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W.T. BLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD MEETING

Community Room, W.T. Bland Public Library, 1995 N. Baker Street, Mount Dora, FL 32757
January 13, 2025 at 5:00 PM

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Approval of Minutes
 - A. December 9, 2024 Library Advisory Board Meeting Minutes
- IV. Public Comment
- V. Presentations
 - A. Story Time Review
- VI. Library Director's Report
- VII. Action Items
- VIII. Discussion Items
 - A. November 2024 Statistics
 - B. Library Materials Review
- IX. Future Meeting Dates
- X. Adjournment

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W. T. BLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD MEETING
W.T. Bland Public Library, 1995 N. Donnelly Street, Mount Dora, FL 32757
Monday, December 9, 2024 - 5:00 p.m.

MINUTES

PRESENT: Cathy Gillespie (Chair), Marcia Ford, Beth Sharpe, Amber Perretti
William Lowery and Janet Manchon

ABSENT: Laura Busch

CITY STAFF: Cathy Lunday-Library Director, Sarah Feller-Adult Services Librarian,
and LaJun Garry-Administrative Assistant

OTHERS PRESENT: None

I. Call to Order

Ms. Gillespie (Chair) called the meeting to order at 5:00pm.

II. Roll Call

III. Approval of Minutes for September 9, 2024

**MOTION by Ms. Perretti SECONDED by Mr. Lowery to approve minutes from
September 9, 2024.**

AYE: Gillespie, Ford, Sharpe, Perretti, Lowery, Manchon

NAY: None

MOTIONED CARRIED 6-0

IV. Public Comment

None

V. Presentations

Donations and Scholarships

Ms. Lunday shared a slide presentation referencing the donations, grants and

sponsorships the library received in 2023-24, including material donations, unsolicited donations, grants and sponsorships from three nonprofit boards which totaled \$208, 298.

1. Material donations - Received over 2,800 books, with a retail value over \$47,000. Material donations stock our Book Nook store, which generates over \$15,000 for the Friends of the Library, and replace a lot of our collection items. Approximately 700 books received were added new to the system. They also stock our little free libraries, which are managed by board member/volunteer Beth Sharpe.
2. Unsolicited donations - \$16,608; the largest were \$10,008 for S. Morrison Memorial fund Swirl & \$3,000 from an anonymous donor for Nunan Butterfly Garden sign.
3. Grants
 - Applied and received Forest Preserve Grant - \$50,000
 - Archives grant – \$31,968; Hired Archivist Erin Creel and added three new collections.
 - United Arts of Central Florida – \$5,000; Mural painted on door of library shed.
4. Nonprofit Sponsorships – Combined total of \$56,880
 - Friends of the Library Mount Dora
 - Mount Dora Library Association Inc.
 - GFWC Mount Dora Woman's Club

VI. Library Director's Report

Ms. Lunday shared:

- Experiencing staff turnover on front line.
- Lobby exhibit coming soon - *Welcome to Japan* display by Arching Oaks Art & Culture Center in Eustis, Florida.
- Awarded grant from American Battlefield Trust. Traveling exhibition coming the end of March. Sponsored by the Daughters of the American Revolution.
- Waiting on quotes for the following: Simpson Farmhouse architectural plans, carpeting the library and Newline displays.
- New database – Learning Express Library (free online test prep and resources)

VII. Action

None

VIII. Discussion Items

A. Review of Collection Items

Adult Services Librarian Ms. Feller shared the book *Abortion Our Bodies Their Lies, and the Truths We Use to Win* by Jessica Valenti and the graphic novels *Delights: A Story of Hieronymus Bosch* by Guy Colwell and *Uncanny The Origins of Fear* by Junji Ito. Discussion ensued.

IX. Future Meeting Date

1. January 13, 2025 @ 5:00pm

X. Adjournment

MOTION by Ms. Manchon, SECONDED by Ms. Perretti to adjourn the December 9, 2024 meeting.

AYE: Gillespie, Ford, Sharpe, Perretti, Lowery, Manchon

NAY: None

MOTIONED CARRIED 6-0

Meeting adjourned.

