

**Orange County Library System
Board of Trustees Meeting**

Board Packet for February 2010



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*Mary Anne Hodel,
Library Director, Chief Executive Officer*

February 5, 2010

To: James B. Tyson, President
Guy Houk, Vice President
Sara Brady, Trustee
Ted Maines, Trustee
Richard Maladecki, Trustee

cc: The Library Governing Board:
The Honorable Mayor Richard T. Crotty, Chairman of the Library Governing Board,
Members of the Governing Board, Commissioners S. Scott Boyd, Fred Brummer,
Mildred Fernandez, Linda Stewart, Bill Segal, Tiffany Moore-Russell, Orange County;
and Deborah Girard, City of Orlando.

From: Mary Anne Hodel, Director

Re: Library Board of Trustees Meeting

The next meeting of the Library Board of Trustees will be at 7:00 p.m. Thursday, February 11, 2010 at the **Orlando Public Library; 101 East Central Boulevard; Orlando, Florida 32801; 407.835.READ (7323).**

If any board member has an item to be brought up for discussion, please call Milinda Neusaenger prior to the meeting, 407.835.7611.

cc: Ronald Rogers, Liaison, Membership and Mission Review Board ~ Orange County
Nancy Jacobson, Liaison, Nominating Board ~ City of Orlando

AGENDA
ORANGE COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM BOARD OF TRUSTEES
February 11, 2010
Orlando Public Library
101 East Central Boulevard
Orlando, Florida 32801
407.835.READ (7323)

10-015 I. **Call to Order**

10-016 II. **Public Comment**

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10-017 III. **Approval of Minutes:**
Library Board of Trustees Meeting ~ January 13, 2010

10-018 IV. **Staff Presentation: Trendwatchers ~ Kelly Pepo**

10-019 V. **Financial Statements and Summaries:**
➤ **Taxpayer Bill of Rights (TABOR) Presentation ~ Heather Ramos**
➤ **January 2010**
➤ **Budget Briefing**

10-020 VI. **Statistics and Summaries: January 2010**

10-021 VII. **Action Items**

10-022 III. **Discussion and Possible Action Items**

10-023 **National Library Week Performance Art Project ~ Page 149**

10-024 **Elevator Modernization Project Update**

10-025 IX. **Information**

- 10-026 **Director's Report**
- 10-027 **Librarians Initiative Summary**
- 10-028 **Public Comment: Non-Agenda Items**

X. Adjournment

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**Approval of Minutes: January 13, 2010
Library Board of Trustees
Meeting Minutes**

**MEETING MINUTES
ORANGE COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM BOARD OF TRUSTEES
January 13, 2010
Edgewater Branch Library
5049 Edgewater Drive
Orlando, Florida 32810
407.835.READ (7323)**

10-001 I. **Call to Order**
Library Board Present: James Tyson (1/0); Sara Brady (1/0); Guy Houk (1/0); Ted
Maines (1/0); Richard Maladecki (1/0)

Administration Present: Mary Anne Hodel; Debbie Moss; Robert Tessier; Carla
Fountain; Craig Wilkins; Wendi Bost; Renae Bennett; Eric
Atkinson; Tracy Zampaglione; Milinda Neusaenger

President Tyson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

10-002 II. **Public Comment**
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10-003 III. **Approval of Minutes:
Library Board of Trustees Meeting ~ December 10, 2009**
Trustee Houk, seconded by Trustee Maladecki, moved to approve the meeting minutes for the December 10, 2009 Library Board of Trustees Meeting. Motion carried 5-0.

10-004 IV. **Staff Presentations:**
➤ **Edgewater Branch ~ Welcome by Ruth Wiley**
➤ **Edgewater Community Partners Video ~ Kelly Pepo**

10-005 V. **Financial Statements and Summaries: December 2009**
➤ **Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for FY 2009 (see separate Report)**
➤ **Financial Wrap Up Presentation for FY 2009**
➤ **December 2009**

Finance Manager Patricia Quinones and Comptroller Robert Tessier presented a financial review covering the fiscal year ended September 30, 2009 as well as some issues affecting future budgets.

For the current fiscal year, property taxes dropped 11% and the State of Florida has projected an additional 10% decline in property values for next fiscal year. While this news is certainly not good, the Library has taken a series of proactive measures in recent months which have put us in a much better financial position to weather this financial storm. These measures include implementing a hiring freeze last March, offering a voluntary separation incentive, building up reserves, and utilizing Workforce employees. Through the hiring freeze and voluntary separation incentive, staffing levels have been reduced by approximately 20% since last March. Comptroller Tessier outlined some other issues, including State Aid and TABOR (Taxpayer Bill of Rights) which are unknowns at this point but may impact future budgets.

Regarding the South Trail lease which expires in August 2011, Trustees Maladecki and Maines indicated it would be a good time to check the market rates and try to negotiate a lease extension.

10-006 VI. **Statistics and Summaries: December 2009**

10-007 VII. **Action Items**

10-008 III. **Discussion and Possible Action Items**

10-009 **Director's Evaluation Form with Rating Scale**

The Board was in agreement with the rating scale which was added to the Director's Evaluation Form.

10-010 **Director's Goals FY 2010 ~ Proposed**

Trustee Brady, seconded by Trustee Maladecki, moved to approve Director Hodel's proposed FY 2010 Goals. Motion carried 5-0.

10-011 **Strategic Plan FY 2010: 1st Quarter Update**

Dr. Houk stated that the Strategic Plan is scaled back in comparison to previous years and that this is a reflection of the current budget situation. He also stated that he is pleased with the progress that has been made thus far.

10-012 IX. **Information**

10-013 **Director's Report**

Most large public libraries across the country are reporting decreases in revenues, with a concomitant decrease in hours and/or staffing. In the recent *Library Journal* budget survey, more than 40% of the libraries have reported frozen salaries and reduced staff. Libraries serving 1 million or more in population have lost an average of 50 employees. Open hours have decreased and programs numbers have also decreased. Many libraries, particularly those in Michigan and California have been hard hit. Clinton-Macomb PL is bracing for a 10% reduction in property taxes. Total budgets have decreased 4.5% over the past year on the average for those libraries serving a population of 1,000,000 or more. That compares to OCLS's 11% loss. Total materials budgets in large public libraries have averaged a decline of 6% in the past year, compared to our 5%.

While the administration does not feel good about the declines in our revenues nor the declines in our staffing and cuts to the materials budget, we have not had any layoffs nor any furloughs, and for that Director Hodel is very grateful that OCLS has found other ways to cope with the decreased revenues.

10-014

Public Comment: Non-Agenda Items

Trustee Maladecki asked that the Board receive periodic status reports regarding the elevator renovation project and that Mr. Brian Feldman's performance art proposal be a standing agenda item for the next few months.

X. Adjournment

President Tyson adjourned the meeting at 8:12 p.m.

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Orange County Library System

Financial Statement Highlights

Four Months Ended January 31, 2010

Operating Fund Revenue and Expenditure Summaries

State Aid

In January, the first of two State Aid payments was received. The total amount we will receive this fiscal year is approximately \$814,000, which is \$111,000 less than what was budgeted. There is some good news, however. In his proposed budget for the State's fiscal year which begins July 1, 2010, the Governor has proposed continued funding for State Aid at the current level. What the Legislature proposes in the upcoming legislative session remains to be seen.

Investment Earnings

Rates for our general investments have continued to drop to records lows. Rates are typically quoted in "basis points" with 100 basis points equaling 1%. Currently, the three money market funds that we utilize are earning single digit basis point rates. Last week, we requested rates on a 5 million dollar certificate of deposit for a 6 month term. The rates provided for a 12 month CD were in the range of 15 – 25 basis points. While typically the approach is to minimize the balance in our checking account and thus, maximize our investments, the extraordinary times we are experiencing has prompted a change in this strategy. The available funds in our checking account at SunTrust are invested nightly in a product for local governments called Municipal Now, which is currently earning 25 basis points. Given this rate, you will note we are leaving a much higher balance in our checking account. Although Orange County uses a different bank, they also utilize a product similar to Municipal Now.

Salaries

Due to the December payouts related to the voluntary separation incentive, this account is slightly over budget as of the end of January. However, our projections currently indicate we will under spend this account by approximately \$1,500,000 for the entire year.

**ORANGE COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT
OPERATING FUND REVENUE SUMMARY
Four Months Ended January 31, 2010**

	ANNUAL BUDGET	YTD ACTUAL	(4 month=33%)
AD VALOREM TAXES	32,049,516	25,498,509	79.6%
INTERGOVERNMENTAL			
State and Federal Grants	100,000	0	0.0%
State Aid	925,000	406,981	44.0%
	<u>1,025,000</u>	<u>406,981</u>	<u>39.7%</u>
CHARGES FOR SERVICES			
Fee Cards	12,000	4,253	35.4%
PC Pass (\$10 for 7 days)	15,000	4,164	27.8%
PC Express (\$5 for 1 hour)	20,000	5,460	27.3%
Additional PC Sessions	0	130	
Classes / Virtual Computer Classes	2,000	855	42.8%
Copy & Vending, Value Card	187,000	52,665	28.2%
Meeting Rooms	50,000	14,496	29.0%
Fax	15,000	7,011	46.7%
Scanner	300	80	26.7%
Computer Booklets	800	110	13.8%
Ear Buds and Jump Drives	9,000	2,252	25.0%
Reference Charges	400	32	8.0%
Online Book Sale	0	122	
Disk Sales	2,500	329	13.2%
Orange Bag Sales	15,000	2,847	19.0%
MAYL/PEP Advertising	5,000	0	0.0%
ILL Charges	1,000	258	25.8%
	<u>335,000</u>	<u>95,065</u>	<u>28.4%</u>
FINES			
Fines and Lost Materials	1,865,000	465,626	25.0%
MISCELLANEOUS			
Investment Earnings	225,000	18,147	8.1%
Rent	6,000	1,023	17.0%
Contributions - Friends of Library	75,000	30,988	41.3%
Contributions - Others	30,000	10,069	33.6%
Miscellaneous	50,000	16,855	33.7%
Grants & Awards	0	3,500	
	<u>386,000</u>	<u>80,582</u>	<u>20.9%</u>
TRANSFER FM PROP APPRAISER	35,000	0	0.0%
TRANSFER FM TAX COLLECTOR	350,000	0	0.0%
TOTAL REVENUES	<u><u>36,045,516</u></u>	<u><u>26,546,763</u></u>	<u><u>73.6%</u></u>

**ORANGE COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT
OPERATING FUND EXPENDITURE SUMMARY
Four Months Ended January 31, 2010**

	ANNUAL BUDGET	YTD ACTUAL	(4 month=33%)
SALARIES & BENEFITS			
Salaries	15,169,718	5,114,992	33.7%
Medicare Taxes	219,960	74,511	33.9%
Defined Contribution Pension Plan	1,137,729	397,753	35.0%
Defined Benefit Pension Plan	1,650,045	550,000	33.3%
Money Purchase Pension Plan	391,471	130,640	33.4%
Life and Health Insurance (Employees)	2,420,166	686,092	28.3%
Retiree Health Care (OPEB)	1,124,658	464,219	41.3%
Worker's Compensation	125,665	45,817	36.5%
Unemployment Compensation	12,000	18,816	156.8%
Parking & Bus Passes	235,987	70,352	29.8%
	22,487,399	7,553,193	33.6%
OPERATING			
Professional Services	310,000	75,642	24.4%
Other Contractual Services	926,000	284,302	30.7%
Other Contract. Serv.- Janitorial	340,000	97,991	28.8%
Training and Travel	55,000	10,596	19.3%
Telecommunication	320,000	79,968	25.0%
Delivery and Postage	1,576,000	433,939	27.5%
Utilities	1,200,000	273,781	22.8%
Rentals and Leases	1,051,000	346,178	32.9%
Insurance	285,000	152,813	53.6%
Repair and Maintenance	1,200,000	349,882	29.2%
Repair & Maint. - Hardware/Software	430,000	227,180	52.8%
Copying/Printing	346,000	62,954	18.2%
Property Appraiser's Fee	274,000	137,275	50.1%
Tax Collector's Fee	641,000	509,970	79.6%
Supplies	982,000	128,866	13.1%
Supplies-Hardware/Software	300,000	3,998	1.3%
Memberships	30,000	14,827	49.4%
	10,266,000	3,190,162	31.1%
CAPITAL OUTLAY			
Building and Improvements	465,000	103,822	22.3%
Equipment and Furniture	55,000	13,783	25.1%
Hardware/Software	175,000	13,837	7.9%
	695,000	131,442	18.9%
LIBRARY MATERIALS			
Materials - Rest. Contributions	14,000	1,041	7.4%
Materials - Other	4,750,000	1,621,914	34.1%
	4,764,000	1,622,955	34.1%
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	38,212,399	12,497,751	32.7%

**ORANGE COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT
BRANCH DEBT SERVICE FUND
Four Months Ended January 31, 2010**

