

**Orange County Library System
Board of Trustees Meeting**

Board Packet for October 2026



October 2, 2026

To: Crockett Bohannon, President
Nicole Benjamin, Vice President
Ashley Cisneros Mejia, Trustee
Venessa Tomlin, Trustee
Sharon Smoley, Trustee

cc: The Library Governing Board:
The Honorable Mayor Jerry Demings, Chairman of the Library Governing Board, Members of the Governing Board, Commissioners Nicole Wilson, Mike Crabb, Mayra Uribe, Maribel Gomez Cordero, Kelly Martinez Semrad, Michael Scott, Orange County; and Stephanie Herdocia, City of Orlando.

From: Steve Powell, Library Director / C.E.O.

Re: Library Board of Trustees Meeting

The next meeting of the Library Board of Trustees will be at 6:00 p.m. on October 8, 2026 at the Orlando Public Library; 101 East Central Boulevard; Orlando, Florida 32801.

If any board member has an item to be brought up for discussion, please call Milinda Neusaenger prior to the meeting, 407.835.7611.

cc: Nishad Khan - Liaison, Nominating Board ~ City of Orlando

AGENDA
ORANGE COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM BOARD OF TRUSTEES

October 8, 2026 6:00 p.m.

Orlando Public Library
101 East Central Boulevard
Orlando, Florida 32801

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XII. Adjournment

Next Meeting Dates:

November 12, 2026: Orlando Public Library, 101 East Central Boulevard, Orlando, Florida 32801;
December 10, 2026: Orlando Public Library, 101 East Central Boulevard, Orlando, Florida 32801.

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Call to Order

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Public Comment Policy

**ORANGE COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM
Public Comment and Conduct of Meetings Policy and Procedures**

Effective Date: October 1, 2013 (Approved by the Board of Trustees on September 11, 2013)

Objective: The objective of this policy is to establish standard procedures to ensure an opportunity for broad public participation in decision-making.

Policy Statement: It is the intent of this policy that the deliberations and actions of the Board of Trustees of the Orange County Library System ("OCLS") be conducted and taken openly in order that the public and relevant stakeholders may be fully informed and intelligently advised as to the conduct of public business by the Board of Trustees.

Definitions: For the purpose of this policy, the following definitions shall prevail:

1. A "meeting" is a gathering of a quorum of the membership of the Board of Trustees, or any board or commission of OCLS for the purpose of receiving information relating to public business, or for discussion of public business, or for official action upon a proposition related to public business.
2. A "regular meeting" is a meeting held pursuant to a schedule of such meetings as approved by a board or commission to conduct public business or otherwise discuss or act upon matters of public interest.
3. A "special meeting" is any meeting other than a regular meeting held by a board or commission. A "special meeting" is held for the purpose of addressing matters requiring the immediate attention of a board or commission or for the purpose of addressing matters which the board or commission has determined are best addressed at a special meeting. When a special meeting is called, the presiding officer of the board or commission shall specifically state the purpose of the meeting and the board or commission shall address only those matters for which the meeting was called.
4. A "board or commission" shall refer to the Board of Trustees of OCLS and any other board or commission now existing or created in the future by the Board of Trustees or OCLS.
5. The "presiding officer" shall mean, in the case of the Board of the Directors the chair and in all other cases shall be the chair of a particular OCLS board or commission.
6. "Board of Trustees" shall refer to the Board of Trustees of OCLS.

Meetings:

1. Location. All meetings of the Board of Trustees and any other board or commission shall be held in a suitable location and shall be open to the public as required by law. The only exception to the requirement that meetings be open to the public shall be an executive session scheduled for those purposes expressly recognized by law.
2. Regular Meetings. The Board of Trustees and the other boards and commissions shall hold regular monthly meetings as designated by the Board of Trustees or the other boards and commissions.

Public Notice. OCLS shall give public notice of the schedule of meetings and shall state the dates, times and places for such meetings. Public notice of any special meeting or of any reconvened meeting shall be given before such meeting. Public notice shall be given by posting the date and time of the meetings on the OCLS website, the public bulletin boards at all OCLS locations and the Orange County Administration Building. Notice will also be published in the Orlando Sentinel as required by Section 189.417 of the Florida Statutes.

Conduct of Meetings:

1. The presiding officer shall preserve order and decorum at all meetings.
2. When considering matters upon which the board or commission will take action the presiding officer shall receive comments from the public.
3. During any board or commission meeting, board and commission members shall maintain order and decorum.
4. OCLS staff and citizens must be recognized by the presiding officer before speaking or asking questions. The purpose of this requirement is so that there is order and so that the recording equipment will properly record all comments made by individuals wishing to comment on a specific subject.
5. All comments must be made from the podium which is located in the OCLS meeting room or by other reasonable accommodations in any other location in which a board or commission meeting is held, and shall address the subject of the agenda item. Individuals that appear before any board or commission are required to state their legal name and their actual address for the public record. The purpose of this requirement is so that they are properly reflected in any board or commission minutes and are available for future reference.
6. As a board or commission considers consent agenda items, emergency items, items involving official acts that involve no more than a ministerial act, approval of minutes, ceremonial proclamations and other similar items, the presiding officer may, at his discretion, or at the direction of a majority of the board or commission, accept comments from those in attendance.

Public Participation and Comment: In order to comply with Section 286.0114 of the Florida Statutes, OCLS hereby establishes a Public Comment Policy applicable to all boards and commissions to allow members of the public an opportunity to address boards and commissions. In addition to public hearings, a special time is hereby set aside at all board and commission meetings for the purpose of receiving comments and suggestions from members of the public. All comments made during any Public Comment period shall be subject to the following procedures:

1. OCLS allocates up to 30 minutes at the end of each board or commission meeting for citizens who wish to appear before that board or commission to make a request of that board or commission, voice a complaint or concern, express an opinion, or for some other type of recognition. The presiding officer will divide the time equally between all who have signed up to speak; but in no case may a citizen speak longer than three minutes. A Public Comment period not to exceed 30 minutes will be held during any board or commission meeting. The presiding officer may permit additional time to a given speaker on a case-by-case basis.
2. Public comments of items listed on the agenda will occur just prior to the Board's discussion and action of the agenda item. Public comments of items not listed on the agenda will occur at the end of the meeting agenda.
3. When a board or commission considers matters during a public meeting upon which it will take action, no action shall be taken until the presiding officer requests and receives comments from the public.
4. Persons who wish to make a statement during the Public Comment period will register on a Notice of Intent to Speak Form which will be available 30 minutes before the start of the meeting. Information

included on the Notice of Intent to Speak forms will be included in the Board Meeting Minutes and thus become public record. No one will be allowed to have his or her name placed on the list by telephone request to OCLS staff.

5. Each person who signed up to speak will have up to three minutes to make his or her statement. Speakers will be acknowledged by the presiding officer in the order which the Notice of Intent to Speak Form was received by the Board of Trustee's administrative assistant. Speakers shall address that board or commission from the podium, and not approach that board or commission or OCLS staff. Speakers will begin their statement by first stating their legal name and actual address.
6. Statements are to be directed to the board or commission as a whole, and not to individuals. Public comment is not intended to require a board or commission to provide an answer to the speaker. Discussions between speakers and members of the audience will not be allowed.
7. Speakers will be courteous in their language and presentation.
8. Only one speaker will be acknowledged at a time. In the event a group of persons supporting or opposing the same position desires to be heard, in the interest of time, a spokesperson shall be designated to express the group's concerns. Likewise, in the event the number of persons wishing to attend the hearing exceeds the capacity of the meeting place, one or more delegates shall be selected to speak on behalf of each group. If the time period expires before all persons who have signed up get to speak, those names will be carried over to the next Public Comment period, or if the presiding officer consents, these comments can be heard at that meeting.
9. Any action on items brought up during the Public Comment period will be at the discretion of that board or commission. No board or commission will take any action on subject matter for which it has not had the opportunity to fully investigate and gather complete information.
10. These same rules shall apply to all boards and commissions.

Decorum: The presiding officer shall preserve strict order and decorum at all meetings.

1. In conducting business, boards and commissions are committed to the principles of civility, honor, and dignity. Individuals appearing before boards and commission are requested to observe the same principles when making comments on items and issues presented to a given board or commission for its consideration.
2. Staff members and citizens are required to use proper language when addressing a board or commission or the audience. Staff members and citizens shall not use profanity or cursing, aggressive or threatening behavior when addressing the board or commission or other participants. All comments are directed to the presiding officer and not to individual members of the board or commission or to the audience. No personal verbal attacks toward any individual will be allowed during the conduct of a board or commission meeting. The presiding officer may have individual(s) removed from the podium and/or meeting chambers if such conduct persists after a warning has been issued.
3. All members of a board or commission shall accord the utmost courtesy to each other, staff, and the public members appearing before the board or commission and shall refrain at all times from rude and derogatory remarks, reflections as to integrity, abusive comments and statements as to motives and personalities. During board or commission meetings, cell phones are to be turned off or silenced. Use of cell phones by board or commission members and staff for talking, texting, emailing or otherwise will not be allowed during meetings while at the dais, except for emergency communications, research, or during breaks.

Waiver of Rules: The board or commission may, at any time, waive all or a portion of these rules of procedure during the course of a meeting. Provided however, that any such waiver shall only be done upon a motion and majority approval of the waiver by members of the board or commission present and voting. Such waivers shall

only be granted to insure the protection of the right of members of the public to be given a reasonable opportunity to be heard before a board or commission takes official action on a proposition.

Training: Periodic training for Sunshine Law requirements will be scheduled by OCLS for board and commission members.

Penalties: Any action taken at a meeting not open to the public, whether intentional or unintentional, is void. The law provides penalties for not complying with the Sunshine Law including criminal penalties, removal from the board position, fines up to \$500, and an award of reasonable attorney's fees against the board found to have violated the Sunshine Law.

**Orange County Library System
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October 8, 2026**

Approval of Minutes

MEETING MINUTES
ORANGE COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM BOARD OF TRUSTEES

August 13, 2026 6:00 p.m.

**Orlando Public Library
 101 East Central Boulevard
 Orlando, Florida 32801**

Library Board Present: Crockett Bohannon (8/0);
 Ashley Cisneros Mejia (10/3 – City);
 Venessa Tomlin (8/1); Sharon Smoley (8/1)

Library Board Absent: Nicole Benjamin (10/5 – City)

Administration Present: Steve Powell; Bethany Stone; Kris Shoemaker;
 Yvonne Hartley; Danielle King; Erica Grant; Leasha
 Tavernier; Sara Gonzalez; Erin Sullivan; Milinda
 Neusaenger

Administration Absent: Lynette Schimpf

- 26-112 I. Call to Order**
 President Bohannon called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.
- 26-113 II. Public Comment Policy & Procedures**
- 26-114 III. Approval of Minutes:**
- **Library Board of Trustees Meeting: July 9, 2026**
 - **Finance Committee Meeting: August 3, 2026**
- Trustee Tomlin, seconded by Trustee Cisneros Mejia, moved to approve the minutes. Motion carried 4-0.
- 26-115 IV. Staff Presentation: Orange County Library Foundation: Erin Sullivan**
 Chief Marketing and Public Relations Officer Sullivan gave a brief presentation regarding the Foundation. The Board asked about the progress, and she stated that the Foundation should hopefully be ready in six months.
- 26-116 V. Financial Statements and Summaries: July 2026: Kris Shoemaker**
 Chief Financial Officer Shoemaker reported that \$661,815 in State Aid was received for FY 2025 – 2026.
- He also reviewed the progress with the branch projects: The Horizon West branch library's project-to-date costs are \$21,704,470 or 79.6% of the \$27,275,000 approved project budget. The Lake Nona branch library's project-to-date costs are \$1,968,654 or 7.6% of the \$25,965,000 approved project budget. As a note, the City of Orlando is paying the construction portion of the cost (approximately \$20,183,864) up front, and the library will reimburse actual costs to the City within one year after receiving the Certificate of Occupancy.
- 26-117 VI. Dashboard: July 2026: Danielle King**
 Chief of Neighborhood Services, King shared some highlights of the July statistics. She stated that checkouts increased by 9% this month, representing more than 63,000 additional items checked out compared to July 2025. Demand for digital materials continues to grow, with digital circulation up 19% over last year. A new usage record was set across several digital platforms, including OverDrive, Hoopla, and Kanopy. Total digital usage reached a record-setting

416,226 checkouts, surpassing the previous record of 392,289, which was set last month.

The spotlight metric this month shows a decrease in website and Questline usage. However, this decline can likely be attributed to the convenience and accessibility of the OCLS mobile app. Since its launch, the app has recorded 42,915 first-time downloads. In July alone, customers used the app to place more than 14,000 holds, renew over 10,000 items, and check out nearly 600 items.

When reviewing attendance figures, it is important to note that Summer BreakSpot lunch distributions were not included in this year's attendance statistics. BreakSpot functions similarly to a passive service rather than a library program, with OCLS serving as a host site for Orange County Public Schools. This summer, OCPS distributed 8,536 meals to children through OCLS locations. If the passive and summer breakspot numbers are removed from last year's numbers, attendance would be up by approximately 2,000.

This month's customer feedback is from Monica F., a Winter Garden customer who submitted a 5 star Google Review:

I love bringing my baby here for story time and stay and plays with the other kiddos. Great, free way to socialize my 16-month-old who is an only child. The staff does an interactive reading of a book and then they bring out toys for the kiddos to play with. They also have a really nice children's section with computers, toys, books, coloring sheets etc. Great for the young and old. For myself they offer many free classes and even through them I can access linked in learning to get online certifications, all for free! The library is always clean and well-kept including the bathrooms. Love it here, we visit at least 2x's weekly.

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Annual Plan Update: July 2026: Danielle King

CNS King shared the following Annual Plan of Service highlight for *Be Welcoming*: The Social Workers developed and launched a social worker libguide for staff. The guide supports the OCLS Social Worker Program by providing library staff with centralized access to social worker schedules, appointment booking information, recorded workshops, and curated resources to better assist customers. Since launching the resource, the guide has received more than 1,100 staff views.

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VII. Action Items: Consent Agenda

The Board pulled all items from the consent agenda for discussion.

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Board Meeting Schedule: FY 2026 – 2027

Trustee Smoley requested for monthly board meetings to be cancelled if there are not any agenda items needing a vote. President Bohannon stated that monthly meetings are important as these provide a time for the public to participate in the meetings and communicate with the Board. Trustee Tomlin also stressed the importance of showing up and being present. Director Powell reviewed the bylaws, which state that meetings shall be held monthly.

The July 2027 virtual Finance Committee meeting date was updated on the schedule due to a conflict with a holiday. Trustee Smoley, seconded by Trustee Tomlin, moved to approve the meeting schedules for FY 2026 – 2027. Motion carried 4-0.

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Finance Committee Meeting Schedules ~ Virtual & In-Person:

FY 2026 – 2027

- 26-122 Personnel Committee Meeting Schedule ~ Virtual: FY 2026 – 2027**
- 26-123 Annual Plan of Service for FY 2026-2027:**
Trustee Smoley, seconded by Trustee Tomlin, moved to approve the Annual Plan of Service for FY 2026 – 2027. Motion carried 4-0.
- 26-124 Landscaping and Ground Maintenance Contract: Kris Shoemaker**
Brief discussion ensued regarding contract renewals and extensions. Trustee Tomlin, seconded by Trustee Cisneros Mejia, moved to approve the Procurement Committee's rankings; to authorize staff to negotiate and execute a contract with Yellowstone Landscape, Inc., for landscaping and ground maintenance services at a cost not to exceed \$240,212 per year and if staff cannot reach an agreement with Yellowstone, they will negotiate and execute a contract with Aero GroundTek, LLC, for landscaping and ground maintenance services at a cost not to exceed \$252,884 per year. Motion carried 4-0.
- 26-125 Transfer of Unrestricted Estate Gift Funds to the Orange County Library Foundation: Steve Powell**
The Board asked questions regarding the OCL Foundation formation, bylaws and the transfer of unrestricted estate gift funds. Director Powell stated that the matrix for appointing foundation board members is still in development and potential members who are active in philanthropy are being sought. He also announced that the foundation has the opportunity to participate in a Junior Achievement Biz Town program in Lake Nona, which requires a \$250,000 buy-in that would include the addition of the foundation's logo and participation. It is expected that the program will reach tens of thousands of students in the area of Orange, Osceola and Brevard Counties, and that the foundation and OCLS would greatly benefit from the exposure. Discussion ensued about the funding and formation of the foundation. Trustee Tomlin, seconded by Trustee Cisneros Mejia, moved to approve \$250,000 in funding for the foundation to participate in the Lake Nona Junior Achievement program with further foundation discussion forthcoming. Motion carried 3-1 with Trustee Smoley voting no.
- 26-126 VIII. Action Items: Non-Consent Agenda**
- 26-127 Gratuities & Gifts Policy: Bethany Stone**
Trustee Smoley, seconded by Trustee Cisneros Mejia, moved to approve the updated Gratuities and Gifts Policy. Motion carried 4-0.
- 26-128 Orange County Library District Fiscal Year 2026 – 2027 Budget and Millage Approval: Steve Powell**
Director Powell gave an updated presentation regarding the final budget. Trustee Cisneros Mejia, seconded by Trustee Tomlin, moved to approve the FY 2026-2027 Operating Fund Budget for the Library District and to recommend to the Governing Board that the Library District's millage rate be maintained at .3748 for FY 2026-2027. Motion carried 4-0.
- 26-129 IX. Discussion and Possible Action Items**
- 26-130 X. Finance Committee Meeting: 6:30 p.m.**
This meeting was cancelled.
- 26-131 XI. Information**

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Director's Report**Partnership Update:**

CareerSource of Central Florida has been a library partner for many years, and staff are happy to announce that they have opened a community hub at the Southeast Branch. CareerSource has been modernizing its operations and has closed its larger physical locations in favor of smaller offices within partner facilities. The Southeast Branch hub is one of two locations in Orange County where people can access career coaching, resume assistance, job-seeking advice, and more. The organization's mission to connect Central Floridians to careers and develop skilled talent for businesses aligns with the library's purpose. The partnership is currently in a soft-launch phase, and staff will promote it to the public once both parties are confident that operations are running smoothly and the hub is ready for increased traffic.

