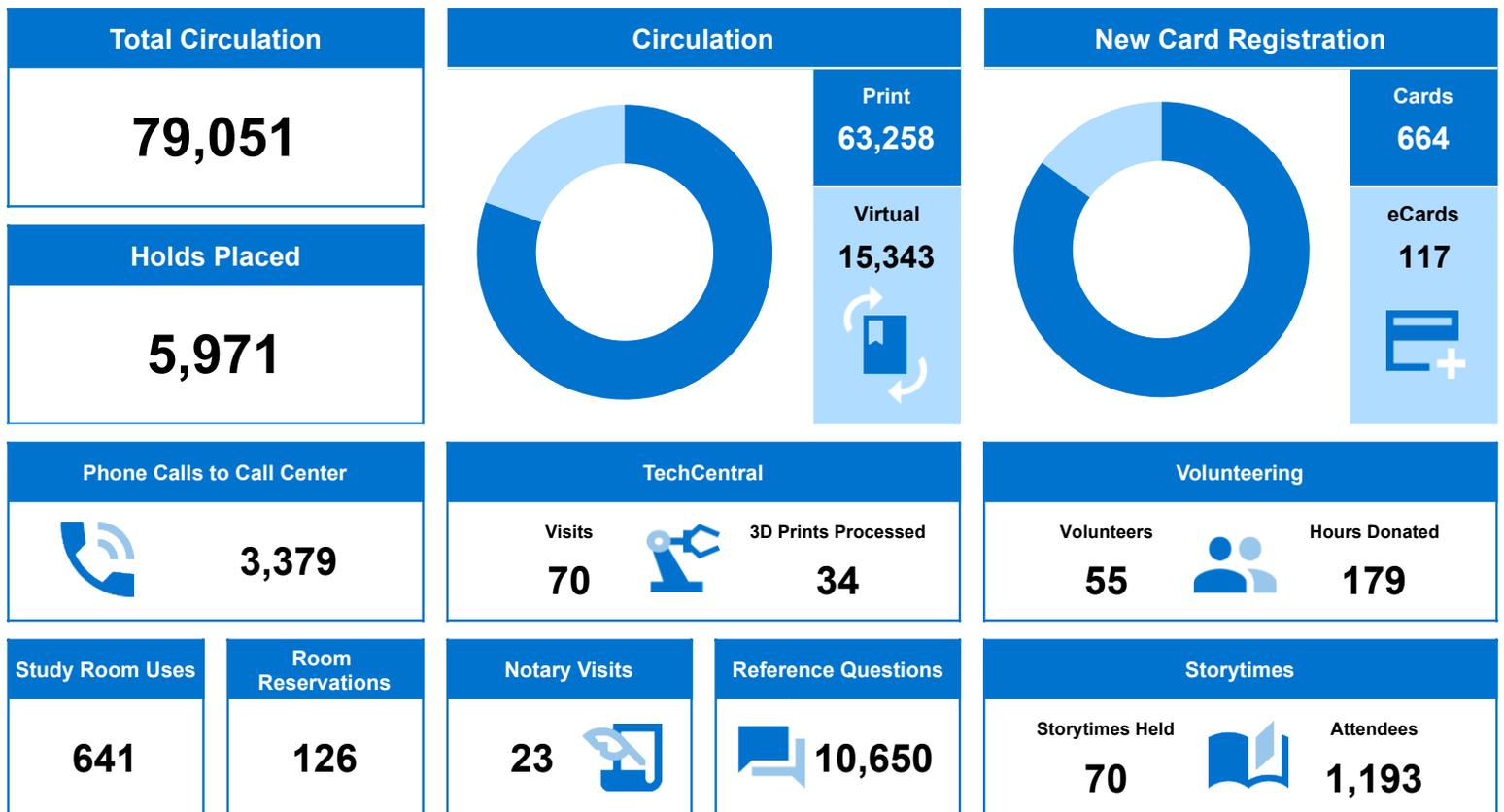


Monthly Review November 2021

Fiscal Year Oct. 2021 - Sept. 2022

Location	Print Circulation	Visitors	Computer Sessions (including WiFi)	Programming
Hart Memorial	16,533	10,642	55,680	38 Events & Activities, 821 Participants
St. Cloud	19,789	6,883	12,414	52 Events & Activities, 764 Participants
Poinciana	8,989	2,352	26,219	44 Events & Activities, 459 Participants
Buenaventura Lakes	5,899	4,778	12,744	39 Events & Activities, 531 Participants
West Osceola	12,360	9,233	16,958	33 Events & Activities, 629 Participants
Kenansville	138	76	2,922	N/A

