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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 12, 2026 at 5:00 PM

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Approval of Minutes
 - A. December 8, 2025 Library Advisory Board Meeting Minutes
- IV. Public Comment
- V. Presentations
- VI. Library Director's Report
- VII. Action Items
- VIII. Discussion Items
 - A. Library Metrics 2024-25
 - B. November 2025 Statistics
- 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 8, 2025 - 5:00 p.m.

MINUTES

PRESENT: Cathy Gillespie (Chair), Marcia Ford, Janet Manchon, Susan Myers,
Amber Perretti, Beth Sharpe (Co-chair), Laura Busch

ABSENT: None

CITY STAFF: Cathy Lunday-Library Director, Sarah Feller-Deputy Director, and LaJun
Garry-Administrative Coordinator

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 November 10, 2025

**MOTION by Ms. Sharpe SECONDED by Ms. Manchon to approve minutes from
October 13, 2025.**

AYE: Gillespie, Ford, Manchon, Myers, Perretti, Sharpe, Busch

NAY: None

MOTIONED CARRIED 7-0

IV. Public Comment

None

V. Presentations

None

VI. Library Director's Report

Ms. Lunday shared:

- Friends of the Library, Mount Dora Library Association and a private donor have agreed to split the cost of \$24,000 to purchase a giant dinosaur and a giant hanging dinosaur to be owned by the library. We're eager to confirm with the designer having the dinosaur exhibit in lobby during the months of March, April and May.
- Upcoming lobby exhibit – Celebrating the Magic of Little Golden Books in January 2026 sponsored by the Friends of the Library.
- Circulation stats are down by six percent this year.
- Story time numbers are the highest percentage that has ever been recorded at this library.
- Recognition of volunteer service for two Board members whose term has expired: Mrs. Manchon 4 years and Mrs. Gillespie 9 years. Ms. Lunday thanked them for their years of dedicated service.

Capital Improvement Projects Update

1. Nature Lab – Received two quotes. Both quotes are under budgeted amount for the \$50,000 project. A vendor has been selected. Next phase is to get contract reviewed by city attorney and then submit a purchase order.
2. Simpson Farmhouse – Plan to submit approval of task authorization as an agenda item for \$132,000.00 civil engineering plan for Phase I.

VII. Action

Request recommendation for City Council to Approve Task Authorization for Simpson Farmhouse Expansion Site Design by Halff. Discussion ensued.

MOTION by Ms. Myers, SECONDED by Ms. Sharpe to recommend to City Council to approve task authorization for Simpson Farmhouse Expansion Site by Halff.

AYE: Gillespie, Ford, Manchon, Myers, Perretti, Sharpe, Busch

NAY: None

MOTIONED CARRIED 7-0

VIII. Discussion Items

A. Review of Collection Items

Ms. Feller shared books by local authors. Discussion ensued.

IX. Future Meeting Date

1. January 12, 2026 @ 5:00pm

X. Adjournment

MOTION by Ms. Perretti, SECONDED by Ms. Myers to adjourn the December 8, 2025 meeting.

AYE: Gillespie, Ford, Manchon, Myers, Perretti, Sharpe, Busch

NAY: None

MOTIONED CARRIED 7-0

Meeting adjourned.

Cathy Gillespie, Chair

Cathy Lunday, Director



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DATE: January 12, 2026

TO: Library Advisory Board Members

FROM: Cathy Lunday, Library Director

SUBJECT: Library Metrics 2024-25

Introduction:

The operating efficiencies of the Mount Dora library can be measured and compared to its city library peers in the Lake County Library System.

Discussion:

For the past few years, the library's operating ratios have been calculated and compared to its largest peers in Lake County. These ratios cannot quantify the library's service levels, the relevance of its programs or the intelligence behind its collection development practices. However, based upon sheer traffic - circulation - the library is experiencing a high level of transactions at very low operating expense levels, compared to its peers. The library retains a low cost per circulated items, with an improvement of \$.02 cents over fiscal year 2023-24, with the per item cost of a transaction dropping from \$3.68 to \$3.66. These ratios do not tell a complete story about any public library and different communities have different needs and priorities and as a result, may measure their operations quite differently. The actual ratios will be included in the presentation at the meeting.

