

Brockway Memorial Library Annual Report 2022-2023



THIS REPORT INCORPORATES STATISTICAL INFORMATION FROM
JUNE 1, 2022 TO MAY 31, 2023



This past year, Brockway Memorial Library hit several high notes as it received state-wide recognition for its positive community impact, and in the fruition of several major projects, namely the **completion of the long-awaited Sydow Children & Family Wing** pictured on the cover of this report. The addition, necessitated by the boom in attendance and demand for children’s and adult offerings in recent years, will serve as flexible space for programming, art, workshops, live performances, and more, freeing up the Library’s main areas for quiet reading, work and study.

Last June, in recognition of the Library’s outstanding efforts in forming community partnerships to educate and inspire people to learn more about local history and the value of historic preservation, Miami Shores Village earned the **Florida League of Cities 2022 Florida Citizenship Award**. The award recognizes a city project or program that increases civic awareness and education while promoting active participation in local government among residents. The Library was touted as a major civic institution having served the Village since 1949, and was praised for its strides in the creation of a robust historic preservation program, and for its rich offerings of resources that include the Miami Shores Archives, lectures, storytelling, walking tours and standing exhibits for patrons of all ages. As part of the award process, Deputy Village Manager, Tanya Wilson, and Library Director, Michelle Brown, were featured guests on the November 2022 edition of the Florida League of Cities monthly podcast, which spotlights **best practices in municipalities throughout the state of Florida**. What an honor! Highlights of the program included concepts of **community networking, bridging the gap between generations, and the important role libraries can play in providing resources and opportunities for learning and sharing** about local history. The recording can be found online in the Florida League of Cities Online Learning Library.



*The Florida League of Cities awarded Miami Shores Village the **2022 Florida Citizenship Award** for the Library’s role as a “Conduit for Historic Preservation”.*

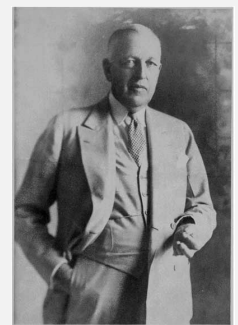


*Brockway Library made Best Things Florida’s top ten list as one of the **10 best libraries in Florida!** Our classic, beautiful atmosphere, along with diversity, range of collection, and flexible hours were noted as winning qualities.*

In line with the goals specified in the 2022 MSV Strategic Management Plan, the Library began a new thread of **intergenerational programming** this past year with a Family Game Night kickoff last December that was a big hit, and brought together relatives and neighbors from ages 3-80+ in a relaxed and interactive environment. In the works now, are plans for a tech program for seniors hosted by local teens who will provide free one-on-one troubleshooting for devices, web searching, email, and more. Musical programs that tell history through song and create avenues for conversation are also being considered. Additionally, in an effort to meet the needs of cost-conscious senior citizens, the Library Board voted to decrease the cost of annual memberships for **senior non-residents**, an often expressed request.

As we continue to grow through partnerships within the community and between Village departments, the Library, along with Parks and Recreation, is pleased to announce the upcoming installation of a **StoryWalk in Constitution Park**. The project was made possible with the receipt of a **Business Watch City Catalyst Grant** from the Florida League of Mayors. A story walk is a great way to encourage people of all ages to enjoy reading while outdoors, and it will serve as a pathway to literacy, the arts, and learning - all elements of Brockway’s core mission.

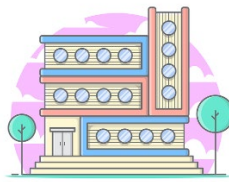
Finally, as the Library nears its **75th Anniversary in 2024**, we have an acute awareness of a responsibility to honor and preserve our history and the beauty of our architecture. As such, the Library Board has started the process of applying for **historic designation**. It is our hope to become a model for many of our local treasures that are reaching similar milestones, and in so doing, that we set ourselves firmly in the community to accommodate the many wonderful patrons who will pass through our doors over the next 75 years and beyond!



