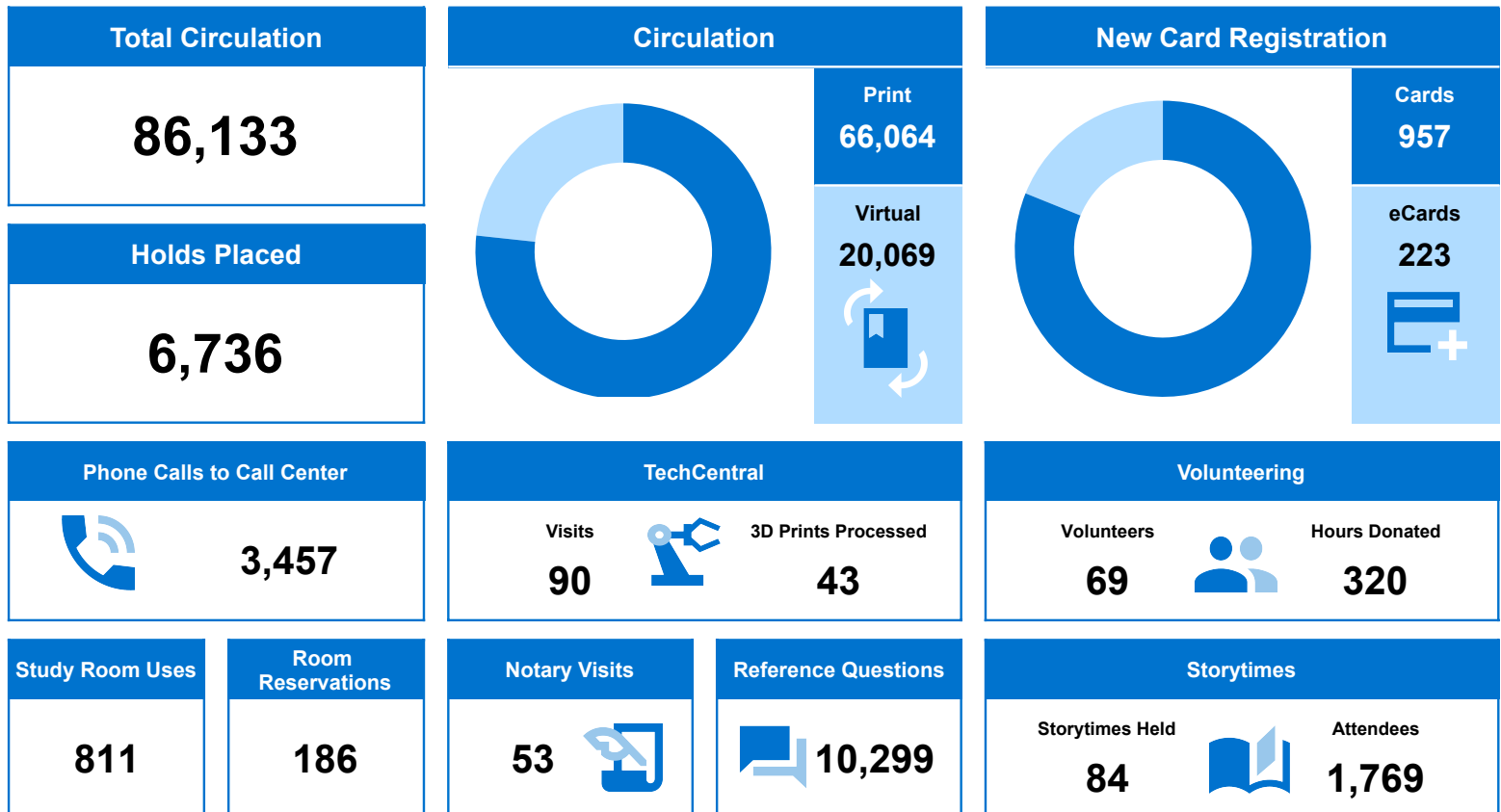


## Monthly Report January 2023

Fiscal Year Oct. 2022 - Sept. 2023

Location	Print Circulation	Visitors	Computer Sessions (including WiFi)	Programming
Hart Memorial	16,326	15,659	83,184	49 Events & Activities, 619 Participants
St. Cloud	21,587	9,797	22,051	96 Events & Activities, 1,710 Participants
Poinciana	8,811	9,612	33,061	41 Events & Activities, 838 Participants
Buenaventura Lakes	5,389	5,404	20,229	40 Events & Activities, 648 Participants
West Osceola	13,460	10,780	27,844	62 Events & Activities, 1,115 Participants
Kenansville	176	77	3,488	N/A
Narccossee	199	18	N/A	N/A
Reunion	116	20	N/A	N/A

## System Stats at a Glance



## Website redesign

The Osceola Library System launched a revamped website this month. The website features improved organization and navigation, one-click access to digital resources, greater discoverability for important information such as locations and hours, expanded meeting room information, details about the various types of library cards, helpful InfoGuides on trending subjects and an expanded Youth section. Built on the WordPress platform, the website seamlessly integrates forms, video, and digital content with an appealing and user-friendly design.

## New digital resources

The Library added two new resources to the digital library in January.

Udemy replaces LinkedIn Learning as the major platform offered for online learning. Featuring over 19,000 videos on topics ranging from management and coding to chess and music, instruction is available in English, Spanish and 10 other languages by experts from around the world. Udemy is the ticket to jumpstarting a career, refining a hobby or learning something brand new.