Budget Impact:

n/a

Strategic Impact:

n/a

Recommendation n/a

Attachment(s):

Prepared by: Cathy Lunday, Library Director
Reviewed by:

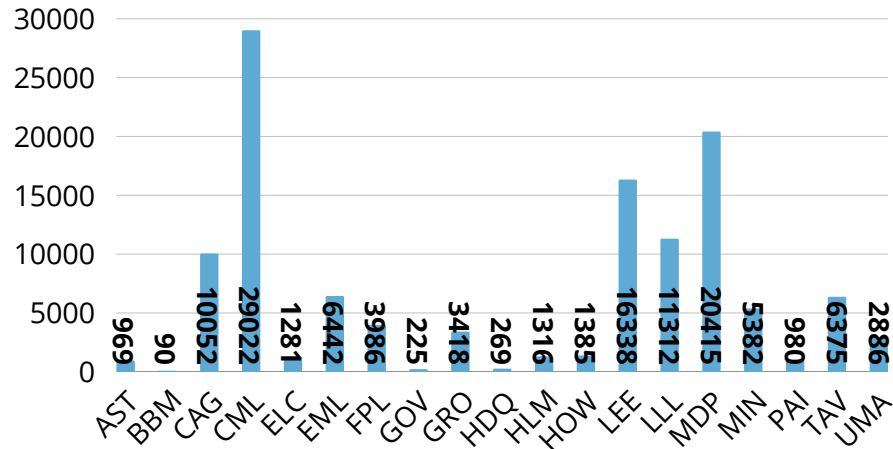
November 2025 Stats



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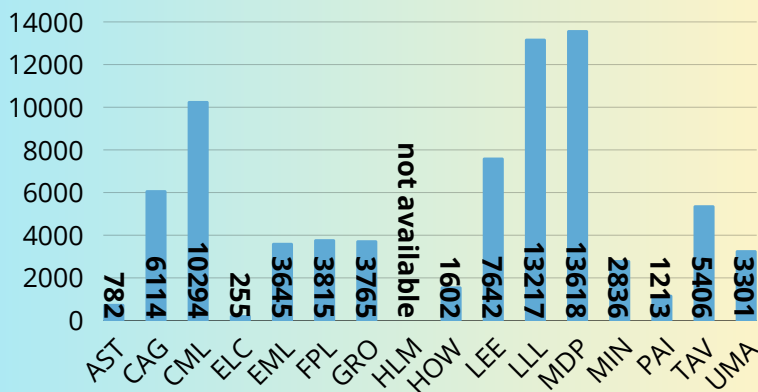
- AST** - Astor Branch Library
- BBM** - Books by Mail
- CAG** - Cagan Crossings Library (Four Corners)
- CML** - Cooper Memorial Library (Clermont)
- ELC** - East Lake Mini Library (Sorrento)
- EML** - Eustis Memorial Library
- FPL** - Fruitland Park Library
- GOV** - Government/County Employees
- GRO** - 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 Branch Library
- TAV** - Tavares Public Library
- UMA** - Umatilla Public Library