	<u>ANNUAL BUDGET</u>	<u>YTD ACTUAL</u>	<u>(4 month=33%)</u>
REVENUES			
Investment Earnings	6,200	180	2.9%
Reserves	403,320	401,740	99.6%
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>409,520</u>	<u>401,920</u>	<u>98.1%</u>
EXPENDITURES			
<u>2003 NOTE</u>			
Principal	399,600	399,543	100.0%
Interest	9,920	2,197	22.2%
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>409,520</u>	<u>401,740</u>	<u>98.1%</u>

**ORANGE COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND
Four Months Ended January 31, 2010**

	<u>ANNUAL BUDGET</u>	<u>YTD ACTUAL</u>	<u>(4 month=33%)</u>
REVENUES			
Investment Earnings	55,000	8,909	16.2%
Reserves	945,000	0	0.0%
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>1,000,000</u>	<u>8,909</u>	<u>0.9%</u>
EXPENDITURES			
Land	1,000,000	0	0.0%
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>1,000,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.0%</u>

**ORANGE COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT
SINKING FUND
Four Months Ended January 31, 2010**

	<u>ANNUAL BUDGET</u>	<u>YTD ACTUAL</u>	<u>(4 month=33%)</u>
REVENUES			
Investment Earnings	<u>6,000</u>	<u>729</u>	<u>12.2%</u>
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>6,000</u>	<u>729</u>	<u>12.2%</u>
 EXPENDITURES			
Reserves-Building and Improvements	3,300	401	12.2%
Reserves - Technology	<u>2,700</u>	<u>328</u>	<u>12.2%</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>6,000</u>	<u>729</u>	<u>12.2%</u>

**ORANGE COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT
OPERATING FUND
BALANCE SHEET - ASSETS
January 31, 2010**

ASSETS

Cash on Hand	6,595
Equity in Pooled Cash	6,241,609
Equity in Pooled Investments	19,855,118
Accounts Receivable	13,216
Inventory	337,437
Prepays	253,947
Other Assets-Deposits	<u>9,315</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>26,717,236</u></u>

ORANGE COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT
OPERATING FUND
BALANCE SHEET - LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE
January 31, 2010

LIABILITIES

Unclaimed Disbursements	1,170
Accrued Wages Payable	512,947
Accrued Sales Tax	89
Accrued Fax Tax	129
Due To Friends of the Library	3,444
Employee Payroll Deductions	
United Appeal	187
Dental Insurance	1,694
Union Dues / COPE	388
Daughters of American Revolution	1,434
Staff Association	1,447
TOTAL LIABILITIES	522,928

FUND BALANCE

Reserved for Walker	4,000
Reserved for Phillips	100,000
Reserved for Warner	33,712
Reserved for Gullett	19,805
Designated for Murray	724,689
Designated for Sondheim	39,941
Designated for Strategic Plan	4,000,000
Unreserved/Undesignated	7,223,148
Current Year Excess of Revenues Over Expenditures	14,049,012
TOTAL FUND BALANCE	26,194,308
TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE	26,717,236

**ORANGE COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT
MONTHLY ROLLOVER
January 31, 2010**

	<u>BALANCE 12/31/09</u>	<u>RECEIPTS</u>	<u>DISBURSE</u>	<u>BALANCE 01/31/10</u>
OPERATING				
Equity in Pooled Cash	260,609	9,377,982	3,396,982	6,241,609
Equity in Pooled Investments	<u>20,830,346</u>	<u>24,773</u>	<u>1,000,000</u>	<u>19,855,118</u>
	21,090,954	9,402,754	4,396,982	26,096,727
BRANCH DEBT SERVICE				
Equity in Pooled Investments	<u>9,578</u>	<u>3</u>	<u></u>	<u>9,581</u>
SINKING				
Equity in Pooled Investments	<u>487,164</u>	<u>146</u>	<u></u>	<u>487,309</u>
CAPITAL PROJECTS				
Equity in Pooled Investments	<u>5,949,297</u>	<u>1,776</u>	<u></u>	<u>5,951,073</u>
SELF FUNDED HEALTH				
Equity in Pooled Cash	0	214,631	214,631	0
Claims Payment Checking Account	28,000	133,828	133,828	28,000
Equity in Pooled Investments	<u>2,257,143</u>	<u>675</u>	<u>20,615</u>	<u>2,237,203</u>
	2,285,143	349,133	369,073	2,265,203

ORANGE COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT
GENERAL POOLED INVESTMENTS
January 31, 2010

<u>INVESTMENT TYPE</u>	<u>DOLLARS</u>	<u>% PORTFOLIO</u>
CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT	13,015,455	45.6%
MONEY MARKET FUNDS		
Federated Treasury Obligations Fund	6,290,117	22.0%
Federated Government Obligations Fund	1,584,072	5.6%
Invesco AIM Treasury Fund	7,631,290	26.7%
STATE BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION		
Florida Prime	19,350	0.1%
TOTAL	28,540,284	100%

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Statistics and Summaries: January 2010

Net Promoter Score

January 2010

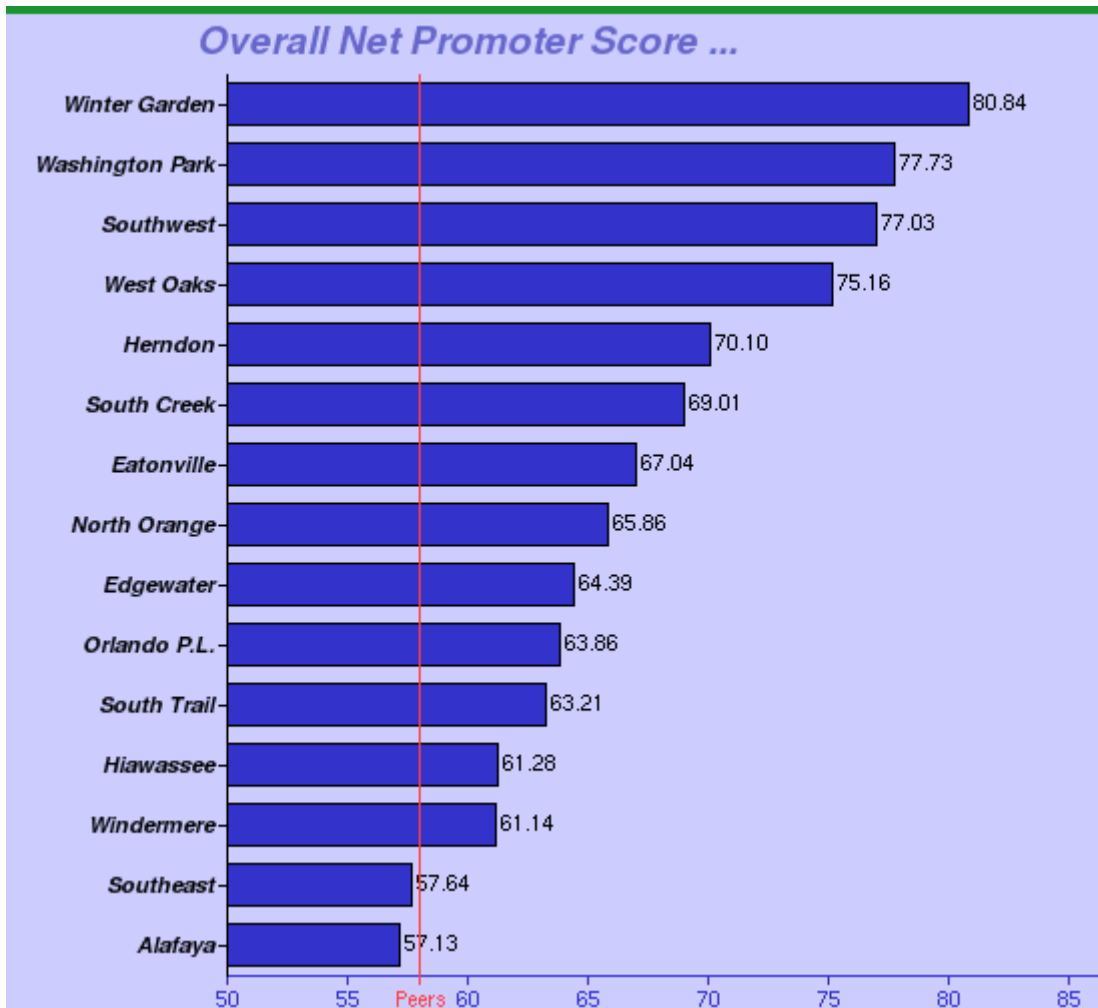
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Overall Net Promoter Score ...

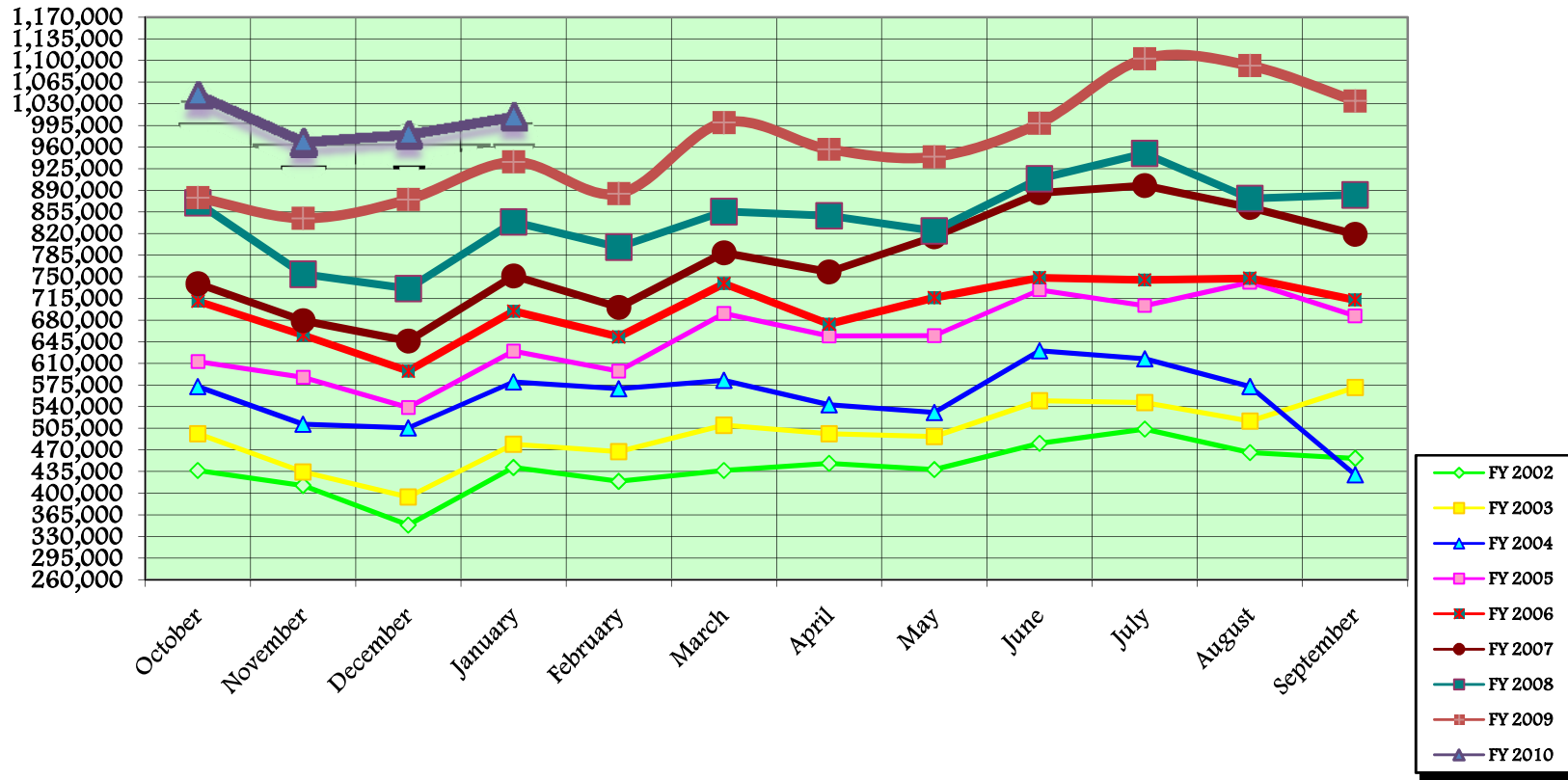
	Month	Quarter	Total	Peers
Promoters	78.86	82.21	77.66	70.27
Passives	13.09	8.43	12.31	17.49
Detractors	8.05	9.36	10.03	12.23
NPS	70.81%	72.85%	67.63%	58.04%

Overall Net Promoter Score ...