System Stats at a Glance



English for Families grant award

The Osceola Library System was one of only 6 public libraries in Florida to be awarded the English for Families grant from the Florida Humanities Council. The program, developed by Orange County Library System for the National Endowment for the Humanities, provides funds to assist libraries present workshops and training for non-native English speaking children and families who want to improve their reading proficiency. The grant will fund evening programs at two branches where there is a high Spanish-speaking population and support a robust collection of materials for checkout and use with the program. The Library previously offered the successful Prime Time Family Reading program, another grant from the Florida Humanities Council, where Library storytellers gathered with families over food and books to reinforce the importance of reading together as a family to build the foundations of literacy.

Launching Britannica Library

The Encyclopedia Britannica has long been a staple of public library Reference collections, used by schools and researchers alike. The digital version of the Encyclopedia Britannica, Britannica Library, is now available on our website free with an Osceola Library card. Britannica Library tailors its website to meet the specific needs of students with information available by reading level, plus offering deep content for those looking past Wikipedia and wanting authoritative information on a world full of subjects. Images, video clips, maps, articles, magazines and important primary sources are available along the Merriam-Webster's Dictionary and Thesaurus.

Happy Birthday, Mickey Mouse!

The West Osceola Library has the distinction of being located in Celebration, a town built in the 1990s in conjunction with the Walt Disney Company and part of Walt Disney's original vision of EPCOT: Experimental Prototype Community of Tomorrow. While no longer affiliated with Disney, Celebration's location on the border of Disney property and with many residents employed by Disney or frequent park visitors, programming focusing Walt Disney's history is a big draw. Mickey Mouse's 93rd Birthday was a hit with adults and kids alike as they decorated mouse ears and noshed on treats like Oreo cookies decorated to look like an edible Mickey. Tables full of ribbon, pompoms and feathers turned into cute creations to wear and enjoy.

Other November activities:

Installation of new traffic counters: The Library installed SenSource traffic counters on all branch entrances/exits to gain a better understanding of how and when patrons visit libraries. Data collected will help with operational areas such as staffing and program planning for peak times.

Special Election: The St. Cloud Library hosted the Supervisor of Elections team for a Special Election to fill a vacancy on the St. Cloud City Council. Library locations are frequent voting sites in Osceola County.

Books, Balls & Blocks: Library staff collaborated with Help Me Grow Florida to provide a free developmental screening program for kids age 0-5. Parents completed a survey while kids played, and information gathered is used to provide referral for behavioral and health services.

Florida Kids and Family Expo: Staged at the Orange County Convention Center, this weekend-long event brings kids and families together with organizations, schools, service providers, business, etc. under one roof filled with activities and information. Library staff were on hand for library card sign ups and gathering contacts for partnerships and programs while chatting with at least 360 people about Library services.

Highlighted Programs/Activities include:

- *OsceoWriMo*, a BiblioBoard program in recognition of National Novel Writing Month
- *Electrifying Introduction to Arduinos*, a TechCentral program teaching the basics of electronics
- *Dream Interpretation with Mitchell Osborne* brings back a favorite program to the St. Cloud Library
- *An Evening with the Artist: Josh Hayes* mixes art with inspiration at the BVL Library
- *Paint and Sip* unlocks creativity with local artist Melissa Gomez while enjoying a refreshing beverage at the Poinciana Library



Above/Right: Celebrating Mickey's 93rd birthday with DIY Mickey ears and cookies at the West Osceola Library. **Below:** Patrons show off their artistic creations at Poinciana Library's Paint & Sip program.





Above: Kids at the West Osceola Library play with developmentally-appropriate toys and games while engaging in screening by representatives of Help Me Grow, an organization that helps families connect with behavioral and health services.