



Leadership. Advocacy. Communication

Florida Libraries

Delivering Great Value for Floridians Everyday - 2017!

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

Public Libraries

- **Floridians Love their Libraries!** - 10.6 million have cards (54%)
- **Libraries are Busy Places!** - 75 million visits - 3.8 per Floridian
- **Children Ready for School!** - 2.8 million kids attended 96,000 programs
- **Floridians Love to Read!** - 116.7 million items borrowed
- **Computers & Technology!** - 17.8 million computer uses
- **Tech Training!** - 2.9 million took classes
2013-14 Florida Dept. of State, Div. of Library and Info. Services
- **Provide free WiFi** - 99% offer it
- **Help Floridians Get Jobs!** - 97% of public libraries do
- **Provide help with Government Services** - 96% do
- **E-Books Make Libraries Cool!** - 94% offer them
2014 American Library Association -Digital Inclusion Survey

\$ Great Return on Investment! - \$10.18 for every tax dollar spent

- 90% consider their public library an essential service like a school
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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