



# OFFICE OF PUBLIC SERVICES: LEROY COLLINS LEON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM

## PEOPLE FOCUSED

The LeRoy Collins Leon County Public Library System, named for the late Governor LeRoy Collins, 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. Leon County has one main library, the downtown Collins Main Library and six branch libraries: Fort Braden, Woodville, Dr. B.L. Perry, Eastside, Northeast, and the Lake Jackson. The Woodville and Eastside Branches are new libraries that opened in the Fall 2011. Bookmobile services are also available for use.

The Library collaborates with a variety of community organizations and other agencies. The Friends of the Library are a long-standing support and fund-raising organization. The Friends sponsor programs and events for library appreciation and awareness as well as raise money to enhance library services. This year the Library worked with the local Workforce Plus staff to bring job seeker services to the libraries.

The Library Services Director, Cay Hohmeister, was appointed in May 2010, having worked as a Library Services Manager in the system since 2004. She has also worked at the State Library of Florida and as a freelance copy editor.



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## PERFORMANCE DRIVEN

### INSPIRING A LOVE OF READING AND A LIFE OF LEARNING

- With a continued focus on the local economy, Leon County utilizes a variety of approaches to assist our residents seeking employment. During the past year, Leon County partnered with WorkForce Plus and conducted a free job seeker workshop held at the Main Library. WorkForce Plus's mobile unit also visited branch libraries to reach local residents. The Library also added an online subscription to Career and Job Accelerator to offer more information to job seekers.
- In order to continue to provide a dynamic resource for creative and intellectual pursuits and enabling residents to live a life of learning, Leon County expanded two branch libraries, opened the new Woodville and Eastside Community Libraries. Each of these additions to the community promises to provide a comfortable place to visit, connect with the online world, satisfy curiosity and offer resources for decision making.
- To enrich the community by inspiring a love of reading, the Library hosted the "Big Read" featuring *The Things They Carried* by Tim O'Brien. The community, including veteran's groups, participated in book discussions and programs in October and November, culminating with the Bookmobile's appearance in the Veterans Day Parade.
- In order to stimulate the imagination of young readers and support their success in school, the Library holds a Teen Poetry Slam every April. This past year the Library hosted its eighth annual Slam, featuring talented teen poets presenting their original material at the Dr. B.L. Perry, Jr., Branch, the Northeast Branch, and the Main Library.
- In partnership with the Downtown Improvement Authority, the Library sponsored the Third Annual Downtown Bookfair. Twenty-four local authors greeted readers and promoted their books. The featured speaker was Katty Kay, Washington correspondent for BBC World News American and co-author of *Womenomics*. Adrian Fogelin, a well-known children's author and Tallahassee personality, kicked off the Library's Summer Reading Program, One World Many Stories. For the first time, the Summer Reading Program featured an online registration and reading log designed by Leon County Management of Information Services.

#### Setting the Standard in Public Service



The Library received a \$12,500 grant from the National Endowment for the Arts Big Read Program.



#### Did You Know

Library card-holders can download e-audiobooks and e-books from the Library's website to their portable players and readers— and enjoy listening and reading on the go!



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Eastside Branch Library



B. L. Perry Branch Library Ribbon Cutting



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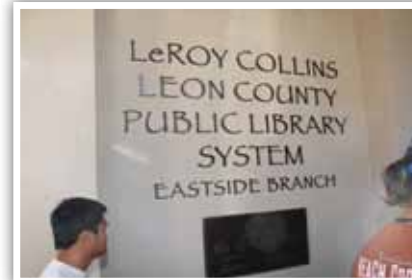
Northeast Branch Library Ribbon Cutting



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Eastside Branch Library Grand Opening



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Woodville Branch Library Grand Opening



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Eastside Branch Library Grand Opening



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3rd Annual Book Fair



2011 Poetry Slam



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