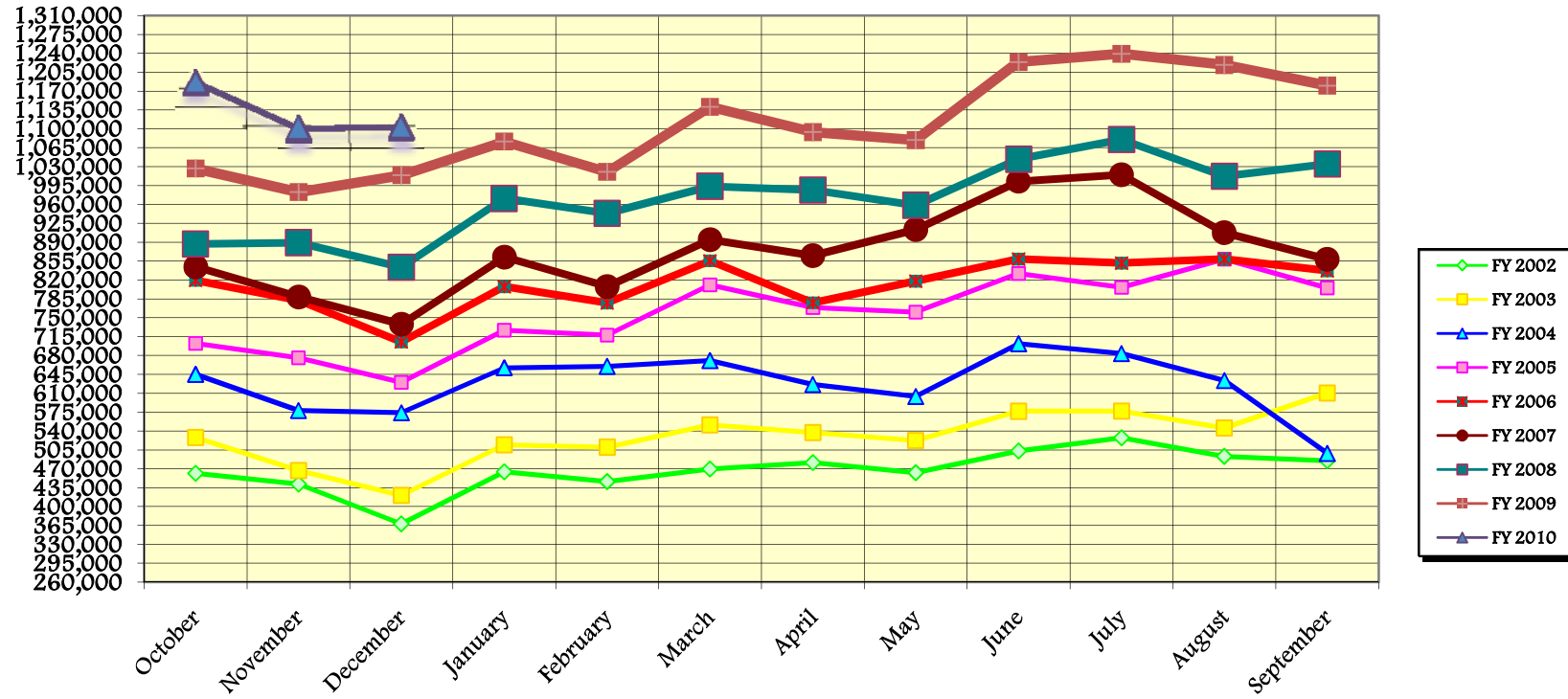
	Month	Quarter	Total	Peers
Promoters	76.53	78.05	77.66	70.27
Passives	13.27	10.11	12.31	17.49
Detractors	10.2	11.83	10.03	12.23
NPS	66.33%	66.22%	67.63%	58.04%



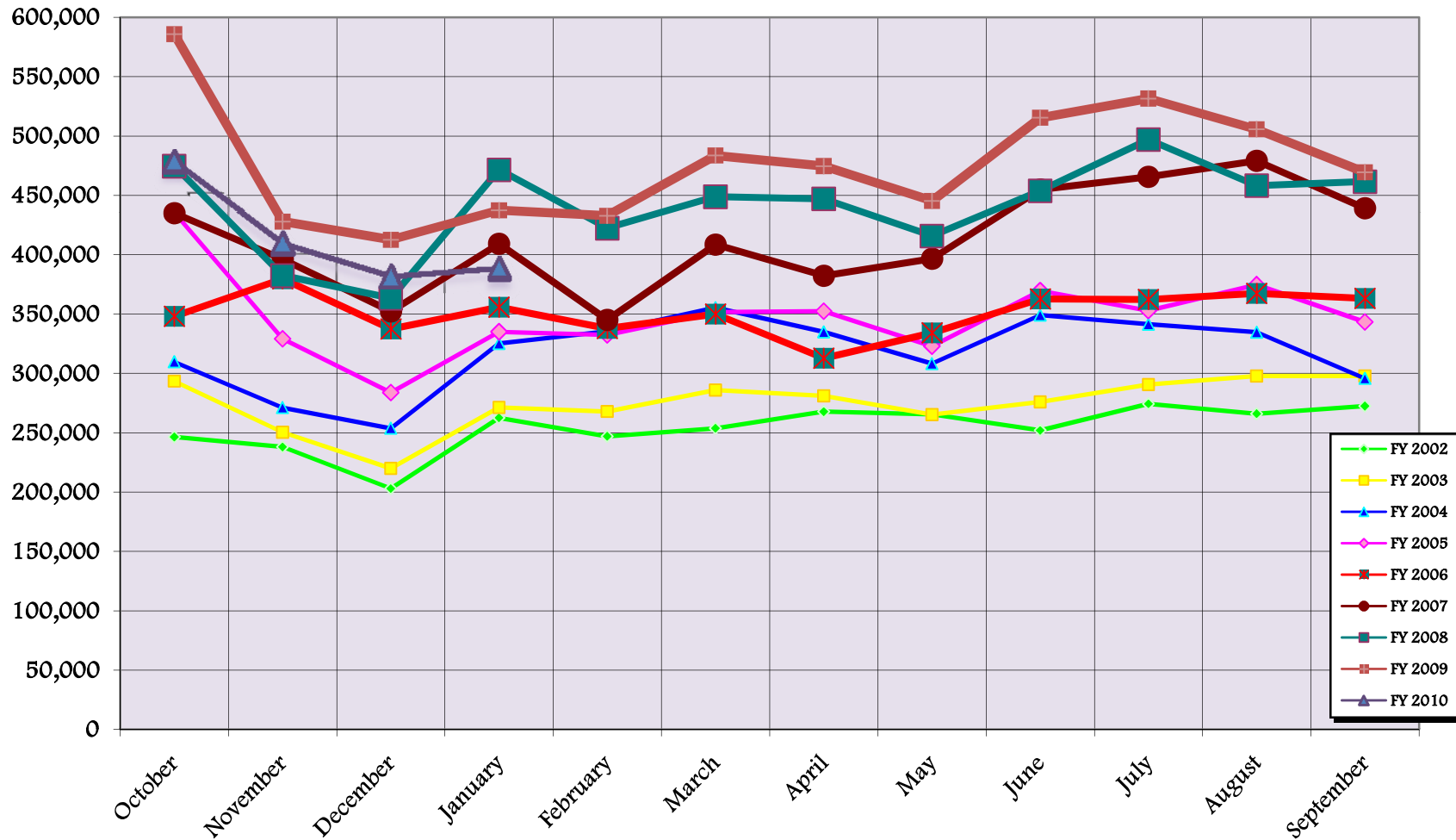
**ORANGE COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM
CIRCULATION**
Fiscal Year 2002 Through Fiscal Year 2010 To Date



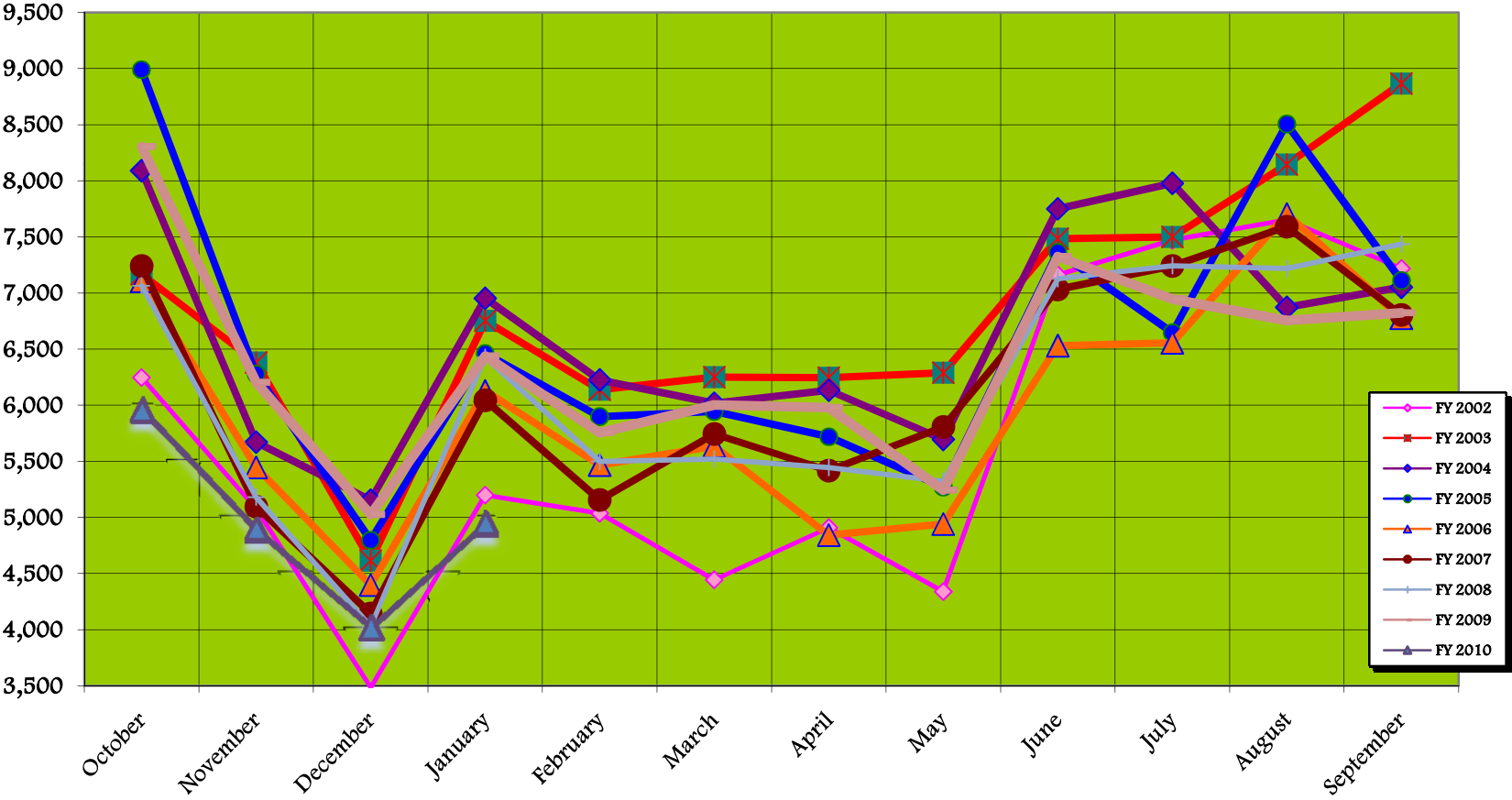
**ORANGE COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM
CIRCULATION WITH ELECTRONIC STATS**
(Circ Stats & Electronic Database Stats ~ 2 months previous)
Fiscal Year 2002 Through Fiscal Year 2010 To Date



Orange County Library System
 Door Counts
 Fiscal Year 2002 through Fiscal Year 2009 To Date



Orange County Library System
 New Customer Registration
 Fiscal Year 2002 through Fiscal Year 2010 To Date



