



LEROY COLLINS LEON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM

ALIGNING BOARD PRIORITIES WITH OPTIMIZED RESOURCES

PEOPLE FOCUSED. PERFORMANCE DRIVEN.

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 more than 972,000 visits to the seven locations of the LeRoy Collins Leon County Public Library.
- Library card-holders checked out 1.49 million books and other materials.
- Library card-holders downloaded 85,350 ebooks, audiobooks, graphic novels, magazines, games and art instruction videos from the library website.
- Library online resources include 24/7 access to magazine articles, health information, newspapers, auto repair, consumer information and more, all published as subscription online information by well-known and reputable library and reference publishers.
- 29,600 adults, teens and children attended more than 1,140 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.
- Library meeting rooms were used 2,900 times by a wide variety of groups.
- The Library's social media visitors increased by 15%.
- There were 381,000 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



Seed Library

- The Library's Summer Reading Program centered on the theme "Build a Better World." Exciting, interesting and fun programs for all ages appealed to library visitors at every library. Hundreds of children and adults enjoyed summer reading with the Library.
- Monday Nights @ The Main, a summer reading program at the Main Library, featured music, magic, animals and an evening of virtual reality.

- Author Alerts is a new online service for library users. Patrons can choose current authors in the library catalog and are notified by text or email when the library purchases the next book by that author.
- The Library introduced "Tech Help 1-on-1", a program offering appointments for individualized technology and device help from library professionals.
- Leon County launched the 2017 Spring and Fall Seed Library program. Developed in partnership with Sustainable Tallahassee, the program offers free seeds to citizens.
- The County developed and launched a Telescope Lending Program, making stargazing accessible to library users. The Tallahassee Astronomical Society and the Friends of the Library donated telescopes that are perfect for beginners and can be checked out for one week at a time from any branch library.



Did You Know

The Library courier stops at each library five days a week, delivering reserves, picking up and returning materials so that library users can check out and return materials at the most convenient library for them. The courier handles 100 bags of library materials a day; or, the weight of one African elephant each week.



African American Read-In



Library Lecture Series: National MagLab



Library Lecture Series: Thomas DeSaille Tucker

- The new Leon County Library Lecture Series offered three lectures to engage and inspire our citizens.
 - » Dr. Greg Boebinger, Director of the National High Magnetic Field Laboratory, gave an engaging lecture about what goes on at the “MagLab.”
 - » The Library joined the Festival of Freedom celebration for the fourth time, with a Lecture Series scholarly presentation by Dr. Reginald Ellis, FAMU history professor, on Thomas DeSaille Tucker, the first president of FAMU.
 - » Nationally known speaker Dr. Stacy Nelson encouraged listeners to develop new perspectives on effective communication as he talked about effective and important conversations.

- In partnership with Literacy Volunteers of Leon County, the County’s Literacy Program continues to offer services in adult and family literacy and English for speakers of other languages, including English conversation groups. Tutoring is offered at all library locations.
- AARP Tax Aide services at the Main Library helped 1,034 taxpayers successfully file their returns. Overall they saved \$260,000.
- Leon County was designated as a CareerSource affiliate allowing job seekers the ability to access CareerSource services and workshops at all Library locations.

LEON COUNTY LIBRARY LOCATIONS

LeRoy Collins Main Library
200 West Park Avenue
(850) 606-2665

Lake Jackson Branch Library
3840-300 North Monroe Street
(850) 606-2850

Dr. B. L. Perry, Jr. Branch Library
2817 South Adams Street
(850) 606-2950

Northeast Branch Library
5513 Thomasville Road
(850) 606-2800

Eastside Branch Library
1583 Pedrick Road
(850) 606-2750

Woodville Branch Library
8000 Old Woodville Road
(850) 606-2925

Jane G. Sauls Fort Braden Branch Library
16327 Blountstown Highway
(850) 606-2900

Demonstrating Highest Standards of Public Service

The Telescope Lending Program won a National Association of Counties Award for Exceptional Programs and Services.

