

Brockway Memorial Library

Annual Report 2021-2022



Fostering CommUNITY



THIS REPORT INCORPORATES STATISTICAL INFORMATION FROM

JUNE 1, 2021 TO MAY 31, 2022



A gift from Board Member, Cheryl Gowing, the sign on our front door says it all - and in many different languages: "Welcome"!

Fostering Community. As Miami Shores Village marks its 90th Anniversary this year, the theme of community has been at the forefront of the celebration, and fittingly so! The word, *community*, connotes togetherness, common purpose and a sense of warmth toward one's neighbor, all of which can be used to describe our municipality. In recent years, Brockway has made strides in efforts to expand its reach in the community. Partnerships with resident experts, area schools, local business owners and fellow Village departments have resulted in meaningful and impactful programming and new opportunities for Library patrons and friends of all ages.

In the past year, our Adult and Youth Services Departments presented more than 400 programs, attended by more than 6,000 participants! Kudos to our leads in these services, Frances T. Walsh and Brenda Holsing. We also worked hard to spread the word about the work we are doing, submitting stories to the Florida League of Cities of three major initiatives, all of which were accepted and published in their "City Spotlight" program. Entries centered on the Little Free Library at the Tot Lot, our partnership with the Miami Seed Share, and that of the rejuvenation of the Village Archives and the many offerings that have stemmed from it. Although we are not where we were pre-pandemic in terms of usage, circulation is steady and library memberships continue to grow with 300+ new patrons having joined since June 1, 2021. Of note this year, free memberships were extended to Barry University students living on campus and to the University's faculty, a move in the right direction as we seek to strengthen our bonds with local schools.



A donation of a beautiful display case from the Miami Theater Center inspired a refresh of the Village Archives this year.



Finishing touches are nearing completion on the much-anticipated new wing.

And speaking of growing...the north addition to the Library is nearly complete! It will be named the *Sydow Children and Family Wing* and within it, the *Bolton Family Theater*, both named after the expansion's most generous donors and longtime Shores families.

It is said that libraries play a critical role in the happiness of their community members. They are also considered one of our nation's most trusted institutions. As we near our own major milestone, our 75th Anniversary in 2024, these are responsibilities we take seriously - working to identify and evaluate the needs and wants of our patrons, ensuring we are evolving as our community evolves, and never losing sight of our core mission: To inspire a love of reading and to provide access to information, knowledge, and diverse ideas. We are proud to be a part of this amazing Village! -Michelle Brown, Library Director

Collaboration of the Year

Each year, we like to highlight a partnership that has been the start of something really magical for the community. Past collaborations include those with Bound by Beauty, resident historian Seth Bramson, HistoryMiami, and OSHER. This year, the collaboration we are most proud of is that which we formed with local resident and realtor, Patrizia Bonaduce. A member of the Miami Shores Village Historic Preservation Board, Ms. Bonaduce's passion for history and local architecture has taken residents to the next level in discovering the beauty and wonder of the Village's private residences. Through her initiatives, the Library has offered multiple history programs and now has a database which details more than 3,000 single family homes in Miami Shores, classified and color-coded in map format by date built, including specifically those built in the 1920s and 1930s that have been designated historical, either nationally or locally. We are grateful!





Brockway by the Numbers

Library Collection

Total Physical Collection:	69,548
Fiction:	19,550
Juvenile:	18,351
Non-Fiction:	21,664
Reference:	1,871
Archival Materials + Digitized:	803
Large Print:	1,453
DVDs:	3,968
Audiobooks on CD:	1,994
Music CDs:	46
Print Magazines/Newspapers:	86
Digital Magazines (OverDrive):	4,061
eBooks/eAudios/Video (OverDrive):	12,334

Collection Enhancements

New Books Added:	1,550
New Media Added:	203
Book/Media Donations:	490
Items Withdrawn:	606
Items Repaired:	598

Dollars & Cents

Book and Movie Fines:	\$1,312.74
Print-outs:	\$1,580.85
Non-Resident Membership Fees:	\$5,905.00
Receipts for Lost Books:	\$764.24
Miscellaneous (Lost Cards, etc.):	\$251.71
Donations:	\$5,155.68
Book Sale:	\$2,122.83
Program Fees:	\$625.00
Grants:	\$0.00
Building Fund:	\$8,403.78
Meters:	\$119.47

Library Users

Adult Residents:	4,945
Children Residents:	1,405
Adult Non-Residents:	245
Children Non-Residents:	261
New Patrons that Joined this Year:	310
Total Registered Patrons	6,865

