



OFFICE OF PUBLIC SERVICES: 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 residents checked out 1.8 million books and other media from the library system, and downloaded 54,500 eBooks and audio materials from its collection.
- Online resources are available on the library website 24 hours a day (LeonCountyLibrary.org). There were 1.6 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:
 - » Over 2,037 adults, teens and children attended 36 programs associated with the Dig into Reading summer reading program.
 - » 3,683 students collected stickers for their reading folders, and 532 books were read and logged into the online summer reading log.
- 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 story tellers, 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

- All Leon County public libraries feature books, magazines, DVDs and CDs for all ages, and computers and Internet access for the public. Library professionals are available to help library users find the information they need, and the libraries offer small laptop computers for checkout and use within the libraries.
- Leon County operates a mobile library service that takes books and materials to senior residential centers.
- 130 new computer and portable device users are better prepared to apply for jobs and assistance online, and to stay connected through social media, as a result of participating in classes offered through the Leon County Public Library System. Library professionals joined student volunteers from the FSU School of Library and Information Studies to provide beginning computer classes, as well as classes in how to use social media and your portable devices, such as smart phones, e-readers.
- The Lake Jackson Branch Library relocated in August 2012 to a larger, renovated space in the Lake Jackson Town Center at Huntington, and the state-of-the-art Leon County Community Center opened next door in February. These new facilities



Story Time at Lake Jackson Branch Library

support the needs of a growing community surrounding their North Monroe Street location. The Community Center hosts two meeting rooms, which are available for the public's use and for the library's programs. Its large meeting room seats 85 and the smaller meeting room seats 38. Audio/visual equipment and a warming kitchen are also available.



African-American Read-In

- The Leon County Public Library system builds community:
 - » Two events were held in February to recognize Black History Month: a jazz concert and the 24th Annual National African-American Read-In. The jazz concert featured the Florida State University College of Music Student Jazz Combo.
 - » Nine book clubs at the libraries bring Leon County residents together over shared interests, including popular fiction, non-fiction, paranormal fiction, mysteries, and classics.
 - » Two teen book clubs were launched in 2013.
 - » Summer Reading Nights at the Lake Jackson Branch Library gave children, parents and grandparents the opportunity



Did You Know

Library cardholders can access the online Job and Career Accelerator service, where they can take practice tests, look into career options, prepare resumes, review job interview techniques and search for job openings.



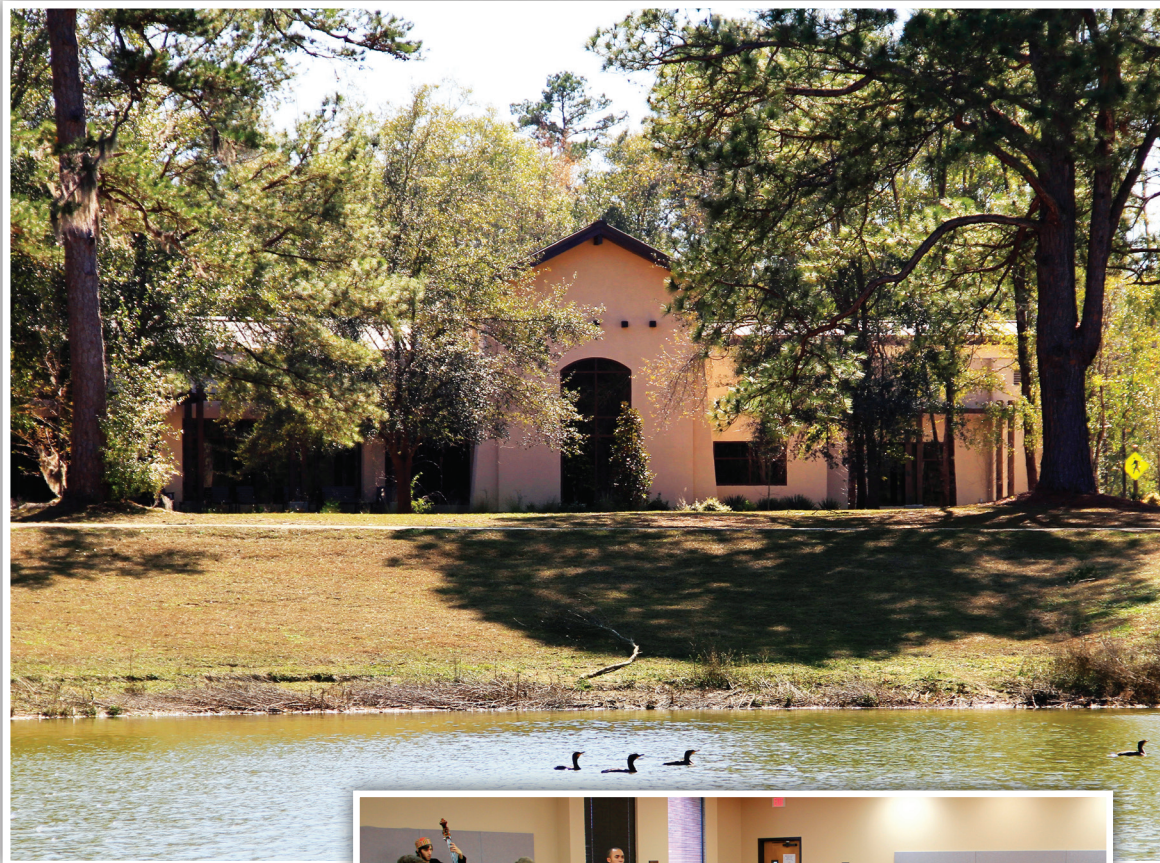
Demonstrating Highest Standards of Public Service



Library Information Professionals won awards for their participation in Florida's state-wide cooperative Ask-a-Librarian Services: Mary Kuipers won the "SuperStar" award in January and Kathy Burnsed won the "Brief Exemplary Chat" award in May.

to come together twice a week to read a book or article of their choice silently for 20 minutes, and then discuss what they read.

- » Short-term art exhibits throughout the library system bring fresh perspectives to those visiting the library and encourage creative expression.
- The Leon County Public Library System applied for and was awarded the Bridging Cultures Bookshelf: Muslim Journeys by the National Endowment for the Humanities and the American Library Association. Seven sets of 25 books and four DVDs, presenting new and diverse perspectives on Muslims in the United States and around the world, are the focal point for this series of book talks and film screenings, which are available throughout the library system.
- To celebrate National Poetry Month in April, the Leon County Public Library System hosted the 10th Annual Teen Poetry Slam. Teens performed three original poems that were evaluated by a panel of three judges. Volunteer judges from local writing and teaching communities are invaluable partners in this annual event, which stimulates young readers' imagination and supports their success in school.
- The Library and Leon County Office of Sustainability have partnered in offering a quarterly series of programs at the libraries on sustainability, titled "Community Matters: Topics of Interest for a Sustainable Community."



Eastside Branch Library



Jazz Concert at the Main Library

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