Circulation & Door Count

October through March

	Oct-09	Oct '08	Nov-09	Nov '08	Dec-09	Dec '08	% of Change with Database Usage	Jan-10	Jan '09	% of Change without Database Usage	Feb-10	Feb '09	Mar-10	Mar '09
Circulation														
Main	318,212	264,369	306,774	254,605	306,072	260,502	17.49%	298,593	258,864	15.35%		250,497		281,410
Branches	559,560	490,764	527,155	467,280	510,230	487,934	4.57%	531,311	523,809	1.43%		487,313		559,922
MAYL	70,434	66,641	57,711	63,778	53,550	69,572	-23.03%	53,335	70,695	-24.56%		71,507		79,750
Database Usage	143,936	148,750	132,747	139,180	122,667	130,834	-6.24%		141,696	Not Yet Available		136,029		141,192
Digital Products	84,125	49,538	64,704	48,185	97,069	52,926	83.41%	112,137	69,051	62.40%		61,053		71,060
Digital Downloads	5,594	2,308	5,625	2,673	6,607	2,735	141.57%	7,565	2,717	178.43%		2,853		3,246
Talking Books	4,326	4,129	3,662	3,001	4,438	3,806	16.61%	4,349	3,508	23.97%		3,566		3,965
Total without Database Usage	1,042,251	877,749	965,631	839,522	977,966	877,475	11.45%	1,007,290	928,644	8.47%		876,789		999,353
Total with Database Usage	1,186,187	1,026,499	1,098,378	978,702	1,100,633	1,008,309	9.16%		1,070,340			1,012,818		1,140,545
Door Count														
Main	63,857	74,877	53,761	55,250	52,287	55,296	-5.44%	54,587	62,777	-13.05%		59,340		62,815
Branches	321,112	424,494	277,508	292,736	255,842	271,682	-5.83%	263,036	288,981	-8.98%		285,374		321,594
MAYL Packages	68,145	63,354	55,972	60,008	51,246	65,272	-21.49%	51,855	66,209	-21.68%		67,693		75,741
Talking Books	12	17	6	17	7	27	-74.07%	8	17	-52.94%		15		28
Drive Up Windows	24,625	23,061	22,179	19,993	22,319	20,406	9.37%	19,042	19,467	-2.18%		20,456		23,464
Total	477,739	585,786	409,420	427,987	381,694	412,656	-7.50%	388,520	437,434	-11.18%		432,863		483,614

Circulation & Door Count

April through September

	Apr-10	Apr '09	May-10	May '09	Jun-10	Jun '09	Jul-10	Jul '09	Aug-10	Aug '09	Sep-10	Sep '09	Sep '08	FY 2010 YTD	FY 2009 YTD
Circulation															
Main		267,360		271,451		281,574		293,897		312,724		304,879	259,199	1,229,651	3,302,132
Branches		523,735		512,477		624,588		617,536		603,052		559,996	505,576	2,128,256	6,458,406
MAYL		82,332		75,295		83,880		92,732		78,457		72,994	69,772	235,030	907,633
Database Usage		137,869		135,304		130,380		135,148		126,791		145,728	152,300	399,350	1,648,901
Digital Products		74,789		77,035		86,765		89,559		88,096		86,976	41,584	358,035	855,033
Digital Downloads		3,712		4,079		4,122		4,956		5,113		5,322	2,454	25,391	43,836
Talking Books		4,184		3,645		4,056		3,994		4,021		4,204	3,802	16,775	46,079
Total without Database Usage		956,112		943,982		1,084,985		1,102,674		1,091,463		1,034,371	882,387	3,993,138	11,613,119
Total with Database Usage		1,093,981		1,079,286		1,215,365		1,237,822		1,218,254		1,180,099	1,034,687	4,392,488	13,262,020
Door Count															
Main		60,119		57,789		67,521		68,107		67,894		64,954	62,992	224,492	756,739
Branches		313,270		293,465		344,591		351,301		336,759		311,197	312,029	1,117,498	3,835,444
MAYL Packages		77,960		71,903		80,273		89,565		75,843		70,412	66,479	227,218	864,233
Talking Books		14		7		8		16		10		13	20	33	189
Drive Up Windows		23,366		22,169		23,060		22,628		25,214		22,873	20,015	88,165	266,157
Total		474,715		445,326		515,445		531,601		505,710		469,436	461,515	1,657,373	5,722,573

Web Site Traffic

April through September

	Oct-09	Oct '08	Nov '09	Nov '08	Dec '09	Dec '08	Jan '10	Jan '09	% of Change	Feb '10	Feb '09	Mar '10	Mar '09
Hits to the Website													
Inside	14,978,325	8,356,815	12,921,583	7,591,066	11,632,512	8,467,267	13,180,095	8,970,682	46.92%		8,752,211		10,960,374
Outside	12,331,655	6,937,280	10,938,976	6,363,365	10,027,288	6,092,640	12,871,116	7,404,367	73.83%		6,694,017		7,558,408
Total	27,309,980	15,294,095	23,860,559	13,954,431	21,659,800	14,559,907	26,051,211	16,375,049	59.09%		15,446,228		18,518,782
Visits													
Inside	119,111	109,660	103,615	99,554	104,823	107,370	102,283	110,764	-7.66%		109,096		120,060
Outside	386,662	237,939	350,477	218,251	330,505	213,052	362,545	251,254	44.29%		227,925		244,480
Total	505,773	347,599	454,092	317,805	435,328	320,422	464,828	362,018	28.40%		337,021		364,540
Unique Visitors													
Inside	1,203	1,293	1,205	1,315	1,192	1,311	1,190	1,181	0.76%		1,223		1,176
Outside	83,245	74,404	78,607	69,437	73,247	66,168	79,696	83,215	-4.23%		74,587		76,271
Total	84,448	75,697	79,812	70,752	74,439	67,479	80,886	84,396	-4.16%		75,810		77,447
Page Views													
Inside	549,405	790,027	525,009	735,573	415,686	801,433	428,481	860,717	-50.22%		851,011		949,075
Outside	831,394	864,714	748,065	899,894	633,147	823,017	364,621	983,596	-62.93%		854,128		944,090
Total	1,380,799	1,654,741	1,273,074	1,635,467	1,048,833	1,624,450	793,102	1,844,313	-57.00%		1,705,139		1,893,165

Web Site Traffic

April through September

	Apr '10	Apr '09	May '10	May '09	Jun '10	Jun '09	Jul '10	Jul '09	Aug '10	Aug '09	Sep '10	Sep '09	FY 2010 YTD	FY 2009 YTD
Hits to the Website														
Inside		10,230,477		11,014,645		12,880,754		11,957,780		13,851,126		13,786,033	52,712,515	126,819,230
Outside		7,208,275		8,266,122		8,856,947		10,110,948		13,063,783		13,277,626	46,169,035	101,833,778
Total		17,438,752		19,280,767		21,737,701		22,068,728		26,914,909		27,063,659	98,881,550	228,653,008
Visits														
Inside		118,990		111,083		119,980		119,616		120,163		113,682	429,832	1,360,018
Outside		249,583		279,617		308,005		343,285		404,296		403,465	1,430,189	3,381,152
Total		368,573		390,700		427,985		462,901		524,459		517,147	1,860,021	4,741,170
Unique Visitors														
Inside		1,175		1,164		1,188		1,194		1,178		1,136	4,790	14,534
Outside		74,928		76,915		79,500		83,647		84,886		91,747	314,795	935,705
Total		76,103		78,079		80,688		84,841		86,064		92,883	319,585	950,239
Page Views														
Inside		913,041		897,143		1,320,751		728,440		557,245		553,779	1,918,581	9,958,235
Outside		928,207		894,782		997,870		976,510		935,808		847,660	2,577,227	10,950,276
Total		1,841,248		1,791,925		2,318,621		1,704,950		1,493,053		1,401,439	4,495,808	20,908,511

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Library Activities

April through September

	Oct '09	Oct '08	Nov '09	Nov '08	Dec '09	Dec '08	Jan '10	Jan '09	% of Change	Feb '10	Feb '09	Mar '10	Mar '09
Program Attendance Total	14,976	14,432	11,430	11,234	9,985	8,813	12,679	12,584	0.75%		13,977		13,139
Total # of Programs	584	503	526	426	474	430	430	456	-5.70%		537		570
Community Events Attendance Total	1,187	2,301	362	3,158	98	530	1,259	2,167	-41.90%		637		1,236
Total # of Community Events	14	19	12	23	8	8	11	6	83.33%		11		7
Events Line	58	51	22	42	69	38	41	58	-29.31%		47		49
StoryLine	105	101	125	136	128	84	99	163	-39.26%		95		258
Class Attendance Total	5,007	4,012	3,980	3,065	3,036	3,177	3,960	4,038	-1.93%		4,948		5,221
Total # of Classes	1,213	1,167	1,085	927	1,249	1,046	1,201	1,091	10.08%		1,054		1,136
QuestLine	14,067	18,374	12,515	12,982	11,724	12,470	12,859	13,665	-5.90%		13,686		14,184
P.C. Sessions	89,059	83,150	77,315	70,062	76,236	78,461	76,226	80,309	-5.08%		77,168		89,383
Wireless Access Activity	10,269	0	7,609	4,956	7,701	6,329	7,962	7,103	12.09%		7,513		8,518
Total Public Internet Activity	99,328	83,150	84,924	75,018	83,937	84,790	84,188	87,412	-3.69%	0	84,681	0	97,901
Number of Active Cards in the System	432,668	437,425	431,709	434,009	430,800	432,708	432,134	434,314	-0.50%		432,554		431,581
New Customer Registrations	5,960	8,304	4,888	6,203	4,016	5,026	4,942	6,438	-23.24%		5,755		6,002
Total Registered Borrowers	896,701	822,774	901,511	828,382	905,628	833,350	910,608	840,016	8.40%		845,480		851,378
Customers Transacting	75,053	64,460	74,195	68,072	69,517	70,371	71,727	58,047	23.57%		69,588		75,512

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Library Activities

April through September

	Apr '10	Apr '09	May '10	May '09	Jun '10	Jun '09	Jul '10	Jul '09	Aug '10	Aug '09	Sep '10	Sep '09	FY 2010 YTD	FY 2009 YTD
Program Attendance Total		13,705		13,139		22,190		22,178		15,428		15,502		176,321
Total # of Programs		572		570		597		629		545		563		6,398
Community Events Attendance Total		2,248		1,236		1,067		3,267		3,036		979		21,862
Total # of Community Events		19		11		6		10		21		22		163
Events Line		47		37		54		46		138		68		675
StoryLine		124		114		143		134		127		107		1,586
Class Attendance Total		4,990		5,221		5,321		5,142		4,583		4,819		54,537
Total # of Classes		1,100		1,136		1,127		1,131		1,089		1,096		13,100
QuestLine		13,695		12,956		15,251		15,280		15,107		14,090		171,740
P.C. Sessions		83,106		78,579		85,061		87,649		88,874		85,603		987,405
Wireless Access Activity		8,256		8,162		9,611		9,718		9,881		10,217		90,264
Total Public Internet Activity	-	91,362	-	86,741	-	94,672	-	97,367	-	98,755	-	95,820	-	1,077,669
Number of Active Cards in the System		430,229		429,226		432,495		433,027		434,160		433,239		
New Customer Registrations		5,980		5,243		7,325		6,947		6,755		6,823		76,801
Total Registered Borrowers*		857,262		862,460		869,711		877,334		883,963		890,789		
Customers Transacting		76,174		74,262		81,535		73,056		83,538		79,843		468,408

*In July 2008, Removed 205,799 records for accounts which had been expired since March 2004 and had no outstanding activity.

	Oct~09	Oct~08	Nov~09	Nov~08	Dec~09	Dec~08	Jan~10	Jan~09	% of Change	Feb~10	Feb~09	Mar~10	Mar~09
Online Catalog Searches	947,985	839,559	881,184	822,318	778,212	771,593	899,901	917,010	-1.87%		875,998		987,437
Online Renewals	207,561	157,539	202,132	154,951	202,372	162,186	193,481	155,574	24.37%		154,857		175,933
Online Questions	535	641	564	465	445	480	606	608	-0.33%		585		623
Online Requests	65,419	72,482	62,350	64,163	56,777	62,768	63,445	75,106	-15.53%		70,395		77,859
Online Suggestions	164	155	128	146	140	118	160	119	34.45%		87		119

	Apr~10	Apr~09	May~10	May~09	Jun~10	Jun~09	Jul~10	Jul~09	Aug~10	Aug~09	Sep~10	Sep~09	FY 2010 YTD	FY 2009 YTD
Online Catalog Searches		981,879		972,627		1,129,243		1,165,829		1,053,241		984,522	3,507,282	11,501,256
Online Renewals		169,086		171,932		170,921		181,412		197,327		197,912	805,546	2,049,630
Online Questions		574		578		595		660		628		569	2,150	7,006
Online Requests		79,695		84,668		95,491		97,907		81,005		71,385	247,991	932,924
Online Suggestions		126		166		147		182		177		130	592	1,672

