

INDIAN RIVER COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM
LONG RANGE PLAN 2014 - 2017

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Mission Statement

The mission of the Indian River County Library System is to provide the means by which people of all ages, interests, and circumstances may avail themselves of the recorded wisdom, experiences, and ideas of others. In support of this mission, library materials are assembled, organized, and made accessible to all. Opportunities for personal, educational, cultural, and recreational enrichment are offered. Collections of library materials, services, and programs are planned and developed to respond to individual and community needs. A trained and skilled staff and the latest technologies are employed to facilitate and enhance the use of resources of the library

system. By committing themselves to excellence in all facets of the library system's services and operations, the library administration and staff reaffirm the democratic ideals upon which the American public library was founded.

General Principles of the Library System

Purpose:

Public libraries, through their services and facilities, contribute to the quality of life in the communities they serve. A public library system committed to excellence will assist in enhancing the quality of life for all of the residents of Indian River County.

Service Principle:

The users of the Indian River County Library System deserve the highest quality service possible to fulfill their educational, informational, cultural, and recreational needs. High quality library service is dependent upon the following factors: well-selected and well-maintained collections of library materials in adequate numbers to respond to user needs, the availability of qualified and enthusiastic personnel, convenient hours of service, inviting physical facilities accessible to all segments of the county, implementation of the latest technology, and the financial resources to meet library needs of the county residents.

The Indian River County Library System subscribes to the principles and statements included in the Library Bill of Rights and its interpretations and the Freedom to Read Statement, in the latest versions, as adopted by the American Library Association.

Standards:

The Indian River County Library System recognizes the importance of standards appropriate to public library service. Standards are developed by the American Library Association, the Florida Library Association, the State

Library of Florida, and other similar organizations responsible for the development of standards. Unless otherwise excepted, such standards are used as guidelines for the library system.

General Information

The Indian River County Library System includes the Main Library, located in downtown Vero Beach; the Brackett Library, a joint-use facility with Indian River State College, located on the Mueller Center campus in Vero Beach; the North Indian River County Library, located in Sebastian; the Law Library, located in the Main Library, and the Gifford Youth Activities Center Library, located in the Gifford community. The system employs 41.5 staff (FTE). The FY 2014/2015 proposed budget for the library system is \$3,327,264.00. The facilities total 106,347 square feet. The Main Library is 49,389 square feet; the Brackett Library is 30,000 square feet; the North County Library is 25,445 square feet, and the Gifford Library is 1,513 square feet.

The System offers access to 543,730 items, including audio visual and electronic materials. There is also an extensive Florida history, genealogy, and Civil War collection which include online databases, historic maps, and microforms.

The library system has been automated since 1991, and upgraded periodically and as recently as 2008. Polaris is the automation vendor. All library applications are automated. Upgrades are done as available.

The Friends of the Library organizations offer support for all the system libraries. Volunteers provided 27,038 hours of service to the System in FY 2013/2014.

Library Hours of Operation:

Main Library	
Mondays & Thursdays	10:00 - 8:00
Tuesdays, Wednesdays, & Fridays	10:00 - 5:00
Saturdays	10:00 - 4:00
Sundays	1:00 - 5:00

Brackett Library
 Mondays, Thursdays, & Fridays 9:00 – 5:00
 Tuesdays & Wednesdays 12:00 – 8:00

North Indian River County Library
 Mondays - Wednesdays 10:00 - 8:00
 Thursdays & Fridays 10:00 - 5:00
 Saturdays 10:00 - 4:00

Gifford Library
 Mondays – Fridays 1:00 – 5:00

Fiscal Year 2013/2014 Library System Statistics

Circulation:	1,321,705
Library Visits:	590,056
Reference:	672,307
Program Attd.:	42,000

History

The Fellsmere Library Association formed in 1914 and dedicated the Marian Fell Library in 1915. This library is not part of the IRC library system, but is still in operation today. The library is operated solely by volunteers and serves as an after school center.

Library service for Indian River County was the main objective of the Vero Beach Woman’s Club in 1915. There was community support and in 1916 the building opened serving as a library and a club house. As the population and usage increased, the need for a larger space became evident. Several of the community and the Woman’s Club formed the Indian River County Library Association.

A fund drive ensued and a 7,000 square foot facility was built across from City Hall. The library opened in 1962. An addition was built in 1974. LSCA funds were awarded in 1983 to build a meeting room and a reading room (\$25,000.00). The building was then 9,500 square feet.

In 1981, the Sebastian River Library Association was organized by the Sebastian Junior Woman's Club. The North Indian River County Library began as the Sebastian Area County Library and was first opened in May, 1983, in a small building which formerly served as Sebastian City Hall. The library was governed by the Sebastian River Library Association, but received most of its funding from Indian River County. In October, 1986, the library became a division of county government and plans were soon underway for a new facility as usage and the collection had outgrown the 2,400 square foot building.

A new facility was opened and named the North Indian River County Library, reflecting its service commitment to more than Sebastian residents, in November, 1990. As the end of the decade came nearer, it became necessary to once again plan for more space. In 2002 the Library was expanded and remodeled to its current size of 25,445 sq.ft.