Cathy Gillespie, Chair

Cathy Lunday, Director

Donations, Grants & Sponsorships 2023-24

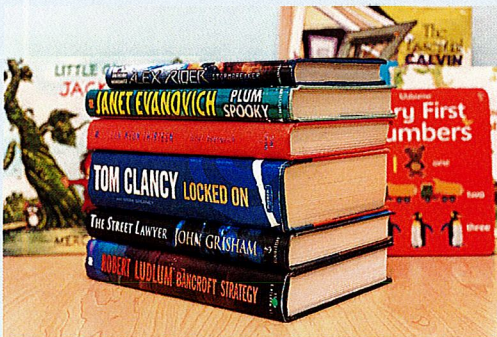
Materials Donations

\$47,842 **Retail value of 2,851 collection items added**

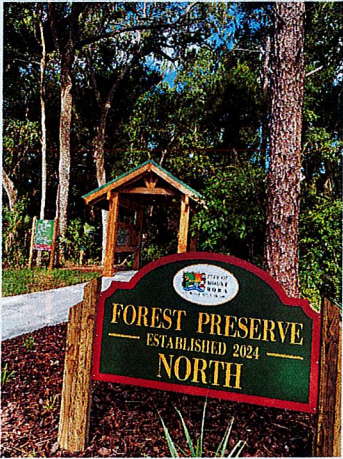
\$42,324 2022-23

\$42,170 2021-22

\$24,998 2020-21



Grant Monies Received



\$ 5,000

United Arts of Central Florida
Nunan Butterfly Garden mural



\$50,000

FL Recreational Development Assistance Program
Forest Preserve

\$31,968

FL Division of Historical Resources
Archivist & three Archives collections

\$86,968

Nonprofit Sponsorships

\$27,351

Friends of the Library

\$ 8,434

GFWC Mount Dora Woman's Club

\$21,095

Mount Dora Library Association

\$56,880



Unsolicited Donations

\$200

\$400

\$500

\$2,500

\$3,000

\$10,008

In Memorium – Fun & Games lobby exhibit

In Memorium – Poetry books

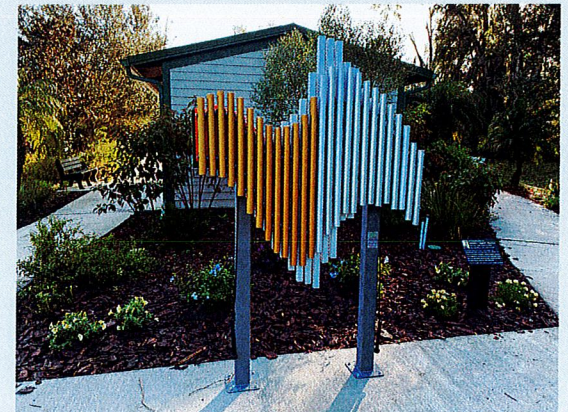
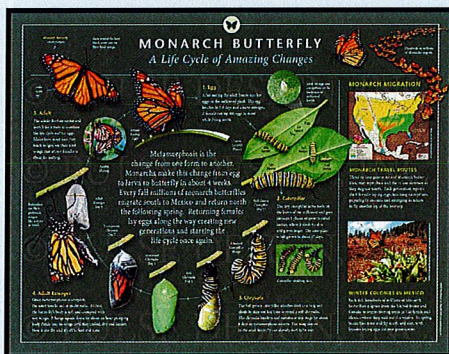
Golden Triangle Democrats

In Memorium – Nonfiction books

Butterfly habitat signs

Swirl musical sculpture

\$16,608



Total Donations, Grants & Sponsorships 2023-24

\$47,842	Materials donations
\$86,968	Grant monies received
\$56,880	Nonprofit sponsorships
\$16,608	Unsolicited donations

