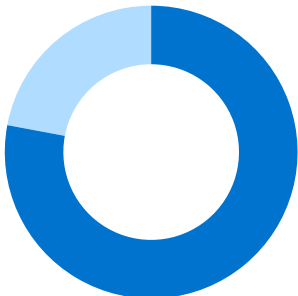
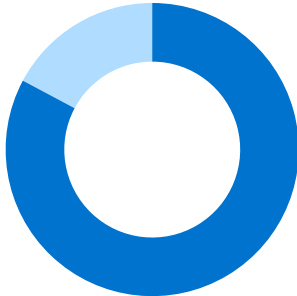



## Monthly Report February 2024

Fiscal Year Oct. 2023 - Sept. 2024

Location	Print Circulation	Visitors	Computer Sessions (including WiFi)	Programming
Hart Memorial	18,114	18,690	77,405	77 Events & Activities, 1,336 Participants
St. Cloud	21,358	10,886	19,544	67 Events & Activities, 1,373 Participants
Poinciana	8,908	9,886	33,862	45 Events & Activities, 1,032 Participants
Buenaventura Lakes	4,689	6,423	23,318	50 Events & Activities, 988 Participants
West Osceola	14,806	11,818	25,899	64 Events & Activities, 1,526 Participants
Kenansville	146	82	3,225	N/A
Narccossee	150	15	N/A	N/A
Reunion	96	15	N/A	N/A

### System Stats at a Glance

<b>Total Circulation</b> <h1>87,585</h1>	<b>Circulation</b>  <div> <b>Print</b> 68,267  <b>Virtual</b> 19,318         </div>	<b>New Card Registration</b>  <div> <b>Cards</b> 1,217  <b>eCards</b> 253         </div>	
<b>Holds Placed</b> <h1>6,516</h1>		<b>Phone Calls to Call Center</b>  <h1>3,573</h1>	<b>TechCentral</b> <div> <b>Visits</b> 222  <b>3D Prints Processed</b> 65         </div>
<b>Study Room Uses</b> <h1>383</h1>	<b>Room Reservations</b> <h1>383</h1>	<b>Notary Visits</b> <h1>14</h1>	<b>Reference Questions</b> <h1>12,171</h1>
		<b>Volunteering</b> <div> <b>Volunteers</b> 53  <b>Hours Donated</b> 1,121         </div>	<b>Storytimes</b> <div> <b>Storytimes Held</b> 84  <b>Attendees</b> 2,446         </div>

## Tech Library receives \$4 million grant

Osceola County has been awarded a \$4 million grant from the Department of Commerce to build the Osceola County Technology Center. The “Tech Library” will be an 8,000-square-foot facility built in Commissioner Viviana Janer’s 2<sup>nd</sup> District. Janer championed the project which will feature services and resources for workforce development, technology instruction, and health resources. The Tech Library will be developed in partnership with CareerSource Central Florida, the County and State Health Department, the Library, and other local organizations. The Tech Library is scheduled to debut in 2027.

## Family Day at Narcoossee Community Center

Families gathered at the Narcoossee Community Center, home to our Narcoossee Express Locker for easy returns and pick up, for a morning full of stories and activities. Tables were set up showcasing materials used in our Sensory Playdate and Flex Your Fingers programs which use fun activities to teach preschool-age kids about fine motor skills and sensory integration. A STEAM area provided space for school-age kids to explore robotics. Library staff gave out library cards and information about programs and resources and all family members could enjoy free face painting, learning about the 1000 Books Before Kindergarten program, and the opportunity to create original bookmarks. The highlight of the morning was a sign-language storytime where Ms. Sharmel from the West Osceola read a book and Jorge, a Librarian Intern from the Poinciana Library, provided American Sign Language interpretation. The storytime and the entire morning was a wonderful introduction to the varied and exciting programs and services that the Library offers families and kids.

