Library Love

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Volusia County Library System

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Volusia County Library History

Throughout history, Volusia County Public Libraries were often started by women's clubs or associations which supported the library though memberships. They were often very small and located in small rooms in city halls or community centers. The collection consisted of second hand books donated from the citizens and there were not many professional librarians to run the facilities. Charlotte Smith, the head librarian at Stetson University, organized the Volusia County Public Library program in the year 1949 in an effort to upgrade libraries countywide. In the early 1950s in Florida, 200,000 people had no access to library services and only a quarter of the population had adequate service.

How to sign up for a Library Card

Customers must provide identification whenever registering or re-registering for the purpose of verifying name, birth date, and current residential address. See the Forms of ID accepted section on this page.

Any pre-existing records you may have will be merged with your new record. You remain responsible for any associated charges or overdue items.

A parent or guardian must accompany any child wanting a library card in the child's name.

Foster parents are legal guardians and must take financial responsibility for foster children.

The parent or legal guardian must provide proof of residency, property ownership in Volusia County or proof that the child is enrolled in a Volusia County School.

Reciprocal Borrowing

Reciprocal borrowing is available for residents of participating Florida counties who visit a Volusia County Public Library location with their home library card, photo ID, and verification of current address.

Participating Florida counties:
- Brevard
- Flagler
- Lake
- Putnam

For more information on your current / future library card, (Click Here)

Be sure to apply for your library card in person!

Rules and Conduct

The Volusia County Library System has adopted the Rules of Conduct to protect the right of individuals to access Library materials, services, and programs; to protect the right of Library staff to conduct Library business and pursue the goals of the Library's Mission without improper interference; to protect the right of customers and employees to enter and exit the Library's property without impediment, annoyance, or distraction from non-Library activities; and to protect Library materials and facilities from harm.

For full rules and conduct: (Click Here)

COVID-19 Guidelines

Reduced days and hours will be in effect starting June 1st. Click here for our new branch hours and days.

Face masks are encouraged at all our other locations. Please follow signs and floor markings to maintain CDC recommended social distancing.

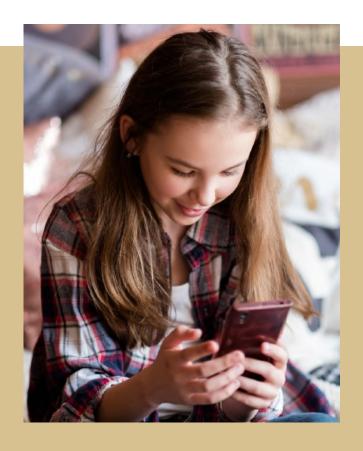For full COVID-19 Information: (Click Here)

Downloadable Apps

The Volusia County Library System has tons of apps to make the best of your library experience! (Available on Android and iOS devices)

- Flipster
- Freegal
- Gale
- Hoopla
- Libby
- LinkedIn Learning
- Mango Languages
- Odilo
- Overdrive

The Library offers four (4) services that provide access to eBooks. Popular authors and titles, non-fiction, children's titles and classics are available in a number of different formats. Read from your PC, tablet or smart phone.

For full description of each downloadable application, (Click Here)

Benefits of your Library Card

Your Volusia County Library card provides you with more than apps! Your card will give you access to tools beyond your imagination!

Creativebug: A wonderful resource for all your craft and activity needs

Criminal Justice: Learn different jobs in the criminal justice field

Culinary Art: Learn to prep meal and create new recipes

Genealogy: Ancestry Library Edition

Gale OneFile: Access to unlimited resources on a variety of cultural interest

Language Learning: Mango Languages

Library Resource Guide: Resources for your information and cultural interest

Literature Database: Gale - Biography, Research, Elementary, Middle, High School available

Lynda / LinkedIn Learning: Business, Creative and Technology courses

Tutor.com: Help with homework and school

World Almanac for kids: Great for help on your research projects

You can access all the above and so much more under the "Digital Library" on the Volusialibrary.org website! (Click Here)
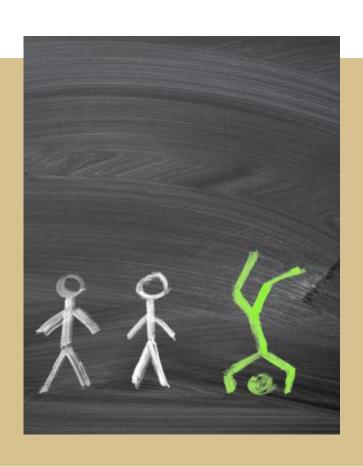
Social Media

You can connect with the Orange County Library System in numerous ways!