Circulation and Orange County Library System: Report for FY 2009 YTD & FY 2008

Circulation Statistics
January 1, 2010 - January 31, 2010

Location	Days Open	Circulation	% of Total	Previous Year	Gain/Loss	% Gain/Loss	Drive Up Window Visits	Walk In Visits	Total Visits	Drive Up Window Previous	Walk In Previous	Total Visits Previous	Gain / Loss	% Gain / Loss
Main	28	298,593	29.64%	258,864	39,729	15.35%	2,408	54,587	56,995	3,276	62,777	66,053	(9,058)	-13.71%
MAYL*	20	53,335	5.29%	70,695	-17,360	-24.56%		51,855	51,855		66,209	66,209	(14,354)	-21.68%
Digital Products		112,137	11.13%	69,051	43,086	62.40%			-					
Digital Downloads		7,565	0.75%	2,717	4,848	178.43%			-					
Talking Books	28	4,349	0.43%	3,508	841	23.97%		8	8		17	17	(9)	-52.94%
West Oaks	28	42,153	4.18%	42,138	15	0.04%	2,140	20,009	22,149	3,449	22,081	25,530	(3,381)	-13.24%
Herndon	24	54,122	5.37%	52,452	1,670	3.18%		24,303	24,303		25,638	25,638	(1,335)	-5.21%
Alafaya	28	73,402	7.29%	72,216	1,186	1.64%	7,134	28,410	35,544	4,946	31,236	36,182	(638)	-1.76%
Southeast	24	49,847	4.95%	48,851	996	2.04%	2,040	25,266	27,306	2,411	24,718	27,129	177	0.65%
Hiwassee	24	27,928	2.77%	25,002	2,926	11.70%		18,094	18,094		21,618	21,618	(3,524)	-16.30%
Southwest	24	47,753	4.74%	49,359	-1,606	-3.25%		20,492	20,492		22,409	22,409	(1,917)	-8.55%
Edgewater	24	35,169	3.49%	34,423	746	2.17%		18,275	18,275		21,093	21,093	(2,818)	-13.36%
North Orange	28	49,278	4.89%	44,653	4,625	10.36%		19,953	19,953		22,403	22,403	(2,450)	-10.94%
South Creek	28	58,218	5.78%	61,763	-3,545	-5.74%	4,103	26,962	31,065	4,031	29,108	33,139	(2,074)	-6.26%
South Trail	24	28,657	2.84%	29,014	-357	-1.23%		21,156	21,156		25,671	25,671	(4,515)	-17.59%
Winter Garden	24	32,707	3.25%	33,451	-744	-2.22%	1,217	14,317	15,534	1,354	16,522	17,876	(2,342)	-13.10%
Windermere	24	15,466	1.54%	15,353	113	0.74%		9,364	9,364		9,705	9,705	(341)	-3.51%
Washington Park	24	14,073	1.40%	13,231	842	6.36%		11,090	11,090		11,515	11,515	(425)	-3.69%
Eatonville	22	2,538	0.25%	1,903	635	33.37%		5,345	5,345		5,264	5,264	81	1.54%
Total	398	1,007,290	100.00%	928,644	78,646	8.47%	19,042	369,478	388,520	19,467	417,967	437,434	(48,914)	-11.18%

*MAYL Visits ~ Customer Transactions

**Online Resources Usage Statistics
NUMBER OF SEARCHES
NOVEMBER 2009 REPORT for OCTOBER 2009 DATA**

FISCAL YEAR 2009 - 2010													FINAL		
	Oct-09	NOV	DEC	Jan-10	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	YTD 09-10	YTD 08-09	FY 08-09
Ancestry Library Edition	5,216	3,271	3,590										12,077	13,334	68,663
Associations Unlimited	435												435	1,347	5,546
Auto Repair Reference Center	217	241	286										744	918	4,035
Biography Resource Center	2,257	1,485	968										4,710	7,294	32,687
Business & Company Resource Center	892	710	593										2,195	6,673	16,152
Business Index ASAP	25	31	36										92	122	733
Career Transitions	227	48	136										411	na	117
Computer Database	270	198	82										550	266	1,432
Consulta	188	143	91										422	310	2,370
Countrywatch	707	551	528										1,786	3,497	14,874
Countrywatch -- Youth ed.	170	110	94										374	1,068	5,711
DearReader.com Online Book Club <i>(cumulative total of people registered)</i>	68,180	68,040	67,980										204,200	208,420	832,960
Expanded Academic ASAP	651	387	246										1,284	659	2,560
Ferguson's Career Guidance Center	284	264	123										671	980	4,162
First Search	615	566	370										1,551	4,047	14,879
Foundation Directory Online - Professional			150										150	na	na
Foundation Grants			32										32	na	na
General Business File ASAP	101	70	56										227	230	1,110
General One File (formerly InfoTrac One File)	3,528	3,130	1,777										8,435	2,033	12,080
General Reference Center Gold	1,269	1,479	1,606										4,354	1,015	4,896
Grzimek's Animal Life	4	102	34										140	na	NA
Health & Wellness Resource Center and Alternative Health Module	1,260	528	439										2,227	3,708	14,350
Health Reference Center Academic	910	553	353										1,816	279	1,691
HeritageQuest Online	6,056	4,900	3,779										14,735	12,442	63,186
Informe	55	21	60										136	28	299
Junior Edition - K12	230	111	61										402	477	1,679
Kid's Edition - K12	124	11	87										222	637	1,494
Learnatest	340	296	341										977	1,653	6,494
Literature Resource Center	24	758	230										1,012	1,040	3,755
LitFinder (formerly Essay/ Poem/ Storyfinder)	2,249	2,149	2,265										6,663	4,936	23,119

Mango Languages		528	556	495											1,579	1,310	6,654
Mergent Online		220													220	724	2,567
Morningstar		724	846	941											2,511	2,491	11,224
Music Online		1,061	1579	752											3,392	na	NA
Novelist Plus		797	473	608											1,878	1,456	8,170
Opposing Viewpoints Resource Center		1,140	885	366											2,391	2,707	9,300
p4A Antiques Reference		261	210	120											591	808	3,107
Pop Culture Universe		728	629	594											1,951	911	5,942
Professional Collection		302	114	108											524	165	1,067
ProQuest Newspapers		2,111	1,397	875											4,383	6,387	24,479
Read the Books		27,662	24,672	15,403											67,737	91,838	268,556
Reference eBooks Collection			304	147											451	na	na
ReferenceUSA		2,403	2,675	3,451											8,529	8,460	35,556
ReferenceUSA -- New Business		63	73	38											174	127	1,261
ReferenceUSA -- New Movers		20	23	9											52	20	186
ReferenceUSA-- New Homeowners		66	25	19											110	45	287
ReferenceUSA -- Lifestyles		17	21	25											63	102	405
Science Online		663	600	232											1,495	1,613	6,664
SimplyMap		76	144	962											1,182	1,307	4,993
SIRS Knowledge Source		575	407	430											1,412	3,185	9,079
Small Business Resource Center		41	77	56											174	264	1,400
Standard & Poors NetAdvantage		412	221	87											720	1,002	4,073
Student Edition - K12		109	140	49											298	291	1,155
Tell Me More		167	131	127											425	1,279	2,829
Tumblebooks		856	809	649											2,314	1,055	8,215
TumbleReadables		120	50	22											192	84	289
Typing Master (cumulative total of people registered)		2,212	2,290	2,346											6,848	2,777	16,318
Tutor.com		460	514	258											1,232	1,343	4,340
Value Line		2,169	1,790	6,317											10,276	1577	44,365
What Do I Read Next?		372	288	175											835	1,088	4,457
Worldbook Online		1,117	651	613											2,381	3,721	12,856
TOTAL NUMBER OF SEARCHES		143,936	132,747	122,667											399,350	415,550	*1,648,901

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Actions Items:

None

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**National Library Week Performance
Art Project ~ Page 149**

Memorandum of Understanding
Between
Brian Feldman Projects
and
Orange County Library System

Brian Feldman Projects and the Orange County Library System (OCLS) agree to participate in a project called **PAGE 149**, which is a Performance Art event conceived of by Brian Feldman Projects to be carried out during National Library Week. It will involve community leaders and members of the public engaging in continuous reading in one-hour increments (one hour per participant) for 149 consecutive hours – which inspired the project name of **PAGE 149**. The purpose of this memorandum is to outline the responsibilities of each party.

OCLS was approached by Brian Feldman Projects to serve as the venue for **PAGE 149**. The reading for **PAGE 149** will commence at 9 a.m. on Monday, April 12 and conclude at 6 p.m. on Sunday, April 18 to coincide with National Library Week 2010. Any and all costs associated with **PAGE 149**, except those stipulated below as being the responsibility of OCLS, are the responsibility of Brian Feldman Projects.

The primary role of OCLS in this project is to provide the backdrop for the event with readings taking place on the front overhang (parapet) of the Orlando Public Library in downtown Orlando.

OCLS will be responsible for:

- Permitting usage of the Orlando Public Library parapet for a period of 149 consecutive hours to serve as a stage for readers participating in the performance art event **PAGE 149** beginning on April 12.
- Providing graphic design assistance to create a logo for **PAGE 149**.
- Providing promotional posters for the event to be displayed in OCLS locations plus an additional 50 posters for Brian Feldman Projects to distribute at will.
- Providing a presence on the OCLS website with an online form to recruit members of the public interested in participating as readers in **PAGE 149**; OCLS will forward this information to Brian Feldman Projects to use in scheduling readers for the event.
- Providing liability insurance for the **PAGE 149** event (*this is subject to Lib BD approval*)

Brian Feldman Projects will be responsible for:

- Providing all necessary protection for the roof surface as specified by OCLS.
- Securing (through payment or in-kind donation) any equipment required to elevate readers to the platform area as well as any lighting, sound or equipment needed to successfully carry out

PAGE 149 plus any equipment necessary to record the event or provide a live stream during the event. Brian Feldman Projects will be responsible for providing qualified staff to operate the ‘cherry picker’ or whatever equipment is used to raise and lower participants to the parapet during the entire 149 hour period and provide staff to operate the other equipment, including lighting and sound.

- Securing any necessary permits and/or approvals from the City of Orlando and Downtown Development Board.
- Selecting and scheduling readers for **PAGE 149**; readers will be responsible for the selection of materials read, and OCLS bears no responsibility in the provision of or choice of book passages read during the event.
- Securing signed liability waivers from all reader participants as required by the OCLS insurance policy.
- Managing any solicitations for media coverage of the event.
- Managing any crowd control issues that arise during **PAGE 149** and ensuring that entry to the Orlando Public Library is in no way obstructed during public service hours.
- Providing breakdown and clean-up required to leave the Orlando Public Library in the same condition as it was found prior to start of set-up for **PAGE 149**.

THIS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING, consisting of two pages, is executed by representatives of Brian Feldman Projects and of the Orange County Library System signing below who have the authority to execute the Memorandum of Understanding.

Mary Anne Hodel
Library Director/CEO

Date

Brian Feldman
Principal, Brian Feldman Projects

Date

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**Elevator Modernization
Project Update**

Main Library Elevator Modernization Project

Status:

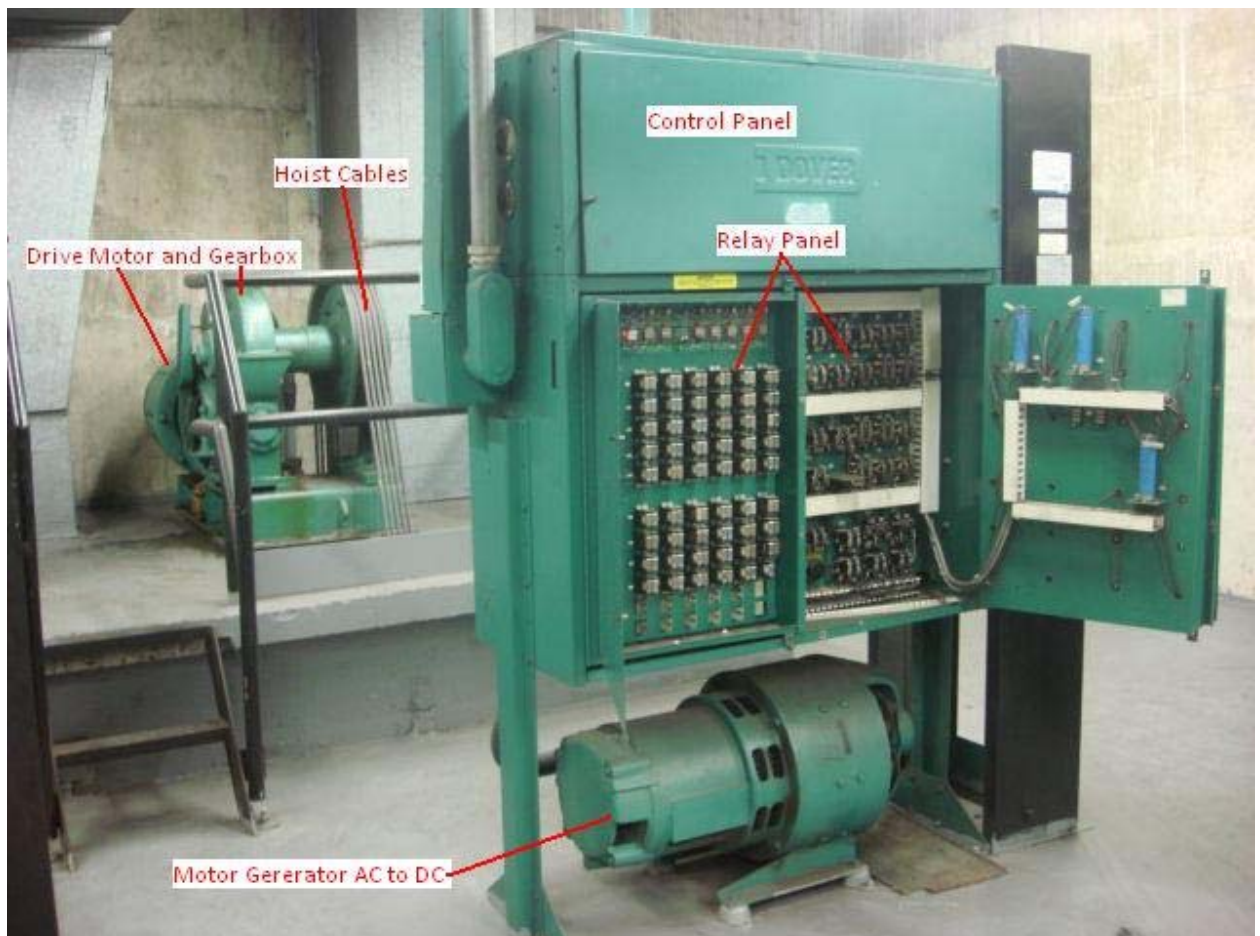
The Library signed a contract with ThyssenKrupp Elevator Corporation on January 25, 2010 to modernize the four elevators in the 1985 section of the Main building. Upon execution of the contract, ThyssenKrupp ordered all the parts and materials necessary for the project. The amount of the contract is \$373,054 and includes associated electrical work. The date for substantial completion for all four elevators is September 1, 2010.