July Highlights:

- 111,210 unique customer transactions
- 42,882 app downloads
- 38,804 people attended a library event
- 4,641 people attended a library class
- 6,287 people interacted with the library at an offsite event in the community

Legislative Update:

On Wednesday, Chris Carmody and Robert Stuart from GrayRobinson met with the Admin team to provide legislative updates. The team was especially interested in their insights on Amendment 3. While enthusiasm in Tallahassee is not as strong as it was when it was first discussed, polls still show enough support for the measure to keep it viable. Polls indicate that people approve of Amendment 3, as long as it doesn't have a major impact on services that are important to them. This means that clear referendum language will be a critical factor in how the measure is received. Mr. Carmody says he thinks the state of the economy leading up to Election Day will be a deciding factor for many voters. They expect that after the primary, there will be a stronger response from sheriffs and fire unions about the impact Amendment 3 may have on public safety. Staff will continue to monitor the situation and keep the Board informed of any new developments.

Construction Updates:

Some of the Board joined us for the kickoff of the Orlando Public Library's first-floor renovation project on July 23. There were about 50 local business leaders, elected officials, and media outlets on hand for the event, where plans were revealed to expand the Children's Library. Every day, approximately 1,300 people enter the front doors of Orlando Public Library, and about a third visit the Children's Library. Staff are also getting close to announcing a grand opening date for Horizon West and it remains on track to open in September.

West Oaks Branch Award:

On July 11, the West Oaks Branch and Genealogy Center was recognized by the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution for its proper use, correct display, and patriotic presentation of the U.S. flag.

Upcoming Dates:

- August 3-16: Early Voting at library locations

In Closing:

As part of the Strategic Plan, staff are focusing on offering more programs for seniors and teens. To support that effort, several branches are offering Bingo programs, which have proven very popular. Here's a [video](#) that was recently made to show how the program is being received by customers.

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Public Comment: Non-Agenda Items

XII. Adjournment

Trustee Smoley, seconded by Trustee Tomlin, moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 4-0. President Bohannon adjourned the meeting at 7:19 p.m.

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September 10, 2026: Orlando Public Library, 101 East Central Boulevard, Orlando, Florida 32801

October, 2026: To Be Determined

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CANCELLED
MEETING MINUTES
ORANGE COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Finance Committee Meeting ~ In-Person
August 13, 2026 6:30 p.m.

Orlando Public Library
101 East Central Boulevard
Orlando, Florida 32801

Subject: OCLS Finances

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MEETING MINUTES
ORANGE COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Finance Committee Meeting
August 31, 2026 10:00 a.m.

Via Zoom

Orlando Public Library
101 East Central Boulevard
Orlando, Florida 32801

Board Present: Ashley Cisneros Mejia; Sharon Smoley

Board Absent: Crockett Bohannon; Nicole Benjamin; Venessa Tomlin

Administration Present: Steve Powell; Bethany Stone; Kris Shoemaker; Milinda Neusaenger

I. Call to Order

The OCLS Finance Committee was not called to order due to the absence of the committee chair, President Bohannon. No vice chair or temporary chair was designated to preside. At 10:06 a.m., Trustees Cisneros Mejia and Smoley briefly discussed upcoming topics on the September Board Meeting agenda, as well as the location of the South Creek branch and the age of the Winter Garden branch. Because the meeting was not called to order, no official business was transacted. The meeting ended at 10:30 a.m.

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Steve Powell Library Director/CEO



Personnel Committee Meeting Minutes

Monday, August 31, 2026, 10:30 AM

Personnel Committee:	Sharon Smoley, Personnel Committee Chair
Members Present:	Sharon Smoley, Ashley Cisneros Mejia
Library Administration:	Steve Powell, Director/Chief Executive Officer
Present:	Yvonne Hartley, Chief Human Resources Officer

The purpose of the meeting was to conduct a review of Director/CEO Steve Powell's job performance. At 10:32 AM, Trustee Smoley noted that she reviewed Director Powell's third quarter evaluation and asked if he would like to share any additional highlights.

Director/CEO Powell highlighted his accomplishments which include the Master Plan project, the bookmobile, implementation of the UKG Expense Tracker module, as well as efforts to raise the library's profile in the community through his presentation at the State of Lake Nona event. He also discussed continued efforts to improve communication with staff, including two Town Halls. Director/CEO Powell concluded his update with a recap of the construction projects.

The discussion ended at 10:43 AM.

**Orange County Library System
Board of Trustees Meeting
October 8, 2026**

Staff Presentation

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**Financial Statements
& Summaries**

**Orange County Library System
FY 2025-26 Financial Statement Highlights
Twelve Months Ended September 30, 2026
Preliminary**

Project Summaries:

Horizon West Branch Library: Project-to-date costs are \$21,978,082 or 80.58% of the \$27,275,000 approved project budget.

Lake Nona Branch Library: Project-to-date costs are \$1,983,057 or 7.64% of the \$25,965,000 approved project budget. Note: The City of Orlando is paying the construction portion of the cost (approximately \$20,183,864) up front and the Library will reimburse actual costs to the City within one year after receiving the Certificate of Occupancy.

OPL First Floor Renovation: Project-to-date costs are \$1,582,713 or 7.07% of the \$22,375,000 approved project budget.

Operating Fund Revenue & Expenditure Summaries:

Revenues:

Ad Valorem Taxes:

The Library budgeted \$78,800,000 for Ad Valorem Taxes in FY 2025-26 based on property tax values, a millage rate of 0.3748, and a 5% statutory deduction. During FY 2025-26, we received \$79,528,942 or 100.9% of the budget.

State Aid/ State and Federal Grants:

The Library budgeted \$500,000 for State Aid Revenues and \$0 for other State and Federal Grants in FY 2025-26, based on anticipated funding from the various agencies. We have received \$661,815 which is 132.4% of the budget.

Fee Cards:

The Library budgeted \$150,000 for Fee Card revenues for FY 2025-26. Through September, we received \$327,360 or 218.2% of budgeted revenue.

Meeting Rooms:

The Library budgeted \$30,000 for meeting room revenues for FY 2025-26. Through September, we received \$57,071 or 190.2% of budgeted revenues.

Faxes:

The Library budgeted \$15,000 for fax revenue and has received \$27,218 or 181.5%, year-to-date.

Copy and Prints:

The Library budgeted \$190,000 for these services in FY 2025-26. We received \$284,307 or 149.6% of budget through September.

Passport Facility & Photo Fees:

The Library budgeted \$12,000 for passport facility and photo revenues for FY 2025-26. Through September, we received \$26,258 or 218.8% of budgeted revenues.

Other:

The Library budgeted \$1,000 for other revenue for FY 2025-26. Through September, we have received \$10,494 or 1,049.4% of budgeted Revenues. This includes \$10,104 from the Nicholas Sparks event, which will be reserved for future author events.

Fees and Lost Materials:

Revenues from Fees and Lost Materials through September are \$87,684 or 182.7% of budget.

Investment Earnings:

The Library budgeted \$1,176,500 for investment earnings for FY 2025-26. Through September, we received \$2,376,166 or 202.0% of budgeted revenues. Note: As of the time of these reports, we have not received our September interest-earning statements.

Contributions-Friends of The Library:

Through September, we have received \$149,855 or 299.7% of the budget. In addition to their monthly contribution, the Friends provided \$30,000 towards the development of the OCLS APP and \$42,556 from the Roger Pharr Endowment Fund to sponsor the Nicholas Sparks Event.

Contributions-Other:

Through September, we have received \$193,675 or 387.3% of the budget. Note: \$75,791 of which was from the Estate of Daniel Tuckek and \$50,000 from Window World for their SAYL sponsorship.

Internet Rebate:

Through September, we have received \$62,493 or 79.4% of the budget. These funds are normally received in the last quarter of the FY. We are waiting on 2 more E-Rate payments.

Miscellaneous:

Through September, we have received \$61,808 or 176.6% of the budget. Note: \$27,122 of which was a "cash back rebate" from Truist from our corporate credit card.

Transfer From Property Appraiser:

This account is used to record the reimbursement of unused funds from the Property Appraiser's Office for the previous fiscal year. The Library typically receives a one-time payment in the first quarter of the fiscal year. For FY 2025-26 we have received \$121,842 or 162.5% of the budget.

Transfer From Tax Collector:

This account is used to record our revenue share from the Tax Collector's Office. The Library typically receives this funding in the last quarter of the fiscal year. So far in FY 2025-26, we have received \$-0- or 0% of the budget.

Expenses:

Defined Benefit Pension Plan:

The Defined Benefit Pension Plan Expenditures are at \$1,500,000 or 76.9% of budget. This is in line with the estimated FY 2025-26 contribution.

Workers' Compensation:

The Workers' Compensation Expenditures are \$169,258, or 75.2% of budget.

Unemployment Compensation:

The Unemployment Compensation Expenditures are \$417 or 0.6% of budget.

Delivery & Postage:

The Delivery and Postage Expenditures are at 85.8% of the budget, which is in line with anticipated spending thus far in the year.

Insurance:

The Insurance Expenditures are at 61.7% of budget.

Property Appraiser Fees:

The expenditures in this category are at 101.9% of budget. These fees are paid in advance and this is the total cost for the fiscal year.

Supplies – Hardware/Software:

The expenditures in this category are at 5.8% of budget. This account is for any electronics-related purchase with a unit cost of less than \$1,000.

Supplies – Programming:

The expenditures in this category are at \$389,278 or 56.4% of budget. This account is for any supplies used for programming, mainly Summer at Your Library and Community Engagement.

Memberships:

The expenditures in this category are at \$32,776 or 131.1% of budget. The overage is related to joining the Urban Libraries Council after the budget was adopted.

Building Improvements Expense:

The Library budgeted \$8,000,000 for various building improvement projects such as the OPL's Roof Replacement, OPL's Front Entrance Improvements, OPL's First Floor Renovation Design, various HVAC Replacements and other system-wide improvements. The \$2,976,620 is primarily related to the First Floor Renovation Design, South Trail Carpet Replacement, Bookmobile Leased Space Renovation and OPL Roof Replacement.

Transfer To Capital Projects Fund:

The Library budgeted \$5,500,000 to be transferred to the Capital Projects Fund to fund Horizon West, Lake Nona, 1st Floor Renovation and future capital projects. Through September, we have transferred \$12,500,000 or 227.3% of the budget.

Transfer To Sinking/EARR Fund

The Library budgeted \$500,000 to be transferred to the Sinking Fund to fund capital maintenance and emergency repairs. Through September, we have transferred \$1,000,000, or 200.0% of the budget.

Transfer To Self Insurance Fund:

During the month of August, the Library's Self-Insurance Fund incurred a \$1,158,209 claim. The Library has "Stop Loss" coverage in place to cover this type of claim, limiting our exposure to \$250,000. However, we have to pay the claim up front and seek reimbursement, which we are doing.

Transfer To OCLS Foundation:

At the August 13, 2026 Board Meeting, the Board approved the transfer of \$250,000 in unrestricted Estate Gift Funds to the OCLS Foundation.

Horizon West Project Budget
Expenditures As of 9-30-2026 Preliminary

Project Code 20-010	Vendor	Original Budget	Change Order	Revised Budget	FY 22 Actual	FY 23 Actual	FY 24 Actual	FY 25 Actual	FY 26 Actual	Total Actuals	Variance
Demo Fund	Orange County	\$ 250,000	\$ -	\$ 250,000	\$ 250,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 250,000	\$ -
Design Team	Borrelli & Partners	1,554,944	\$ -	1,554,944	54,793	567,246	671,293	149,036	172,924	\$ 1,615,293	\$60,349
Pre-construction Consulting	H.J. High	117,961	\$ -	117,961	2,050	26,398	89,513	-	-	\$ 117,961	\$ -
Permitting & Impact Fees	Orange County	1,500,000	\$ -	1,500,000	8,450	-	60,074	84,403	1,936	\$ 154,863	(\$1,345,137)
Construction	H.J. High	18,300,000	\$ -	18,300,000	-	-	412,550	11,270,842	6,381,538	\$ 18,064,930	(\$235,070)
Threshold & Other Testing	Ardaman & Assoc	150,000	\$ -	150,000	-	-	-	54,243	4,272	\$ 58,514	(\$91,486)
FF & E	CDS & Others	1,752,095	\$ -	1,752,095	-	-	-	187,868	205,300	\$ 393,168	(\$1,358,927)
Opening Day Collection	B&T/Ingram/Others	1,250,000	\$ -	1,250,000	-	-	-	754,901	90,552	\$ 845,453	(\$404,547)
Wildlife Mitigation	FWC & Others	650,000	\$ -	650,000	-	-	477,900	-	-	\$ 477,900	(\$172,100)
Contingency		1,750,000	\$ -	1,750,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	(\$1,750,000)
Project Costs		\$ 27,275,000	\$ -	\$ 27,275,000	\$ 315,293	\$ 593,644	\$ 1,711,330	\$ 12,501,292	\$ 6,856,522	\$ 21,978,082	\$ (5,296,918)
Percent Spent					1.16%	2.18%	6.27%	45.83%	25.14%	80.58%	

