

Monthly Report April 2024

Fiscal Year Oct. 2023 - Sept. 2024

Location	Print Circulation	Visitors	Computer Sessions (including WiFi)	Programming
Hart Memorial	15,817	18,495	79,227	72 Events & Activities, 1,033 Participants
St. Cloud	23,008	11,544	23,827	81 Events & Activities, 2,522 Participants
Poinciana	8,399	10,019	31,549	57 Events & Activities, 967 Participants
Buenaventura Lakes	5,155	6,640	22,829	63 Events & Activities, 1,202 Participants
West Osceola	14,049	12,879	24,816	77 Events & Activities, 2,492 Participants
Kenansville	103	62	1,794	N/A
Narccossee	170	14	N/A	N/A
Reunion	101	15	N/A	N/A
Total	66,802	59,668	184,042	350 Events & Activities, 8,216 Participants

System Stats at a Glance

Total Circulation 86,298	Circulation <div> Print 66,802 Virtual 19,496 </div>	New Card Registration <div> Cards 982 eCards 270 </div>
Holds Placed 6,661	Phone Calls to Call Center 5,410	TechCentral <div> Visits 258 3D Prints Processed 90 </div>
Study Room Uses 1,259	Room Reservations 442	Volunteering <div> Volunteers 67 Hours Donated 281 </div>
Notary Visits 30	Reference Questions 13,907	Storytimes <div> Storytimes Held 96 Attendees 2,545 </div>

Gathering for Earth Day & Community Shred Event in St. Cloud



We celebrated Earth Day with two family events at the St. Cloud Library. In partnership with the City of St. Cloud, the Earth Day Celebration attracted 750 attendees. The festival-type program featured environmental exhibits, crafts, food trucks, eco-friendly presentations, face painting, free tree giveaways, bounce houses, and special appearances by Sami the Sandhill Crane and Smokey the Bear in celebration of his 80th birthday. It was a fabulous community event, resulting in 352 books being checked out and 8 new library cards created. The celebration continued the following Saturday with the Community Shred Event sponsored by the St. Cloud Friends of the Library, where 175 people lined up to have their documents shredded in this safe and environmentally friendly public service. The positive feedback included thanks on social media “to the library staff who came up with this community service!”





Lucky Scramble Book Release Party

695 people jammed into the West Osceola Library to celebrate the release of local resident and best-selling author and illustrator Peter Raymundo's latest work, a hybrid graphic novel entitled *Lucky Scramble*, about the world of competitive speedcubing.



Raymundo brought with him Phil Yu, co-founder and CEO of The Cubicle, and Max Park, Speedcubing world champion and world record holder, to help out! The Library held a raffle for checkouts, printed *Lucky Scramble* t-shirts, and enjoyed opportunities for photos. Participants were also able to enter into a raffle for *Lucky Scramble*-themed prizes. 191 items were checked out, a 45% increase over other Tuesdays in April.

Celebrating Eid a-Fitr!

West Osceola Library's Eid program celebrating the Muslim holiday of breaking the fast of Ramadan was a resounding success, drawing praise from attendees and sparking enthusiasm for future events. 51 people attended. Patrons expressed gratitude for the representation and sense of community fostered by the program, with many remarking that they had never experienced such programming at the library before. Families appreciated the opportunity for their children to connect with Muslim culture and traditions, and some expressed interest in helping plan future festivities. Attendees enjoyed activities such as henna art, learning about other cultures through storytime, and sharing traditional treats. One patron traveled from St. Cloud specifically for the program, highlighting the importance of diverse programming in bringing communities together. Another parent attended due to the program's focus on cultural education, recognizing its value in supplementing their children's learning. The event was praised for its inclusivity, educational value, and the sense of belonging it provided to attendees.



Experiencing the Eclipse

On April 8, much of the United States experienced a total solar eclipse. In Florida, we experienced a 65% eclipse and celebrated the historic event by giving out over 700 solar eclipse glasses. The Library held two events to provide education and context to the occasion. Eclipse 101 at the St. Cloud Library hosted a presenter from the Central Florida Astronomical Society to delve into fascinating eclipse facts (34 people attended) and Here Comes the Sun Eclipse Viewing Party at the West Osceola Library was a highlighted event on local television for being one of the few public events happening across Central Florida at eclipse time. Kids were able to create an eclipse pinhole viewer using construction paper (14 people, plus WESH-2 news, attended). The Library's Call Center also received nearly 5,500 calls in April, an 81% increase over April 2023.

Other Library Happenings:

Highlighting National Library Week: Social media, in-library, and staff-focused activities were planned for each day of this week that celebrates the impact and importance of libraries.

GLOW Read a Book events: This successful mixture of glow-in-the-dark activities with reading games encourages literacy across all ages. 131 people attended.

US Citizenship Workshop: 15 people received expert assistance in pursuing their US citizenship from the NALEO Educational Fund, a group that empowers Latinos to



participate in public service.

Anime After Hours: The BVL Library opened up after hours for this teen event that showcased creativity in cosplay, artistic inspiration, and reading and watching Japanese stories in manga and anime. This successful 2-hour event drew over 100 people!