Schedule:

The tentative plan is to start with the staff freight elevator, move to one public car followed by the second public car, and finally the staff elevator. Depending upon when materials arrive and the project starts, the plan may change to: staff freight first, followed by the consolidation of the first public car and the staff elevator with completion of the second public car last.

The new equipment requires both humidity and temperature control. While ThyssenKrupp is waiting for the materials to arrive, our HVAC vendor will install air conditioning systems in both of the elevator penthouses.

This picture shows some of the existing equipment in the elevator penthouse which controls and moves an elevator. While no upgrades are planned to change the aesthetics of the interior of the cars, all of the equipment shown will be replaced as part of the modernization project.



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Director's Report

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February 2010

- The Library has received word that the State Library would consider awarding us an LSTA grant for e-government services. We are in the process of completing the necessary grant applications now for federal pass through money in the neighborhood of \$60,000.

- The Library has learned that the \$500,000 stimulus money earmarked in the federal budget will be administered by the Institute for Museum and Library Services. In addition the money can be spent over a three year period, allowing us more planning time for the classes, programs and services we will be offering.

- In response to the devastating earthquake in Haiti, OCLS employees donated \$1,000 toward the relief efforts. We appreciate our staff's generosity and willingness to help! All donated money will be sent to the International Relief Fund of the American Red Cross.

- After circulating video games for nearly 5 years, we have reached the decision to remove games from circulation as of March 1, 2010. We began by purchasing games for the most popular platforms at the time and only purchased games rated E for everyone. To avoid theft of the games held on open shelves, we moved the game collections behind the public service desk in all locations. Borrowers would interact with staff to determine which games were available for checkout. This scenario, too, was not ideal for the time that it took at the front desk. Most recently in early 2009, we tried making the games available only by request. This has presented its own set of difficulties and remains a time intensive process. Particularly in today's environment it appears that the "care and handling" necessary for game circulation renders them an impractical material for our circulating collection.

We note that the gaming industry itself is moving to an online distribution model. We also find that to develop a game collection is a challenge since platforms evolve rather quickly, frequently requiring the replacement of games. Unlike most collections like books and DVDs where older titles remain of interest to users we note that older game titles tend to sit on the shelves.

- Gale, part of Cengage Learning, has developed an iPhone application allowing our customers to access library information wherever they are. This service helps people retrieve quick, authoritative answers -- while raising awareness about the rich resources available in the Library. The AML app finds your global position and locates libraries within a 10-mile radius, giving you access to electronic resources at any time. Customers aren't required to login with their library card information at any point. We are promoting this new service on our homepage and throughout the site.

- The Library will provide a one-month PC Pass to individuals in transition due to the effects of the earthquake in Haiti. Requests to access computers from persons who have been displaced will be handled by providing them with a pass at no charge that will be good for one month.

- A reception and awards ceremony for the Dr. Phillips High School Art Exhibition was held Sunday, January 31 at the downtown library. The awards program was emceed by Rich Maladecki, president of the Central Florida Hotel and Lodging Association, and a member of the Library's Board of Trustees. This event was attended by 127 people. The exhibit features the work of students at Dr. Phillips High School, Orange County's magnet school for the arts. It will remain on display at the Orlando Public Library through the end of February. Justine Requa won third place for her self portrait in photography. Second place was awarded to Kelly McAdams for her acrylic painting. Top honors went to Amanda Zais for her Ceramic Owl Teapot. As the winner of "Best in Show," Zais will have her art work featured on the cover of the March issue of the library's four-color newsletter which is very fitting since March also happens to be *National Youth Art Month*.

•Patrons can now check out up to four MP3 CDs and four Playaways at one time. This is not 4 combined, but 4 of each for a total of 8. The previous limit was two in each format. Holds can now be placed on MP3 CDs for home delivery. MP3 CDs are an easier way to provide an audio book in the disc format compared to our CDB collection. MP3 CDs are easier to check out, check in, take less processing time, less cleaning time and cost less than CDBs.

•Be sure to check out our *Black History Month Virtual Gallery* for biographies, literature, poetry, music, and videos on notable African Americans. There's also a *Kid's Virtual Gallery* which includes plenty of great resources for those history papers!

•Celebrate this Valentine's Day by designing a personalized e-Valentine with the *Valentine's Day Virtual Gallery*. Check out some romantic resources including craft and recipe ideas, tips on proposing, love songs, and inspirational words to share a loving message with your sweetheart! Reach out and share the link with patrons and friends, and spread the fun of creating your very own e-valentine!

•The *OCLS Research Paper Virtual Gallery* provides resources for teens to begin planning and brainstorming their research paper, how to cite sources, tips on writing and making revisions, and more. There's even a quiz to help teens become more familiar with the types of databases we offer.

•Celebrate Dr. King's legacy by browsing the *Remembering Martin Luther King, Jr. Virtual Gallery* and learn about the life and times of the great American hero who led millions of people in the fight for racial equality. This Virtual Gallery is full of resources, materials, historical references and information on the Civil Rights leader, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The gallery has been updated with a YouTube playlist featuring speeches and interviews with Dr. King. There is also a section for kids and teens.

Upcoming Programs

Second Saturday: Celebrate Africa

Saturday, February 13, 10 a.m. to noon ~ Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room

Trace the history of mankind back to the motherland where it all began, beautiful Africa. From diverse wildlife, to indigenous civilizations, cultural representatives from Walt Disney World's International Programs will show you how Africa's long history helped shape its art and culture. Representatives from various African countries will present a wide variety of artwork, linguistic information, handmade items, traditions, fashion and more. Attendees will be eligible to win a special door prize and items from the presentation will be for sale with a portion of the proceeds going to the Friends of the Orange County Library System and KYCEP (Kenya Youth Community and Education Program) a 501 (c) 3 nonprofit organization. This special event, brought to you by the Friends of the Orange County Library System, is free and everyone is invited.

Doctors without Borders

Saturday, February 6, 2 p.m. ~ Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room

Join us for a presentation to learn more about international humanitarian aid work, and how you can join *Doctors Without Borders'* pool of dedicated aid workers.

Experienced logistician, project coordinator and recruiter Rogier Van Helmond will share his firsthand stories of "life in the field" working for *Doctors Without Borders* in Bosnia, Croatia, Sri Lanka, southern Sudan, and Sierra Leone. Van Helmond will also be available to discuss the recruitment process for prospective aid workers. Join *Doctors Without Borders* and Know No Borders! This presentation is free and all are welcome.

We the People: A Lesson in Civics and Democracy

Saturday, February 20 at 10 a.m. ~ Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room

Join Congressman Lou Frey Jr. for his continuing civic education series to encourage the development of civic and political skills through research, policy analysis and advocacy. The series will also concentrate on working with others to help strengthen the civic education capacity of Florida's K -12 education system and community members at large. *We the People* will run through December 2010.

Chili Redux: An Edu-tasting

Alafaya Branch Monday, February 1, 6 p.m.
Southeast Branch Monday, February 8, 6 p.m.
Southwest Branch Monday, February 15, 6 p.m.
Herndon Branch Monday, February 22, 6 p.m.

This time of year, nothing quiets a hungry tummy quite like a thick, hearty, flavorful bowl of delicious chili. Orlando's new Chili Daddy eatery has taken chili to a whole new level by using tasty ingredients to create savory styles such as Mango Pork, Thai Basil and Smoked Chicken Wing. Try some for yourself and learn what it takes to make the perfect chili.

A Taste of Jamaica

North Orange Branch Thursday, February 4, 4:30 p.m.
Taste delicious foods that will be "Jamaican" your taste buds go crazy! Celebrate Black History Month and enjoy fine Jamaican cuisine from the catering hands of Jamaican Global Throwdown Catering Services. Simmer down with funky reggae music in honor of Bob Marley's birthday.

Finding the Love of Your Life in Today's World

West Oaks Branch Saturday, February 6, 11:30 a.m.
Herndon Branch Monday, February 8, 6:30 p.m.
South Creek Branch Tuesday, February 9, 6:30 p.m.

Stop looking for love in all the wrong places! Take advice from professional matchmaker and relationship coach Ann Robbins as she shares tips and techniques to finding that special someone. Learn seven steps to dating by choice, not chance, as well as 10 dating pitfalls to avoid. This informative session will help get you on your way to a lasting, loving relationship. FREE raffle for attendees!

Pearly Whites

South Trail Branch Saturday, February 6, 11:30 a.m.
Washington Park Branch Saturday, February 6, 2 p.m.
Edgewater Branch Saturday, February 27, 11:30 a.m.
North Orange Branch Saturday, February 27, 3 p.m.

Celebrate National Children's Dental Health Month with members of the Greater Orlando Dental Hygiene Association. Get tips on keeping a healthy smile and how to make oral hygiene fun for your kids.

Eatonville: Birth of a Branch

Eatonville Branch
Happy Birthday Eatonville Branch! Come celebrate five years of service at your local library and kick off Black History Month with storytelling, entertainment and more!

Duvall Dancers

North Orange Branch Saturday, February 6, 3 p.m.
Watch an exciting hip-hop dance performance by the talented Duvall Dance Academy in honor of Black History Month.

Zora Neale Hurston Reading Group

Eatonville Branch Monday, February 8, 6:30 p.m.

We invite you to join the quarterly Zora Neale Hurston Reading Group book discussion in this year long reflection of the author's literary works. Discussions are designed to enhance your appreciation for and understanding of Zora's writing. *Jonah's Gourd Vine: A Novel* is the first of the five literary works that we will explore.

Let's Talk About Stress

Alafaya Branch Tuesday, February 9, 3 p.m.

Out with the bad, in with the good...let's talk about stress! Learn about the biophysical impact that stress can have on your body from a registered nurse and certified natural health professional.

English/Spanish Chatter

Winter Garden Branch Second Tuesday Monthly at 6:30 p.m. (English)

Every Tuesday Monthly at 6:30 p.m. (Spanish)

South Creek Branch First and Third Thursday Monthly, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Improve your English or Spanish-speaking skills while enjoying refreshments! Fluent English or Spanish speakers are welcome to attend and help lead conversations.

Something to Sing About

Herndon Branch Wednesday, February 10, 6 p.m.

Strike the harp and join the chorus, the Colonial High School Chorus for a musical celebration of Black History Month!

A Valentine's Piano and Ballet Recital

Windermere Branch Saturday, February 13, 10:15 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Start your Valentine's Day weekend with romantic piano compositions from composer-songwriter Carlos Mongrut followed by a graceful performance from the ballerinas of Elisabeth Parson's School of Dance.

Chinese New Year Celebration

Edgewater Branch Saturday, February 13, noon

Celebrate the Chinese New Year with an introduction to their culture presented by The Chinese School of CAACF, Inc. Enjoy a performance of traditional folk dance, a yoyo demonstration, and learn some Chinese calligraphy while sampling tea and fortune cookies.

Children's Health Series: Dr. Roe, Library M.D.

Winter Garden Branch Tuesday, February 16, 6 p.m.

The Children's Health Series continues with Dr. Matthew Roe, "Library M.D.," from the Upper Cervical Centers of America presenting the *Backpack Dilemma: Function vs. Fashion*.

Counsel for Caregivers Seminar

Orlando Public Library, Albertson Room Thursday, February 18, 12:10 p.m.

Having trouble juggling your work and caregiving responsibilities? Let us lend you a helping hand of healing at the Counsel for Caregivers Seminar. This month, Kathleen Flammia with Kathleen Flammia Law Office will discuss legal issues for seniors. Attend this health seminar presented by OCLS, Orange County's Commission on Aging and WFTV Channel 9, and bring balance to your life. Registration required, email officeonaging@ocfl.net or call 407.836.7446 to register. Lunch will be provided to the first 50 attendees.