Lake Nona Project Budget
Expenditures As of 9-30-2026 Preliminary

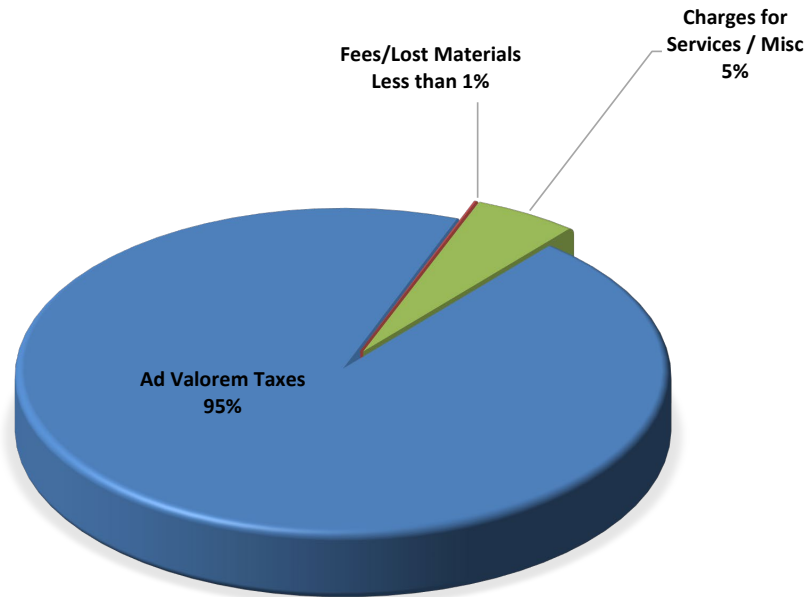
Project Code 23-002	Vendor	Original Budget	Change Order	Revised Budget	FY 22 Actual	FY 23 Actual	FY 24 Actual	FY 25 Actual	FY 26 Actual	Total Actuals	Variance
Payable to the City of Orlando											
Project Management Fee	City of Orlando	\$ 852,580	\$ -	\$ 852,580	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	(\$852,580)
Design Team Building	Borrelli + Partners	1,424,697	-	1,424,697	-	246,059	470,222	-	-	716,281	(\$708,416)
Design Team Stage	Borrelli + Partners	500,000	-	500,000	-	9,188	18,813	-	-	28,000	(\$472,000)
Permitting & Impact Fees	City of Orlando	1,500,000	-	1,500,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	(\$1,500,000)
Construction	H.J. High	15,906,587	-	15,906,587	-	-	-	-	-	-	(\$15,906,587)
Total Payable to the City of Orlando		\$20,183,864	\$ -	\$20,183,864	\$ -	\$255,247	\$489,034	\$ -	\$ -	\$744,281	(\$19,439,583)
Library Direct Cost											
Advanced Rent To City	City of Orlando	\$440,000	\$ -	\$440,000	\$440,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$440,000	\$ -
Threshold & Other Testing	TBD	150,000	-	150,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	(\$150,000)
FF&E	TBD	1,800,000	-	1,800,000	-	-	-	-	193,976	193,976	(\$1,606,024)
Opening Day Collection	Baker & Taylor	1,250,000	-	1,250,000	-	-	-	458,029	146,771	604,800	(\$645,200)
Wildlife Mitigation	FWC & Others	500,000	-	500,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	(\$500,000)
Contingency		1,641,136	-	1,641,136	-	-	-	-	-	-	(\$1,641,136)
Total Library Direct Cost		\$5,781,136	\$ -	\$5,781,136	\$440,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$458,029	\$340,747	\$1,238,776	(\$4,542,360)
Total Project Costs		\$25,965,000	\$ -	\$25,965,000	\$440,000	\$255,247	\$489,034	\$458,029	\$340,747	\$1,983,057	(\$23,981,943)
Percent Spent					1.69%	0.98%	1.88%	1.76%	1.31%	7.64%	

Orlando Public Library First Floor Renovation Project Budget

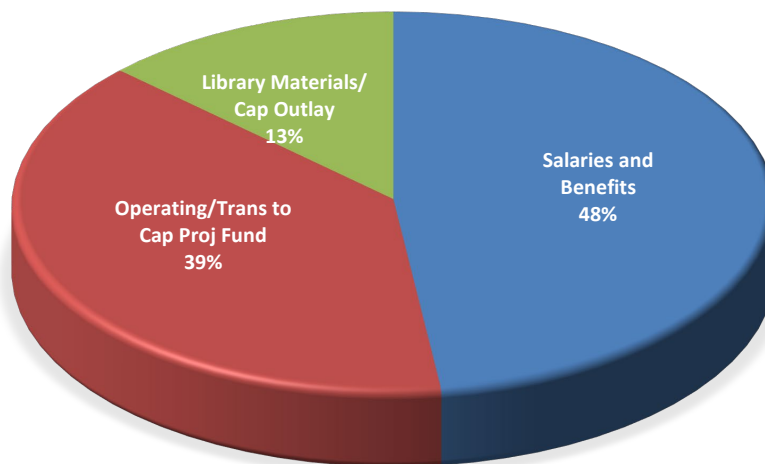
Project Code 24-001	Vendor	Original Budget	Change Order	Revised Budget	FY 24 Actual	FY 25 Actual	FY 26 Actual	Total Actual	Variance
Design Team	Borrelli	\$1,200,000	\$ -	\$1,200,000	\$ 16,872	\$ 507,421	\$ 427,906	\$ 952,199	\$ (247,801)
Pre-construction Consulting	Gomez	140,000	-	140,000	-	20,750	33,762	54,512	(85,488)
Permitting & Impact Fees	City of Orlando	500,000	-	500,000	-		27,102	27,102	(472,898)
Construction	Gomez	16,827,363		16,827,363	-	-	486,137	486,137	(16,341,227)
Owner Provided Material	TBD	1,000,000		1,000,000	-	-	52,414	52,414	(947,586)
Threshold & Other Testing	Terracon	250,000		250,000	10,350	-	-	10,350	(239,650)
FF & E	TBD	1,250,000	-	1,250,000	-	-	-	-	(1,250,000)
Contingency		1,207,637	-	1,207,637	-	-	-	-	(1,207,637)
Project Costs		\$22,375,000	\$ -	\$22,375,000	\$ 27,222	\$ 528,171	\$ 1,027,320	\$ 1,582,713	\$ (20,792,287)
Percent Spent					0.12%	2.36%	4.59%	7.07%	

ORANGE COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT
OPERATING FUND
Twelve Months Ended September 30, 2026
Preliminary

REVENUES



EXPENDITURES



ORANGE COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT
OPERATING FUND REVENUE SUMMARY
Twelve Months Ended September 30, 2026
Preliminary

	ANNUAL BUDGET	YTD ACTUAL	(12 months= 100.0%)
AD VALOREM TAXES	78,800,000	79,528,942	100.9%
INTERGOVERNMENTAL			
Federal & State Grants	500,000	661,815	132.4%
CHARGES FOR SERVICES			
Fee Cards	150,000	327,360	218.2%
PC Express (\$1 for 1 hour)	1,000	3,954	395.4%
Classes	300	635	211.7%
Meeting Rooms	30,000	57,071	190.2%
Faxes	15,000	27,218	181.5%
Supplies - Customer	4,900	8,191	167.2%
Co-Working Rooms	5,000	7,226	144.5%
Copy & Prints	190,000	284,307	149.6%
Passport Facility & Photo Fees	12,000	26,258	218.8%
Other	1,000	10,494	1049.4%
	409,200	752,714	183.9%
FEES & LOST MATERIALS	48,000	87,684	182.7%
MISCELLANEOUS			
Investment Earnings	1,176,500	2,376,166	202.0%
Sales of Surplus Property	5,000	4,650	93.0%
Contributions - Friends of Library	50,000	149,855	299.7%
Contributions - Others	50,000	193,675	387.3%
Internet Rebate	78,720	62,493	79.4%
Grants & Awards	15,000	8,490	56.6%
Miscellaneous	35,000	61,808	176.6%
	1,410,220	2,857,137	202.6%
TRANSFER FR PROP APPRAISER	75,000	121,842	162.5%
TRANSFER FR TAX COLLECTOR	641,200	-	0.0%
TOTAL REVENUES	81,883,620	84,010,134	102.6%

ORANGE COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT
OPERATING FUND EXPENDITURE SUMMARY
Twelve Months Ended September 30, 2026
Preliminary

	ANNUAL BUDGET	YTD ACTUAL	(12 months= 100.0%)
SALARIES & BENEFITS			
Salaries	30,750,000	26,694,656	86.8%
Medicare Taxes	450,000	380,188	84.5%
Defined Contribution Pension Plan	2,300,000	2,001,936	87.0%
Defined Benefit Pension Plan	1,950,000	1,500,000	76.9%
Money Purchase Pension Plan	2,005,000	1,801,806	89.9%
Life and Health Insurance (Employees)	6,200,000	4,617,282	74.5%
Worker's Compensation	225,000	169,258	75.2%
Unemployment Compensation	70,000	417	0.6%
Retiree Health Care (OPEB)	800,000	307,306	38.4%
Parking & Bus Passes	350,000	284,050	81.2%
	<u>45,100,000</u>	<u>37,756,899</u>	<u>83.7%</u>
OPERATING			
Professional Services	725,000	658,337	90.8%
Other Contractual Services	3,450,000	2,440,371	70.7%
Other Contract. Serv.- Janitorial	600,000	480,695	80.1%
Training and Travel	250,000	156,044	62.4%
Telecommunication	675,000	224,722	33.3%
Delivery and Postage	1,750,000	1,501,575	85.8%
Utilities	1,300,000	871,173	67.0%
Rentals and Leases	1,800,000	1,490,914	82.8%
Insurance	1,000,000	617,485	61.7%
Repairs and Maintenance/Leasehold Improvements	2,000,000	1,320,923	66.0%
IT Subscriptions/Maintenance Contracts	2,455,000	1,867,861	76.1%
Copying/Printing	425,000	333,624	78.5%
Promotional Activities	525,000	534,230	101.8%
Property Appraiser's Fee	750,000	764,524	101.9%
Tax Collector's Fee	1,625,000	1,590,579	97.9%
Supplies	860,000	551,897	64.2%
Supplies-Hardware/Software	900,000	51,972	5.8%
Supplies-Programming	690,000	389,278	56.4%
Memberships	25,000	32,776	131.1%
	<u>21,805,000</u>	<u>15,878,980</u>	<u>72.8%</u>
CAPITAL OUTLAY			
Building and Improvements	7,000,000	2,494,579	35.6%
Leasehold Improvement	1,000,000	482,041	48.2%
Equipment and Furniture	1,100,000	105,621	9.6%
Hardware/Software	1,275,000	682,357	53.5%
	<u>10,375,000</u>	<u>3,764,598</u>	<u>36.3%</u>
LIBRARY MATERIALS			
Materials - Restricted Contributions	15,000	41,068	273.8%
Materials - Other	8,304,400	6,836,057	82.3%
	<u>8,319,400</u>	<u>6,877,125</u>	<u>82.7%</u>
TRANSFER TO CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	5,500,000	12,500,000	227.3%
TRANSFER TO SINKING/EARR FUND	500,000	1,000,000	200.0%
TRANSFER TO SELF INSURANCE FUND	-	1,158,209	0.0%
TRANSFER TO OCLS FOUNDATION	-	250,000	0.0%
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>91,599,400</u>	<u>79,185,811</u>	<u>86.4%</u>

ORANGE COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND
Twelve Months Ended September 30, 2026
Preliminary

	ANNUAL BUDGET	YTD ACTUAL	(12 months= 100.0%)
REVENUES			
Investment Earnings	600,000	1,935,991	322.7%
Transfer from Operating Fund	5,500,000	12,500,000	227.3%
Reserve Lake Nona Deposit	440,000	-	0.0%
Reserve Horizon West Demo	266,000	-	0.0%
Reserves	40,500,000	-	0.0%
TOTAL REVENUES	47,306,000	14,435,991	30.5%

EXPENDITURES			
New Horizon West Branch	12,500,000	6,521,562	52.2%
New Branch FFE	1,000,000	355,133	35.5%
New Branch Materials	1,000,000	237,334	23.7%
New Lake Nona Branch	27,000,000	82,747	0.3%
Reserve Lake Nona Deposit	440,000	-	0.0%
Reserve Horizon West Demo	282,000	-	0.0%
Reserves	5,084,000	7,239,215	142.4%
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	47,306,000	14,435,991	30.5%

ORANGE COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT
SINKING FUND
Twelve Months Ended September 30, 2026
Preliminary

	<u>ANNUAL BUDGET</u>	<u>YTD ACTUAL</u>	<u>(12 months= 100.0%)</u>
REVENUES			
Investment Earnings	275,000	329,640	119.9%
Transfer from Operating Fund	500,000	1,000,000	200.0%
Reserves Horizon West Repairs	1,000,000	-	0.0%
Reserves	6,465,000	-	0.0%
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>8,240,000</u>	<u>1,329,640</u>	<u>16.1%</u>
EXPENDITURES			
Reserves-Building and Improvements	6,740,000	1,087,594	16.1%
Reserves-Horizon West Contract	1,000,000	161,364	16.1%
Reserves-Technology	500,000	80,682	16.1%
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>8,240,000</u>	<u>1,329,640</u>	<u>16.1%</u>

ORANGE COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT
PERMANENT FUND
Twelve Months Ended September 30, 2026
Preliminary

	ANNUAL BUDGET	YTD ACTUAL	(12 months= 100.0%)
REVENUES			
Investment Earnings	40,000	42,818	107.0%
Investment Fair Value	-	184,262	-
Reserves For Operations	603,000	-	0.0%
Reserves	1,000,000	-	0.0%
TOTAL REVENUES	1,643,000	227,080	13.8%
EXPENDITURES			
Equipment	75,000	60,333	80.4%
Reserves For Operations	568,000	-	0.0%
Reserves	1,000,000	166,747	16.7%
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	1,643,000	227,080	13.8%

ORANGE COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT
OPERATING FUND
BALANCE SHEET - ASSETS
September 30, 2026
Preliminary

ASSETS

Cash on Hand	16,322
Equity in Pooled Cash	2,905,772
Equity in Pooled Investments	45,652,408
Accounts Receivable	73
Inventory	177,366
Prepays	270,493
Other Assets - Deposits	<u>3,776</u>

TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>49,026,210</u></u>
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ORANGE COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT
OPERATING FUND
BALANCE SHEET - LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE
September 30, 2026
Preliminary

LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable	18,880
Ramp-Credit Card Payable	(6,134)
Retainage Payable	7,453
Accrued Wages Payable	-
Accrued Sales Tax	630
Accrued Fax Tax	94
Employee Payroll Deductions:	
Dental Insurance	6,019
Optional Life	3,605
Vision Plan	1,462
Short Term Disability	2,047
Accident/Critical/Hospital	2,409
Staff Association	10,396
Due To Friends of the Library	3,170
TOTAL LIABILITIES	50,031

FUND BALANCE

Nonspendable:	
Inventory	177,366
Prepaid Items and Deposits	274,269
Annetta O'B Walker Trust Fund	4,000
A.P. Phillips Memorial Fund	100,000
Willis H. Warner Memorial Fund	33,712
Perce C. and Mary M. Gullett Memorial Fund	19,805
Committed:	
Vivian Esch Estate Fund	44,198
Edmund L. Murray Estate Fund	724,689
Arthur Sondheim Estate Fund	39,941
Future Mast Plan, Strategic Plan & Annual Plan Expends.	4,000,000
Assigned:	
N. Gaiman/Dr. Phillips Ctr Event Proceeds	41,204
J. Green/Dr. Phillips Ctr Event Proceeds	35,806
N. Sparks/Dr. Phillips Ctr Event Proceeds	10,104
OCLS Foundation	697,831
Unassigned	37,948,931
Current Year Revenue over Expenditures	4,824,323
TOTAL FUND BALANCE	48,976,179
TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE	49,026,210

ORANGE COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT
MONTHLY ROLLOVER
September 30, 2026
Preliminary

	BALANCE 08/31/26	RECEIPTS	DISBURSE	BALANCE 09/30/26
OPERATING				
Equity in Pooled Cash	7,441,637	486,512	5,022,377	2,905,772
Equity in Pooled Investments	45,484,227	168,181	-	45,652,408
	52,925,864	654,693	5,022,377	48,558,180
CAPITAL PROJECTS				
Equity in Pooled Investments	63,988,866	200,322	-	64,189,188
SINKING				
Equity in Pooled Investments	10,151,771	32,470	-	10,184,241
SELF FUNDED HEALTH				
Equity in Pooled Cash	410,366	394,959	663,274	142,051
Claims Payment Checking Account	116,403	627,554	627,554	116,403
Equity in Pooled Investments	5,181,069	16,704	-	5,197,773
	5,707,838	1,039,217	1,290,828	5,456,227

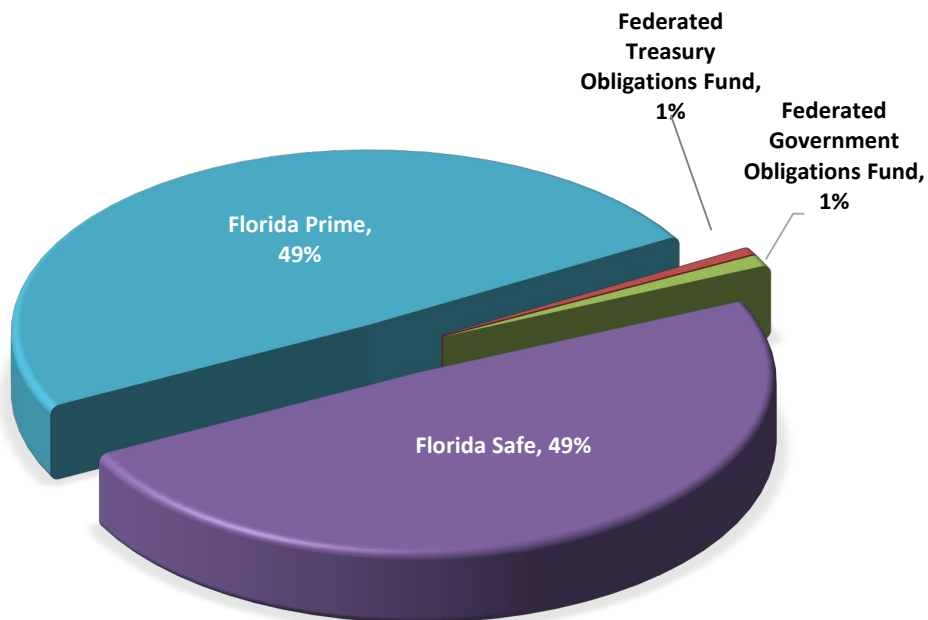
ORANGE COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT

