



ALIGNING BOARD PRIORITIES WITH OPTIMIZED RESOURCES

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

- Relocated the Lake Jackson Branch Library to larger, newly-renovated space within the Huntington Oaks Plaza, through the reuse of a vacant big box store. The new 12,000-square-foot library features an indoor park-like setting, an information desk staffed by Information Professionals who can assist users in finding information, display areas for new materials, a quiet reading room, a computer area and spaces designed for teens and children. There is room for Story Time programs in the children's area, and 27 public-access computers. This innovative reuse project is the first step in remaking the Huntington Oaks Plaza a destination and an anchor for the residents of Northwest Leon County. Keen community interest in the development of the branch library and the entire plaza was evident in well-attended community meetings, the ground-breaking and the library grand opening. Over 2,300 enthusiastic residents visited and enjoyed using the new facility on opening day.

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INSPIRING A LOVE OF READING AND A LIFE OF LEARNING

- In addition to the relocation and expansion of the Lake Jackson Branch Library, Leon County celebrated the opening of the Eastside Branch Library and the Woodville Branch Library.
 - Eastside Branch Library – The 12,000-square-foot library, located on Pedrick Pond Park, was designed and constructed to meet LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) standards. Use of this branch library has been steadily increasing, with over 2,000 residents issued new library cards in the first eight months. The natural beauty of the setting combined with the environmentally friendly features of the building makes it a showcase for sustainability.



Woodville Branch Library

- Woodville Branch Library – Located yards from the popular St. Marks Historic Railroad Trail, this branch library was developed as a 2,000-square-foot expansion to the Woodville Community Center. It hosts a family story time program and an adult book group, and has partnered with the Woodville Elementary School on several occasions, including a back-to-school reception at the library. Residents walking or bicycling on the Trail can stop in to check out materials and enjoy the library space.



Eastside Branch Library

- The library's ninth Teen Poetry Slam featured teen poets presenting their original material. Volunteer judges from the local writing and teaching communities are invaluable partners in this annual event, which stimulates young readers' imagination and supports their success in school.
- The Fourth Annual Downtown Book Fair, held in partnership with the Downtown Improvement Authority, attracted several hundred readers and book-lovers, who talked with many local authors and listened to featured speakers Dr. Diane Roberts, a well-known commentator, professor and writer, and Andrea Davis Pinkney, best-selling children's author.
- The annual Summer Reading Program engaged children and entire families through reading activities over the summer. Leon County seeks to inspire a love of reading that will help children become life-long learners and active citizens. The Summer



Reading Program encourages children to participate in an online reading log and offers special programs emphasizing books and stories for children at all of the libraries.

- The Leon County Public Library System provides educational opportunities.
 - » Seventy-six new computer users are better prepared to apply for jobs and other assistance online as a result of their participation in a series of three weekly classes on basic computer skills, taught in partnership with volunteers from FSU's School of Library and Information Studies.
 - » Leon County provided support to 200 Literacy Volunteers of Leon County, who helped more than 300 nontraditional students gain reading and English language skills, which better prepares them to get a job or promotion, become U.S. citizens, obtain a driver's license, transition to continue their education, and master consumer skills.

There are seven 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



- The Leon County Public Library System builds community.
 - » More than 150 enthusiastic fans came to listen and laugh at popular Florida author Tim Dorsey's accounts of writing the novels featuring Serge A. Storms.
 - » Two musical performances' by students from FSU's Music Theater Ensemble and FSU's Jazz Combo, brought to life "A Fine Romance: Jewish Songwriters, American Songs, 1910-1965," a traveling, museum-quality exhibition.
 - » Nine book clubs at the libraries bring Leon County residents together over shared interests, including popular fiction, non-fiction, mysteries, paranormal fiction, and classics.
 - » For residents unable to visit the library branches, Leon County operates a Bookmobile that travels to multiple locations across the County. As a result, this year the Bookmobile served 3,710 patrons and distributed 26,359 items such as books, movies, and audio CDs.



Lake Jackson Branch Library



Did You Know

The Library System had more than one million visits, more than the population of Rhode Island.

There were 1.6 million hits on the Library website, more than the population of Idaho or Hawaii.