## Severe Weather Awareness winner announced

Each year, the Osceola Library System partners with Osceola County Emergency Management to present the Severe Weather Awareness contest for students in grades K through 12 that uses art as an effective communication tool to showcase how to stay and keep prepared for severe weather. The contest is run through the Library’s BiblioBoard digital publishing platform where contestants can easily upload their artistic submissions. This year’s winner was 10<sup>th</sup> grader Alejandra Blanco. Alejandra’s winning submission was entitled “Who Was In There” and depicted a house flooding with water. Commissioner Cheryl Grieb, Emergency Management Director Bill Litton, and Youth Services Manager Lisa Jones presented Alejandra with the award and a print of her winning submission will hang in the offices of the Emergency Management department.

## Other February Happenings:

Bedtime Math at West Osceola: This program makes everyday math fun as kids problem-solve everyday problems with creative math solutions.

KultureCity outreach: Library staff worked with KultureCity, a leading nonprofit for sensory accessibility, to provide services at the Pro Bowl games in Orlando.

Strategic Plan survey: Using MySocialPinPoint, the Library's Strategic Planning process kicked off with a survey of library users and Osceola citizens. 1,767 results were received from February 1-23 which will be used to help shape goals and activities over the next few years.

Black History Month: Programs and in-library activities celebrated the achievements of Black Americans. Programs included "Who Was Louis Armstrong?" for school-age kids, featured authors and books presented in storytimes, and celebrations of famous artists, scientists, and figures from history.

E.S.O.L. for Beginners: On Tuesday nights, English-language learners gather at the Hart Memorial Library to practice their English skills. The Adult Literacy League provides a high-quality volunteer teacher that draws a crowd, and two Tuesdays in February saw 28 people attend one class, and on another Tuesday, there were 30 eager students excited to learn together. This program is part of an ongoing effort to provide English language learning opportunities at convenient hours at all Osceola Library branches, either through the Adult Literacy League or with the Library's staff.



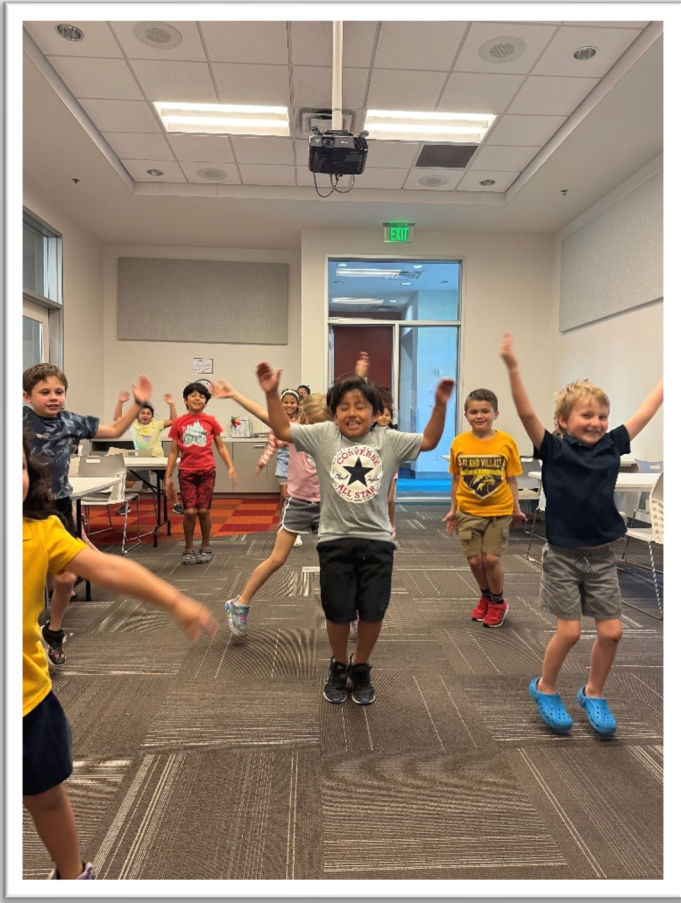




Family Day at the Narcoossee Community Center was fun for the whole family.







Above: Bedtime Math at West Osceola makes learning math fun.

Left: Hart Memorial Library spotlighted artist Jean-Michel Basquiat during Black History Month with an interpretive painting program.