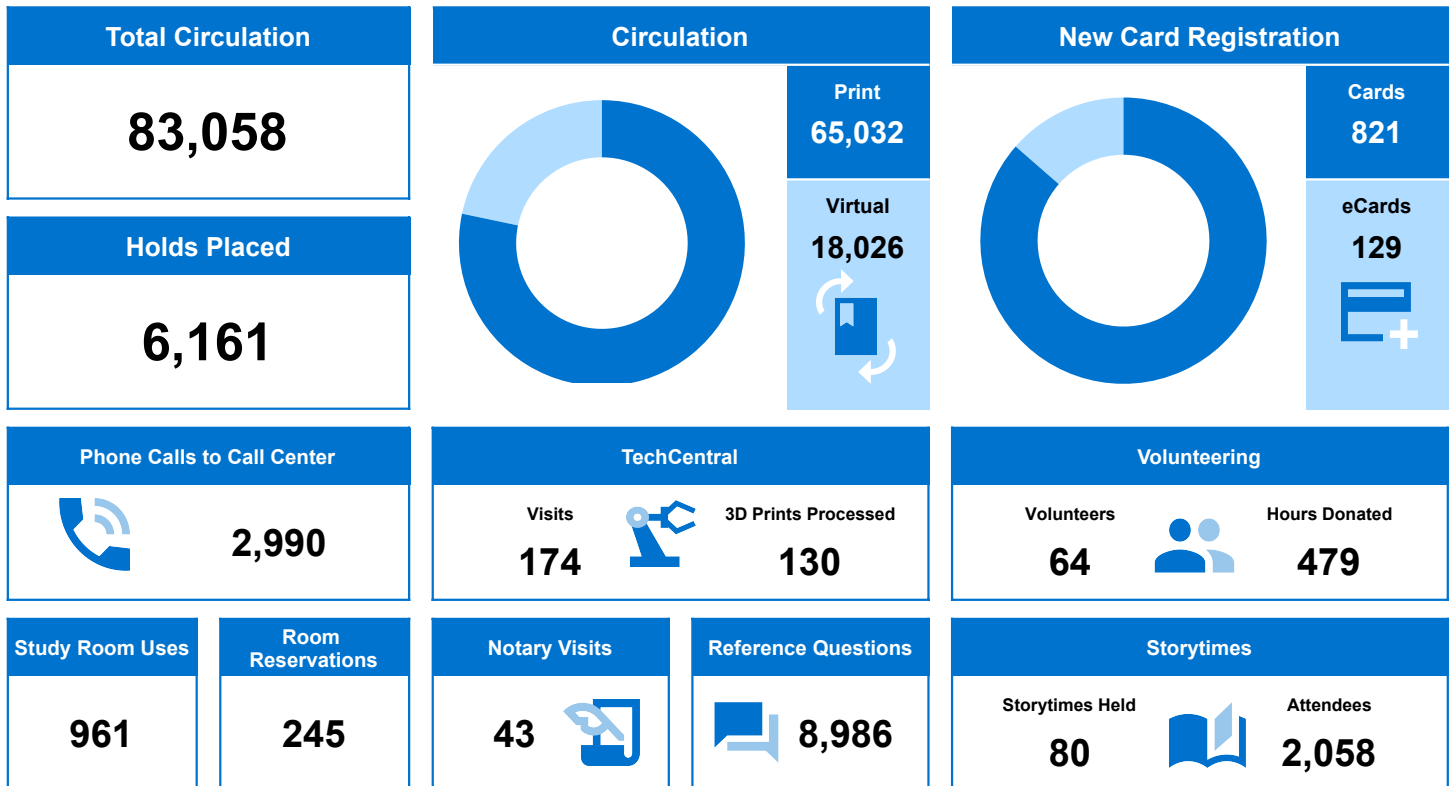


Monthly Report April 2023

Fiscal Year Oct. 2022 - Sept. 2023

Location	Print Circulation	Visitors	Computer Sessions (including WiFi)	Programming
Hart Memorial	15,756	13,094	N/A	62 Events & Activities, 1,350 Participants
St. Cloud	22,024	9,980	N/A	73 Events & Activities, 2,518 Participants
Poinciana	9,102	9,520	N/A	50 Events & Activities, 816 Participants
Buenaventura Lakes	4,763	5,204	N/A	39 Events & Activities, 739 Participants
West Osceola	13,271	12,158	N/A	47 Events & Activities, 977 Participants
Kenansville	116	85	N/A	N/A
Narccossee	191	14	N/A	N/A
Reunion	71	11	N/A	N/A

