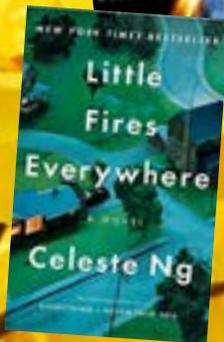
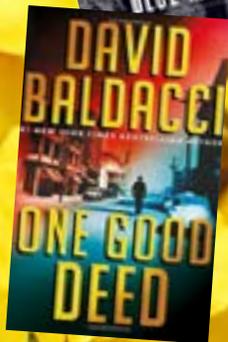
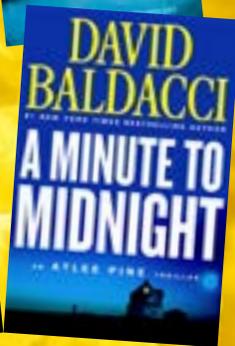
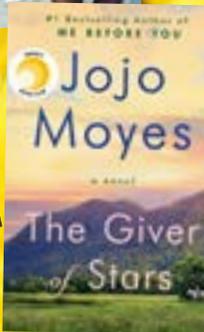
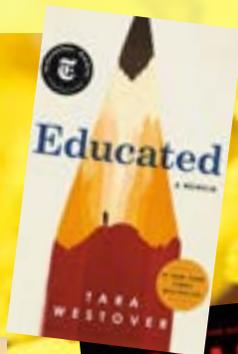
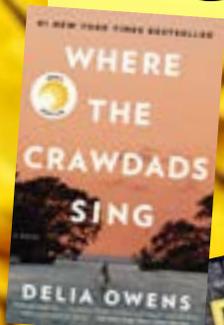


# Largo Public Library

2020: A Year in Review



## 2020: The Year the World Turned UPSIDE DOWN

It was definitely an unprecedented year by anyone's standards. The library had to close its doors to patrons for close to three months. During that time, we worked hard, while at home, to make sure our community stayed engaged and connected. Through hardship many new and exciting innovations were added to our service list like our Home Delivery Service, Virtual Programming and Take Home Craft Kits. By making changes to our building and service model, and acquiring 5 new self-checkout stations and a self-service scanner and fax machine, we ensured our staff and patrons could come back to the library safely. We strive to live out our mission: *to enrich lives and build community.*



### Fun Facts

- 20,150+ cloth masks given away
- 36 pieces (about 150 ft) of Plexiglas installed
- 15 new hand sanitizing stations added
- 130+ chairs removed to accommodate distancing
- 287 Virtual Programs with almost 4,000 attending



**The Read Woke Reading Initiative** began in August 2020. Modeled after a program developed by Cicely Lewis, School Library Journal's School Librarian of 2020, Read Woke is designed to challenge people to educate themselves about others through deliberate, thoughtful reading. The goal is to encourage you to learn about those that are different from you and actively participate in meaningful conversations about equity, diversity, and inclusion.

To be Woke a book must meet the following criteria: challenge a social norm, give voice to the voiceless, provide information about a group that has been disenfranchised, seek to challenge the status quo, and have a protagonist from an underrepresented or oppressed group.

*Here's a quick recap of the highlighted populations so far...*

**August: Black Voices**

**September: Immigrant Voices & Mental Health**

**October: Latinx Voices**

**November: Native American/Indigenous Voices**

**December: Poverty & Homelessness**



*No Beans About It... Stats from Beanstack*

- 122** Registrations (64 Children & Teens, 58 Adults)
- 324** Completed Activities
- 150** Badges Earned
- 525** Books Read
- 86** Reviews Written

*Recorded from Aug 1 - Dec 3*

## Be the Change

It's a popular phrase, it's a column in our magazine, it's a way of life. *Be the change you want to see in the world*, drives us to be better and think outside of ourselves. This year everyone became Outreach.

RG's Bookmark Café sponsored an event for Feeding the Fosters, the Outreach team donated books to the Largo Lion's Club for children undergoing cancer treatment, the Greater Largo Library Foundation and the Friends of the Largo Library collaborated to provide materials for a Free Little Library in Ridgecrest, and the Bookmobile traveled around to parades and events put on by the City of Largo for the community. Library Home Delivery, or Library HD, was launched in the summer, providing contact-free delivery of library materials to those who couldn't get to the library. Our Welcoming Week basket drive went virtual this year and we received enough supplies for 41 baskets and \$220 in monetary donations. We were also able to brighten the holidays of some senior citizens through Silver Santas. We collected over 100 gift bags for local seniors who are less fortunate or forgotten during the holidays.

We found in giving back to our community, they rewarded us in kind with over \$9,000 raised in the Foundation's Virtual Auctions alone! It may even be argued that 2020 wasn't all bad. We discovered what it was like to be engaged instead of just busy, we reconnected with our community, we remembered those less fortunate and we did A LOT of reading or *UBER-reading*. The circumstances may have set out to make or break us, but we hope we made some individually-packaged, socially-distanced lemonade with them. A big **Thank You** to our patrons, donors, and community members. We're just getting started!



## 2020: Another Year in the Books

**86,188** Population: Largo, Florida  
**64,086** Total Registered Library Cards

**308,729** Library Visitors  
**109,279** Patron Assistance  
**185,064** Digital Visitors  
**696,166** Total Checkouts

**1,063** Programs  
**25,542** Program Attendees  
**191,623** Computer Users

**267,431** Total Items in Our Collection  
**70,946** Electronic Items

**40** Full Time Equivalent Employees  
**11,642** Volunteer Hours

