

WELCOME TO VOLUSIA COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY



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History & Mission

- ▶ Founded in 1961 – free access to all resources by all Volusia county citizens was established. Local boards and local financing continued.
 - 1972 – county-wide unified Library Service approved by Volusia County Council. Last community to join was Ormond Beach in 1980.

Our **mission** is to provide citizens & visitors with exceptional library services that facilitate personal growth, economic development, & quality of life, strengthening community pride & countywide identity and partnerships.

Good Return on Investment

- ▶ A Florida Department of State study found the return on investment for Florida's Public Libraries was \$6.24 for every \$1.00 invested.

The economic benefit can be seen in jobs created, increased wages, and positive impact on Florida's gross regional product. Citizens also benefit from our public libraries' contributions to education, the economy, tourism, retirement, and quality of life.

Library Services Include:

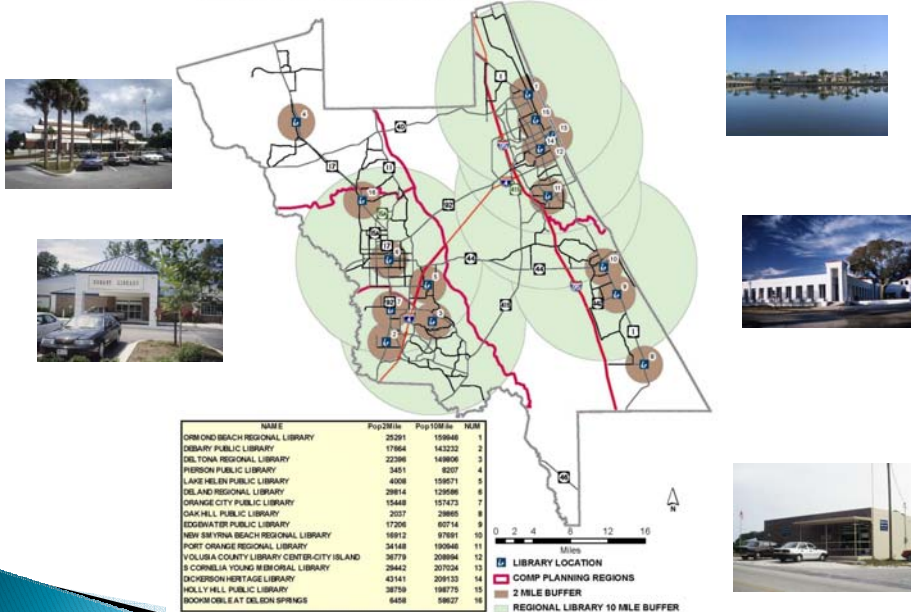
- ▶ **Convenient Library hours:**
 - 6 Regional Libraries –open 7 days a week and 4 evenings (average 58 hours per week)
 - 4 Community Libraries – open 6 days per week (DeBary – 52 hours, Edgewater–52 hours, Dickerson – 47 hours, and Orange City – 48 hours)
 - 6 Branches – open 5 days per week (Lake Helen–35 hours, S. Cornelia Young–35 hours, Pierson – 33 hours, Oak Hill – 26 hours, and Deltona – 47.5 hours)
 - DeLeon Springs – served by the bookmobile

Library Policies



- ▶ Highlight of most important policies
 - Free library cards
 - Borrowing materials
 - Public computer use
 - Meeting room use
 - Confidentiality & free speech
 - Fines & fees