Sanborn Maps of Florida, a long-standing staple of print Genealogy collections, is now available in digital form through the Library. Sanborn maps “chart the growth and development of 12,000 American towns and cities” and are indispensable for local history research and genealogy as it gives a window back into a city’s or town’s past to see exactly what was located on each block or street.

Both databases are accessible through the Library’s website and free with an Osceola Library card.

## How-To Festival

This one-stop-shop for learning and skill building was a fun and enriching afternoon for 77 attendees at the Hart Memorial Library. Instructional topics included Vegan Baking, Learning How to Juggle and How to Become a Foster Parent. The How-To Festival set up in a conference style with participants choosing from a variety of topics within a time slot with experts giving hands-on demonstrations on everyday life skills.

## Study spaces at BVL Library

A renovation project at the BVL Library wrapped up in January. Five new modular spaces providing private areas for collaboration and quiet study for individuals and small groups opened to the public with positive reception. One cubicle features access to two Mac computers equipped with graphic design software. Another cubicle features sewing machines to use for personal projects or with instruction from a staff member. The rooms are available on a first-come, first-use basis.

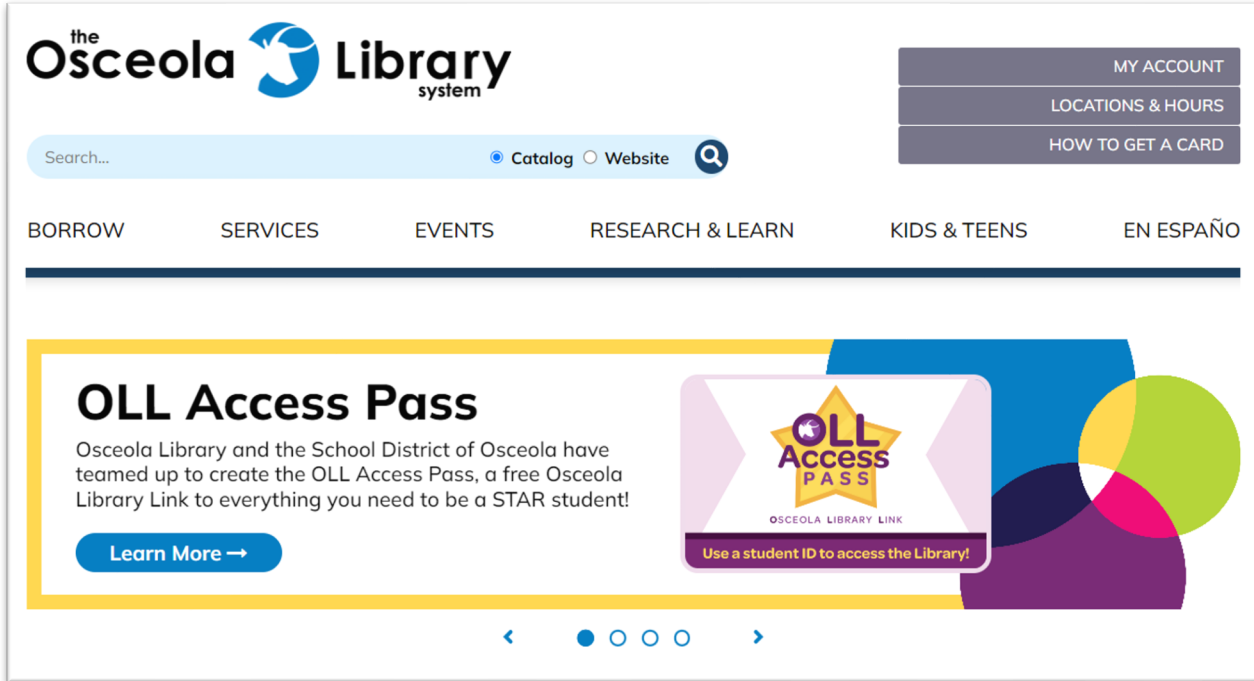
## Other January events:

**FEMA wraps up operations:** In the wake of Hurricanes Ian and Nicole, the Federal Emergency Management Agency along with the Small Business Administration and other Florida agencies set up operations at the Hart Memorial Library to deliver disaster assistance from a convenient community hub. The team concluded operations on January 5.

**MLK Unity Outreach:** The City of Kissimmee held a celebration of the legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr. at the Lakefront Park and the Library joined in to provide information about Library services. 12 Library cards were issued and 110 contacts were made at this free event.

**Beginning Guitar at West Osceola:** This music instruction class went on the road to the Celebration community where 105 class participants learned the basics of picking, strumming and reading tab.

**Homeschool Libratory:** 95 homeschoolers in January found a creative haven at the St. Cloud Library in this afternoon program that explores STEAM concepts with fun activities.



**Above:** A newly redesigned website debuted in January.

**Below:** Study spaces at the BVL Library include a sewing and MAC lab.





# How-To Festival

**New Year, New You!** Spend the day learning various fun and valuable skills in everyday life. Discover how to knit, apply makeup, start a podcast and more!

**11am  
Saturday  
January 28**



**Top:** Hart's How-To Festival started the New Year off with new skills. **Left:** Library staff provided info by the table-full at the MLK Unity Celebration in Kissimmee Lakefront Park. **Bottom:** The West Osceola Library enjoyed the harmonious sounds of Beginning Guitar.