GENERAL POOLED INVESTMENTS

September 30, 2026

Preliminary

<u>INVESTMENT TYPE</u>	<u>DOLLARS</u>
MONEY MARKET FUNDS	
Federated Treasury Obligations Fund	812,621
Federated Government Obligations Fund	1,306,364
LOCAL GOVERNMENT INVESTMENT POOLS	
Florida Safe	61,453,950
Florida Safe-HW Demo Fund	286,506
Florida Prime (SBA)	<u>61,364,170</u>
TOTAL	<u><u>125,223,610</u></u>

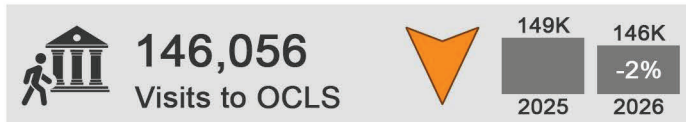


**Orange County Library System
Board of Trustees Meeting
October 8, 2026**

Dashboard

Monthly Report: September 2026

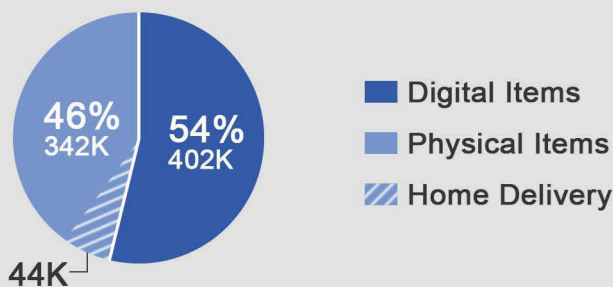
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Collection



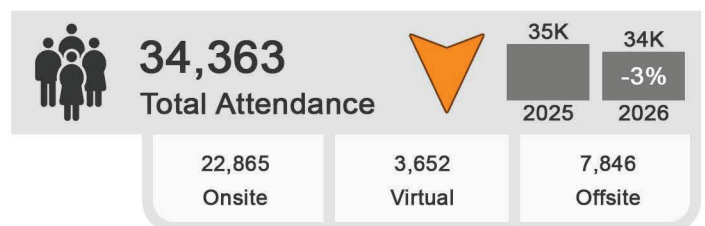
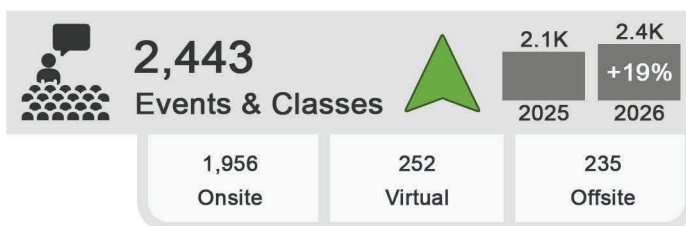
Checkouts by Collection Type



Spotlight: User Ratings



Events & Classes



Customer Feedback

During an Open Lab, Ibrahim, the technology trainer at the South Trail Branch, helped a customer with his new computer, walking him through all the basics and showing him how to access his Google account. The customer had never used Google Photos and had only used the Gallery on his cell phone. When he opened Google Photos, there were images from his old phone, including photographs of his wife in Colombia from the late '70s. He started crying because his wife had passed, and he never thought he would have access to those photos ever again.

**Orange County Library System
Board of Trustees Meeting
October 8, 2026**

Annual Plan Update

ORANGE COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM

Annual Plan Update for September 2026

Purpose Statement:

**Enriching lives through experiences and opportunities
to learn, grow and connect.**

GOAL: BE WELCOMING

Objective: We will provide excellent customer service, create inviting spaces and ensure accessibility so the community feels welcome at OCLS.

Activity: Provide additional ways to access library services throughout the county.

- Expand in-demand library services so that they are accessible to more people in the community.
 - The Community Engagement Mobile Team visited 11 future mobile library service locations, using a library van stocked with book carts and interactive activities for participants. Through these outreach efforts, the team engaged with more than 333 community members, circulated library materials, and supported many individuals in registering for library cards.
 - Adult Services finalized a draft for an on-demand video to learn more about registering for classes and exploring course tracks.
- Partner with organizations to share resources.
 - The Events & Programs Department, in partnership with the Chickasaw Branch, hosted the Raymi Dance School. During this program, customers learned a new dance from professional folkloric dancers.
 - The Events & Programs Department, in partnership with Piggles and Company Exotic Animal Advocacy and the Southwest Branch, provided a program that taught participants about the diet, habitat, and behavior of skunks.
 - In partnership with IDEAS FOR US and the South Creek branch, the Events & Programs Department hosted a Sustainable Food Systems program. Customers learned how sustainable agriculture practices, local food systems, and community initiatives can reduce environmental impact and support healthier food choices.
 - The Events & Programs Department, in partnership with the Alafaya Branch, hosted the Orlando Literary Expo. Customers were able to connect with Orlando-area literary organizations to learn about their work and the resources available for local writers.

Activity: Regularly access interior spaces to maximize usage and accommodate a variety of user experiences and needs.

- Evaluate the customer experience in public spaces.
 - Marketing and Public Relations ordered A-frame sign holders for all locations to support consistent systemwide messaging, with the first signs focused on how library services are funded.

- **Marketing created new wayfinding signage for all branch locations, incorporating feedback from Chiefs of Neighborhood Services to standardize naming conventions; branches can request these signs as needed.**
- **Windermere created a book display to support Fiber Arts programming in September.**
- **Explore opportunities to optimize accessibility.**
 - **The Accessibility Tool Evaluation Committee completed its review of accessibility tools and features available at all library locations. The OCLS website has been updated with current information, and a resource was developed to make it easier for staff to identify the accessibility tools available at each OCLS location.**

Activity: **Focus on customer service training that addresses the needs of Orange County residents.**

- **Establish best practices to support underserved populations.**
 - **The Community Engagement Social Worker team developed and published two additional workshops for library staff focused on supporting customers experiencing food insecurity and homelessness. These workshops provide an overview of the social workers' role in addressing these needs, outline available community resources, and equip staff with practical information and tools to assist customers when a social worker is not immediately available.**
 - **In September, staff viewed the OCLS Social Worker Guide 367 times, showing continued engagement with this resource.**
- **Implement systemwide expectations and training based on the Customer Service Story.**

GOAL: BE CONNECTED

Objective: We will promote engagement, facilitate partnerships and generate awareness so the community feels connected to OCLS.

Activity: Intentionally invest in meaningful relationships and partnerships with organizations that are aligned with the library's purpose.

- Support partnerships with local educational institutions to promote services.
- Support partnerships with health and wellness organizations.
 - **Books & Beyond** featured a program on Preventative Care for Seniors, a Wellness Session for Teens at Southeast Branch and the Examine+ database in the September issue. Six wellness programs were promoted through social media including yoga, qigong and a Healthy Aging program presented by AdventHealth.
 - The Community Engagement Department collaborated with AdventHealth Children's Hospital to deliver two Mother Goose on the Loose sessions, including a Gosling Caregiver Workshop and a Gosling Informational Session. These programs reached a total of 61 attendees and supported hospital-based family literacy and early learning services.
 - The Events and Programs Department, in partnership with Orlando Health, hosted a Safety Tips for Parents with Infants and Toddlers program at the Alafaya Branch.

Activity: Explore ways to foster higher engagement rates.

- Focus on connecting with the senior and teenage segments of the community.
 - Video production is underway for a new Value commercial highlighting a senior adult as a library customer. Print and digital ads featuring a senior adult were published this month in Community Paper, Bungalower and the Orlando Sentinel.
 - Washington Park Technology Trainers presented senior-focused technology classes that included an introduction to using media and AI tools. They also offered Saturday afternoon open labs for seniors, providing additional time and support for participants to practice and receive help with their technology needs. South Creek offered two senior skills classes: Build Your Computer Mouse Skill and Build Your Typing Skill. Adult Services offered a variety of senior technology classes at the Orlando Public Library, including Build Your Computer Mouse Skills, Build Your Typing Skills, Basic Internet Safety, Open Lab, and Device Advice. Windermere hosted Internet Level 1 for Seniors-Fundamentals. The Fairview Shores branch offered three sessions of Device Advice and Computer Basics for Seniors. The Winter Garden branch delivered seven technology classes for seniors, including two in Spanish and five in English. The West Oaks Branch offered the Basic Internet Safety – Senior Skills session. This program

supported seniors in building their confidence and skills in using the internet safely. North Orange hosted five classes for seniors, including *Desarrollando las Destrezas del Mouse (Español)*, *Build your Computer Mouse Skill*, and *Device Advice*. In September, the Southwest branch hosted *Computer Basics for Seniors*, a class that allowed seniors to become more comfortable using the computer. South Train Branch presented *Basic Internet Safety*, *Computadora Basica*, *Seguridad Basica en Internet*, *Utilizacion de Medios y Herramientas de IA*, and *Using Media & AI Literacy Tools* classes for seniors. Alafaya held weekly *Open Lab: Ask a Tech* sessions for seniors. Southeast offered two senior-focused technology classes, *Using Media & AI Literacy Tools* and *Utilización de Medios y Herramientas de IA*, to help older adults build the digital literacy skills needed to confidently use technology, online information, and emerging AI tools. These classes provided English- and Spanish-speaking seniors with opportunities to learn in a supportive environment, increase confidence using digital resources, and strengthen their ability to access information, communicate, and participate in an increasingly technology-driven world. The Chickasaw Library provided *Basic Technology Classes* for seniors at the Union Park Neighborhood Center for Families.

- In partnership with the Office on Aging, the Events Department and the South Creek branch hosted the *Senior Smart Branching Out* series in Spanish, focusing on financial well-being for a stronger future. The Events Department, in partnership with the South Trail branch, hosted the *Smarter Senior Seminar Series*. The series focused on teaching seniors how to identify and learn about scams and was presented by a CSHP Certified Senior Housing Professional. In September, Home Delivery staff prepared and sent out 44 subscription boxes for the *Orange Crate for Seniors* participants. The Winter Garden Branch offered three programs for older adults: *Bingo for Seniors*, *Senior Movie Club: Wait Until Dark*, and *Senior Craft: Diamond Art Bookmarks*. Washington Park presented a variety of entertaining, educational, and engaging events for community seniors. In addition to our monthly *World of Color and Shape* and *Poetry for Seniors* programs, the team also offered health and wellness events, including a *Creating a Medical Binder* workshop and a *Sit & Be Fit* exercise session for seniors. South Creek hosted two senior events: *Cuisine Corner: Honey Oat Energy Bites* and a Spanish-language senior program focused on financial well-being. Windermere hosted 5 senior focused programs including, *Senior Brain Stretch - Brain Station for Seniors*, *In-Person: Beginner Adult French for Seniors*, and *Senior Art Expressions: Autumn Pain-Along*. The Community Engagement Department hosted over 24 offsite events for seniors, including crafts, cuisine corners, book checkouts, and social worker support. The Community Engagement Department provided interactive storytimes for seniors at 13 memory care and assisted living facilities across the county. The West Oaks Branch offered a *Bingo for Seniors* program, which was very popular, with a full registration. The interest demonstrated a strong desire by the senior community in social and recreational programming. North Orange hosted nine programs for seniors, including *Yoga for Adults and Seniors* and *Senior Brain Stretch*. Hiawassee hosted three programs

for seniors: What's the Buzz? Bees & Honey Tasting, Fall Decoupage Wall Decor, and Fall Collage Art. In September, the Southwest branch hosted Qigong Movement and Breathing, a program where seniors were able to discover the ancient practice of qigong through breathing and exercise. South Trail Branch offered Seniors Kick Back, a series of weekly events where older adults explore a variety of interests. This month's events included Macrame Wall Hanging, Smarter Senior Seminar Series: Scams, and Decorative Mason Jars. Bingo and Dance for Seniors were offered at Alafaya this month. Southeast's regularly scheduled senior programs created meaningful opportunities for older adults to connect with one another, learn new skills, and stay active in their community. Programs such as Gardening for Seniors, Senior Brain Stretch: Puzzles, Senior Brain Stretch: Journaling, and online Spanish Conversation for Seniors and Beyond supported social interaction, lifelong learning, and personal enrichment in both in-person and virtual settings. The Chickasaw branch hosted a Veterans Connect program where veterans shared stories, took part in history trivia, and enjoyed light snacks and beverages. Chickasaw Branch hosted Seed Library Day for Seniors in partnership with Plant Clinic. Staff distributed mini pots, soil, and seeds.

- South Creek hosted two teen programs: Gamers Guild: Teen Board Game Meetup and Teen Art Adventures: Doodle Art. The Washington Park Branch's Teen DIY Society continued to grow in popularity, drawing an engaging mix of teen participants from the community. Windermere hosted Teen Art Adventures: Bad Art on Purpose, Teen Art Adventures: Fall Tote Bag, and Dungeons & Dragons - Teen One Shot to 11 teens. The Winter Garden Branch hosted four teen programs: Teen Art Adventures: Paper Portraits, Teen Cuisine: Homemade Honey Butter, and two teen volunteer events. The Fairview Shores Branch continued to offer scheduled programming for teens, which included Teen Let's Play Magic the Gathering and Teen Tabletop How-To for interactive connection in a group. They also offered Teen Fiber Arts: Macrame Pumpkin Keychain. Youth Services launched two new teen libguide tabs, Banking for Beginners and First Job 101. The West Oaks staff offered several teen programs in September, including Teen Art Adventures: Bad Art on Purpose and Teen Volunteering: The Pulp Pages. North Orange hosted four programs and classes for teens, including Crochet Level 1 & 2 and Teen Cuisine: I Heart Salsa. Hiawassee hosted a Clementine Chronicles teen event where young adults created content for the Hiawassee teen newsletter. Hiawassee also hosted a Teen Volunteering event for young adults. In September, the Southwest branch hosted two teen activities. Teen Art Adventures: Printmaking allowed teens to experience the art of creating their own prints. Southwest also hosted their first Animanga Club in September. Alafaya offered its monthly Orange Slice teen literary journal, as well as a teen fiber arts program. The South Trail Branch hosted six events for teens including Design Graphics Using Photoshop, Teen Fiber Arts: Woven Bookmarks, Teen Volunteering, Teen Fiber Arts: Macrame Coaster, Finger Knitting: Upcycled Jewelry, and Teen Fiber Arts: Kumihimo. Southeast's Teen Zine Monthly Meeting

encouraged teens to connect with their peers through creative writing.

- **Engage customers in library services with system-wide initiatives.**
 - **Adult Services reviewed feedback from branches and adjusted plans for next summer's programming as planning begins for Summer 2027.**
 - **The 2026 Summer at Your Library program saw a 7% increase in overall program attendance, a 10% increase in youth reading challenge sign-ups, and a 9% increase in youth completions.**
 - **South Creek hosted a career resource class in September titled "Improve Your Job Interview Skills – Job Seekers Series."**
 - **The Fairview Shores Tech Trainer offered "Prepare for Your Job Search" and "Open Lab- Job Seekers Resume Help."**
 - **Washington Park's Librarian and Technology Trainer presented Job Seeker classes aimed at sharing best practices and industry updates to support successful employment outcomes for attendees. The classes offered included "Search and Apply for Jobs Online," "Build & Perfect Your Resume," and "Improve Your Job Interview Skills," providing participants with practical guidance and tools for each stage of the job search process.**
 - **Adult Services offered four programs in the Job Seekers Series at the Orlando Public Library and four virtual programs to support community members with their job search.**
 - **Windermere offered "Build & Perfect Your Resume" and "Improve Your Job Interview Skills" as a part of the Job Seekers Series.**
 - **Hiawassee offered four career support programs this month: "Prepare for Your Job Search," "Build and Perfect Your Resume," "Search and Apply for Jobs," and "Improve Your Job Interview Skills."**
 - **The "Career Development and Business Books" curated list in OverDrive has had 47 checkouts so far in September. It has had 364 checkouts since it was first posted.**
 - **The West Oaks Branch offered a "Build and Perfect Your Resume" class as part of the Job Seekers Series. The librarian led the session, which focused on helping participants strengthen and refine their resumes to support their employment goals.**
 - **The Southwest Technology Trainer hosted "Build & Perfect Your Resume," a class where customers received advice and guidance on creating their resumes. The Southwest Branch also hosted a Job Seekers Spotlight program, which highlighted the various career-support databases available through OCLS.**
 - **The South Trail Branch technology trainer presented "Build & Perfect Your Resume" as part of the Job Seekers Series.**
 - **Southeast promoted career-support resources through the program "Prepare for Your Job Search." Through this program, participants received guidance on job searching, resume preparation, application strategies, and employment resources to help them navigate today's job market with confidence. By providing opportunities to build career-readiness skills and connect with information that supports economic mobility, the branch strengthened community engagement**

and supported individuals in pursuing employment opportunities, achieving personal goals, and staying connected to essential educational and workforce resources.