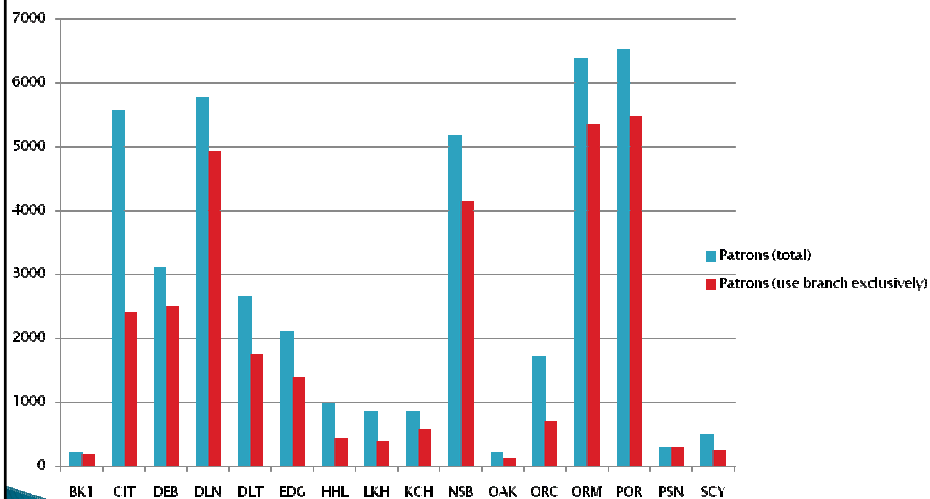
VOLUSIA COUNTY LIBRARY LOCATIONS



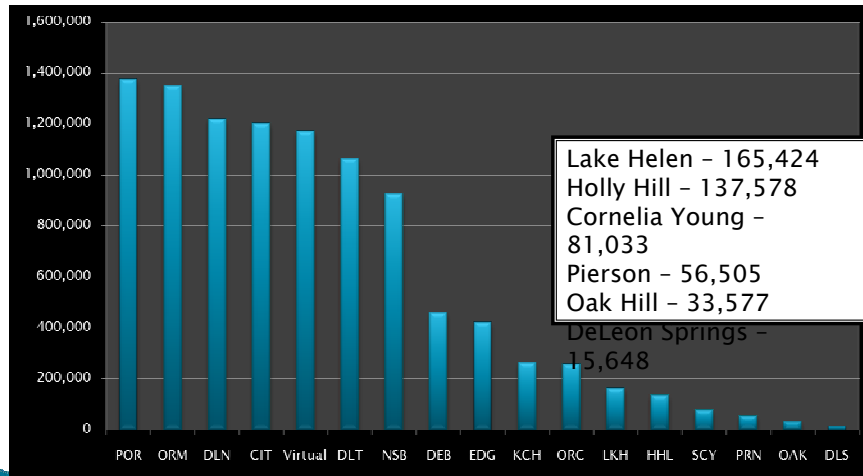
Access to Facilities

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| <p>From Daytona Beach Regional–City Island to:</p> <p>S. Cornelia Young Library – 2 minutes</p> <p>John H. Dickerson Library – 5 minutes</p> <p>Holly Hill Library – 7 minutes</p> | <p>Distance from DeLand Regional Library to:</p> <p>DeLeon Springs Library – 13 minutes</p> <p>Lake Helen Library – 12 minutes</p> <p>Pierson Library – 26 minutes</p> <p>Orange City Library – 10 minutes</p> |
| <p>Distance from Ormond Beach Regional Library to:</p> <p>Holly Hill Library– 7 minutes</p> | <p>Distance from Deltona Regional Library to:</p> <p>Orange City Library – 10 minutes</p> <p>DeBary Library – 14 minutes</p> |
| <p>Port Orange Regional Library</p> <p>No Branches</p> | |
| <p>Distance from New Smyrna Beach Regional Library to:</p> <p>Edgewater Library – 6 minutes</p> <p>Oak Hill Library – 16 minutes</p> | <p>Volusia County Comprehensive Plan states libraries may be located in such a manner that residents of urban areas have access to a permanent library within fifteen minute drive maximum/residents of rural areas within a thirty minute drive maximum.</p> |

Library Card Use – October 2008



TOTAL TRANSACTIONS BY LIBRARY FACILITY Fiscal Year 2008



Why Volusians Value their Libraries

- ▶ They use their local libraries. Over 50% of Volusia residents have library cards.

- ▶ 84% – Adults
- ▶ 11% – Children
- ▶ 4% – Teens



- ▶ They Enjoy Reading



Volusia Libraries circulated 4,162,432 books, cds, dvds, etc. in fiscal year 2008. (6% increase)

- ▶ Books, movies and music – Volusia libraries provide responsive collections.

More than 1,000,000 in our collection.



- ▶ **They Vote for Libraries with their Feet**
 - Volusia residents visited our branches 3,485,306 times in fiscal year 2008. (21% increase)
- ▶ **Volusia County Librarians help citizen's find what they are looking for:**
 - Library Staff answered over 1,000,000 reference questions last year, via telephone, online and in person. (2% increase)
- ▶ **Citizens come to libraries for technology**
 - There are over 230 public access computers in our branches.
 - 488,439 citizen sessions (19% increase)
 - 6,917 computer sessions
 - Staff spent 14,565 hours on technology instruction for the public last year.
 - Wireless access coming to the 6 Regional Libraries

- ▶ **We help Children Learn and Prepare for School**
 - Our libraries help young children learn to read and help parents and caregivers learn to support that learning. Volusia libraries conducted over 1,900 programs for over 54,000 children during 2008.
- ▶ **We welcome teens and tweens by providing a safe place to learn, socialize, and have fun**
 - Volusia libraries provide them a safe environment for reading, computers, games and a place to socialize with adult supervision.
 - More than 7,500 teens and tweens participated in more than 350 planned programs.

