Florida Libraries
Delivering Great Value for Floridians Everyday!

Florida's libraries are transitioning to community hubs that provide learning environments, community engagement, and content creation!

Public Libraries

- **Floridians Love their Libraries!** 10.5 million have cards (55%)
- **Libraries are Busy Places!** 78 million visits - 4 per Floridian
- **Children Ready for School!** 2.5 million kids attended 91,000 programs
- **Floridians Love to Read!** 127 million items borrowed
- **Computers & Technology!** 20 million computer uses
- **Tech Training!** Took over 2.4 million classes
- **Use Growing!** Loans up 22%, Visits up 15%, Cards up 12% (2001-11 adj. for growth) 2011-12 Florida Dept. of State, Div. of Lib. and Info. Services

- **Help Floridians Get Jobs!** 97% of public libraries do
- **Provide help with Government Services** 96% do
- **E-Books Make Libraries Cool!** 87% offer them

$ **Great Return on Investment!** $10.18 for every tax dollar spent
- 90% consider their public library an essential service like a school
- 90% of library funding is received through local sources

2013 - Haas Center for Business Research and Economic Development, University of West Florida, for the Florida Dept. of State, Div. of Lib. and Info. Services
What Americans are Saying...

- 95% say public libraries play an important role in giving everyone a chance to succeed!
- 69% have either high or medium levels of engagement with a public library! 2014 - Pew Internet and American Life Project

College Libraries  Work with students to insure that they have the technology and electronic information skills necessary for our modern work force. Support distance learners by providing resources and remote assistance. Help students build a successful future by providing financial literacy skills and helping them graduate on time.

University Libraries  Play an integral role in academic achievement. Work with faculty to publish their work in online repositories making that valuable resource available to Floridians and the world. Help students achieve their career objectives through ongoing support of their academic endeavors. Enhance and maintain the community of higher education scholars by providing access to high quality peer-reviewed resources.

School Libraries  Library School Media Centers and Media Specialists help students...

- Find books that excite them and put them on a course as life-long readers,
- Learn critical research skills and the ability to evaluate sources, and
- Learn to use electronic information and technology.

Thank you for supporting Florida libraries!

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