



ALIGNING BOARD PRIORITIES WITH OPTIMIZED RESOURCES

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Mission Statement

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 one million visits to the seven locations of the Leon County Public Library System, and there were 1.2 million hits on the Library website.
- Library card-holders checked out 1.7 million books and other materials and downloaded 65,000 e-books and audiobooks from the Library website.
- Library online resources continued to 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 met at all library locations, engaging readers of all ages in lively discussions of a wide variety of books.
- Use of the library's social media increased by 19%, further engaging patrons.
- Provided 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 LeRoy Collins Leon County Main Library celebrated the 25th Anniversary of the opening of the downtown library. Celebrating the library's significance in the community, hundreds of library devotees and members of the community gathered for a Story Time reunion, a showcase featuring more than 25 local authors, live musical entertainment and a scavenger hunt for all ages. 25 years ago, Leon County opened the doors of the downtown library, and more than 14 million patrons have visited since 1991.
- Damaged by a lightning strike years ago and suffering from rot, the Library Live Oak had to be removed in January 2016. Over time, the live oak was dropping limbs over the parking lot and presented a public safety risk. The County memorialized the tree through sculpture and grounds improvements.
- The County also launched the Spring and Fall 2016 Seed Library seasons. At the Spring launch, during the anniversary celebration, library visitors learned about vermiculture, how to harvest produce, grow their very own garden, and prepare seasonal recipes.
- In 2016, the County offered extra services to patrons during the holidays, including extended holiday check out, Second Saturday Device Advice, and access to a large variety of e-books and audiobooks.
- The Main Library hosted library science scholar, author and historian, Dr. Wayne Wiegand, Florida State University School of Information professor emeritus, during a presentation and discussion of his new book, *Part of Our Lives: A People's History of the American Public Library*.
- The Library joined the Festival of Freedom, an annual event honoring the first reading of the Emancipation Proclamation in Tallahassee, by hosting a presentation by Dr. Katherine Mooney, Associate Professor of History at Florida State University. Dr. Mooney presented a speech entitled "Living Freedom: The Consequences of Emancipation and Why They Still Matter."
- The Library's Summer Reading Program featured the theme, "On Your Mark, Get Set, Read!" The kick-off was held at each library location on May 21, and hundreds of children and their families enjoyed activities to get children started on a summer of reading and enjoying library programs.
- Monday Nights @ Main, a summer reading program at the Main Library, kicked off in June and included activities like theater, dance, science and more.
- In partnership with Literacy Volunteers of Leon County, the County continues to offer services in adult literacy, family literacy and English for speakers of other languages. Tutoring is offered at all library locations.
- The Library converted to new cataloging standards, Resource Description and Access (RDA), to help citizens find the materials they need.
- The library became an affiliate of CareerSource Capital Region, emphasizing the library's training and workforce development materials.
- Book groups covering a wide range of reading interests meet at every library location—there is a group for every reader.
- In partnership with Leon County Senior Outreach, the Northeast Branch Library became a new location for senior programming.





The 25th Anniversary Celebration



Monday Nights @ Main



Sculpture Memorializing the Library Live Oak

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



Did You Know

A video on the library's Facebook page showing how shelves were moved for carpet replacement had 15,798 video views and 1648 reactions, comments and shares, and sparked phone calls from other libraries asking for more information.