Library founder, George A. Brockway

"The ornament of a house is the friends who frequent it." - Emerson

Total Library Visits:	28,053
Total Days Open:	301
Average Daily Visits:	93



Brockway by the Numbers

Library Collection

Total Collection	90,072
Fiction:	20,002
Juvenile:	19,023
Non-fiction:	22,128
Reference:	1,839
Archival Materials, Physical & Digitized:	1,474
Large Print:	1,517
DVDs:	4,090
Audiobooks on CD:	1,987
Music CDs:	46
Print Magazines/Newspapers:	81
Digital Magazines (OverDrive):	4,708
eBooks & eAudios (OverDrive):	13,177

Collection Enhancements

New Books and Media Added:	1,614
Book/Media Donations:	419
Items Withdrawn:	395
Items Repaired:	473
Archival Items Digitized:	831

Dollars & Cents

Book and Movie Fines:	\$7,333.60
Print-outs:	\$1,919.80
Non-Resident Membership Fees:	\$5,455.00
Receipts for Lost Books:	\$625.19
Miscellaneous (Lost cards, etc.):	\$555.50
Donations:	\$11,020.82
Book Sale:	\$4,315.74
Program Fees:	\$566.38
Grants:	\$4,655.00
Building Fund:	\$1,250.00
Meters:	\$100.00
Copier:	\$406.25

Library Users

Adult Residents:	5,144
Children Residents:	1,477
Adult Non-Residents:	255
Children Non-Residents:	317
Barry Students & Faculty:	6
Non-Resident Business Owners:	17
New Patrons that Joined this Year:	363
Total Registered Patrons	7,216

Library Use

Total Circulation	33,627
Book Circulation/In-Library Usage:	31,072
DVD Circulation:	1,938
Audiobook/Music Circulation:	476
Print Magazines:	141
Digital Offerings	
OverDrive eBook/eAudio Circulation:	1,959
OverDrive eMagazine Circulation:	281
Mango Languages Total Sessions:	133
Ancestry Library Edition Total Searches:	631
BrainPop, Jr. Total Sessions:	383

Programs



This year's local history tour showcased the historic homes of the Shoreland Company Directors. Hosted by Patrizia Bonaduce & Jeffrey Saadeh, the program raised more than \$1,000 for the Library.

Adult Programs:	122
Adult Program Attendance:	2,842
Youth Programs:	79
Youth Program Attendance:	2,864
Total Program Attendance:	5,706

Collaboration of the Year



Each year, we like to highlight a special partnership that has been particularly beneficial to our community. This year, we wish to recognize FIU's Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI), which offers non-credit educational classes, social activities, and volunteer opportunities to members age 50+. While we have offered classes to our local seniors through OLLI for many years, the return of this renowned program in person following the pandemic has provided "normalcy" and many wonderful avenues for discovery and education for seniors in our small Village. One of the best-loved offerings this year was the *Painting with Pastels* series with instructor James Warwick, pictured left with a group of students on the Library lawn.



Most Borrowed Titles 2022-2023

General Fiction

Lessons in Chemistry: Bonnie Garmus
The Boys from Biloxi: John Grisham
The Hotel Nantucket: Elin Hilderbrand

Mystery

Treasure State: C.J. Box
Going Rogue: Janet Evanovich
A Song of Comfortable Chairs: Alexander McCall-Smith

Non-fiction

The Palace Papers-Inside the House of Windsor:
Tina Brown
A Place in the World-Finding the Meaning of Home:
Frances Mayes
Hello, Habits-A Minimalist's Guide to a Better Life:
Fumio Sasaki

Biography

Spare: Prince Harry, Duke of Sussex
The Light We Carry: Michelle Obama
Diana, William, and Harry: James Patterson

Audiobooks

The 6:20 Man: David Baldacci
No Plan B: Lee Child
Murder at Black Oaks: Phillip Margolin

eBooks – Adults and Youth

Lessons in Chemistry: Bonnie Garmus
It Ends with Us: Colleen Hoover
The Boys from Biloxi: John Grisham
Wrecking Ball: Jeff Kinney
Big Nate-All Work and No Play: Lincoln Peirce

Juvenile Fiction

Cat Kid Comic Club: Dav Pilkey
Dog Man-Lord of the Fleas: Dav Pilkey
Diary of a Wimpy Kid- The Third Wheel: Jeff Kinney

Teen Fiction

The Lightning Thief: Rick Riordan
The Boy Born with Everything: Kohei Horikoshi
It's Not Summer without You: Jenny Han

Juvenile & Teen Non-fiction

Pokémon Visual Companion: Simcha Whitehill
Giant Pandas Vox Book: Kari Schuetz
Minecraft Guide to Enchantments & Potions: Milton
The Complete Cookbook for Teen Chefs: America's
Test Kitchen

Easy Readers

If You Give a Dog a Donut: Laura Numeroff
Peppa Pig-The Tooth Fairy: Scholastic
There...Old Lady who Swallowed Fly Guy: T. Arnold



Library Board of Trustees

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

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.

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