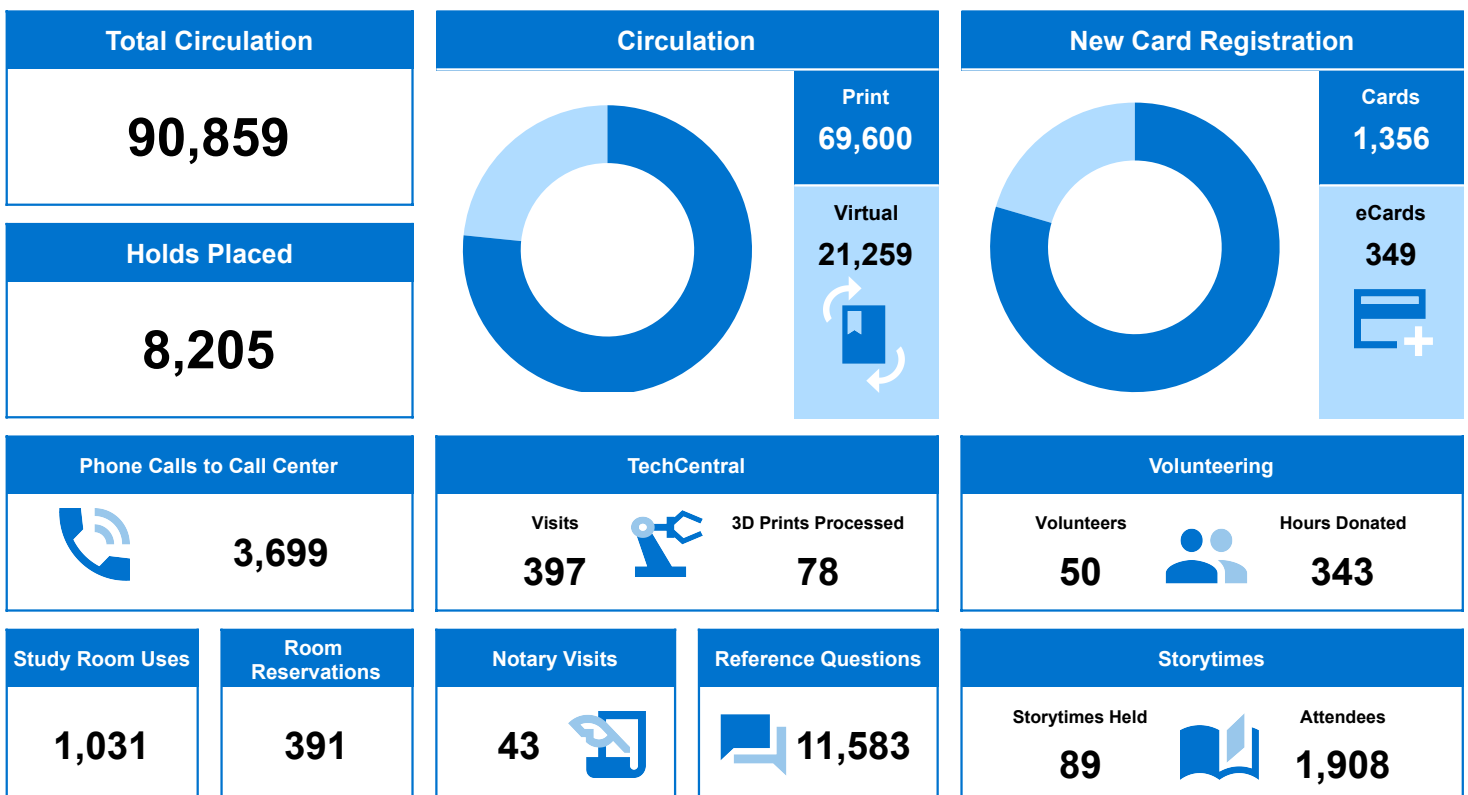


Monthly Report January 2024

Fiscal Year Oct. 2023 - Sept. 2024

Location	Print Circulation	Visitors	Computer Sessions (Including WiFi)	Programming
Hart Memorial	18,033	18,850	76,887	64 Events & Activities, 873 Participants
St. Cloud	22,737	10,827	20,744	66 Events & Activities, 1,380 Participants
Poinciana	9,219	13,968	33,934	47 Events & Activities, 1,008 Participants
Buenaventura Lakes	5,040	6,100	22,045	53 Events & Activities, 1,048 Participants
West Osceola	14,091	11,885	24,932	62 Events & Activities, 1,316 Participants
Kenansville	194	92	3,478	N/A
Narccossee	157	15	N/A	N/A
Reunion	129	18	N/A	N/A

System Stats at a Glance



Teen programming through partnerships

The Library has entered into two new teen-oriented community partnerships that will help create a welcoming, safe space for teens to learn, share, and grow. The STEPS Foundation is bringing their Retain Your Brain and High School Survival workshops to the library. Staff will work with the group on activities such as book talks, test prep, and developing good social and emotional balance. The Rebuild Yourself nonprofit group has a similar mission. Their meetings will be held at the Hart Memorial and St. Cloud Libraries. Both groups have formed relationships with the Osceola School District and have developed a following in their current areas but are looking to the Library as a place for greater visibility. With the addition of librarians to their meetings, they're hoping to reach a new level of engagement with this vulnerable and elusive demographic.

Thinking Money for Kids award

The Youth Services team applied for and was granted the opportunity to participate in an American Library Association financial literacy program for kids. The Thinking Money for Kids program kit contains educational materials for children 3-12, Playaway Launchpads with financial literacy content to check out, resources to help plan successful programs and virtual training. The Library will receive kits in English and Spanish. The value of each kit is \$2,000. The grant is a partnership with FINRA, which also provided a grant to the Library in 2022 to enhance our financial collection after hurricanes affected the area. An ALA press release was distributed nationally noting the Osceola Library System was one of only 300 libraries selected for this award.

Ukulele Basics

A four-part series teaching the basics of the ukulele debuted in January. Ukuleles are a great Christmas gift and introductory instrument for budding musicians. The class was taught as part of the Library's TechCentral Makerspace and provided guided instruction in tuning, plucking, and strumming for all ages. The Library had ukuleles on hand as well as offering them to check out through the STEAM kit collection. 50 people attended this series in January.

Other January Happenings:

Library Card milestone: January saw the largest amount of new library cards issued since 2019. A record 1,356 physical cards and 349 ecards were issued.

Severe Weather Awareness Week launches: This annual creative contest in partnership with Osceola County Emergency Management asks students to create an original work of art about Florida's sometimes severe weather. The winner will be announced in February.

Florida Health Lunch & Learn presentation: Library staff presented at the Department of Health's virtual staff meeting about Library services and resources. 100 people were in attendance.

Teens Beyond Limits: Black Light Painting (below): 18 teens gathered on a Saturday to learn a new painting technique using glow-in-the-dark paint presented by Library Associate and artist Nikki Jarrett.



Adult Crafting at West Osceola (below): 40 adults gathered to learn new skills and express their creativity with Crochet 101 and Tote Bag painting.



Below: The Library received a grant valued at \$2,000 from ALA and FINRA for financial literacy kits that include programming planning and tablets.



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