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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 residents checked out 1.9 million books and other media from the library system, and downloaded more than 57,000 eBooks and audio materials from its collection.
- Online resources are available 24 hours a day on www.LeonCountyLibrary.org. There were more than 1 million hits on the library website, and more than one million visits to Leon County's public libraries.
- To inspire a love of reading in residents of all ages, and particularly in children and their parents and caregivers:
 - » More than 10,000 adults, teens and children attended library programs that were held.
 - » In addition to Wi-Fi at all libraries, there are 351 Internet-access computers available for public use throughout the library system.
- Presenters from Leon County Extension Office, Leon County Solid Waste, Leon County Public Works, Wakulla Springs, Florida Public Archaeology Network, Tallahassee Museum, FSU, as well as storytellers, magicians, puppeteers, and drumming and dancing by the TutuOla Performance Collective, brought the joy of reading and the power of information to life.

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INSPIRING A LOVE OF READING AND A LIFE OF LEARNING

- Through a complete redesign and modernization of the library website, patrons have a more accessible interface to the library's book and media catalog, schedule of programming, individual's library account and the many other services being offered through the main and branch libraries.
- To stay connected and reach our patrons through social media, the library launched a dedicated Facebook page and to date has already reached over 3,400 followers!
- A mobile library service for senior residential centers takes carts loaded with books and DVDs to the centers' common areas, creating an instant library for residents.
- Provided a refresh (to outdated space) through new furnishings to the main library young adult and children's spaces, making the areas more open and inviting to our numerous youth patrons.
- In continuing our popular and successful Summer Reading Program, this year featured science – "Fizz, Boom, Read." At each library, through hands-on experiments, storytellers, singers, artists and puppeteers encouraged children and families to read and think about science, math and the natural world.
- Through partnership with Literacy Volunteers of Leon County, Leon County continues to provide financial support and hosts adult literacy, family literacy and English for speakers of other languages programs.
- In inspiring a love of reading:
 - » We offer "Traveling Book Club Kits" which include everything a book club needs to get started. Over 40 titles are available, including two by local author Donna Meredith.
 - » We also have traditional book clubs hosted throughout the library system covering a diverse array of non-fiction, popular authors, urban fiction, mysteries and "Bucket List" books.
 - » To enrich the Library's collection of Holocaust Education materials for all ages, Raymond and Grant Capelouto generously donated \$10,000. Materials for all ages purchased with this donation are available throughout the library system.
- Black History Month was celebrated through special story times and system wide informational displays. At the Main Library, screenings of the documentary on Tallahassee's Civil Rights movement "Footsteps to Freedom" were followed by the annual African American Read-In.



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African American Read-In



- The Friends of the LeRoy Collins Leon County Public Library, celebrated their 60th anniversary in July and continues to provide valuable resources that enable us to enhance the library's book collection. On January 21, 2014, The Friends of the LeRoy Collins Leon County Public Library System donated \$100,000 to the Library for purchasing books and library materials, including downloadable e-books and e-audiobooks, as well as programming for families.
- Joining the Emancipation Celebration, the library hosted a public lecture at the Dr. B.L. Perry, Jr, Branch Library: "Emancipation and the Origins of the Civil Rights Movement," by Dr. Larry O. Rivers, graduate of Leon High, FAMU and Vanderbilt.
- The library and the Leon County Office of Sustainability continued their partnership by offering well-attended programs, such as, "Let's Get Growing: Planning Your Spring Food Garden" and "Good Plant, Bad Plant."



Fort Braden Branch Library



Science Fun at Northeast Branch Library



Lake Jackson Branch Library



Main Library's New Welcome Wall



Children's Reading and Play Area

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 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