\$208,298

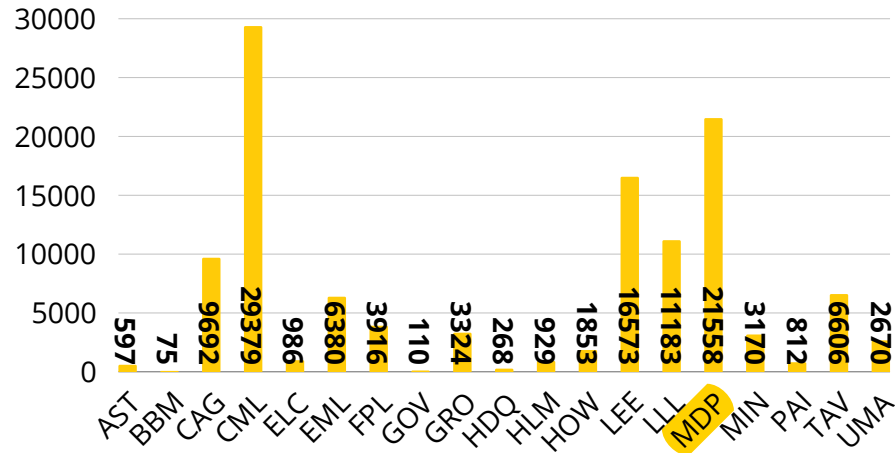
November 2024 Stats



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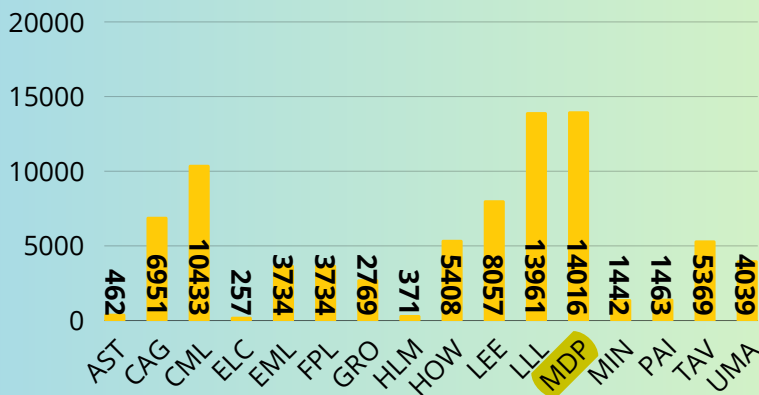
AST - Astor County Library
BBM - Books by Mail
CAG - Cagan Crossings Library (Four Corners)
CML - Cooper Memorial Library (Clermont)
ELC - East Lake Mini Library (Sorrento)
EML - Eustis Memorial Library
FPL - Fruitland Park Library
GOV - Government/County Employees
GRO - Marion Baysinger Memorial Library (Groveland)
HDQ - Library Headquarters
HLM - Helen Lehmann Memorial Library (Montverde)
HOW - Marianne Beck Memorial Library (Howey-in-the-Hills)
LEE - Leesburg Public Library
LLL - Lady Lake Public Library
MDP - W.T. Bland Public Library (Mount Dora)
MIN - Minneola Schoolhouse Library
PAI - Paisley County Library
TAV - Tavares Public Library
UMA - Umatilla Public Library

