

**Library Director's Report
Marianne Beck Memorial Library
For the Month of April 2017**

Statistics for April

The library was open for 25 days in the month of April. Volunteer hours totaled 147 hrs. We had 244 patrons used our computers in the month of April. A total of 168 e-books and magazines were checked out in February. The library has loaned a total of 177 items to other libraries.

Funds collected for April

Copies/Fax: \$175.05 **Fines:** \$56.60 **Total:** \$231.65 **FOL:** \$2119.57

Activities during the month of April

We held four computers classes in April. Two on an introduction to computers and two on more advanced Microsoft. We also did one on one of the data bases that the Lake County Library System offers; which was an Ancestry class. We held another iPad/iPhone roundtable discussion. The FOL hosted a Meet the Council and a one day Scrabble tournament. The Canasta club has been growing. We up to 14 one most Wednesdays. In April they gave talk on the history of Canasta and welcomed two new players. Volunteer, Gerald is teaching Chess every Monday. He is averaging 10 kids each week. We hosted our largest home school day to date. 28 kids, 4 teens and 10 adults. Debbie from the Department of Health gave a presentation on nutrition and exercise for kids. The Story time continues to grow each month.

Sean O'Keefe from the Lake County Library system came to our library and introduced and taught the volunteers on the many databases that are available. It was very beneficial because they now can introduce our patrons to many of these databases and there benefits.

I am sad to say that we did not receive the grant for the construction of the Community Room. The grant money was awarded to the Fruitland Park, Leesburg and Tavares libraries. I am continuing to work on alternatives. The Division Manager, Ava Barrett, has already spoken with the state. They are willing to perhaps, entertain a matching grant of \$250, 000.00. We must come up with the other \$250,000.00. Please keep this and mind with any ideas you have on how to raise the funds. I believe that a Community Room is essential in Howey. We would be able to reach so many people from both the north and southern part of the county. It would give us a venue to hold more programs and classes here at Howey.

Looking forward to May and some new programs here at our library. Check out our website, <http://www.howeyslibrary.org> or our Facebook page for all upcoming events.

Respectively submitted,
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Library Director