

Monthly Report May 2024

Fiscal Year Oct. 2023 - Sept. 2024

Location	Print Circulation	Visitors	Computer Sessions (including WiFi)	Programming
Hart Memorial	15,145	18,892	79,381	60 Events & Activities, 729 Participants
St. Cloud	22,988	10,423	21,728	55 Events & Activities, 1,407 Participants
Poinciana	8,581	10,853	31,813	56 Events & Activities, 1,236 Participants
Buenaventura Lakes	4,827	6,070	21,167	48 Events & Activities, 871 Participants
West Osceola	14,136	11,668	21,669	77 Events & Activities, 1,534 Participants
Kenansville	115	66	33,233	N/A
Narccossee	144	16	N/A	N/A
Reunion	33	9	N/A	N/A
Total	65,969	57,997	208,991	350 Events & Activities, 8,216 Participants

System Stats at a Glance

Total Circulation 86,548	Circulation <div> Print 65,969 Virtual 20,482 </div>	New Card Registration <div> Cards 973 eCards 275 </div>
Holds Placed 6,846	Phone Calls to Call Center 3,178	TechCentral <div> Visits 362 3D Prints Processed 138 </div>
Study Room Uses 1,158	Room Reservations 338	Volunteering <div> Volunteers 46 Hours Donated 249 </div>
Notary Visits 46	Reference Questions 10,782	Storytimes <div> Storytimes Held 76 Attendees 2,347 </div>

Comic Book and Star Wars Celebrations

Two celebrations marked Free Comic Book Day at the Osceola Library System. At the BVL Library, young Padawans and others in the Jedi Order embarked on an intergalactic adventure during May the Comics Come Forth. This Star Wars-themed event drew 24



participants who engaged in STEAM activities and a costume contest and received free comic books to take home. The Force was strong with attendees as they discovered the joy of comics and Star Wars.



The Hart Memorial Library hosted a Free Comic Book Day event that welcomed 59 attendees of all ages. Comic enthusiasts enjoyed free giveaways and engaging activities like trivia and Superhero Bingo. Both events highlighted the universal appeal of comics as a medium that bridges generations and sparks excitement for reading. Comics provide an excellent gateway for reluctant readers, reinforcing that all forms of reading are valuable.

FLA Presentations and Award

The Library made a significant impact at this year's Florida Library Association conference in Orlando. Youth Services staff presented two compelling sessions that highlighted innovative approaches and community partnerships. One session, "Fostering Diversity in Children's Storytimes," explored how the Youth Team curated materials for programming that authentically represent Osceola County's diverse community, amplifying voices and stories from varied backgrounds outside of traditional celebrations or designated "months." Another session, "Storybook Adventures," showcased a unique collaboration between the St. Cloud Library, led by Youth Librarian Crystal Hamrick, and St. Cloud Main Street. This partnership creatively merges economic development initiatives with literacy through a story walk-style program.



Programming Coordinator Michelle Mosely received acclaim at the conference, earning the Florida Library Association's Award for Library Innovation for her Walking Library series. This innovative series integrates educational and informative community walks, guided by local partners and historians, offering engaging experiences that bring the library beyond its walls and into the heart of the community.

Early Learning Coalition LearnHub Partnership

The Library has the opportunity to partner with the Early Learning Coalition to establish an Early LearnHub at the Hart Memorial Library. The LearnHub project from the ELC is intended to “bridge the educational gap” within the community “by integrating enriching learning experiences into community spaces.” The Hart Memorial Library will

transform spaces in its children's area with Lakeshore Learning resources into STEAM activity areas for preschoolers, toddlers, and babies. This project should be completed by late summer.