Library Use

Total Circulation:	33,921
Book Circulation/In-Library Usage:	29,943
DVD Circulation:	3,295
Audiobook/Music Circulation:	650
Print Magazines:	223

Digital Offerings

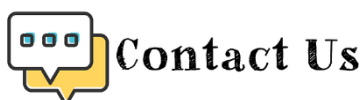
OverDrive eBook/eAudio Circulation:	2,694
OverDrive Magazine Circulation:	378
Mango Languages Total Sessions:	248
Ancestry Library Edition Total Searches:	1,365



In-Person & Virtual Programs

Adult Programs:	112
Adult Program Attendance	2,121
Children's Programs:	114
Children's Program Attendance	4,195
Total Program Attendance:	6,316
Total Library Visits:	21,814
Average Daily Visits:	79

Our Library Board of Trustees is an energetic, knowledgeable, and committed group of people who guides us throughout the year. We thank them for their constant support, wisdom and dedication. We also thank our many volunteers. Through their efforts, we are able to extend and enhance our offerings. Thanks to those who have given monetary donations to the Library. These gifts help support the Library's mission and goals. A special thanks to our volunteer Archivist, Kimberly Logan-Hynes, and to the leading members of our clubs, namely Kathy Redmond, Janet Perez, Marta Lavandier, Marguerite Hart and Teresita Peña-Harrington. A special thanks to our weekly volunteer, Pamela Balicki, and to Robert Bourne, who so graciously sponsors our adult programming. Thanks also to Henry, Catherine and James Gay, who serve as stewards of our Little Free Library. We appreciate YOU!



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Most Borrowed Titles 2021-2022

General Fiction

The Judge's List: John Grisham
Apples Never Fall: Liane Moriarty
The Lincoln Highway: Amor Towles

Mystery

Tempting Twenty-Eight: Janet Evanovich
The Madness of Crowds: Louise Penny
Shadows Reel: C.J. Box

Non-fiction

Dirty Gold: Jay Weaver
The Premonition- A Pandemic Story: M. Lewis
Yoga for Kids: Lorena Pajalunga

Biography

Vanderbilt: Anderson Cooper
Going There: Katie Couric
Dusk, Night, Dawn: Anne Lamott

Audiobooks

Daylight: David Baldacci
Serpentine: Jonathan Kellerman
Better Off Dead: Lee Child

Movies

The Father, *Dune*, and *House of Gucci*

eBooks – Adults and Youth

Dune- Dune Series, Book 1: F. Herbert
The Nightingale: K. Hannah
The Titan's Curse: Percy Jackson and the Olympians Series, Book 3: R. Riordan
Killing Floor: Jack Reacher Series: L. Child
Green Eggs and Ham: Dr. Seuss

Juvenile Fiction

Dog Man- Brawl of the Wild: Dav Pilkey
Cat Kid Comic Club: Dav Pilkey
Diary of a Wimpy Kid- Old School: Jeff Kinney

Teen Fiction

The Sea of Monsters: Rick Riordan
Maximum Ride: James Patterson
The Maze Runner: James Dashner

Juvenile & Teen Non-fiction

The Skateboarding Field Manual: Ryan Stutt
Awesome Dogs- Golden Retrievers: C. Bowman
Stingrays: Martha Rustad

Easy Readers

If You Give a Dog a Donut: Laura Numeroff
Fly Guy and Fly Girl: Tedd Arnold
Frozen: Disney



Last August, Brockway held its first annual Scholastic Book Fair! It was great fun for our local kids and their families. A special thanks to Liangy Calli for organizing the fair and to the Doctors Charter School students from the Brother 2 Brother and Sister 2 Sister program, who served as volunteers over the three day event. The Library earned \$1,075.88 Scholastic Dollars to use towards needed supplies and furnishings!

🌀 Village Council 🌀

Sandra Harris, Mayor
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Alice Burch
Katia Saint Fleur
Crystal Wagar

Esmond Scott, Village Manager
Ysabely Rodriguez, Village Clerk
Sarah Johnston, Esq., Village Attorney

🌀 Library Board of Trustees 🌀

Christine Gay, President; Kathleen Redmond, Vice-President; Cheryl Gowing, Secretary; Laura Farley & Nancy Frehling

🌀 Mission Statement 🌀

Our mission is to engage our community in opportunities for literacy and lifelong learning and to enrich the lives of our patrons by providing access to a wide variety of information, materials, and offerings, with a focus on education, the arts and culture.

🌀 Library Staff 🌀

Michelle Brown, Library Director
Frances Walsh, Adult Services Librarian
Brenda Holsing, Youth Services Librarian

🌀 Library Assistants 🌀

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🌀 Library Page 🌀

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