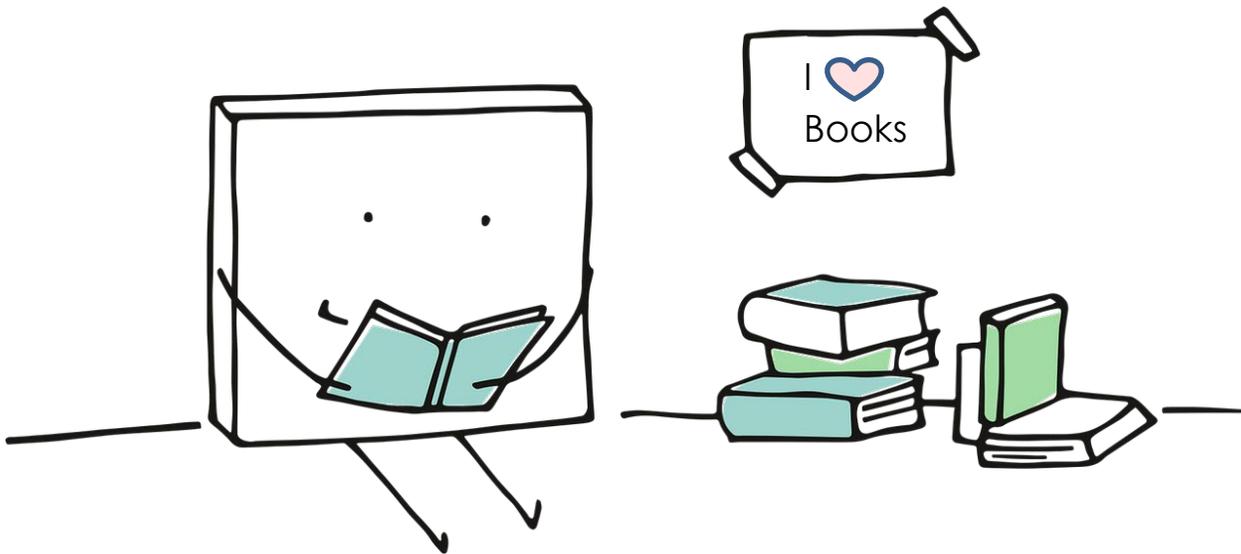


Brockway Memorial Library

Annual Report 2019-2020



THIS REPORT INCORPORATES STATISTICAL INFORMATION FROM

JUNE 1, 2019 TO MAY 31, 2020



For the love of books...that’s the theme of this year’s Annual Report. Why? Because it’s what we do. It’s why we’re here. Sure, these last few years we’ve started to make a name for ourselves beyond the books, through our phenomenal programming, both for children and adults, and we are majorly proud of that...in fact, more than 6,000 people attended our literary and cultural events last year, but it’s our **collection** that roots us.

It’s what sets us apart. 10,000 square feet that hold over 60,000 titles on subjects from honeybees to calligraphy. As Library Director, it’s what I’m most proud of.

Our collection, started in 1949, has grown over the years with judicious acquisition and weeding, of course. It harbors the classics, the banned, the popular, the essential and spans the centuries up to this week’s latest *New York Times Best Sellers*. My fellow librarians and I are eating, sleeping, and breathing book reviews, as some of the most extraordinary reads are crossing our desks. Books like, *Educated* by Tara Westover, *The Splendid and the Vile* by Erik Larson and Michelle Obama’s, *Becoming*. Book requests? We love them. Over 1,000 titles were reserved since June 1, 2019. With an average of more than 125 visitors daily, our book circulation surpassed 40,000 checkouts again this year. Our book clubs for kids and adults reached max capacity and wait lists to join were started.

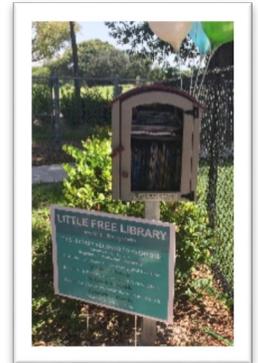
So what it is about books? In an age of vast digital access, why do we continue to yearn for the written word?