- The Winter Garden Branch hosted three "LEGO Club" events and two "LEGO Spike Prime" classes.
- The Fairview Shores Branch hosted five "LEGO Education Essentials Prime" classes and one "LEGO Club" program.
- In September, South Creek hosted two "LEGO Education Spike Prime" classes, a "LEGO Club" event for children, and an adult program titled "Serious Builders & Gamers: Adult LEGO and Board Game Meetup."
- Windermere hosted 4 "LEGO Club" programs and 3 "LEGO Education Spike Prime: Science & Engineering" classes in September.
- The North Orange Branch hosted three LEGO programs, including "LEGO Club" and "LEGO Spike Prime".
- The West Oaks Branch offered the "LEGO Education Spike Prime: Science & Engineering" class twice in September.
- Hiawassee offered "LEGO Education Spike Essentials: Amusement Parks" and "LEGO Education Spike Essentials: Carnival Games." The branch also offered a "LEGO Club" event.
- In August, the Southwest Branch hosted three sessions of "LEGO Education Spike Prime: Science & Engineering" along with weekly "LEGO Club," which allowed customers to participate in hands-on learning.
- South Trail Branch presented "LEGO Club," "LEGO Digital Builds," and "LEGO Education Spike" events where participants used their imaginations to build unique designs.
- "LEGO Club "continued to be held weekly at Alafaya, in addition to nine" LEGO Spike" and two "LEGO Build Video Games and Digital Design" classes.
- Southeast's bi-weekly "LEGO Spike" program engaged children and families in collaborative, hands-on STEM learning. Through creative building, coding, and problem-solving activities, participants practiced critical thinking and technology skills while interacting with peers in a supportive setting. These programs encouraged curiosity, teamwork, and ongoing learning, helping attendees connect with educational resources, emerging technologies, and one another.
- Chickasaw Branch hosted "LEGO Club" for children and families. Children participated in a build-off competition, and their projects were displayed in a display case for the community to enjoy their creativity.
- In September, Home Delivery staff moved the following holds to the front of the queue: children's books related to Hispanic Heritage Month as well as books on the Sunshine State Reading Lists and Florida Teens Reading list for 2026-2027.
- Five members of the Home Delivery staff continue to read and evaluate books for both the Adult Best of Books and the Kids Best of Books committees.
- Winter Garden Branch set up a display in the children's area with handouts about the "1000 Books Before Kindergarten" initiative to encourage caregivers to participate.

- The Fairview Shores Branch continued to replenish the "1000 Books Before Kindergarten" booklets in the children's area to encourage caregivers to participate.
- Circulation staff continued to participate in the staff picks initiative. Six circulation staff members participated over the past month.
- In September, the West Oaks librarian continued to read and evaluate titles for possible inclusion in the "Best Books of 2026" list. The storyteller also promoted the "1000 Books Before Kindergarten" program.
- Several curated lists were posted in OverDrive for September. A list titled "Celebrate Fiber Arts", created to support the September Fiber Arts theme, has had 227 checkouts so far. In recognition of National Library Card Sign-up Month, the "Having Fun Isn't Hard...When you've got a Library Card" list has generated 159 checkouts. The "Elevate Your Listening Experience" list, which highlights audiobooks with multiple narrators, resulted in 246 checkouts.
- The Community Engagement department hosted two book clubs in different areas of the County. Additionally, the team provided literacy-based activities for children and teens at the Coalition for Homelessness on four occasions in September.
- On September 21, Hiawassee held its monthly book club meeting and discussed "The Emperor of Gladness" by Ocean Vuong.
- The Downtown Book Club met in September to discuss Karin Slaughter's "We Are All Guilty Here." Karin participated in a virtual author event in July.
- The Southwest branch maintained promotion of the "1000 Books Before Kindergarten" initiative in the children's area.
- Alafaya's monthly Book Club was hosted in September. Additionally, the branch hosted the Orlando Literary Expo, which was well attended.
- South Trail Branch promoted "1000 Books Before Kindergarten" during the weekly "Family Play and Connect," shared reading trackers with guardians, and highlighted them in the Children's Collection.
- South Trail Branch promoted virtual Author Talks: Daniel Kraus, David Stewart, Lucky Diaz, and Priya Parker via flyers and Broadcast.
- The continued promotion of "1000 Books Before Kindergarten" through a dedicated display in the children's area at Southeast supports early literacy engagement and connects families with reading resources. The display increased awareness of the program and motivated parents and caregivers to participate in their children's literacy development and establish positive reading habits at home.
- The Chickasaw Branch ESL specialist hosted a book club featuring "Tuesdays with Morrie" by Mitch Albom. ESL students participated in discussion questions and vocabulary activities from the book to expand reading comprehension and understanding of the English language.
- The Melrose Center upgraded the 3D printer options in the Makerspace, expanding our offerings in the popular Bambu ecosystem.

- Steps are underway to implement Broadcast for digital display at the new Horizon West Branch. Plans are in place to ensure the two designated TVs are running Broadcast prior to the location's Grand Opening.
- In addition, IT: Services, IT: Design & Development, and Facilities & Operations have coordinated on converting Broadcast screens at Orlando Public Library from television browser-based systems to PC-based systems, with this transition expected to be completed before the end of the year.
- MPR updated Broadcast screens at all branches with property tax information.

Activity: **Pursue opportunities to raise visibility of OCLS in the community.**

- Seek opportunities with individuals, organizations and agencies that can help expand the library's fundraising footprint.
 - The Chief of Marketing and Public Relations shared information about the Foundation at the Board of Trustees meeting and Managers Meeting to ensure staff understand its mission to raise funds that supplement the OCLS budget.
 - Local Wanderer received a \$5,000 grant from Synchrony to support the partnership with the Audubon Center for Birds of Prey, allowing the purchase of 500 additional tickets and expanding access for Orange County residents; this is the third year OCLS has received this grant for Local Wanderer.
 - The Grants Specialist will meet on September 29 to finalize setup of the Grants Module and decide on its go-live date.
- Raise the library's visibility through networking and community building.
 - The Washington Park Tech Trainer and a Melrose Center team member appeared on WESH Channel 2 to promote the Melrose Film Festival, fiber arts, and National Library Card Sign-up Month.
 - The Winter Garden manager attended the Urban Library Council's Customer Experience Leaders Meeting and a webinar on promoting civic discourse in public libraries.
 - Washington Park staff produced video footage promoting the upcoming Fiber Arts Fest, which OCLS shared on social media to increase event visibility.
 - The Fairview Shores Assistant Manager attended family night at Lakemont Elementary and spoke with 42 children and their families about OCLS resources and programs.
 - The Training and Development Team presented at an open house for The Reliable Speakers Toastmasters Club at Orlando Utilities Commission, highlighting OCLS services and community impact.
 - A Melrose Video Production Team member attended the Film Florida Committee & Council Meeting, where Film Florida pledged support for member film festivals, including a \$500 sponsorship for the Melrose Film Festival on September 26.
 - The Melrose Center hosted 19 students from the UCF Transition School to introduce Melrose resources that support career readiness, and Melrose Video

Production Instructors promoted resources for students at UCF's Opportunity Quest event focused on career paths and entrepreneurship.

- **The Melrose Center provided space and support for an American Institute of Graphic Arts Meetup.**
- **Youth Services staff presented at the Library Journal/School Library Journal Public Library Youth Services Leadership Summit, attended a Leadership Orange meeting, and presented at the Florida Library Youth Program Summer Reading Showcase.**
- **The West Oaks manager was formally inducted into the Orlando Daughters of the American Revolution on September 5, the genealogist attended two Winter Garden DAR meetings, and the Youth Programming Specialist met with the Ocoee High School librarian to share teen library resources.**
- **A Hiawassee staff member attended a Partners in Education event at Pinewood Elementary.**
- **The North Orange Branch Manager attended a training with the Peace and Justice Institute, provided by Orange County Government for providers serving children, youth, and families.**
- **Alafaya staff participated in the September East Orange Community Center meeting.**
- **Marketing and Public Relations staff attended the Orange County Communicators meeting and District 1 leadership meeting in September, where they shared the Horizon West Grand Opening date.**

GOAL: BE FORWARD-THINKING

Objective: We will provide and explore services and technology to deliver relevant experiences for the community.

Activity: Use data to provide responsive services that evolve and grow with the community.

- Evaluate existing and new opportunities for services and resources.
 - **The ILS RFP Committee completed scoring of the three vendors, and Innovative Interfaces' Polaris ILS received the highest overall score. The next step is to seek approval from the Board of Trustees to proceed with contract negotiations and begin planning for implementation.**
- Evaluate and improve current data collection.
 - **The Data Analytics Specialist continued training sessions with the LibInsight vendor to further build skills and support effective use of the analytics tools.**
 - **The IT: Design & Development team researched several potential tools for website heat maps, including Hotjar and Microsoft Clarity, to better understand how users interact with the library's websites. No final determination was made on a preferred solution, and efforts to identify and pursue appropriate resources for analyzing user behavior were planned to continue into the next fiscal year.**
- Create a Master Plan.
 - **The library now holds weekly meetings with the Master Plan consultants to review project status and identify next steps in the process. The Master Plan consultants are scheduled to meet with administration for a two-day workshop in November to evaluate project suggestions.**

Activity: Review programs, services and collection offerings to ensure that the library meets community needs.

- Utilize data to ensure resources meet the needs of individual communities.
 - **Community Engagement leadership has initiated the annual partner review process and will be meeting with Outreach team members from each service area across the county to evaluate existing partnerships. These reviews will help ensure that partnerships remain aligned with the library's purpose, vision, strategic priorities, and community engagement goals while continuing to address identified community needs.**
- Utilize data to evaluate the success of programming and classes.

- **The Data Analytics Specialist completed dashboards for attendance and reading program sign-ups and completion. A report is being created to highlight key findings from this data and to provide recommendations based on the analysis.**
- **The Data Analytics Specialist completed dashboards for class attendance, providing a clear view of participation trends and patterns. A report is being created to highlight key findings from this data and to provide recommendations based on the analysis.**
- **The Data Analytics Specialist completed dashboards for bilingual programs and classes, providing a clear view of participation trends and patterns. A report is being created to highlight key findings from this data and to provide recommendations based on the analysis.**

Activity: Evaluate the user journey in all aspects of library service.

- **Evaluate and update customer satisfaction measurement tools.**
 - **A cutover plan was finalized to launch the new Class and Program Feedback Survey on October 1. The plan outlined the steps needed to move from the current feedback process to the new survey tool and confirmed that all preparations were in place for the October launch date.**
- **Explore innovative technologies, ideas and procedures to enhance the customer experience.**
 - **The IT Design & Development team held several preliminary conversations that outlined possible approaches and explored the potential for an OCLS API. Work on this project was deferred, with efforts planned to resume in the next fiscal year.**
 - **The IT Design & Development team met with an IT Services Infrastructure manager to discuss opportunities for alignment between the two departments in using artificial intelligence to support workflows and processes. The discussion focused on how AI tools could be applied to improve efficiency, streamline tasks, and enhance collaboration across both areas. Several platforms and approaches were considered. Conversation will continue.**

GOAL: BE EMPOWERED

Objective: We will enhance our employee training structure, support professional development and improve internal communication so OCLS staff are adaptable to community needs.

Activity: Foster a culture of growth and development.

- Provide training and development opportunities that support staff and system-wide efforts.
 - In September, Acquisition Managers held a meeting with staff to share information about the mental health benefits available through United Healthcare. The session focused on ensuring employees were aware of the full range of resources and support services they could access to address mental health needs.
 - The West Oaks librarian trained four new staff members on the library catalog, ensuring they were prepared to support patrons in locating and accessing materials effectively.
 - The Fairview Shores Librarian strengthened internal communication by delivering weekly "Industry News" updates and a "Database of the Week" email that highlighted valuable OCLS resources and tools for staff. In addition, he fostered a culture of continuous development by sharing a daily "PLA Early Literacy Tip of the Day" email aligned with the PLA Early Literacy OCLS calendar.
 - Staff members attended a Communico training and refresher session hosted by an assistant manager. Staff at South Creek received cross-training on financial tasks, including deposits and TBS.
 - This past month, the circulation department focused on security and safety training. All staff members participated in a security walkthrough of the Orlando Public Library, during which the OPL Customer Service Associate Manager led a tour and highlighted emergency exits and procedures. In addition, the OPL Customer Service Manager presented training on First and Second Amendment auditors, further strengthening staff awareness and preparedness.
 - North Orange staff received training on the unique benefits of graphic novels/comics for juveniles and adults alike. Staff learned specific strategies on how to educate caregivers of young readers on why graphic novels can be a great tool in advancing reading goals for their child.
- Support opportunities for cross-departmental/branch experiences.
 - The revamped Adult Programs Committee met in September. Each branch has a representative on the committee. Topics covered in the meeting included participation expectations, goals of the committee, and sharing which programs are working well at each location.
 - In September, the Community Engagement Outreach Tabling Guide saw 115 visits. The department has also seen increased interest from other departments

and locations across the library system seeking opportunities for staff to participate in large-scale annual outreach events.

Activity: Strengthen internal communication.

- Implement a Human Resources Information System (HRIS) and explore feature capabilities.
- Implement Finance Enterprise Software (FES) and explore feature capabilities.
- Create a Technology Plan.

Activity: Prioritize employee engagement and well-being.

- Explore meaningful ways to celebrate employee contributions.
 - **The circulation department continues to use the Kudos flagpole and shares kudos during weekly staff meetings to recognize and celebrate staff achievements.**
 - **The Fairview Shores branch continues to recognize excellent customer service by creating posters that congratulate staff who earn 100% on Mystery Shops and displaying them on a bulletin board.**
 - **Acquisitions managers continued to use the bulletin board to recognize a staff member each month. In September, the spotlight featured Carley Godette, Technical Services Assistant.**
 - **The Customer Service Department recognized staff who earned a 100% score on the Mystery Shopper evaluation by presenting them with a “Certificate of Achievement” printed on foil paper. The department also acknowledged the broader team through staff kudos and displayed them on the monthly recognition board to highlight both individual and team successes.**
 - **South Trail Branch staff updated the staff bulletin board with staff recognition, staff shout outs, passive team building activities, and a question of the week.**
 - **The Southwest Branch continued its Employee of the Month and Kudos board initiatives.**
- Support staff in building connections locally and throughout the system.

**Orange County Library System
Board of Trustees Meeting
October 8, 2026**

**Action Items:
Consent Agenda**

**Orange County Library System
Board of Trustees Meeting
October 8, 2026**

**South Creek Branch
HVAC Replacement**

SOUTH CREEK BRANCH HVAC REPLACEMENT

I. ISSUE STATEMENT

Library Board approval is needed to award the South Creek Branch HVAC Replacement contract.

II. BACKGROUND & SUMMARY

The South Creek Branch, constructed in 2002, is served by two air handling units, each supported by two air-cooled condensing units with dual refrigerant circuits. This equipment is original to the facility and has reached the end of its useful life.

The library engaged C&S Engineering to evaluate the existing system and design a replacement. The project includes replacing the air handlers and condensers, installing new controls and sensors, modifying ductwork, providing any required electrical upgrades, and incorporating the required R-454B refrigerant ventilation components.

To maintain consistency with the library's existing HVAC infrastructure, the replacement system will utilize Trane equipment and controls. The library contacted the two local certified Trane dealers, MSI and Greens Energy Services (Greens). MSI declined to participate due to workload constraints.

The library posted a Notice of Intent to Sole Source with Greens on its Procurement Portal for the required 15-day period and received no objections.

The equipment procurement and preparation process is expected to take 12 to 16 weeks, with installation scheduled for early 2027. The library is requesting an overall budget as outlined below.

