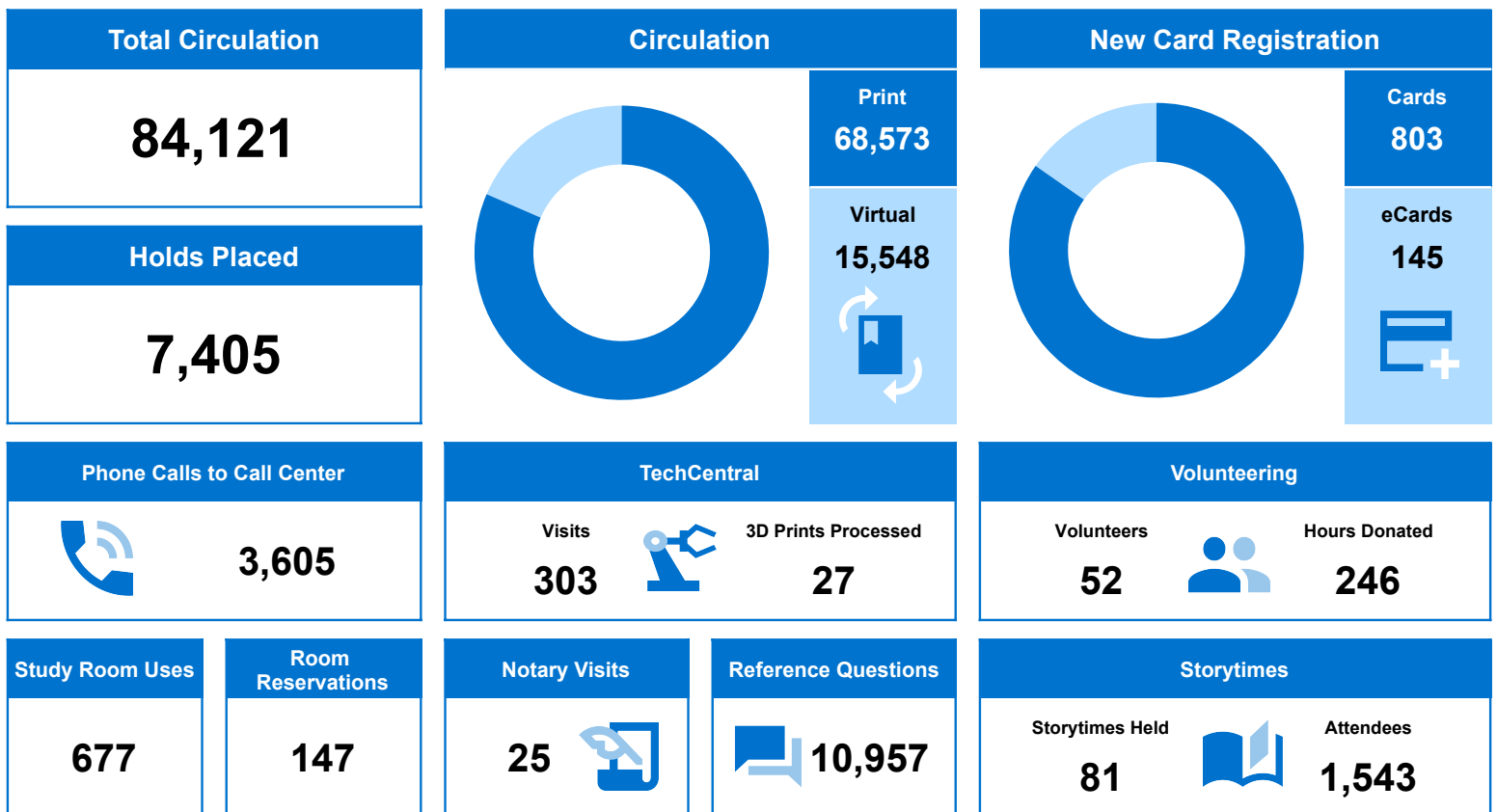


Monthly Review October 2021

Fiscal Year Oct. 2021 - Sept. 2022

Location	Print Circulation	Visitors	Computer Sessions (including WiFi)	Programming
Hart Memorial	17,677	12,005	62,652	45 Events & Activities, 658 Participants
St. Cloud	20,876	4,922	15,492	54 Events & Activities, 1,268 Participants
Poinciana	9,953	3,400	30,210	51 Events & Activities, 896 Participants
Buenaventura Lakes	6,259	5,390	15,752	42 Events & Activities, 641 Participants
West Osceola	13,674	10,191	20,550	49 Events & Activities, 1,002 Participants
Kenansville	134	89	3,056	N/A

System Stats at a Glance



OLL Access Passes



The Library and the School District of Osceola collaborated to offer a new way for Osceola students to access library resources. The OLL (Osceola Library Link) Access Pass launched October 18 with all students in grades Kindergarten through 12 gaining unlimited access to Osceola Library eResources and up to three print items. Students can use the letter S followed by their 7 digit student number to place holds, check out items, download or stream eResources and all materials are free of late fines. Books and DVDs can be returned to their school media center and the Library will arrange for pickup. Over 56,000 students now have a free library pass with new students added and accounts updated every month.