- Facebook - @volusialibrary
- Instagram - @volusiareads
- Flickr - Volusia County Public Library
- YouTube - volusialibrary

Unique Items - Exclusive to VCLS!

- Baking Collection (Port Orange)
- Children's Channel
- HotSpots
- Homeschool Resources
- LaunchPads
- LitKits (Customized boxes K-5)
- Lynda Learning
- Lyonia Environmental Center (DeLand)
- Play Yard (Daytona Beach Regional)
- Scholastic Teachable
- Summer Reading
- Teen Channel

For links and access, visit the Volusia County Library System website! (Click Here)

Volusia County Library History - *Cont'd*

In the year 1956 Congress passed the Library Services Act which would provide funds to supplement or organize library service to communities under 10,000 population. These funds were provided for a period of two years in order to help set up a county system. This act started the wheels turning for two state officials, Elizabeth Cole, Florida State Public Library Consultant and Vera Nistendirk, Director of Extension Services. These two finally got the committee to recommend the formation of a unified county library system to the County Commissioners on April 12, 1961. By September 1961, the county library system went into operation and a library board member was appointed who then in turn hired the first Director of the Volusia County Public Library. All decisions were approved by the County Council.

By October 1, 1962 eight branches of the Volusia County Library System were in operation as well as the Library Headquarters and the Bookmobile Services. By October, 1980, all fourteen branches of the Volusia County Public Library had been established. Since then, with the help of Volusia County and the Friends of the Library group's, equipment, furnishings, and books have been purchased to keep up with the times and provide current information and exceptional service to the citizens of Volusia County. The first computers were introduced in 1981, updated processing equipment arrived in 1983, and a data entry and barcoding system was introduced in December 1990. All throughout the county, library buildings were getting updated or new buildings all together.

By 1991, the Library Support Center was moved into their own building and out of the City Island, Daytona Beach Regional Library. Six regional branches were named around that time. They are Daytona Beach Regional Library, DeLand Regional Library, Ormond Beach Regional Library, Port Orange Regional Library, Deltona Regional Library, and New Smyrna Beach Regional Library. The baby branches were designated as DeBary Public Library, Edgewater Public Library, Keech Street (John H. Dickerson Public Library, Lake Helen Public Library, Orange City Public Library, Oak Hill Public Library, Hope Place Public Library, and Pierson Public Library. To summarize, a loose federation of community libraries has evolved into a progressive system of 13 libraries, plus the Library Support building, has a staff of 168 full-time employees and 29 student workers, and has made all of the libraries linked by computer technology. There are also roughly 5,000 Friends of the Library members and a little more than 1,000 citizen volunteers.

In 2014 record rainfall occurred in Daytona Beach, causing the temporary closure of Volusia's John H. Dickerson Heritage library. Adversity struck again in the form of Hurricane Irma crippling Volusia's largest branch, City Island in September 2017.

After Irma's devastating blow, Volusia County expanded library hours in Daytona Beach at the John H. Dickerson Heritage Library. Undaunted, City Island reopened its doors in May 2018 following repairs costing almost 1.5 million dollars. City Island library relaxed fines for children at the same time expanding the children's play area, including a fenced-in playground, additional playground equipment, two pavilions, a sidewalk, security lighting and security cameras.

Library Classes and Girl Scouts Badges

The Volusia County Library System is jam packed full of opportunities and experiences for your Girl Scout. Oh...did we mention that all of these classes and resources are FREE!
All you need is an VCLS to have access to badge earning opportunities and more!

Below are a list of some classes, resources and the badges that can be earned:

Ancestry Library Edition: Brownie - My Family Story Badge

Auto Repair Source: Senior - Car Care Badge

Creativebug: All level Artist Badges (Painting, Drawing, Comic Artist, Collage Artist, Photographer)

Criminal Justice: Junior - Detective Badge & Cadette - Special Agent Badge

Culinary Arts: Brownie - Senior - Culinary Badges

Entrepreneurship: All level Cookie Business and Financial Literacy Badges

Gardening and Horticulture: All level Naturalist Badges (Bugs, Flowers, Trees, Sky, Water)

Health and Wellness: All level First Aid Badges

Lynda / LinkedIn Learning: Brownie - Cadette - Digital Arts Badges

The list above is just some of the many badge opportunities you can earn through your library experience!