I believe it’s the connection. To one another and to ourselves. It’s the peace we find in those still moments when an author takes us to another place, perhaps to the place we’ve been missing or one we’ve been searching for. It’s the hope that lies within words, the excitement and anticipation that lingers there. Who we are and who we want to be, all in the pages of a book.

Is the word getting out? We sure hope so.

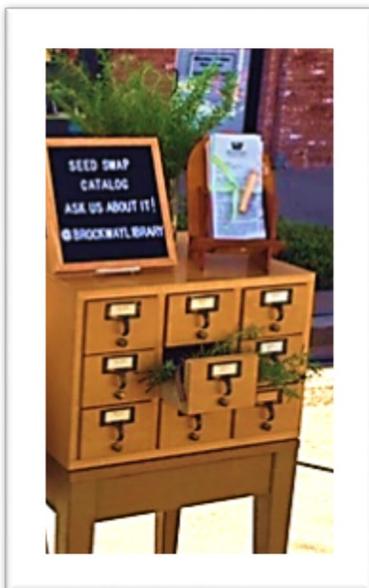
-Michelle Brown



On June 20, 2019, thanks to local Girl Scouts, Jasmine Perez and Emma Coronado, of Troop 800, Miami Shores got its own Little Free Library, established to “build community, spark creativity and inspire readers”.

Brockway Memorial Library will serve as stewards of this special bestowal. It is located at the entrance of the Miami Shores Tot Lot.

Collab of the Year



Each year, we like to highlight community partnerships that have been the start of something really magical. Past collaborations include those with FIU’s Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, the South Florida People of Color, South FL’s PBS, the Archives Team at FIU, and SEFLIN, the Southeast Florida Library Information Network...to name a few!

This year, the collaboration we are most proud of is one we made at Green Day, with Corinne Mariposa and *Miami Seed Share*. Repurposing our old card catalogs, Ms. Mariposa gave us the tools and the know-how to open a public seed collection – free and available to any home-grown gardener. Seeds from native pollinizers to edible heirlooms, all hand-picked and provided to the Library from Corinne’s personal collection of seeds that need to live on, seeds that once thrived in the south. Together with Miami Seed Share and local resident, Mary Benton and her organization, *Bound by Beauty*, we offered several workshops this year on native gardening. **It feels really good to be a part of something so important!**



Brockway by the Numbers

Library Collection

Total Collection:	75,784
Fiction:	18,092
Juvenile:	17,487
Non-Fiction:	21,047
Reference:	1,823
Catalogued Archival Materials:	783
Large Print:	1,456
DVDs:	3,486
Audio-Books on CD:	1,622
Music CDs:	46
Print Magazines/Newspapers:	93
Digital Magazines (RB Digital):	95
eBooks/eAudios (OverDrive):	9,754

Collection Enhancements

New Books Added:	1,515
New Media Added:	443
Book/Media Donations:	484
Items Withdrawn:	3,919
Items Repaired:	1,184

Dollars & Cents

Book and Movie Fines:	\$4,396.58
Print-outs:	\$1,635.80
Non-Resident Membership Fees:	\$3,750.00
Receipts for Lost Books:	\$837.65
Miscellaneous (Lost Cards, etc.):	\$358.69
Donations:	\$17,231.79
Book Sale:	\$1,271.25
Grants:	\$8,000.00
Building Fund:	\$32,301.54

Library Users

Adult Residents:	4,707
Children Residents:	1,320
Adult Non-Residents:	200
Children Non-Residents:	210
New Patrons that Joined this Year:	248
Total Registered Patrons:	6,437



Library Use

Total Circulation:	55,551
Book Circulation/In Library Usage:	42,472
DVD Circulation:	7,211
Audio-Book/Music Circulation:	2,033
Overdrive eBook/eAudio Circulation:	2,889
Print/RB Digital Magazine Circulation:	946
Mango Languages Total Sessions:	553
Ancestry Library Edition Total Searches:	1,462

Programs

Adult Programs:	135
Adult Program Attendance:	2,340
Children's Programs:	92
Children's Program Attendance:	3,856
Total Program Attendance:	6,196
Average Daily Visitors on Weekdays:	133

Village Kids Book Club

This outstanding monthly program gives our local children, ages 7 to 10, exposure to some of the best-loved titles of all time, such as *Everything on a Waffle*, *The Chocolate Touch*, *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*, *Henry Huggins* and *Wayside School*. Participants meet to share and discuss each book and best yet, each child gets to keep their own copy!