Vendor	Description	Cost
C&S Engineering	System Design, Oversight and Commissioning	\$6,800
Greens Energy	Equipment, Installation and Permits	\$567,773
OCLS	Contingency 4%	\$25,000
Project Total		\$599,573

III. CONSIDERATION

The library is requesting the library board to:

1. Authorize staff to execute a contract with Greens for \$567,773.
2. Approve the project budget of \$599,573, which includes a \$25,000 contingency.

IV. RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the library board:

1. Authorize staff to execute a contract with Greens for \$567,773.
2. Approve the project budget of \$599,573, which includes a \$25,000 contingency.

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
ORANGE COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM
RESOLUTION 26-164**

SOUTH CREEK BRANCH HVAC REPLACEMENT

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Orange County Library System, held in the City of Orlando, on the 8th of October 2026 at 6:00 pm, prevailing Eastern Time.

PRESENT:

ABSENT:

The Board Resolves:

1. To authorize staff to execute a contract with Greens Energy Services for \$567,773.
2. To approve the project budget of \$599,573, which includes a \$25,000 contingency.
3. All resolutions that conflict with the provisions of this resolution are rescinded.

AYES:

NAYS:

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED:

Secretary

**Orange County Library System
Board of Trustees Meeting
October 8, 2026**

**Winter Garden Branch
HVAC Replacement**

WINTER GARDEN BRANCH HVAC REPLACEMENT

I. ISSUE STATEMENT

Library Board approval is needed to award the Winter Garden Branch HVAC Replacement contract.

II. BACKGROUND & SUMMARY

The Winter Garden Branch, constructed in 2005, is served by two air handling units, each supported by two air-cooled condensing units with dual refrigerant circuits. This equipment is original to the facility and has reached the end of its useful life.

The library engaged C&S Engineering to evaluate the existing system and design a replacement. The project includes replacing the air handlers and condensers, installing new controls and sensors, modifying ductwork, providing any required electrical upgrades, and incorporating the required R-454B refrigerant ventilation components.

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C&S Engineering	System Design, Oversight and Commissioning	\$6,800
Greens Energy	Equipment, Installation and Permits	\$597,898
OCLS	Contingency 4%	\$25,000
Project Total		\$629,698

III. CONSIDERATION

The library is requesting the library board to:

1. Authorize staff to execute a contract with Greens for \$597,898.
2. Approve the project budget of \$629,698, which includes a \$25,000 contingency.

IV. RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the library board:

1. Authorize staff to execute a contract with Greens for \$597,898.
2. Approve the project budget of \$629,698, which includes a \$25,000 contingency.

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
ORANGE COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM
RESOLUTION 26-165**

WINTER GARDEN BRANCH HVAC REPLACEMENT

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Orange County Library System, held in the City of Orlando, on the 8th of October 2026 at 6:00 pm, prevailing Eastern Time.

PRESENT:

ABSENT:

The Board Resolves:

1. To authorize staff to execute a contract with Greens Energy Services for \$597,898.
2. To approve the project budget of \$629,698, which includes a \$25,000 contingency.
3. All resolutions that conflict with the provisions of this resolution are rescinded.

AYES:

NAYS:

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED:

Secretary

**Orange County Library System
Board of Trustees Meeting
October 8, 2026**

**Assignment of Plan
Administrators**

ASSIGNMENT OF PLAN ADMINISTRATORS

I. ISSUE STATEMENT

Library Board approval is required to appoint administrators for the library's pension, deferred compensation, and other benefit plans.

II. BACKGROUND & SUMMARY

The library administers the following plans on behalf of Library staff:

Defined Benefit Pension Plan – Traditional retirement plan covering full-time employees hired before January 1, 2007.

Other Post-Employment Benefit Plan – The plan pays retirees for certain health care costs, including premiums for dependent insurance coverage, on a pre-tax basis.

Defined Contribution Pension Plan – An account-based plan, similar to a 401(k) plan in the private sector, provided to all employees in lieu of Social Security participation.

Money Purchase Pension Plan – an account-based plan, similar to a 401(k), provided to full-time employees hired on or after January 1, 2007.

457(b) Deferred Compensation Plan – The plan allows employees to defer a portion of their taxable compensation.

Each of the above plans is administered in accordance with a separate plan document. While the duties vary from plan to plan, each plan document provides for the role of administrator.

The key responsibilities of the plan administrators are:

- Interpret and construe the provisions of the plan, decide any disputes that may arise regarding participants' rights, and, in general, direct the administration of the plan.
- Determine the eligibility of any individual to participate in the plan.
- Maintain all necessary records for the administration of the plan.

With respect to the Defined Benefit Pension Plan and the Other Post-Employment Benefit Plan, the administrators also monitor the investment managers' performance.

The administrators consult with professionals, including investment advisors, actuaries, and pension attorneys, as needed to administer the plans.

While the Library purchases fiduciary insurance to cover a portion of the plans' assets, the library employees who serve as administrators have personal liability and receive no additional compensation for serving in this capacity.

The current Board-approved resolution, Appointment of Plan Administrators, was approved on June 13, 2019, due to two retirements.

A similar resolution should have been brought to this board in January 2022 upon the director's retirement, in August 2022 upon the appointment of the new director, and again in October 2022 upon the appointment of the new assistant director/COO.

Since June 2019, the plan administrators have been Director/CEO Steve Powell, Assistant Director/COO Bethany Stone, and CFO Kris Shoemaker.

Rather than returning to this board each time an administrator's name changes, staff proposes that the board approve plan administrators by position.

III. CONSIDERATION

The library is requesting that the library board approve the plan administrators for the Defined Benefit Pension Plan, Other Post-Employment Benefit Plan, Defined Contribution Pension Plan, Money Purchase Pension Plan and the 457(b) Deferred Compensation Plan as the Director/CEO, Assistant Director/COO and the Chief Financial Officer.

IV. RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the library board approve the plan administrators for the Defined Benefit Pension Plan, Other Post-Employment Benefit Plan, Defined Contribution Pension Plan, Money Purchase Pension Plan and the 457(b) Deferred Compensation Plan as the Director/CEO, Assistant Director/COO and the Chief Financial Officer.

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
ORANGE COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM
RESOLUTION 26-166**

ASSIGNMENT OF PLAN ADMINISTRATORS

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Orange County Library System, held in the City of Orlando, on the 8th of October 2026, at 6:00 pm, prevailing Eastern Time.

PRESENT:

ABSENT:

The Board Resolves:

1. To approve the plan administrators for the Defined Benefit Pension Plan, Other Post-Employment Benefit Plan, Defined Contribution Pension Plan, Money Purchase Pension Plan and the 457(b) Deferred Compensation Plan as the Director/CEO, Assistant Director/COO and the Chief Financial Officer.
2. All resolutions that conflict with the provisions of this resolution are rescinded.

AYES:

NAYS:

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED:

Secretary

**Orange County Library System
Board of Trustees Meeting
October 8, 2026**

**Defined Benefit Pension
Plan Investment Policy**

DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN INVESTMENT POLICY STATEMENT

I. ISSUE STATEMENT

Library Board approval is needed to adopt revisions to the Defined Benefit Pension Plan Investment Policy Statement.

II. BACKGROUND & SUMMARY

The Orange County Library System periodically reviews its policies to ensure they remain current, clearly written, and aligned with operational needs and legal requirements.

The consultant overseeing investments for this plan is Dahab Associates, Inc. (Dahab). Dahab is an independent, SEC-registered institutional investment consulting firm based in Bay Shore, New York. They have a diverse range of over 80 clients, including public funds, Taft-Hartley funds, corporations, endowments, foundations, and wealthy families, with over \$17 billion in assets under advisement.

Dahab reviewed the existing Investment Policy Statement for the Defined Benefit Pension Plan and made minor changes to Section 6, Investment Performance Measures.

III. CONSIDERATION

Library staff are requesting the Library Board to approve the revised Defined Benefit Pension Plan Investment Policy Statement.

IV. RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Library Board approve the revised Defined Benefit Pension Plan Investment Policy Statement.

DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN
FOR EMPLOYEES OF THE
ORANGE COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT

INVESTMENT POLICY STATEMENT



Restated September 2026

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1. INTRODUCTION

This Investment Policy Statement (IPS) serves several important functions for the Defined Benefit Pension Plan (Plan) for Employees of the Orange County Library District (District). Those functions include:

- Providing a structure for managing Plan investments.
- Documenting Plan investment objectives.
- Listing authorized Plan investments.
- Defining Plan investment performance measures.
- Documenting the roles of the Plan Administrator, Investment Managers, and Investment Consultant regarding Plan investments.
- Complying with Section 112.661, Florida Statutes, which requires that the investments of any local retirement plan be consistent with a written investment policy.
- Complying with Section 215.47 (1)-(8), (10) and (16), Florida Statutes, relating to appropriate plan investments and constraints.
- Complying with Florida Statute Section 112.662, Chapter 2023-28, when selecting investments, only pecuniary factors may be considered, and the interests of the participants and beneficiaries of the system may not be subordinate to other objectives.

It is the intent of this IPS to be sufficiently specific to be meaningful and flexible enough to be practical.

For purposes of this Investment Policy Statement (IPS), the “Plan Administrator” refers to the District’s Director, Assistant Director, and Chief Financial Officer, who are appointed by the Library Board of Trustees to serve as plan administrators under the terms of the Plan. The Administrators are responsible for administering this IPS, including monitoring investment performance and compliance with its provisions, and taking appropriate action when the investment policies articulated in this IPS are not being followed.

2. FIDUCIARY STANDARDS

Although not governed by the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), ERISA’s “prudent man” standard of care is hereby adopted as the standard to be applied in the management of the Plan’s investment portfolio. The Plan Administrator and all of its agents shall comply with the fiduciary standards contained in ERISA Section 404(a) (1) (A)-(C), 29 U.S.C. Section 1104 (a) (1) (A)-(C), set forth below:

ERISA Section 404 – Fiduciary Duties

(a)(1) A fiduciary shall discharge his duties with respect to the Plan solely in the interest of the participants and beneficiaries and –

(A) for the exclusive purpose of:

- (i) providing benefits to participants and their beneficiaries; and
- (ii) defraying reasonable expenses of administering the plan;

(B) with the care, skill, prudence, and diligence under the circumstances then prevailing that a prudent man acting in a like capacity and familiar with such matters would use in the conduct of an enterprise of a like character and with like aims;

(C) by diversifying the investments of the Plan so as to minimize the risk of large losses, unless under the circumstances it is clearly prudent not to do so.

In addition to the foregoing ERISA fiduciary standard, the Plan Administrator shall be governed by the “prudent investor” rule codified in Section 518.11, Florida Statutes.

3. INVESTMENT OBJECTIVES

The Plan’s investments shall be allocated in a manner designed to:

- Pay all benefits and expenses in a timely manner.
- Maintain a reasonable funding cushion for (1) possible future increases in benefits and/or expenses and (2) a reduction in the future return earned on investments.
- Provide a long-term investment return greater than the Plan’s actuarial interest rate assumption.

4. AUTHORIZED INVESTMENTS

Authorized investments for the Plan include the following asset classes and investment vehicles:

- (a) Cash and cash equivalents
- (b) Money Market mutual funds
- (c) Other mutual funds
- (d) Exchange-traded funds (ETF)

- (e) Commingled funds
- (f) Separate accounts
- (g) Domestic and foreign equity securities
- (h) Federal, state and local government fixed income securities
- (i) Corporate bonds
- (j) Real estate investment trusts (REIT)
- (k) Stable value funds

5. **INVESTMENT GUIDELINES**

The following asset allocation guidelines (current market value) have been established for the Plan:

Asset Class	Guideline	Range		Benchmark
		Low	High	
Domestic equity	40%	25%	55%	Russell 3000 Index
International equity	12.5%	10%	15%	MSCI EAFE Index
Emerging markets equity	12.5%	10%	15%	MSCI EM Index
Equity REITs	5%	0%	10%	NAREIT REIT
Fixed income & cash equivalents	30%	20%	50%	BBC Aggregate Index

Although new Plan contributions will be used to maintain the appropriate balance and achieve the above-referenced benchmark, it may occasionally be necessary to transfer securities between investment accounts.

The following guidelines and restrictions shall apply to all separate account investment manager portfolios and, to the extent practical, to institutional share-class mutual funds and institutional commingled vehicles:

A. Equity Securities:

All equity investments shall be limited to fully and easily negotiable equity securities. Domestic securities should be listed on one or more of the recognized U.S. national stock exchanges (including NASDAQ).

A single corporate issuer within an investment manager's equity portfolio is limited to the greater of 5% of the equity portfolio or 150% of the percentage represented by the market index.

An investment manager's equity portfolio can hold no more than 5% (current market value) of a single issuing company's outstanding stock.

Investments in the shares of companies that have been publicly traded for less than one year are limited to no more than 10% of an investment manager's equity portfolio.

B. Fixed Income Securities

Investments in all corporate fixed income securities must hold a rating of at least BB and the average rating of the portfolio must hold a rating of at least AA- by a recognized bond rating service.

The duration of the fixed income portfolio should be less than 150% of the duration of the Bloomberg Barclays Aggregate Bond Index.

No more than 5% (current market value) of an investment manager's fixed income portfolio shall be invested in the securities of any single corporate issuer.

Investments in mortgage securities must be rated at least A by a recognized bond-rating service, and the average rating of the mortgage sub-portfolio must be at least AA. Holdings of mortgage derivative securities are permitted if they are identified to the Plan Administrator, are prudently well-diversified, contain no leverage, and are rated at least AA.

Investment in fixed income securities issued by foreign governments is limited to the greater of 5% of the fixed income portfolio or the percentage represented by the market index.

There is no limit imposed on investments in fixed income securities issued directly by the United States Government or any Agency or instrumentality thereof.

C. Cash Equivalent Securities

The investment managers may invest in a money market fund offered by the custodian or in other money market funds that comply with Securities and Exchange Commission Rule 2a7. In addition, the investment managers may invest in individual fixed-income securities with maturities of less than 13 months; further, such securities must hold one of the top two credit ratings from a nationally recognized credit rating agency.

6. INVESTMENT PERFORMANCE MEASURES

A. Total Plan Performance Measures

1. The performance of the Plan will be measured over rolling three- and five-year periods. These periods are considered sufficient to accommodate the market cycles experienced with investments.
2. Plan performance will be compared to a calculated benchmark defined as a 40% investment in the Russell 3000 Index, a 25% investment in the MSCI EAFE Index, **a 5% investment in the NAREIT REIT Index and a 30% investment in the BBC Aggregate Index.**
3. On a relative basis, it is expected that the Plan's return will rank **near or** above average when compared to a representative universe of other, similarly managed portfolios.
4. On an absolute basis, it is expected that the total return (net of manager fees) of the Plan will reasonably achieve the actuarial interest rate assumption over long-term periods.

B. Domestic Stock Performance Measures

1. **The Large-cap equity component of the portfolio is** expected to meet or exceed the return of the Russell 1000 Index **or to rank in the top 40th percentile of a universe of similar equity managers over three- and five-year periods.** Large-cap equity should represent approximately two-thirds of the domestic equity allocation.
2. **The Small-cap equity component of the portfolio is** expected to meet or exceed the return of the Russell 2000 Index **or to rank in the top 40th percentile of a universe of similar equity managers over three- and five-year periods.** Small-cap equity should represent approximately one-third of the domestic equity allocation.

C. International Stock Performance Measures

The International equity component of the portfolio is expected to meet or exceed the return of the MSCI EAFE Index **or to rank in the top 40th percentile of a universe of similar international equity managers over three- and five-year periods.** While the EAFE Index contains no emerging market country allocation, the chosen manager may hold up to 20% of the portfolio, well-diversified among such countries.

D. Fixed Income Performance Measures

The fixed income portion of the portfolio is expected to meet or exceed the return of the Bloomberg Barclays Aggregate index or to rank in the top 40th percentile of a universe of investment-grade or fixed income managers over three- and five-year periods.

7. RESPONSIBILITIES OF INVESTMENT MANAGERS

Within the guidelines and restrictions set forth herein, each investment manager is to be granted full investment discretion with respect to the assets under its management.

The investment managers shall discharge their responsibilities as if the Plan were governed by ERISA's fiduciary responsibility provisions. Although ERISA does not apply to the Plan as a governmental Plan, the fiduciary provisions of ERISA are imposed upon each investment manager, whose performance shall conform to ERISA's statutory provisions, rules, regulations, interpretations, and case law. Each investment manager shall acknowledge, in writing, that it is a named fiduciary of the Plan.