Water & Air Safety in Your Home

Southeast Branch Thursday, February 18, 6:30 p.m.

Eatonville Branch Friday, February 19, 11 a.m.

Windermere Branch Saturday, February 20, 11 a.m.

Southwest Branch Saturday, February 20, 2 p.m.

Alafaya Branch Wednesday, February 24, 11 a.m.

According to the EPA, indoor air can be more polluted than outdoor air. Learn about sustainable practices you can utilize in your home to maintain your family's health. Presented by the Orange County/UF-IFAS Extension. Class workbook available for purchase.

Get into the Groove

Winter Garden Branch Saturday, February 20, 11 a.m.

Don't miss a contemporary dance performance by the R.P.M. Dance Company. R.P.M. will present an eclectic blend of dance styles including hip-hop and break dance to commemorate Black History Month.

Get Ready to Dance

West Oaks Branch Saturday, February 20, 1 p.m.

Students from Ready, Set, Dance stop by for a special performance in honor of Black History Month.

Filling the Gap

South Trail Branch Tuesday, February 23, 6 p.m.

Washington Park Branch Thursday, February 25, 6 p.m.

Orlando Public Library Sunday, February 28, 3 p.m.

Celebrate Black History Month with a screening of *Filling the Gap*, a film based on the facts about African-American contributions to the settlement and economic development of the United States. Stop by and meet the director Tyrone Young.

Hip-Hop Revolution

Hiawasse Branch Tuesday, February 23, 6:30 p.m.

All eyes will be on the Nu Look Dancers as they present a revolutionary style of popular dances. See a performance of upbeat hip-hop, African and other dances in celebration of Black History Month.

Como Mejorar el Aprendizaje de sus Hijos para Lograr el Exito en sus Estudios

North Orange Branch Thursday, February 25, 6:30 p.m.

Identifique los problemas de aprendizaje de niños y adolescentes Aprenda a hacer un horario para ayudar a sus hijos a crear un buen habito de estudio Encuentre respuesta a todas sus preguntas con la Terapeuta Ocupacional Fadia Khader.

West Oaks Quilters

West Oaks Branch Thursday, February 25, 6:30 p.m.

Bring a needle and thread and learn to stitch beautiful quilts. Seasoned quilters are welcome to bring a current project or a completed quilt to share with the group.

Step Off

Orlando Public Library Saturday, February 27, 2 p.m.

Step up your game for the 5th Annual Step Off Competition! Local middle and high school students will put their best foot forward in a battle to be crowned the top step team around. The Power 95.3 Power Playas will be on hand to MC and DJ the event with today's hottest jams. The winning schools will receive a pizza party from Pizzeria Del Dio. The UCF step team and local elementary steppers will be on hand to entertain and pump up the crowd.

Brown Bag Book Club

Orlando Public Library Tuesday, February 2, 12:15 p.m.

Every first Tuesday of the month, brown bag it by joining us to discuss a great book and bringing a lunch to eat.

Southwest Book Club

Southwest Branch Tuesday, February 9, 7 p.m.

This month we will discuss *The Air We Breathe* by Andrea Barrett and *The Garden of Last Days* by Andre Bubus III, both featured at this year's *Winter with the Writers* at Rollins College. Pick one or read both! Anyone age 18 or older is welcome to attend. For more information call 407.835.7323.

Hiawassee Book Club

Hiawassee Branch Monday, February 15, 6:30 p.m.

This month we will discuss *The Lacuna*, a novel by Barbara Kingsolver. The book is available in many formats through our catalog at <http://iii.ocls.info>. Light snacks will be provided.

Hanging Out at the Porch

Orlando Public Library, Children's Library Fridays at 3 p.m.

Come hang out in the Children's Library every Friday afternoon for different games, crafts, movies and more. Recommended for school-aged up to age 18.

Groundhog Day

Winter Garden Branch Monday, February 1, 4 p.m.

Will Punxsutawney Phil see his shadow? Will we have six more weeks of winter? Find out as we celebrate Groundhog Day by making a festive take-home craft.

Bedtime Stories

West Oaks Branch Thursdays, February 4 and 18, 7 p.m.

Herndon Branch Monday, February 15, 6:30 p.m.

Bring your favorite blanket and stuffed animal and join us for a fun-filled night of bedtime stories and songs.

Cuentame un Cuento/Tell Me a Story: Bilingual Stories & Fun!

Orlando Public Library, Children's Library Saturday, February 6, 11 a.m.

West Oaks Branch Saturday, February 27, 2:30 p.m.

Venga y disfruten de cuentos bilingües y actividades de arte para niños. Come enjoy bilingual stories and crafts for children. The Library provides an interactive storytime in English and Spanish suitable for speakers of either or both languages. Programs are designed for ages 3 and up and the whole family is welcome!

Paws to Read

Herndon Branch Saturday, February 6, 11:30 a.m.

North Orange Branch Saturday, February 13, 11:30 a.m.

South Creek Branch Saturday, February 13, 11:30 a.m.

Alafaya Branch Saturday, February 27, 11:30 a.m.

Orlando Public Library Saturday, February 27, 11:30 a.m.

West Oaks Branch Saturday, February 27, 11:30 a.m.

All end at 1 p.m.

Sign up to practice your reading skills by reading aloud to a loveable, furry listener. Be An Angel Therapy Dogs Ministry presents this reading program for children with certified therapy dogs. Seating is limited so call 407.835.7323 today to reserve your spot.

Take Me Out to the Ball Game

Edgewater Branch Saturday, February 6, 2 p.m.

Play ball! Come to Edgewater "dugout" for crafts and activities celebrating America's great pastime of baseball. It's sure to be a grand slam event!

You Can't Taste a Pickle with Your Ear

Orlando Public Library, Children's Library Saturday, February 6, 3 p.m.

Can you hear me now? Kids, lend me your ear for stories, crafts and fun at your library. Ages 6-12.

Family Movie Night

Winter Garden Branch Sunday, February 7, 6:30 p.m.

Movie: *G-Force*

Rating: PG

Plot: A specially trained squad of guinea pigs is dispatched to stop a diabolical billionaire who plans to take over the world with household appliances.

Preschool: Puppy Love

Eatonville Branch Monday, February 8, 10:30 a.m.

Herndon Branch Friday, February 12, 4 p.m.

Orlando Public Library Saturday February 13, 3 p.m.

North Orange Branch Tuesday, February 16, 10:30 a.m.

Edgewater Branch Friday, February 19, 10:30 a.m.

Kids, bring your favorite furry stuffed animal for some cuddle time. Come to the library for a Valentine's program filled with great stories and crafts for the whole family. Ages 3-5.

Very Fine Valentines

Southwest Branch Saturday, February 13, 10:30 a.m.

Edgewater Branch Saturday, February 13, 2 p.m.

Make something special for that special someone! Craft a Valentine's surprise for your mom, dad, brother, sister or whoever your heart desires.

Heart-Shaped Box

Alafaya Branch Saturday, February 13, 2 p.m.

With all the valentines you're sure to get, you'll need a special place to put them! Decorate a Valentine's Day box, make cards for your valentine and listen to stories about Cupid's arrows of love. Ages 5 – 10.

Heart-to-Heart

Winter Garden Branch Saturday, February 13, 2 p.m.

Isn't it about time you had a heart-to-heart with the library you love? Come in for Valentine's Day stories and crafts and put a little library love in your heart.

My Funny Valentine

North Orange Branch Saturday, February 13, 3:15 p.m.

Hugs and kisses? Yuck! Come enjoy the lighter side of Valentine's Day with jokes, riddles, stories and crafts that are sure to sweeten up your day!

Mardi Gras Madness

Winter Garden Branch Tuesday, February 16, 4 p.m.

Fat Tuesday is upon us and the library is plump with Mardi Gras celebrations! Listen to stories about Mardi Gras and make your own traditional mask.

Wacky Wonderland

Eatonville Branch Wednesday, February 17, 2 p.m.

Orlando Public Library Saturday, February 20, 3 p.m.

Herndon Branch Monday, February 22, 6:30 p.m.

Winter Garden Branch Wednesday, February 24, 4 p.m.

Enter a world of nonsense and experience a fantastical adventure to celebrate the release of Tim Burton's *Alice in Wonderland*. Ages 6-12.

Third Thursday Pajama Jamboree

Windermere Branch Thursday, February 18, 6 p.m.

Come dressed in your favorite pajamas for a fun craft, bedtime story, and milk and cookies!

Tooth Fairy Day

Winter Garden Branch Saturday, February 27, 2 p.m.

Celebrate National Tooth Fairy Day with stories and a take-home craft. You won't find fun like this under your pillow!

Princess Tiana Party

Windermere Branch Saturday, February 27, 2:30 p.m.

Pucker up all you lovely princesses! Join us for a fun afternoon of majestic games, crafts and refreshments. Sorry, but no frogs allowed!

Wii Love Gaming

Orlando Public Library, Children's Library Saturday, February 27, 3 p.m.

If you love gaming like we love gaming, come get your game on at the library! Join us for action-packed fun with the Nintendo Wii, Xbox 360 and PS2. Ages 6-18.

Teen Library Corps

All Locations

Volunteer with the Teen Library Corps and give back a little "TLC" to your library and your community. Plan programs, help out at events, give suggestions for teen services, meet new people and earn community service hours for school. If you are between the ages of 13-18 and love to have fun, join TLC today! For more information call 407.835.7323 or go online at www.ocls.info/Children/Teen/default.asp.

Calling All Writers!

Teens, did you know that the Library posts teen poetry, short stories and other creative writing on our Informed Teen website? Send in your submissions and maybe you'll be the next featured writer. Send submissions to clubcentral@ocls.info.

A.R.T.: inSPAration

Orlando Public Library, Club Central Wednesday, February 17, 3:30 p.m.

Get inspired at this teen spa day! Have fun making and trying out your own natural beauty products with ingredients you can find in your kitchen. Registration required. A.R.T.: Art Revolution for Teens is funded by the Hot Topic Foundation.

Meet the Author: John Michael Cummings

Edgewater Branch Tuesday, February 2, 6 p.m.

Orlando Public Library Friday, February 5, 10:30 a.m.

West Oaks Branch Saturday, February 6, 2 p.m.

South Creek Branch Monday, February 8, 7 p.m.

North Orange Branch Wednesday, February 17, 6:30 p.m.

Join us for special presentation by award-winning author John Michael Cummings. Find out what it takes to write your first novel and have it picked up by a New York publisher. Also, learn more about the legendary historical figure John Brown. Ages 11-18. Book sale and signing follows each program.

A Part of pARTz

Orlando Public Library, Club Central Wednesday, February 3, 3:30 p.m.

Herndon Branch Saturday, February 6, 11 a.m.

Teens, don't be afraid, get on the stage! Come to the library for a program full of improv games and theater fun.

pARTz

Orlando Public Library, Club Central Thursday, February 4, 6 p.m.

Are you interested in acting, improv or film making? Don't be afraid to get on the stage! Express yourself! Be a part of pARTz. This club meets the first Thursday of each month.

How to Survive a Heartbreak

Orlando Public Library, Club Central Wednesday, February 10, 3:30 p.m.

Has your sweetheart let you down? Does your heart wear a frown? Well then don't be late for this survival date. Teens, spend some time with fun crafts and activities at the library.

Animanga

Orlando Public Library, Club Central Thursday, February 18, 6 p.m.

Are you an anime and manga fan? If so, join us to interact with other teens who love Japanese entertainment. Chat about your favorite manga and watch anime while meeting new friends! The club meets the third Thursday of every month.

Weird, Weird Wonderland

Orlando Public Library, Club Central Wednesday, February 24, 3:30 p.m.

Teens, are you ready for the new *Alice in Wonderland* movie? Come through the looking glass for your own very important date with weird crafts and wonderful activities.

Teen Voices

Orlando Public Library, Club Central Thursday, February 25, 6 p.m.

Join our teen advisory board to meet new people and develop teen library programs and services while earning community service hours. This board meets the fourth Thursday of each month.

North Orange Bookworms

North Orange Branch Sunday, February 28, 3 p.m.

Got a book you just have to tell someone about? Come share your thoughts, read something new and make some new friends. Join us for a Teen Book Club just for you. Monthly selections chosen by members. For more information, call 407.835.7323. This month's selection is *The Lovely Bones* by Alice Sebold.

The Orlando Public Library will again serve as a venue for *Arts Fest*. Here is the schedule of events on tap in Library Central:

Saturday, February 6

International Folk Dance Ensemble: Folkloric Dances From Around the World

11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Ethnic international dances to traditional music in authentic costumes. Audience participation/teaching session included.

Ballroom Blast

Noon. Ballroom dance exhibitions featuring Latin, swing, country and smooth dances, including information about their distinguishing characteristics.

Azizi and the Expressions presents *Magical Nile*

2 – 3 p.m. Azizi and The Expressions will dance to the rhythms of the people as we move along the shores of the magical Nile River.

