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Mission Statement

The mission of the LeRoy Collins Leon County Public Library System is to enrich the community by inspiring a love of reading, providing a dynamic resource for intellectual, creative and recreational pursuits, and enabling residents to live a life of learning.

Strategic Initiatives/Support Highlights

Quality of Life

- Leon County citizens made 1 million visits to the seven locations of the LeRoy Collins Leon County Public Library, and there were 1.2 million visits on the Library website.
- Library card-holders checked out 1.7 million books and other materials and downloaded 65,000 ebooks and eaudiobooks from the Library website.
- Library online resources include 24/7 access to magazine articles, health information, newspapers, auto repair, and more, all published as subscription online information by well-known and reputable library and reference publishers.
- 28,000 adults, teens and children attended some 800 programs throughout the library system.
- Book groups meet at all library locations, engaging readers of all ages in lively discussions of a wide variety of books.
- Continued to grow the Library System's social media presence by 19% to further engage patrons.
- There were 400,000 uses of free public-access Internet computers and wi-fi throughout the library system.

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INSPIRING A LOVE OF READING AND A LIFE OF LEARNING

- The Library unveiled a new online catalog featuring improved search options and quick access to online resources, services and information.
- Launched a new online reservation system for meeting rooms to make it easier than ever for community groups to reserve meeting rooms at the Main Library, the Dr. B.L. Perry, Jr. Branch, Eastside Branch, Northeast Branch and Woodville Branch.
- Each library location received 10,000 LEGO bricks. Thanks to LEGO Systems, Inc. and the Association of Library Service to Children, young children can now attend LEGO Club, where they build with the LEGO bricks and talk about their LEGO structures.
- The Library joined the 150th anniversary celebration of the reading of the Emancipation Proclamation in Tallahassee, hosting lectures by Dr. Will Guzman of Florida A&M University and Dr. Andrea Oliver of Tallahassee Community College during the Festival of Freedom in May.
- "Traveling Book Club Kits" now include 7 children's book titles and 10 young adult titles, as well as 36 titles for adults.
- The Summer Reading Program featured "Every Hero Has a Story" this year. The kick-off was held at each library location on May 30, and close to 600 children and their families enjoyed activities about superheroes and got their summer reading off to a great start.
- Monday Nights at the Main, a summer reading program at the Main Library, kicked off the series in June with an outdoor Community Hero Day. Service vehicles and operators (excavator, dump truck, ambulance, animal control truck, Sheriff's SWAT vehicle, Library Bookhauler) from several county divisions were featured.
- In partnership with Literacy Volunteers of Leon County, the Library's Literacy Program continues to offer services in

adult literacy, family literacy and English for speakers of other languages.

- Leon County's Seed Library program was successfully launched, with more than 2,400 seed packets being checked out from the libraries in just four days! Developed in partnership with Sustainable Tallahassee and Leon County Office of Resource Stewardship, spring and fall launch events helped educate future gardeners.



Leon County's Seed Library Program

- Leon County Facilities cleaned the Main Library atrium, elevator shaft, air vents and skylights, repainted the walls and polished the banisters.



- In March, a permanent exhibit about Governor LeRoy Collins was unveiled at the Main Library. "LeRoy Collins' Legacy: The Politics of Constructive Change and Leadership" features a biography of Governor Collins in 16 framed posters developed in 1996 with a grant from the Florida Humanities Council. An 11-minute video developed by the Collins Institute at Florida State University features Gov. Collins' achievements, and photographs and other documents add interest and variety to the exhibit.



LeRoy Collins Exhibit at Main Library



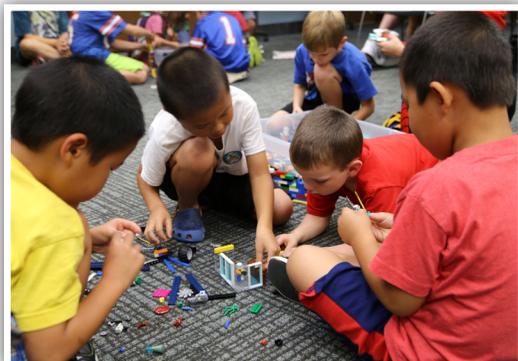
Leon County's Seed Library Program



Lake Jackson Branch Library



African American Read-In



LEGO Club at the Eastside Branch Library



Did You Know

The library facilitates the AARP tax assistance program, which helps patrons with tax preparation for free. This year, the tax assistance program has assisted with 1086 returns.

LEON COUNTY LIBRARY LOCATIONS

LeRoy Collins Main Library

200 West Park Avenue
(850) 606-2665

Dr. B. L. Perry, Jr. Branch Library

2817 South Adams Street
(850) 606-2950

Eastside Branch Library

1583 Pedrick Road
(850) 606-2750

Fort Braden Branch Library

16327 Blountstown Highway
(850) 606-2900

Lake Jackson Branch Library

3840-300 North Monroe Street
(850) 606-2850

Northeast Branch Library

5513 Thomasville Road
(850) 606-2800

Woodville Branch Library

8000 Old Woodville Road
(850) 606-2925