▶ Citizens connect with others through the library

- Our libraries provide a public place where people connect with others who share similar interests, through library programs, meeting rooms, and public spaces.
- More than 30,000 citizens attended close to 1,700 library sponsored programs.

▶ For many, the Library is their Gateway to Governmental Services that require online registration.

- ▶ Medicare, Fla. Department of Children and Families, Unemployment benefits, immigration, and the IRS. Following disasters, library computers have helped citizens locate family members and apply for insurance and assistance.

▶ Our Citizens use Libraries from their Home, School or Office

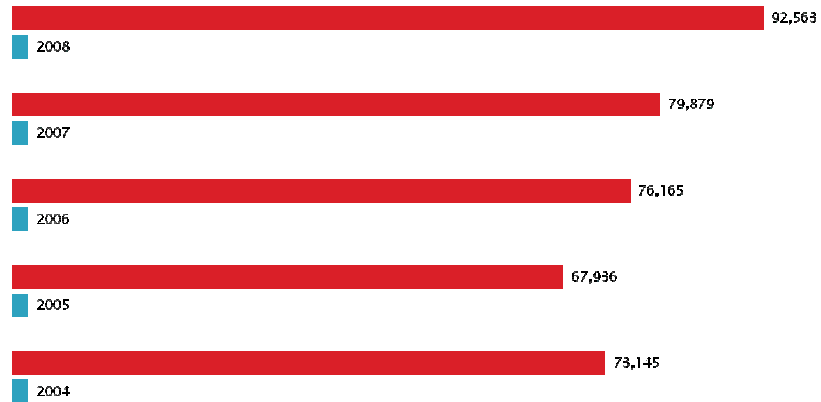
- More than 1.2 million visits were made to the library's virtual resources, including the online catalog and the more than 50 subscription databases.



