

# Leroy Collins Leon County Public Library System

## LIBRARY SYSTEM ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Received \$211,236 in Grants and Donations, including State Aid to Libraries Grant, Friends for the Literacy Program, The Big Read Grant, Knight Foundation Grant, We the People Bookshelf Grant and a gift from the Tallahassee Jewish Federation.
- Launched My First Library Card Program designed to recognize the importance of a library card in a child's life and to publicly celebrate each child under the age of 12 upon receiving his or her first library card.
- Responded to change in the way residents read by increasing its collections of downloadable electronic books and adding iPod capability for loan to the public.
- Brought nationally known authors to Leon County, including Eugene Robinson, Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist; Ethan Canin, author of "America, America" and other books; and Harlan Coben, best-selling mystery author.
- Introduced The Big Read, the first Community Read in Leon County, which featured "Fahrenheit 451" by Ray Bradbury. The library, along with local organizations, created programs and opportunities to read and discuss the book, see the movie, and celebrate the freedom to read throughout the month. The Opening Big Read Event was a Panel Discussion of the book by Bob Gabordi, Executive Editor of the Tallahassee Democrat; Barbara Petersen, President of Florida First Amendment Foundation; and Dr. Fred Standley, Professor Emeritus at FSU.
- Added self-service check-out station to the Lake Jackson Branch for patrons to check out their own books have more privacy at checkouts all while decreasing their transaction time.
- Moved and introduced new Bookmobile stops to more convenient places.
- Improved and expanded online customer service by streamlining the online website so that patrons manage their accounts more easily, effectively and efficiently.
- Began planning for new and expanded branches, Dr. B. L. Perry, Jr. branch; Eastside branch; Northeast branch; Northwest/Lake Jackson branch; Huntington Oaks branch; and Woodville branch.



### Did You Know

The Library has 170 public computers that are used 400,000 times a year.



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The LeRoy Collins Leon County Public Library System enriches the community by inspiring a love of reading, providing a dynamic resource for creative and intellectual pursuits, and enabling residents to live a life of learning.



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