Circulation



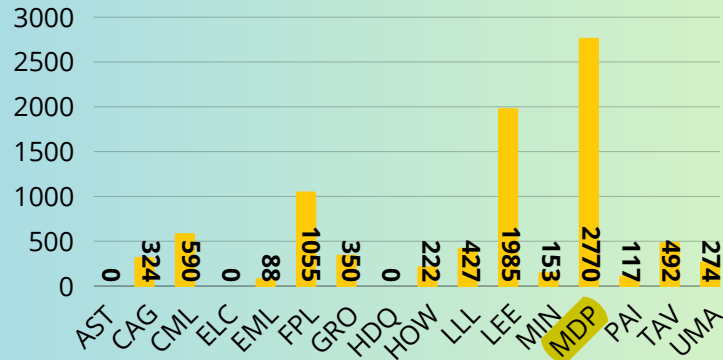
Total: 120,081

Door Counts



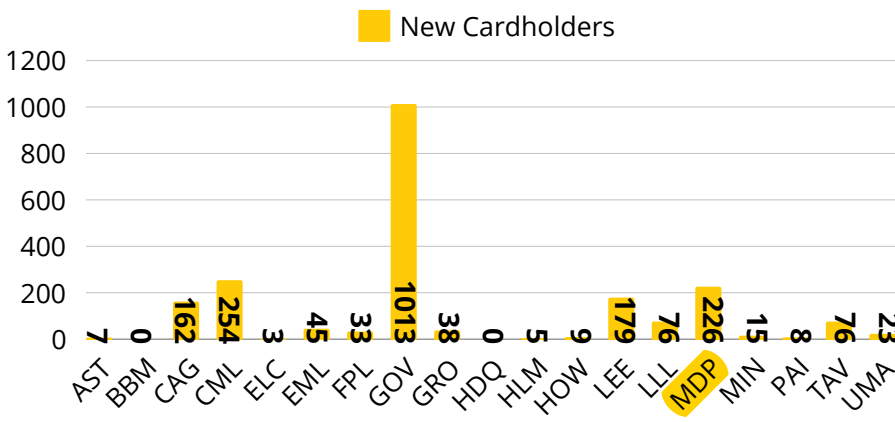
Total: 82,466

Program Attendance



Total: 8,847

New Cardholders



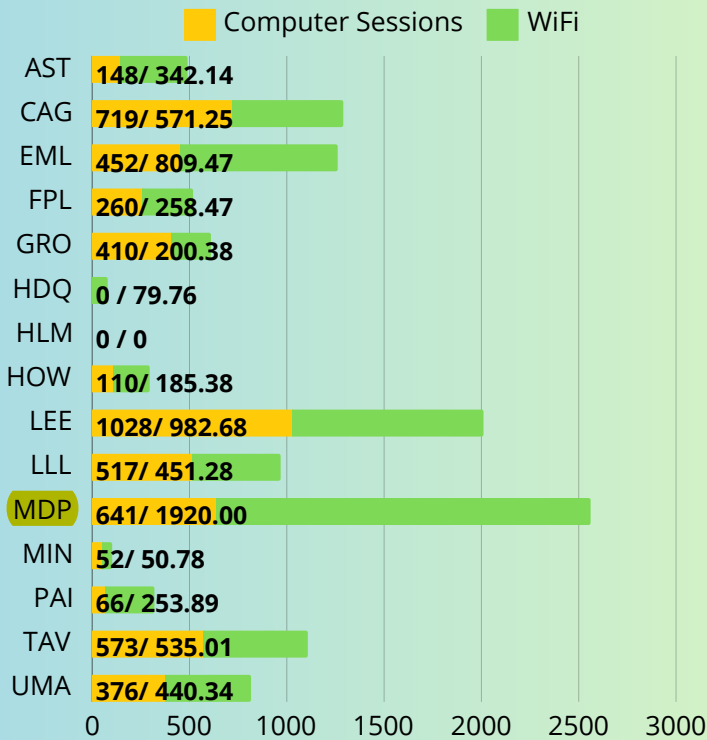
Total: 2,172

Nov 2023
Numbers





Computer Sessions



Catalog Analytics

Total Views: **218,717**

New Adult Fiction Link: **2,669**

New DVDs Link: **2,290**

Welcome Page Suggestions: **630**

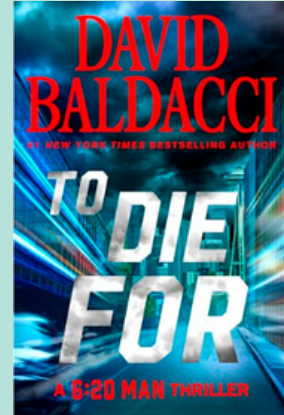
Readalikes Links: **709**

Most used organic search terms:

Title: **To Die For**

Author: **David Baldacci**

Term: **"Thanksgiving" and "Audiobooks"**



November Stats:
6 New Registrants
31,881 Minutes Read
48 Activities Completed
24 Activity Badges Completed
762 Books Logged
702 Logged Days
2 Earned Rewards



E-Blasts

Email	Unique Open Rate	Clicks
New Cardholder Welcome	63.41%	916
New Cardholder What's New	57.03%	547
Nov. Staff Newsletter	52.25%	93
New Cardholder Intro to eBooks	56.24%	193
New Cardholder Digital Library	46.28%	192