A MAGI: Global Belly Dance & Gypsy Dance

3 – 4 p.m. A MAGI returns with its fiery flare of colorful gypsy and mid-east folkloric, tribal, belly dances. The area's top international artists will demonstrate an array of cultural art through dance, drums and music. Directed by Melanie LaJoie, international performer, *Legend of Belly Dance of New England*.

Sunday, February 7

An Introduction to Dances of India

2 – 3 p.m. Students of Nritya India Dance Academy will present dances of India in various Indian languages and dialects. The dance numbers will describe the age old tradition of ancient Indian dance forms in colorful costumes set to resonating traditional and contemporary music.

Music in the Library

3:30 p.m. Enjoy a rousing performance of tantalizing tunes of old time, swing, Jazz, and neo-traditional songs that you just won't hear anywhere else!

Saturday, February 13

Central Florida Folk: Florida, Sing To Me

10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Central Florida Folk presents several acts of acoustic musicians including singer-songwriters, old-timey groups, blues and vintage music.

Orisirisi Drum Sermons - Folktales, legends and myths from the far corners of Africa

1 – 2 p.m. Enjoy a recreation of the African story-telling tradition including pounding drums and percussion instruments, audience participation and fun for the entire family.

Orlando Youth Circus

2 – 3 p.m. Instead of running away with the circus, let the circus come to you! Learn about the joy and the thrill of circus arts through a special hands-on demonstration.

StarBird Folk Music

3 – 4 p.m. Valinda McQueen and Jay Wood perform hi-energy concerts of Florida music, folk and fiddle music. They are Rising Star performers with the Florida Folk Festival.

Upcoming Community Events

- March 11 Orange County Sheriff's Office Spring Vendor Day
- March 20 Annual Spring Picnic (Commissioner Phil Diamond)
- April 10 & 11 Spring Fever in the Gardens (Winter Garden)

Branch Events

Alafaya

On Tuesday, January 12, Alafaya held a program entitled *The Big 12: Toxic Ingredients to Know & Avoid* which drew 17 attendees.

The Alafaya children's program *Up, Up & Away* took place Saturday January 16 and had an audience of 19 people.

They love gaming and it shows at the Alafaya branch. On Tuesday, January 19, we had a total of 21 attendees for our gaming event.

On Saturday, January 23rd the *Paws to Read* program had a total of 18 attendees.

On Tuesday, January 26th, Z-Café hosted a program called *Coffees of the World* with 25 people attending.

Eatonville

In January Eatonville hosted three Expanded Nutrition and Health workshops taught by Mrs. Collins-Smith with the University of Florida Institute for Food and Agricultural Science. On average 22 adult patrons have attended the classes and participants have expressed that the information is changing the way they look at food and how they eat.

In commemoration of the fiftieth anniversary of the death of Zora Neale Hurston, the Eatonville Branch is partnering with the Association to Preserve the Eatonville Community, the Winter Park Public Library and the Maitland Public Library in a yearlong reflection on the life and works of Zora Neale Hurston. On Thursday January 7 45 patrons stopped by the branch to wish Zora happy birthday and to have a slice of cake.

The branch promoted library services during the annual Zora Festival by providing face painting, storytelling, and passing out information. Attendance for the 3 day event was 861. The branch also hosted a total of 7 juvenile and teen programs with a total attendance of 142.

January 22, 2010 marks the five year anniversary of the opening of the Eatonville Branch. A birthday celebration will be held on Saturday February 6, 2010 from noon to 2p.m.

Edgewater

On January 26th, Edgewater's librarian, Ruth Wiley was invited to attend the Lake Weston Elementary School Science Fair and interacted with 105 visitors to the event.

On January 16th, Edgewater presented *Dandy Dragons*, a program to celebrate dragons with crafts, games and more. Twenty-three patrons attended this event.

On January 30th, Edgewater celebrated Disney's movie *Up!* Twenty-seven patrons enjoyed the movie and created a special craft

Herndon

The Tuesday morning story programs at Herndon, *Storybook Fun*, *Toddler Time*, and *Tiny Tales*, continue to be very popular. In the month of January, 312 patrons were in attendance.

On January 9th, the Herndon branch celebrated the release of the movie *Percy Jackson and the Olympians: The Lightning Thief*, by hosting a children's program based on the best selling series,

Percy Jackson and the Olympians, by Rick Riordan. At the *Lightening Thief* program, 10 patrons enjoyed crafts and trivia.

The Herndon branch hosted, *Up, Up and Away!*, a children's program themed after the Disney/Pixar movie *UP!* At the January 23rd program, 12 patrons attended and watched the movie followed by fun crafts

Hiawassee

On Saturday, 9 January, the Hiawassee Branch Library celebrated the recent move to the new location with a grand re-opening ceremony. Commissioner Tiffany Moore-Russell and Library Director Mary Anne Hodel each said some opening words. There was music courtesy of the Jarritt Sheel BLU-TRIO and yummy munchies provided by The Orlando Ale House and Subway among others. A good time was had by all with about 100 people in attendance. There were numerous positive comments about the new space from library users who were so excited to see a new chapter unfold for the Orange County Library System.

On Thursday, 28 January, the Hiawassee Branch saw the highest attendance at a Haitian-Creole computer class to date. The computer lab can accommodate twelve students and all but one chair was full at the 10:15am class. The same crowd of eleven people stuck around for the 11:45am class. It was discovered that a group of people, all Haitian-Creole speakers, had gotten their cards together and decided to learn basic computer skills together and thought the library was the perfect (and free) place to do just that!

The weekly Friday Smarty Pants program continues to show strong attendance at the new location. The average attendance of the program this month was 38 people per session. During one of the programs this month on the 15th January, the attendance was 78 people!

North Orange

On January 9, 2010 at North Orange, Kris Geoffrey entertained 30 people with stories, crafts and fun at the "Up, Up & Away" program. On that same day, she also hosted a "Thinking Day" for a Girl Scout troop which consisted of a tour and demonstration of our services for 21 people.

"Paws to Read" continues to be popular at North Orange. 28 people came to read to their furry friends on January 9, 2010.

On January 16, 2010 North Orange hosted its annual Open House. 305 people participated by visiting various tables featuring library services, crafts, storytime, music, gaming and face painting. Squirt made an appearance and customers were encouraged to check out at least 4 items to be entered into a prize drawing. The day was a huge success!

On January 16, 2010 Ivonne Judge arranged for a Spanish guitar program at North Orange entitled "Serenata Del Recuerdo". 28 people enjoyed the Spanish guitar player and North Orange plans to host similar Spanish language programs.

South Creek

The South Creek branch continued the new "English As a Second Language" program. This program was presented by the Adult Literacy League and brought in almost 50 attendees this month.

The branch began a new series of Citizenship Inspired classes which had an average of 39 people per class.

The "Paws to Read" program took place on January 9th and had an attendance of 36 patrons.

The weekly Spanish Book Club has continued to grow in attendance, with an average of 17 people attending during the last few weeks.

There were 31 children's events with a total 353 patrons in attendance. The most popular was the January 25th "Storybook Fun" which had an attendance of 33 patrons. The branch had 120 computer classes during the month and 812 patrons attended.

South Trail

The Simple as Pie program on January 28 had 12 attendees learning about and sampling various yummy pies.

Smarty Pants, the all age inclusive story time continues to be a hit at South Trail averaging an attendance of over 25 children a week.

Non English speakers continue to practice their English speaking skills in Practice Makes Perfect classes on Wednesday evenings.

Southeast

The English Conversational Workshops conducted by an Adult Literacy League volunteer continues to be successful at the Southeast Branch. There were a total of 92 attendees at the 7 classes held during the month of January.

On January 9th, the Southeast Branch hosted an Orlando Memory event where 12 patrons participated by uploaded their personal memories.

On January 9th, the Southeast Branch showed Disney Pixar's movie "Up" to a group of 32 children and engaged them in a special craft to go along with the movie.

On January 19th, the Southeast Branch held a coffee tasting facilitated by Z-Coffee in celebration of International Coffee Gourmet Month. The program was enjoyed by 15 patrons.

On January 23rd, the Southeast Branch provided tips to children and teens on "How to survive the living dead". 48 attendees had their faces painted and enjoyed a craft project

Southwest

On January 12th, 17 patrons discussed "I Feel Bad About My Neck: and Other Thoughts About Being a Woman" by Nora Ephron at the monthly meeting of the Southwest Book Club.

Twenty-one patrons listened to bird expert Ranger Ed from Lake Louisa State Park discuss a variety of birds which call Central Florida home on January 27th.

In preparation for Valentine's Day, 35 participants made an accordion card for a loved one on January 30th with Mamie Velez.

Washington Park

15 patrons at the Washington Park library really enjoyed the program, "Simple as Pie" on January 21, 2010. The presenter, Dawn Viola, prepared a step by step demonstration of her recipe for pie crust and fillings. The patrons received a sample of the blueberry cherry pie and they really enjoyed that! Everyone cheerfully took home a handout of the recipe.

West Oaks

On Friday afternoon, January 22nd during a school closed day, West Oaks hosted Guitar Hero Jam Session with 31 in attendance. Not only did the participants play the Wii Guitar Hero game, they heard stories about musicians and listened to their music. The books and CDs were available to check out, and most of the participants also checked out library material.

The West Oaks assistant manager attended the Citrus Elementary School Advisory Committee (SAC) meeting in January as a community member. All of the Citrus classes K – 5th grades will be coming to West Oaks for stories and a library tour, beginning in February with grades K – 2nd.

Two Citrus Elementary 1st grade classes visited West Oaks for a study visit, each bringing 15 students.

Windermere

In recognition of International Coffee Gourmet Month, Windermere hosted a “Coffees of the World” program. Coffee was generously provided to 13 attendees by the coffee roasting company, Z-Coffee.

On Wednesday, January 13th Windermere presented “Florida Bird Watching” where local experts from Florida State Parks discussed the different species of birds in Orlando to 13 bird enthusiasts. Great tips on bird watching were given.

Winter Garden

"Pre-School, I Can Do It" held on January 8th gave parents and caregivers ideas for making pre-school learning at home fun and exciting. The participants were so excited that they asked for additional follow-on programs. We will be scheduling 2 programs per month especially for this young child age group. A total of 18 attendees.

"Kids Inventor's Day" showcased popular and no-so-popular inventors that kid's can relate to...like Benjamin Franklin and Frank Epperson, the inventor of the Popsicle! Our librarian hosted this January 14th program and gave the 13 participants ideas about how to develop ideas as well as an overview of how the patent process works.

The always popular "Antique Show and Tell" program on January 16th was facilitated by a local antique dealer who provided attendees with information about the history, condition and value of the antique objects they brought in. There were 13 people in the audience.

Winter Garden Staff participated in an Outreach at the Bridgeport Middle School promoting the library and demonstrating online databases of interest to Middle School and High School students. There were 73 people attending and 4 new library cards issued.

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Librarians Initiative Summary

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Librarian Initiative Summary

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January 31, 2010

The quarterly *All Librarian's Meeting* was held on January 26, 2010.

A follow-up discussion was held regarding the action-items from the October *All Librarian's Meeting* which came out of the dialog regarding dual roles Librarians hold as both direct service providers and project handlers. The status of those items was detailed as follows:

- *Evaluation of non-essential tasks* has led to the elimination or suspension of a variety of less important duties, and there is a commitment to continue to search for additional opportunities to improve efficiency along with job satisfaction by streamlining task requirements
- *Investigation of additional software installation* has led to a clearer understanding on the part of all Librarians as to the number and locations of computers where project work can be performed. On this basis, it has been concluded with consensus that no additional software applications are needed at this time
- *Exploration of the possibility of increasing "block" scheduling of project work* has resulted in a significant increase in both "block" project scheduling and total hours assigned to projects
- *Consideration of assignment of projects to branch Librarians* is still under study, as several complications still need to be addressed.

There is general agreement that these initiatives have had a substantial positive effect on this issue.

Two agenda items were received. The first was an anonymous question regarding the need for and continuing role of a facilitator in the *All Librarian's Meetings*. Several attendees contributed to the discussion with comments both for and against the facilitator's involvement. Some indicated they felt the facilitator was not necessary to the continued interactions during these meetings; others expressed that a neutral third party aided in keeping discussions focused on continuous improvement of communications. Participants were asked to articulate their thoughts and concerns regarding this topic within the next 10 days.

The second item dealt with the relationship between staffing reductions and the need to service an increasing transaction count. There was general consensus that OCLS is being asked to do more with less. Discussion evolved to the earlier issue of the need to continue to proactively seek ways to increase efficiency by eliminating non-essential tasks, focusing attention on the most important activities and performing in the most effective ways possible. There was agreement that this approach takes support, input and cooperation from all.

While economic challenges are seen as significant, the general outlook and demeanor of the group appears to remain positive.

The next *All Librarian's Meeting* will be held in April, 2010.

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Public Comment: Non-Agenda Items