ARPA Funding Awards

The Library received \$187,633 in American Rescue Plan funds administered by the State Library of Florida. The funds will be used on projects that will help Osceola citizens recover from the effects of the COVID-19 Pandemic that has affected education, housing, employment and other critical aspects of daily life. Some of the funds will purchase materials designed to help slow the documented learning losses because of disruptions to the



educational system for many Osceola students. Literacy workstations, STEAM kits, and pre-loaded tablets with learning games and read-aloud stories will be available in every branch library. The remaining funds will support the temporary hiring of a Licensed Clinical Social Worker who will visit library branches to connect patrons with the vast resources available for rehousing and rental assistance, health care, loan easing programs, and much more. Activity should begin in early 2022.

Chromebooks Available for Checkout

The Library purchased Chromebooks for use with the Career Online High School Program. The Chromebooks also provide convenient and accessible technology to those who need the convenient use of a laptop on the go. Chromebooks are now reservable through the Library's catalog and can be checked out for up to 14 days at a time. Chromebooks are easy way to access the Internet and the Google suite of products such as Google Sheets and Google Docs, can be used for everything from games to videoconferencing, and is safe and reliable with built-in identify and virus protection. Chromebooks are free to checkout to patrons with a library card in good standing.

Spooktacular Events



There were thrills and chills aplenty as the Osceola Library System celebrated Halloween with parties, outreaches, storytimes, displays, crafts, escape rooms and more. Themed events were planned at every library. Outdoor fun was had at the Spooky Spectacular at the Park, the Halloween-themed version of Storytime in the Park at the Kissimmee Lakefront Park, and storytellers told not-so-scary tales during the Boo on Broadway event in downtown

Kissimmee in partnership with the Early Learning Coalition. The yummy side of Halloween was featured in the Spooktacular Desserts programs at the West Osceola and BVL Libraries. Patrons could create a creepy craft with Haunted Wine Bottle Art or a Monster Planter. A favorite family program, the Spooky Spooktacular, returned with haunting activities, costumes, trick or treating and much more. Halloween is the perfect time for creative and immersive programs and the Hansel & Gretel: Escape the GRIMM Kitchen and Escape the Wizard Library escape rooms challenged our adult patrons to use their imagination and team work to solve the puzzles and avoid being cursed or on the menu for dinner! In addition, everyone's favorite board game came to life in Clue: Live at the Library and Unsolved Case Files challenged patrons to solve a "cold case" through innovative gameplay. Finally, a mock campsite was designed for S'mores & Lore where patrons gathered round the fire to share spooky stories and nosh on s'mores.



Left: St. Cloud Library's meeting room is transformed into a haunted kitchen for Hansel & Gretel: Escape the GRIMM Kitchen escape room program for adults.



Above: Families gather for a storytime at the Poinciana Library's Spooky Spooktacular that drew an exciting crowd of over 300 people.

Hispanic Heritage Month

The celebration of Hispanic/Latinx Heritage continued in the first half of October.

Featured programs included:

- *Loteria Game Night* – Learn to play this Mexican bingo-style game, plus a gift box set giveaway (Poinciana)
- *Que Bonita Bandera* – Craft a color flag while learning special fluid art techniques with artist Carlos Colon (BVL)
- *Hispanic Movie Matinee* – Explore Hispanic heritage through film (Poinciana)
- *Beatriz Andrekovich/Latin Art Exhibit* – The works of many Latin artists are on display courtesy of CABETCAL Casa de Artes y Cultura (Hart Memorial)
- *Herencia en Colores* – Interactive dance and painting exhibition (Hart Memorial)
- *Rhythm, Rhyme & Storytime* – Presenting stories and authors from Hispanic backgrounds



Above: Patrons created colorful flags at the BVL Library's Que Bonita Bandera program featuring local artist Carlos Colon.

Right: Pick the flag of your Hispanic Heritage on Poinciana Library's Hispanic Heritage Book display.