Circulation



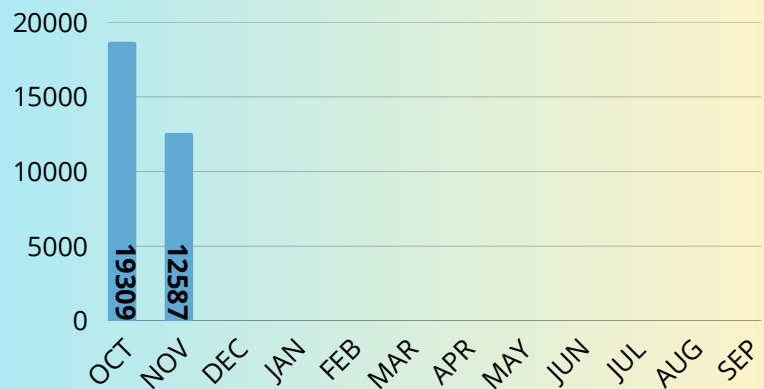
Total: 122,143

Door Counts



Total: 77,505

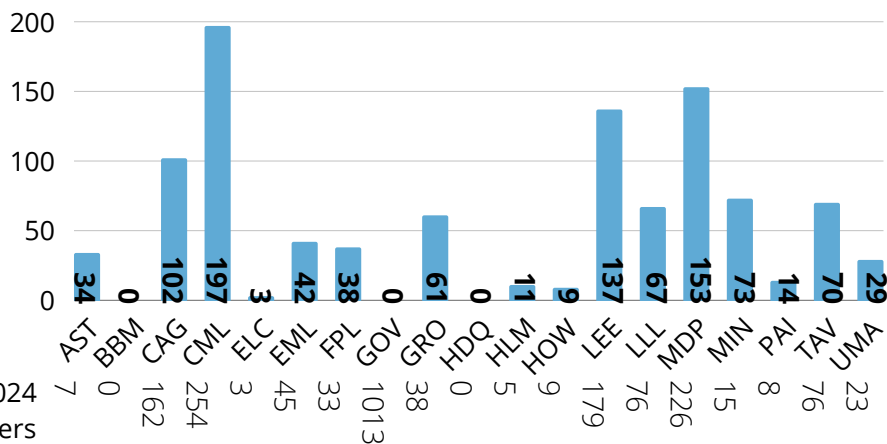
Program Attendance



LCLS Attendance Total: 31,896

New Cardholders

● New Cardholders



Total: 1,040



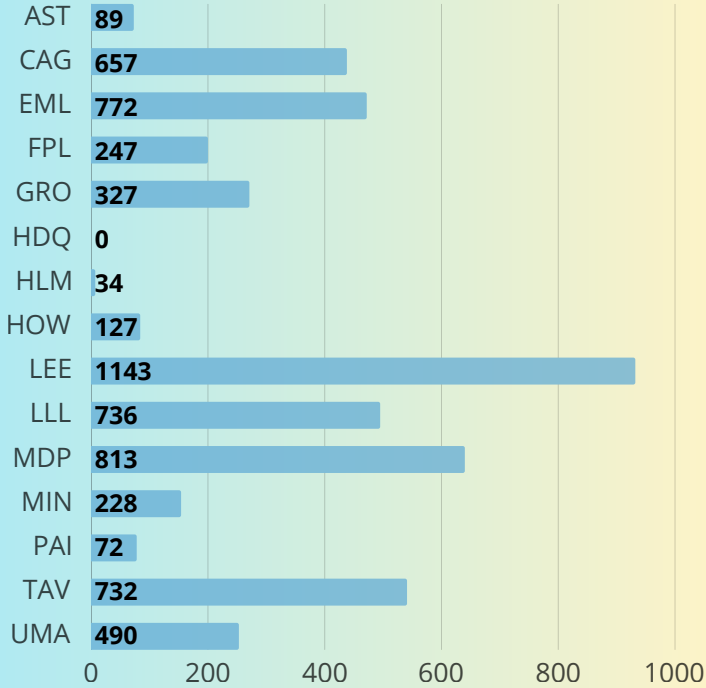
Nov 2024 Numbers



Computer Sessions



● Computer Sessions



Total Computer Sessions: 4,638

Total WiFi Bandwidth: unknown

Catalog Analytics

Total Views: **216,927**

New Adult Fiction Link: **2,477**

New DVDs Link: **2,438**

Welcome Page Suggestions: **432**

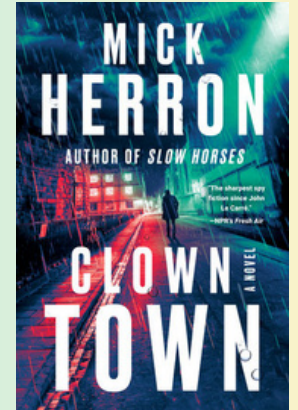
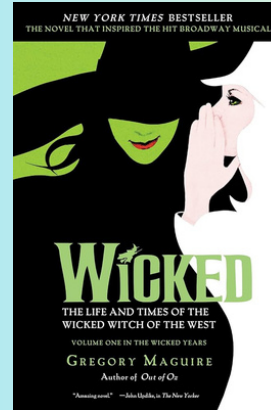
Readalikes Links: **532**

Most used organic search terms

Title: **Wicked & Clown Town**

Author: **Nora Roberts** and **Callie Hart**

Term: **"Manga"** & **"Christmas"**



Beanstack



November Stats:

16 New Registrants

18,565 Minutes Read

18 Activities Completed

7 Activity Badges Completed

1,007 Books Logged

479 Logged Days

9 Earned Rewards



E-Blasts

Email	Unique Open Rate	Clicks
GRO Fall Book Sale	33.42%	9
TAV Happy Health 2025	41.59%	5
Veterans Day Hours	48%	115
Thanksgiving Hours	46.63%	224
LCLS Coming Soon Nov/Dec	32.69%	606