Program Spotlight

Last March, our youngest patrons celebrated Dr. Seuss' birthday with a special adaptation of the book "**GREEN EGGS AND HAM**" presented by the third grade "Hams" at iPrep Academy. The Cat in the Hat, himself, made a special appearance and we all ate birthday cake! More than 125 children and their caregivers attended.



Most Borrowed Titles 2019-2020



General Fiction

Where the Crawdads Sing: Delia Owens
Unsolved: James Patterson
The Overstory: Richard Powers
The New Girl: Daniel Silva

Mystery

The Bitterroots: C.J. Box
Twisted Twenty-six: Janet Evanovich
Robert B. Parker's The Bitterest Pill: R. F. Coleman

Nonfiction

The One Thing: Gary Keller
The Pioneers: David McCullough
Cook Like a Pro: Ina Garten
Yoga for Kids: Lorena Pajalunga

Biography

Educated: Tara Westover
Becoming: Michelle Obama
Yes, Chef: Marcus Samuelsson

Audiobooks

Where the Crawdads Sing: Delia Owens
Redemption: David Baldacci
The Silent Patient: Alex Michaelides

Movies

Hotel Mumbai
The Upside
Mary Poppins Returns

eBooks

Camino Winds: John Grisham
American Dirt: Jeanine Cummins
Little Fires Everywhere: Celeste Ng

Juvenile Fiction

Dog Man & Dog Man: Brawl of the Wild: Dav Pilkey
Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Greg Heffly's Journal Special Cheesiest Edition: Jeff Kinney
Kristy's Great Idea: Raina Telgemeier

Teen Fiction

Percy Jackson & the Olympians: The Lightning Thief: Rick Riordan
Death Note: Tsugumi Oba
Riverdale: James DeWille

Juvenile & Teen Series

Who Was...? Biographies by various authors
Percy Jackson & the Olympians: Graphic novels by Robert Venditti

Juvenile & Teen Nonfiction

A Hundred Billion Trillion Stars: Seth Fishman
Giant Pandas: Kari Schuetz
Stingrays: Martha Rustad

Easy Readers

That is Not a Good Idea!: Mo Willems
If You Give a Dog a Donut: Laura Numeroff
The Bad Seed: Jory John

Our Library Board of Trustees is an energetic, knowledgeable, and committed group of people who guide us throughout the year. We thank them for their constant support, wisdom and dedication. We also thank all our volunteers

who work so hard throughout the year to help make Brockway such a dynamic part of our community. Through their efforts, we are able to extend and enhance great programs, special activities, and library projects. We thank all those who have given monetary donations to the Library, both individuals and civic organizations. These gifts help support the Library's mission and goals. A special thanks to our volunteer archivist, Kimberly Logan-Hynes, to Elizabeth Cowen, host of "Reading with Gracie", and to the many leading members of our various clubs who do so much to make these offerings a success, namely Kathy Redmond, Christine Gold, Janet and Lou Perez, Marta Lavandier, Teresita Peña-Harrington, and the South Florida People of Color. A big heartfelt thanks to our weekly volunteer, Pamela Balicki, who gives so much of her time to help whenever needed, and to Robert Bourne, who so graciously sponsors our adult programming. We appreciate YOU!

Thank You!

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Mission Statement

Brockway Memorial Library's mission is to acquire, organize, and provide access and guidance to a wide variety of information and materials which help to fulfill the intellectual, educational and recreational needs of the people of Miami Shores.

Library Staff

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Brenda Holsing, Youth Services Librarian

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