System Stats at a Glance



Earth Day Celebration

The Osceola Library System hosted Earth Day for the second year at the St. Cloud Library. 550 people attended the 4-hour family event that was produced in partnership with the City of St. Cloud. 16 new library cards were given out as well. The celebration featured a visit from the shredding truck, presentations by partner organizations, textile recycling, up-cycling crafts and exhibitors. The event took place in and outside the library where patrons enjoyed a butterfly enclosure and got up close with emergency rescue vehicles and a garbage truck.

GLOW Read a Book!

The Youth Services team hosted a series of inventive and fun programs called GLOW Read a Book in honor of National Library Week. The events focused on teaching reading strategies in an exciting new way through games and activities. Meeting rooms were decked out in black light decorations and literacy stations were set up around the room. Participants enjoyed SCRABBLE, sensory bins, synonym scavenger hunts, hopscotch, and a GLOW Dance party. 189 people participated across 4 libraries.

New Immigrants Helped with Hello Project!

The BVL Library is the new home in Osceola County for the Hello Project!, a program created by the Orlando Center for Justice. Meetings kicked off in April and will continue once a month. The program seeks to provide new immigrants with legal assistance to navigate the challenging landscape of asylum, citizenship, deportation, human trafficking, and other issues that are vital to understand as part of the immigrant experience.

PlayDate at SENSES Park

April is Autism Awareness Month and to highlight the importance of creating inclusive programming for children with learning and behavioral differences, the Library held an outdoor storytime at the SENSES Park in the BVL community. This playground is designed for children on the autism spectrum to play, explore and learn in a welcoming environment. 27 children and their grownups learned about regular Library events like Sensory Playdate and participated in an interactive storytime.

Other April Happenings:

FLOW Bus returns: DMV services were conveniently available as the FLOW bus made a stop at the Hart Memorial Library.

National Library Week: This annual celebration of the importance of libraries featured library-inspired activities like creating painted bookends and a personalized bookshelf canvas.

National Poetry Month: Poetry-inspired programming filled April's calendar with events like Blackout Poetry Art and Open Mic Night: Poetry Edition.

Recycling crafts: Earth Day was celebrated all month with creative programming teaching how to repurpose everyday items, like Button Monograms using recycled buttons and Upcycled Rugs using old bedsheets.

Sidewalk Challenge: Bunny Hop: Participants silly walked through this Easter-inspired sidewalk challenge at the Poinciana Library.

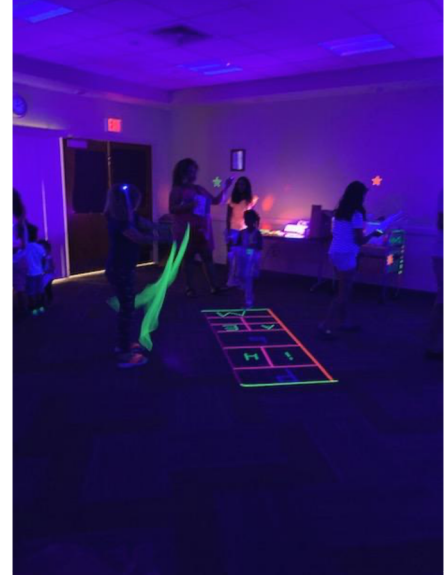
Library Workers Appreciation Day: Goodies, decorations and a fun library-themed pin were part of the day's celebration for the incredible Library staff.



Above: Patrons decorated bookends in recognition of National Library Week.



Left and Right:
Day-glo parties
at all the
libraries
celebrated
reading while
encouraging
fun with
dancing,
twirling and
playing games.



Above: SENSES Park in the Buenaventura Lakes community was the site of an inclusive storytime event lead by Youth Services staff. Participants engaged in activities and games that could be enjoyed by those with sensory challenges or who are on the autism spectrum.



Above and Left:
Dozens of community partners gathered at the St. Cloud Library to celebrate Earth Day with crafts, information, games, free plants, demonstrations and a visit from the garbage and shredding trucks.