Each investment manager is expected to provide any reasonable information requested by the Plan Administrator or the investment consultant on the Plan Administrator's behalf. At a minimum, each manager shall provide a quarterly report detailing its investment activity, the portfolio's current value, and any changes in investment philosophy or strategy. Each investment manager is expected to meet periodically with the Plan Administrator or the Plan Administrator's designated representatives to review investment performance and philosophy.

Unless otherwise provided by the Plan's custodian, each investment manager will monitor portfolio activity to minimize uninvested cash balances. However, each investment manager shall be responsible only for the assets it manages.

Each investment manager will be responsible for reviewing the monthly valuations provided by the Plan's custodian and for noting, in writing, any significant discrepancies between those valuations and the valuations provided in its own reports.

8. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE INVESTMENT CONSULTANT

Responsibilities of the investment consultant include: independent performance measurement of the Plan managers; monitoring managers' compliance with the investment guidelines set forth herein; recommendations regarding asset allocation and manager changes; and assistance with investment education. The consultant's quarterly reports on the Plan's investment activities shall be public records and shall be submitted to the Plan Administrator.

The investment consultant will also notify the Plan Administrator when allocations may need to be reviewed and/or rebalanced.

9. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PLAN ADMINISTRATOR

The responsibilities of the Plan Administrator include appointing and monitoring the performance of the investment consultant, actuary, external auditor, pension counsel, and any other relevant service providers to the Plan. In making investment decisions, the Plan Administrator shall exercise prudence as defined in Section 2 of this IPS. The Plan Administrator shall also act solely in the interest of the active Plan participants and beneficiaries.

A central duty of the Plan Administrator is to monitor investment results through regular reviews and analyses. The Plan Administrator shall also take appropriate action if the Plan's objectives are not being met or if the investment policies articulated in this IPS are not being followed.

10. CRITERIA FOR INVESTMENT MANAGER REVIEW

A. Specific Criteria

The following guidelines are used to evaluate the ongoing performance of an investment manager. Based on notification from the investment consultant, if any of the following occurs, the investment manager may be notified of the Plan Administrator's concern:

1. The investment manager's performance falls below the 40th percentile in the universe ranking and trails its benchmark for three consecutive quarters.
2. The manager's performance standard deviation exceeds 125% of that of the comparable market. This statistic will be measured over rolling three- and five-year periods relative to the manager's specific performance benchmark. If the manager does not yet have three years of performance history, the measure will begin after the initial year of performance.
3. Departure of any key personnel.
4. Any change in basic investment philosophy by the manager
5. Failure to observe the security quality restrictions in Section 5

The Plan Administrator shall consider the circumstances and consult with the Investment Consultant when determining whether notification to the manager is appropriate.

B. Discharge for any reason

Independent of the above criteria, the Plan Administrator may discharge a manager for any reason, provided that the manager's contract's reasonable notice provisions are observed.

11. COMMUNICATIONS

- A. The custodian shall notify the Plan Administrator of all Plan transactions and, if applicable, forward all proxies to the investment manager within ten calendar days. On a monthly basis, the custodian shall provide an accounting statement that includes a summary of all receipts and disbursements, as well as the cost and market value of all assets.
- B. On a quarterly basis, the investment manager shall provide a written report to the Plan Administrator and the investment consultant affirming compliance with the security restrictions in Section 5 above and summary of common stock diversification. In addition, the manager shall deliver a report each quarter detailing the following: the Plan's quarterly and cumulative performance; adherence to the investment policy; attribution of the latest quarter's performance; a forecast of the market and economy (if the manager normally makes such forecasts); portfolio analysis and characteristics; and current portfolio assets.

- C. The investment manager shall also furnish written investment reports to the Plan Administrator and Investment Consultant within 45 days of each quarter end. These reports should focus primarily on the latest quarter and year-to-date performance and related information. The Plan Administrator may schedule personal presentations. The investment manager will provide immediate written and telephone notice to the Plan Administrator and Investment Consultant of any significant market-related or non-market-related event, including, but not limited to, any deviation from the guidelines set forth in Section 5 above.
- D. The investment manager will disclose any securities that are not in compliance with Section 5 in each quarterly report.
- E. If the Plan owns securities that complied with Section 5 at the time of purchase but are subsequently downgraded, the investment manager will dispose of such securities at the earliest prudent time.
- F. The investment manager's quarterly report will list separately any security whose price per share or unit has declined by 25% from the prior quarter end. Each listing should include the specific percentage decline for each such stock.
- G. Equity managers shall report annually to the Plan Administrator and the investment consultant regarding proxies (if applicable), presenting the issues, votes, and dates, and providing written explanations for all proxies not voted.
- H. Investment managers shall assist in preparing required reports and shall annually confirm to the Board their compliance with Chapter 2023-28.

12. OTHER FACTORS

A. Expected Annual Rate of Return

For each actuarial valuation, the Plan Administrator shall determine the expected annual rate of return for the current year, for each of the next several years, and for the long term. The expected returns shall be filed with the Florida Department of Management Services, the Orange County Library District, and the Plan's actuary.

B. Third Party Custodial Agreements & Master Repurchase Agreements

Plan investments shall be held in trust by a third-party custodian. Investments shall be purchased, sold, and held in the name of the trustee for the benefit of the Plan. The Plan does not invest in repurchase agreements.

C. Bidding Requirements

Bidding does not apply to the investments authorized under this IPS.

D. Internal Controls

Internal controls shall include the following:

- The IPS and all changes shall be presented to the Library Board of Trustees for approval.
- Library staff, other than the Plan Administrator, shall reconcile investment statements.
- The Plan Administrator shall consult with the investment consultant at least biannually to review the IPS and investment decisions.
- The District's external auditors shall review the internal controls as part of the annual audit of the District's financial statements.

E. Continuing Education

Based on discussions with the investment consultant and other advisors, the Plan Administrator shall continue educational efforts on investment matters and the Plan Administrator's responsibilities. Further, the Plan Administrator shall attend available seminars relevant to managing the Plan.

F. Reporting

The investment consultant shall prepare an annual report for the Library Board of Trustees summarizing the Plan's investment activities. The report shall include the rate of return, income earned, and market value as of the report date for each investment.

G. Valuation and Illiquid Investments

Annually, the Plan Administrator shall disclose to the Florida Department of Management Services and the Library Board of Trustees each investment for which a generally recognized market is not available. Each disclosure shall include an explanation of how the fair market value was determined and a statement that the value complies with applicable state and federal requirements. Any such investments shall comply with the criteria set forth in Section 215.47(6), Florida Statutes, except that submission to the Investment Advisory Council is not required.

13. ADMINISTRATOR SIGNATURES

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Name Typed: Steve Powell

Position: Director/CEO

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Name Typed: Bethany Stone

Position: Assistant Director/COO

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Name Typed: Kris Shoemaker

Position: Chief Financial Officer

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
ORANGE COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM
RESOLUTION 26-167**

DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN INVESTMENT POLICY STATEMENT

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Orange County Library System, held in the City of Orlando, on the 8th of October 2026, at 6:00 pm, prevailing Eastern Time.

PRESENT:

ABSENT:

The Board Resolves:

1. To approve the revised Defined Benefit Pension Plan Investment Policy Statement.
2. All resolutions that conflict with the provisions of this resolution are rescinded.

AYES:

NAYS:

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED:

Secretary

**Orange County Library System
Board of Trustees Meeting
October 8, 2026**

**Other Post-Employment
Benefits Plan Investment
Policy Statement**

OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS PLAN INVESTMENT POLICY STATEMENT

I. ISSUE STATEMENT

Library Board approval is needed to adopt revisions to the Other Post-Employment Benefits Plan Investment Policy Statement.

II. BACKGROUND & SUMMARY

The Orange County Library System periodically reviews its policies to ensure they remain current, clearly written, and aligned with operational needs and legal requirements.

The consultant overseeing investments for this plan is Dahab Associates, Inc. (Dahab). Dahab is an independent, SEC-registered institutional investment consulting firm based in Bay Shore, New York. They have a diverse range of over 80 clients, including public funds, Taft-Hartley funds, corporations, endowments, foundations, and wealthy families, with over \$17 billion in assets under advisement.

Dahab reviewed the existing Investment Policy Statement for the Other Post-Employment Benefits Plan and made minor changes in Section 5, Investment Guidelines.

III. CONSIDERATION

Library staff are requesting the Library Board to approve the revised Other Post-Employment Benefits Plan Investment Policy Statement.

IV. RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Library Board approve the revised Other Post-Employment Benefits Plan Investment Policy Statement.

OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS PLAN
FOR EMPLOYEES OF THE
ORANGE COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT

INVESTMENT POLICY STATEMENT



**ORANGE COUNTY
LIBRARY SYSTEM**

Restated September 2026

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1. INTRODUCTION

Under Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 45, all local governments are required to recognize the cost of other post-employment benefits (OPEB) during an employee's tenure rather than the "Pay as You Go" system that was common in the past. In accordance with the Library Board's approval, the Orange County Library District (District) established a trust to fund these benefits, the most significant of which is retiree health care. The assets in the Trust can be used only to pay other post-employment benefits and related expenses.

The purpose of this Investment Policy Statement (IPS) is to set forth fiduciary standards, investment objectives, authorized investments, and investment guidelines for the investment of the Trust's assets.

The intent of this IPS is to be sufficiently specific to be meaningful and flexible enough to be practical.

For purposes of this Investment Policy Statement (IPS), the "Plan Administrator" or "Administrators" refers to the District's Director, Assistant Director, and Chief Financial Officer, who are appointed by the Library Board of Trustees to serve as plan administrators under the terms of the Plan. The Administrators are responsible for administering this IPS, including monitoring investment performance and compliance with its provisions, and taking appropriate action when the investment policies articulated in this IPS are not being followed.

2. FIDUCIARY STANDARDS

Although not governed by the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), ERISA's "prudent man" standard of care is hereby adopted as the standard for managing the Trust's investment portfolio. The Administrators and all of their agents shall comply with the fiduciary standards contained in ERISA Section 404(a)(1)(A)-(C), 29 U.S.C. Section 1104(a)(1)(A)-(C), set forth below:

ERISA Section 404-Fiduciary duties

(a)(1) A fiduciary shall discharge his duties with respect to the Trust solely in the interest of the participants and beneficiaries and –

(A) for the exclusive purpose of:

- (i) providing benefits to participants and their beneficiaries; and
- (ii) defraying reasonable expenses of administering the trust;

(B) with the care, skill, prudence, and diligence under the circumstances then prevailing that a prudent man acting in a like capacity and familiar with such matters would use in the conduct of an enterprise of a like character and with like aims;

(C) by diversifying the investments of the Trust so as to minimize the risk of large losses, unless under the circumstances it is clearly prudent not to do so.

3. INVESTMENT OBJECTIVES

The Trust's investments shall be allocated in a manner designed to:

- Pay all benefits and expenses in a timely manner.
- Maintain a reasonable funding cushion for (1) possible future increases in benefits and/or expenses and (2) a reduction in the future return earned on investments.
- Provide a long-term investment return greater than the actuarial investment rate assumption.

4. AUTHORIZED INVESTMENTS

Authorized investments for the Trust include the following asset classes and investment vehicles:

- (a) Cash and cash equivalents
- (b) Mutual funds
- (c) Exchange-traded funds (ETF)
- (d) Commingled funds
- (e) Separate accounts
- (f) Domestic and foreign equity securities
- (g) Federal, state and local government fixed income securities
- (h) Corporate bonds
- (i) Real estate investment trusts (REIT)
- (j) Stable value funds

5. INVESTMENT GUIDELINES

The following asset allocation guidelines (current market value) have been established for the Trust:

Asset Class	Guideline	Range	
		Low	High
Domestic equity securities	65%	40%	80%
Foreign equity securities	15%	0%	25%
Fixed income & cash securities	20%	10%	60%

6. REPORTING

The Chief Financial Officer shall provide the Library Board of Trustees with an annual investment report detailing the amounts and types of investments held during the year.

7. ADMINISTRATOR SIGNATURES

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Name Typed: Steve Powell

Position: Director/CEO

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Name Typed: Bethany Stone

Position: Assistant Director/COO

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Name Typed: Kris Shoemaker

Position: Chief Financial Officer

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
ORANGE COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM
RESOLUTION 26-168**

OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS PLAN INVESTMENT POLICY STATEMENT

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Orange County Library System, held in the City of Orlando, on the 8th of October 2026, at 6:00 pm, prevailing Eastern Time.

PRESENT:

ABSENT:

The Board Resolves:

1. To approve the revised Other Post-Employment Benefits Plan Investment Policy Statement.
2. All resolutions that conflict with the provisions of this resolution are rescinded.

AYES:

NAYS:

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED:

Secretary

**Orange County Library System
Board of Trustees Meeting
October 8, 2026**

**South Creek Branch
Mill & Pave Project**

SOUTH CREEK BRANCH MILL AND PAVE PROJECT

I. ISSUE STATEMENT

Library Board approval is needed for the South Creek Branch Mill and Pave Project.

II. BACKGROUND & SUMMARY

The South Creek Branch was constructed in 2002. The parking lot is original to the facility and has reached the end of its useful life. The parking lot's asphalt needs to be milled and new asphalt installed.

The project includes removing and replacing approximately 5,900 square yards of asphalt, removing and replacing wheel stops, reinstalling speed bumps and installing new striping and traffic control markings.

The library solicited bids from local asphalt companies and received the following quotes:

- Hall Company, Inc. \$121,980
- All Asphalt Services, Inc. \$129,230
- Middlesex Paving, LLC \$170,650
- Hubbard Construction Company \$194,832

The project will take approximately five to seven days to complete, during which time the branch will be closed. The library is requesting an overall budget as outlined below.

Vendor	Description	Cost
Hall Company, Inc.	Milling, repaving and striping the parking lot	121,980
Ardaman & Associates	Material and Compaction Testing	4,170
OCLS	Contingency 7%	8,540
Project Total		\$134,690

The FY 2026-27 Building and Improvement account has sufficient funding to pay for this project.

III. CONSIDERATION

The library is requesting the library board to:

1. Approve the project budget of \$134,690, which includes an \$8,540 contingency.
2. Authorize staff to issue a purchase order to Hall Company, Inc.

IV. RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Library Board:

1. Approve the project budget of \$134,690, which includes an \$8,540 contingency.
2. Authorize staff to issue a purchase order to Hall Company, Inc.

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
ORANGE COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM
RESOLUTION 26-169**

SOUTH CREEK BRANCH MILL AND PAVE PROJECT

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Orange County Library System, held in the City of Orlando, on the 8th day of October 2026 at 6:00 pm, prevailing Eastern Time.

PRESENT:

ABSENT:

The Board Resolves:

1. To approve the project budget of \$134,690, which includes an \$8,540 contingency.
2. To authorize staff to issue a purchase order to Hall Company, Inc.
3. All resolutions that conflict with the provisions of this resolution are rescinded.

AYES:

NAYS:

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED:

Secretary

**Orange County Library System
Board of Trustees Meeting
October 8, 2026**

**West Oaks Branch
Mill & Pave Project**

WEST OAKS BRANCH MILL AND PAVE PROJECT

I. ISSUE STATEMENT

Library Board approval is needed for the South Creek Branch Mill and Pave Project.

II. BACKGROUND & SUMMARY

The West Oaks Branch was constructed in 2001. The parking lot is original to the facility and has reached the end of its useful life. The parking lot's asphalt needs to be milled and new asphalt installed.

The project includes removing and replacing approximately 4,900 square yards of asphalt, removing and replacing wheel stops, reinstalling speed bumps and installing new striping and traffic control markings.

The library solicited bids from local asphalt companies and received the following quotes:

- Hall Company, Inc. \$100,900
- All Asphalt Services, Inc. \$109,880
- Middlesex Paving, LLC \$132,550
- Hubbard Construction Company \$162,435

The project will take approximately five to seven days to complete, during which time the branch will be closed. The library is requesting an overall budget as outlined below.

Vendor	Description	Cost
Hall Company, Inc.	Milling, repaving and striping the parking lot	100,900
Ardaman & Associates	Material and Compaction Testing	3,800
OCLS	Contingency 7%	7,100
Project Total		\$111,800

The FY 2026-27 Building and Improvement account has sufficient funding to pay for this project.

III. CONSIDERATION

The library is requesting the library board to:

1. Approve the project budget of \$111,800, which includes a \$7,100 contingency.
2. Authorize staff to issue a purchase order to Hall Company, Inc.

IV. RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Library Board:

1. Approve the project budget of \$111,800, which includes a \$7,100 contingency.
2. Authorize staff to issue a purchase order to Hall Company, Inc.