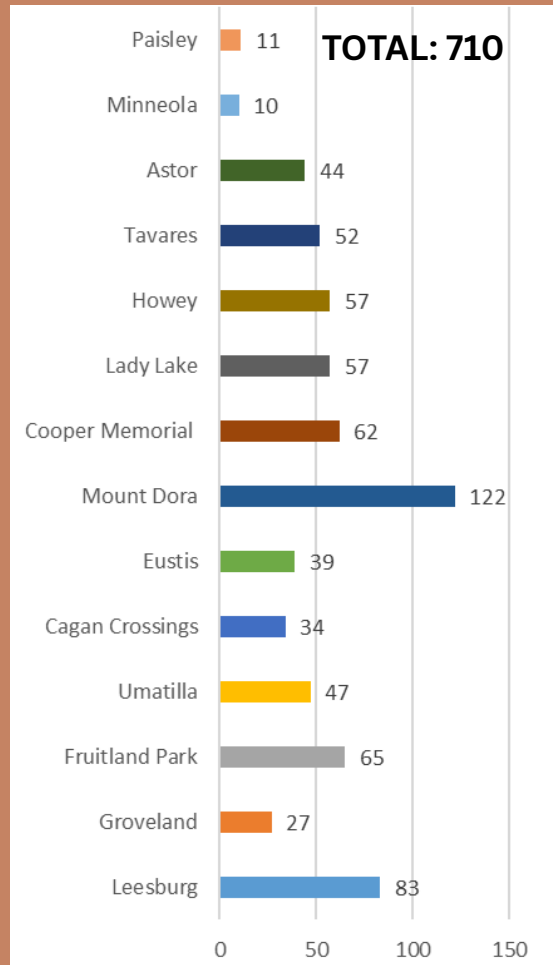


MONTHLY STATISTICS

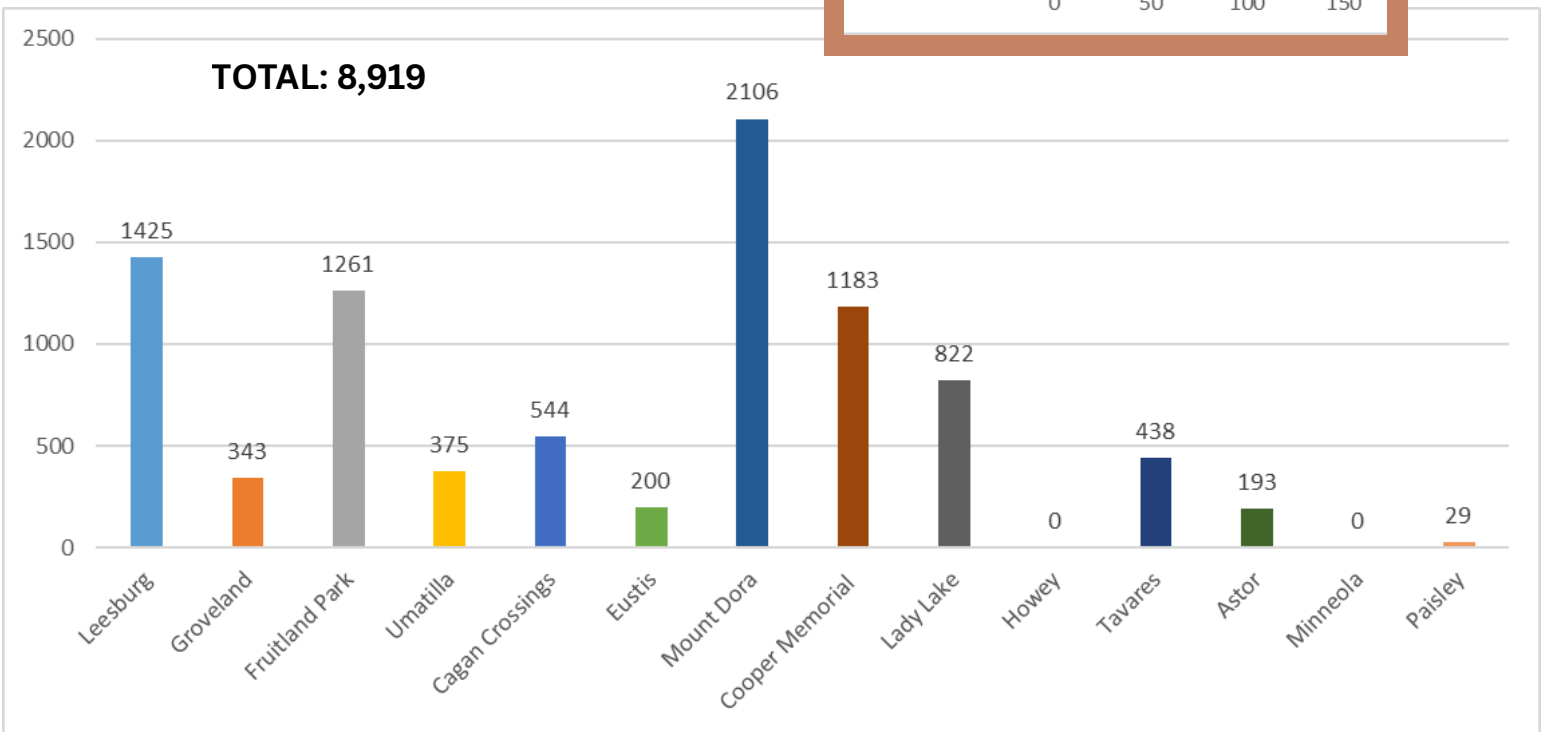
LCLS Breakdown November 2025



EVENTS



ATTENDANCE



NOTES:

- * County Reported November Attendance: 12,587 | Software Total: 10,838 (1,749 unaccounted for)
- * Cooper Memorial Library number (above) does not include coloring sheets (1,875)
- * Howey-in-the-Hills and Minneola did not put program attendance in software