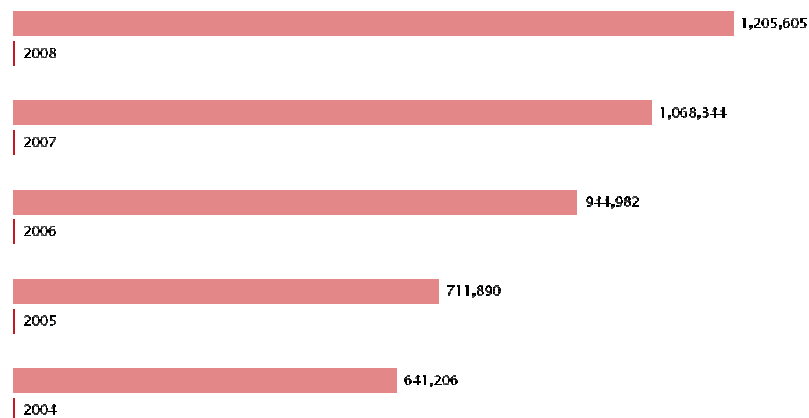
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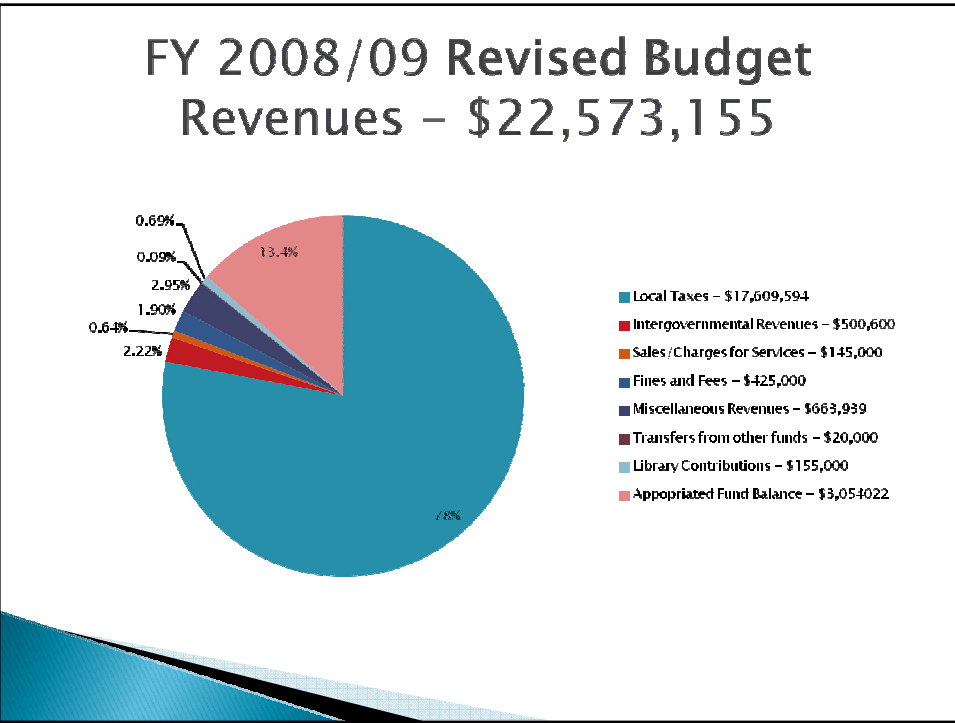
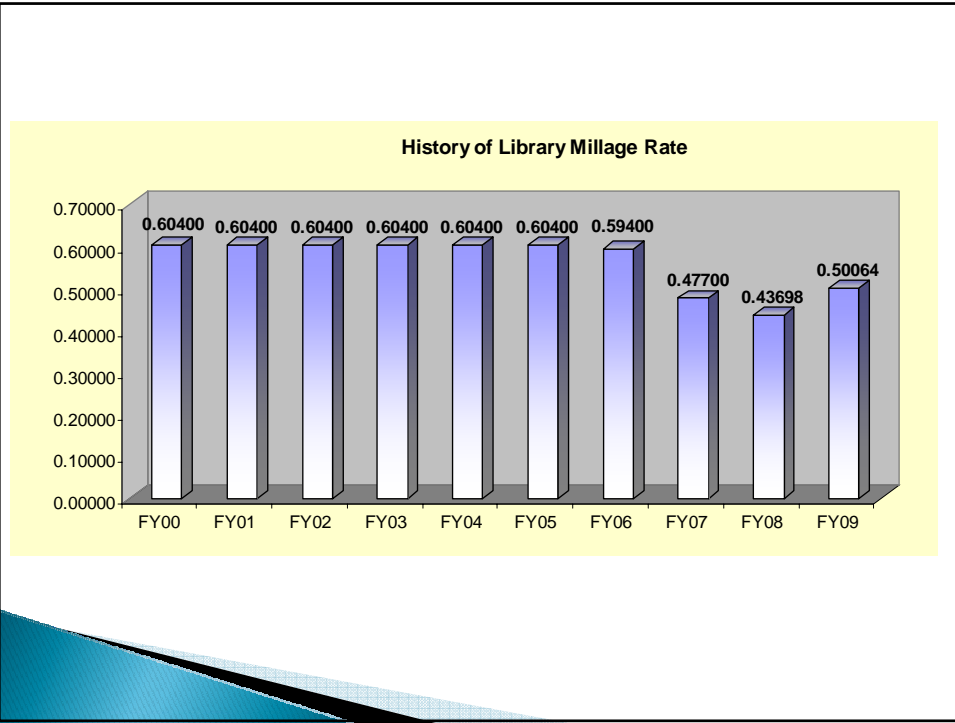


Library Sponsored Program Attendance Juvenile, Teen and Adult Programs

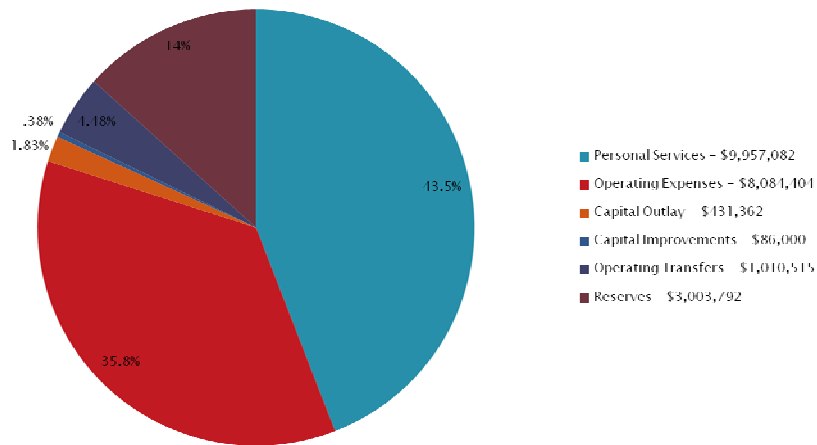


Virtual Visits to Library Resources





FY 2008/09 Revised Budget Expenses – \$22,573,155



Other Resources

- ▶ Library website <volusialibrary.org>
- ▶ Link from <www.volusia.org>
- ▶ Library Support Center, 1290 Indian Lake Rd.,
Daytona Beach. Phone (386) 248-1745



- ▶ Questions
- ▶ Web tour – Anne Powers – Library Information Technology Manager