WEST OAKS BRANCH MILL AND PAVE PROJECT

I. ISSUE STATEMENT

Library Board approval is needed for the South Creek Branch Mill and Pave Project.

II. BACKGROUND & SUMMARY

The West Oaks Branch was constructed in 2001. The parking lot is original to the facility and has reached the end of its useful life. The parking lot's asphalt needs to be milled and new asphalt installed.

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Ardaman & Associates	Material and Compaction Testing	3,800
OCLS	Contingency 7%	7,100
Project Total		\$111,800

The FY 2026-27 Building and Improvement account has sufficient funding to pay for this project.

III. CONSIDERATION

The library is requesting the library board to:

1. Approve the project budget of \$111,800, which includes a \$7,100 contingency.
2. Authorize staff to issue a purchase order to Hall Company, Inc.

IV. RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Library Board:

1. Approve the project budget of \$111,800, which includes a \$7,100 contingency.
2. Authorize staff to issue a purchase order to Hall Company, Inc.

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
ORANGE COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM
RESOLUTION 26-170**

WEST OAKS BRANCH MILL AND PAVE PROJECT

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Orange County Library System, held in the City of Orlando, on the 8th day of October 2026 at 6:00 pm, prevailing Eastern Time.

PRESENT:

ABSENT:

The Board Resolves:

1. To approve the project budget of \$111,800, which includes a \$7,100 contingency.
2. To authorize staff to issue a purchase order to Hall Company, Inc.
3. All resolutions that conflict with the provisions of this resolution are rescinded.

AYES:

NAYS:

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED:

Secretary

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
ORANGE COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM
RESOLUTION 26-170**

WEST OAKS BRANCH MILL AND PAVE PROJECT

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Orange County Library System, held in the City of Orlando, on the 8th day of October 2026 at 6:00 pm, prevailing Eastern Time.

PRESENT:

ABSENT:

The Board Resolves:

1. To approve the project budget of \$111,800, which includes a \$7,100 contingency.
2. To authorize staff to issue a purchase order to Hall Company, Inc.
3. All resolutions that conflict with the provisions of this resolution are rescinded.

AYES:

NAYS:

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED:

Secretary

**Orange County Library System
Board of Trustees Meeting
October 8, 2026**

**Action Items:
Non-Consent Agenda**

**Orange County Library System
Board of Trustees Meeting
October 8, 2026**

**Orlando Public Library First
Floor Renovation Asbestos
Abatement**

ORLANDO PUBLIC LIBRARY FIRST FLOOR RENOVATION PROJECT

ASBESTOS ABATEMENT

I. ISSUE STATEMENT

Library Board approval is needed to approve a change order for asbestos abatement for the Orlando Public Library (OPL) First Floor Renovation Project (Project).

II. BACKGROUND & SUMMARY

The Project encompasses nearly 64,000 square feet across two buildings, one opened in 1966 and the other in 1985. The library conducted building-wide asbestos testing at OPL in 2003 and 2024. Additional tests are conducted when equipment and systems are repaired or when renovations are performed.

Three of the oldest library branch buildings, Chickasaw, North Orange, and Southwest, all built in the late 1980s, were tested due to renovations, and no asbestos was identified.

Asbestos has a long and controversial history. Beginning in the 1970s, regulations were enacted to protect workers and the public. The Occupational Health and Safety Administration established its first asbestos standards in 1971. These regulations did not require the removal of asbestos-containing materials (ACMs). In 1981, the United States Environmental Protection Agency published guidance on encapsulating ACMs by applying a coating or sealant to prevent or reduce the release of asbestos fibers.

ACMs are not automatically dangerous when left undisturbed and in good condition. The greatest risk occurs when materials are damaged, deteriorated, renovated, or demolished, releasing microscopic fibers into the air where they can be inhaled.

Given the age of both buildings and the previous reports, Gomez Construction, the contractor, conducted due diligence and determined that ACMs are present in the 1985 HVAC system insulation, the 1996 building's HVAC system insulation, first-floor vinyl tile mastic adhesive, and the insulation on plumbing pipes. The ACMs are fully encapsulated, and staff and patrons are safe. However, construction activity will disturb them.

The ACMs in the Project area require removal. The abatement process is strictly regulated and must be performed by a Florida-registered and licensed contractor. That process includes some or all of the activities based on the ACM:

- Work areas are isolated using containment barriers.
- Negative air pressure systems and HEPA filtration are used to prevent fibers from escaping.
- Workers wear specialized protective equipment and follow regulated work practices.
- The asbestos-containing material is carefully wetted, removed, packaged, labeled, and transported to approved disposal facilities.

Gomez's demolition contractor for the Project is Champion Services of Florida, LLC, and they are qualified to complete the abatement process.

The abatement cost is \$223,843 and would come out of the Project Contingency.

On July 9, 2026, the Library Board approved the Project with a total project budget of \$22,375,000, which included a \$1,207,637 contingency. The \$223,843 would move from the contingency to the construction budget.

The overall project budget would remain the same as noted below.

	Original Budget	Change Order	Revised Budget
Construction Budget	\$21,167,363	223,843	\$21,391,206
Project Contingency 7%	\$1,207,637	(\$223,843)	\$983,794
Project Total	\$22,375,000		\$22,375,000

III. CONSIDERATION

The library is requesting the library board to:

1. Approve the change order in the amount of \$223,843.
2. Authorize staff to execute the change order with Gomez Construction.

IV. RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the library board:

1. Approve the change order in the amount of \$223,843.
2. Authorize staff to execute the change order with Gomez Construction.

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
ORANGE COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM
RESOLUTION 26-172**

**ORLANDO PUBLIC LIBRARY FIRST FLOOR RENOVATION PROJECT
ASBESTOS ABATEMENT**

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Orange County Library System, held in the City of Orlando, on the 8th day of October 2026 at 6:00 pm, prevailing Eastern Time.

PRESENT:

ABSENT:

The Board Resolves:

1. To approve the change order in the amount of \$223,843.
2. To authorize staff to execute the change order with Gomez Construction.
3. All resolutions that conflict with the provisions of this resolution are rescinded.

AYES:

NAYS:

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED:

Secretary

**Orange County Library System
Board of Trustees Meeting
October 8, 2026**

**Integrated Library
System Upgrade**

INTEGRATED LIBRARY SYSTEM UPGRADE

I. ISSUE STATEMENT

Library Board approval is needed to rank vendors and proceed with engaging a vendor to configure, implement, and migrate the library to a new Integrated Library System (ILS).

II. BACKGROUND & SUMMARY

An ILS is integral to the operations of all library systems. An ILS provides numerous modules, including Acquisitions, Cataloging, Circulation, Patron, Serials, and more, through which transactions take place, from checking out items to ordering materials and beyond.

OCLS used Data Research Associates (DRA) before upgrading to Millennium by Innovative in 2003. Millennium was a significant upgrade, offering new features and processes not available in DRA and increasing operational efficiency. In 2011, OCLS upgraded again and migrated to Sierra by Innovative, which OCLS continues to use today.

Over the past decade, the library technology landscape has evolved significantly, with a wide range of enhancements and services now available that could help OCLS deliver a more effective and modern ILS experience. OCLS's current ILS no longer fully supports the breadth of services needed by staff and customers to deliver an optimal library experience.

The library advertised a Request for Proposal (RFP) for an ILS on April 30, 2026. Sealed written proposals were due on June 29, 2026.

The library received seven responses to the RFP and five qualified for scoring. The Procurement Committee (Committee) for this project is: Bethany Stone, Erica Grant, Thomas Beaver, Laurlei Kolvitz, Jon Crowley, Olga Rodriguez, Jo Ann Sampson, David Noe, Amy VanSchaik.

The Committee met on July 30, 2026, to score the proposals and short-list a minimum of three Vendors. The Committee short-listed the following three Vendors (alphabetically) for oral presentations:

ByWater Solutions, ILS: Koha
Innovative, ILS: Polaris
SirsiDynix, ILS: Symphony

The short-listed vendors delivered full-day oral presentations between August 21, 2026, and August 27, 2026. Each vendor was provided with a script to guide their presentation, and Committee members were given an opportunity to ask questions.

The Committee then met on September 2, 2026, to score and rank the vendors' presentations. The final ranking is:

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|---------------------------------|------|
| 1. Innovative, ILS: Polaris | 5992 |
| 2. ByWater Solutions, ILS: Koha | 5363 |
| 3. SirsiDynix, ILS: Symphony | 4148 |

All three Vendors provided in-depth presentations. Innovative, ILS: Polaris most closely met all of the requirements of the evaluation criteria. It has a highly usable interface and intuitive modules that will improve efficiency for the many processes that library staff perform every day.

A breakdown of the pricing submitted by each short-listed vendor is provided below:

Vendor	First Year Cost	Total 5-Year Cost
Innovative	\$261,564	\$1,045,239
ByWater	\$156,980	\$441,098
SirsiDynix	\$299,722	\$953,993

Currently, the library's ILS annual cost is \$242,270. The 5-year cost of ownership for 2026 – 2030 would be \$1,338,695.

Library staff is requesting approval of a total project budget of \$1,063,539, which includes Innovative's five-year cost of \$1,045,239 and a contingency of 7% equaling \$18,300**.

**A contingency has been added solely for the library to use in the event of unforeseen costs arising from this project. Migrating information, systems, and data is complex, especially when the data includes Personally Identifiable Information and circulation records. Third-party experts may need to be engaged to help with the migration from the current legacy system. Being able to adjust quickly to the project's needs will help ensure this sensitive project is completed successfully and within timeline expectations.

III. CONSIDERATION

Library staff is requesting the library board to:

1. Approve the ranking of the short-listed vendors.
2. Approve the project budget of \$1,063,539, that includes Innovative's five-year cost of \$1,045,239 and a contingency of \$18,300.
3. Authorize the Library Director/CEO to execute a contract with Innovative.

IV. RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the library board:

1. Approve the ranking of the short-listed vendors.
2. Approve the project budget of \$1,063,539, that includes Innovative's five-year cost of \$1,045,239 and a contingency of \$18,300.
3. Authorize the Library Director/CEO to execute a contract with Innovative.

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
ORANGE COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM
RESOLUTION 26-173**

INTEGRATED LIBRARY SYSTEM UPGRADE

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Orange County Library System, held in the City of Orlando, on the 8th of October 2026, at 6:00 pm, prevailing Eastern Time.

PRESENT:

ABSENT:

The Board Resolves:

1. To approve the ranking of the short-listed vendors.
2. To approve the project budget of \$1,063,539, that includes Innovative's five-year cost of \$1,045,239 and a contingency of \$18,300.
3. To authorize the Library Director/CEO to execute a contract with Innovative.
4. All resolutions that conflict with the provisions of this resolution are rescinded.

AYES:

NAYS:

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED:

Secretary

**Orange County Library System
Board of Trustees Meeting
October 8, 2026**

**Discussion & Possible
Action Items**

**Orange County Library System
Board of Trustees Meeting
October 8, 2026**

Finance Committee Meeting

AGENDA
ORANGE COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Finance Committee Meeting

October 8, 2026

In-Person

**Orlando Public Library
101 East Central Boulevard
Orlando, Florida 32801**

I. Call to Order

II. Discussion
OCLS Finances

Section 286.0105, Florida Statutes, states that if a person decides to appeal any decision made by a board, agency, or commission with respect to any matter considered at a meeting or hearing, he or she will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, he or she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

La Sección 286.0105 de los Estatutos de la Florida establece que si una persona decide apelar cualquier decisión tomada por una junta, agencia o comisión con respecto a cualquier asunto considerado en una reunión o audiencia, necesitará un registro de los procedimientos y que, para tal fin, es posible que deba asegurarse de que se haga un registro literal de los procedimientos. cuyo expediente incluye los testimonios y las pruebas en que se basará la apelación.

Seksyon 286.0105, Lwa Florida, deklare ke si yon moun decide fè apèl kont nenpòt desizyon ki te pran pa yon tablo, ajans, oswa komisyon ki gen rapò ak nenpòt pwoblèm konsidere nan yon reyinyon oswa yon odyans, li pral bezwen yon dosye sou pwosedi yo, e ke, pou rezon sa yo, li ka bezwen asire ke yon dosye vèbal nan pwosedi yo fèt, ki dosye gen ladan temwayaj ak prèv ki montre apèl la dwe baze.

Orange County does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, religion, disability or family status. Those with questions or concerns about nondiscrimination, those requiring special assistance under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), and those requiring language assistance (free of charge) should contact the Title VI/Nondiscrimination Coordinator at access@ocfl.net or by calling 3-1-1 (407-836-3111). If you are hearing or speech impaired, you may reach the phone numbers above by dialing 711.

El Condado de Orange no discrimina por motivos de raza, color, origen nacional, sexo, edad, religión, discapacidad o situación familiar. Aquellos que tengan preguntas o inquietudes sobre la no discriminación, aquellos que requieran asistencia especial según la Ley de Estadounidenses con Discapacidades (ADA) y aquellos que requieran asistencia lingüística (gratuita) deben comunicarse con el Coordinador de No Discriminación/Título VI en access@ocfl.net o llamando 3-1-1 (407-836-3111).

Si tiene problemas de audición o del habla, puede comunicarse con los números de teléfono anteriores marcando 711.

Orange County pa fè diskriminasyon sou baz ras, koulè, orijin nasyonal, sèks, laj, relijyon, andikap oswa sitiyaasyon fanmi. Moun ki gen kesyon oswa enkyetid konsènan non diskriminasyon, moun ki bezwen asistans espesyal dapre Lwa Ameriken andikape yo (ADA), ak moun ki bezwen asistans nan lang (gratis) ta dwe kontakte Kowòdonatè Tit VI/Nondiscrimination nan access@ocfl.net oswa lè yo rele 3-1-1 (407-836-3111). Si w gen pwoblèm pou tande oswa pou w pale, ou ka kontakte nimewo telefòn ki anwo yo lè w konpoze 711.

**Orange County Library System
Board of Trustees Meeting
October 8, 2026**

Information

**Orange County Library System
Board of Trustees Meeting
October 8, 2026**

**Holiday & Closed Day Schedule:
FY 2026 - 2027**



STEVEN POWELL Library Director/Chief Executive Officer

**Closed Days: Fiscal Year 2027
October 1, 2026 – September 30, 2027**

Holidays / Events	Closed Dates
Staff Development Day	Friday, November 13, 2026
Thanksgiving Day	Wednesday, November 25, 2026 (Close at 6:00 PM) Thursday, November 26, 2026 (H) Friday, November 27, 2026 (H)
Christmas	Thursday, December 24, 2026 (H) Friday, December 25, 2026 (H)
New Year's	Thursday, December 31, 2026 (H) Friday, January 1, 2027 (H)
Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday	Sunday, January 17, 2027 Monday, January 18, 2027 (H)
Easter	Sunday, March 28, 2027
Memorial Day	Sunday, May 30, 2027 Monday, May 31, 2027 (H)
Independence Day	Sunday, July 4, 2027 Monday, July 5, 2027 (H)
Labor Day	Sunday, September 5, 2027 Monday, September 6, 2027 (H)

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Personnel Committee Update

Director's Report for October 2026 Board Meeting

Horizon West Grand Opening

At long last, we have a grand opening date for the Horizon West Branch. On October 10 at 10 AM, we will hold a ribbon-cutting and a day of family-friendly activities to welcome the community to our first new library location since opening the Chickasaw Branch more than 11 years ago. Horizon West Branch will also host early voting beginning on October 19.

Budget hearings

The Library Governing Board held two public hearings on September 15 and 29 and approved the library's Fiscal Year 2026-2027 millage and budget.

Amendment 3

The Friends of the Orange County Library System have joined other Friends groups statewide to educate voters about the potential impacts of Amendment 3. They have launched a communications campaign that includes social media posts and emails to Friends members, informing them that if the measure is passed, it will result in reduced funding for library services. They're urging their followers to educate themselves and vote on November 3.

September highlights

- 113,888 unique customer transactions
- 46,806 app downloads
- 28,529 people attended a library event
- 3,221 people attended a library class
- 7,852 people interacted with the library at an offsite event in the community

Upcoming dates

- **October 10:** Horizon West Branch ribbon-cutting and grand opening celebration
- **October 19:** Early voting begins
- **November 13:** Staff Development Day

In Closing

Since we are in the last stages of preparing for the Horizon West grand opening, I thought you might like a behind-the-scenes look at one aspect of opening a new library – loading the shelves with books. Our media specialist, Jesse Draus, set up an iPad to capture a time-lapse video of the process. LINK: <https://youtu.be/gZmz14wiRYw?si=TfdWtyY7pN0VEf> 4

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