In 1985, LSCA funds provided for a system development plan (\$6,000.00). Cecil P. Beach and Darro C. Wiley prepared the report entitled "The Indian River County Library Organizational Analysis and Needs Assessment." This report was approved by the Indian River County Board of County Commissioners in January, 1986.

In June, 1986, LSCA funds provided for an automation planning grant (\$7,000.00). RMG Consultants, Inc. prepared the "Plans and Recommendations for Automated Systems and Services for Indian River County Library System." Pat McClintock prepared the report, and he updated the report in 1989.

In September, 1986, a 5.9 million bond issue passed 3-1 by the citizens of Indian River County to build 2 new facilities, fully automated. In July, 1987, Richard L. Waters was selected to prepare library building programs for the North Indian River County Library and the Indian River County Main Library.

In November, 1990, the new 17,470 square foot North Indian River County Library facility opened. In February, 1991, the new 39,666 square foot Indian River County Main Library opened.

Both facilities were expanded in 2002. The North Indian River County Library is now 25,445 square feet and the Indian River County Main Library is 49,286 square feet.

The Indian River County Law Library was established in 1957. Indian River County took over the complete responsibility of operating and maintaining the Law Library in October, 1989. In January of 1995, the new Law Library opened in the new Court house with 3,993 square feet. Due to space needs of the Courthouse, the Law Library was relocated to the Main Library.

In 2003, a small library outlet was opened in the Gifford Youth Activity Center building.

For several years, discussions had taken place with Indian River State College to build a branch on the Mueller Campus in Vero Beach. In 2002, the Board of County Commissioners approved this location for the next branch library. The Board also approved the expenditure from sales tax revenues.

In March, 2004, the Board of County Commissioners approved a contract with Harvard Jolly Cleese Toppe Architects and Ruth O'Donnell, library consultant, to prepare the "Indian River County Library Master Facilities Plan, 2005 – 2025." This report was approved by the Board of County Commissioners on March 15, 2005.

In January, 2005, the Board of County Commissioners agreed to deposit \$4.3 million dollars in the Indian River State College Foundation account to be eligible for a state dollar for dollar match from the Legislature.

The Legislature approved this match and plans proceeded with this facility. The 30,000 square foot Brackett Joint-Use Library opened on October 28, 2009.

Government

The Indian River County Library System is a division of the General Services Department. The Library Services Director reports to the Assistant County Administrator, who reports to the County Administrator, who

reports to the Board. The library system's budget is funded from the general fund.

Library Descriptions

Indian River County Law Library

The Law Library provides legal resources and information for the community. Resources are provided for patrons, students from junior high school through graduate school, paralegals, judges, attorneys, law enforcement personnel, and the general public.

The Law Library offers Lois Law and basic law references in print form.

There is no charge for any of the Law Library services.

North Indian River County Library

The collection includes 130,040 items in many formats, including electronic resources and E-books. Wireless Internet access is available.

Library users have access to the collection through the Polaris system's online catalog. Equipment is available for public use, and public computers are also available.

A meeting room, seating 200, a conference room seating 10 and three study/typing rooms are available for groups or individuals to reserve and use. All are heavily booked by community groups, boards, literacy tutors, etc. A Storytime Room in the Children's Department provides a special area for children's programming.

The library sponsors and/or cosponsors many programs for all age groups, often with support from the Friends of the North Indian River County Library.

Programs for preschoolers and toddlers are offered by the Children's Department. Staff visits Headstart Centers monthly, as well as offering programs in the library to local preschools. During the summer a full schedule of programs for children of all ages is offered. The Friends offer

film programs each Thursday from January through April. Several reading/discussion groups, poetry and writing workshops have been offered. A Library Coffee House, offered once a month on Friday evenings from October through April, is a popular program.

Exhibits are displayed monthly in the library covering a variety of subjects and types of objects. Some belong to local collectors or craftsmen; others are traveling exhibits offered by a variety of sources. Fees are paid by the Friends organization. Through the programming, meetings and displays offered, the library has become a cultural center for the north county area.

More information about the resources, programs and materials of the North Indian River County Library can be found on the website:

www.irclibrary.org

Indian River County Main Library

The collection has 311,919 cataloged items in addition to the paperback, microfiche, microfilm, vertical file, and map collections. The collection includes materials in all formats, including electronic resources and E-books. There is also a collection for the visually impaired. The emphasis of the collection is general reference and Florida history and genealogy. Main Library staff is shared with the Brackett Library.

Equipment is available for public use, as well as public computers. Wireless Internet access is available.

There are six study/typing rooms, 1 classroom, 1 conference room, 1 meeting room with capacity of 25 - 30, and a 200-seat capacity multimedia meeting room. The children's department has a large story time pit.

The Adult Literacy Service of Indian River County maintains its office in the lobby area of the library. The Friends of the Library Gift Shop and office are also located in the lobby area of the library, and the Friends' Used Book Depot is in another location.

The Vero Beach Art Club exhibits local artists' works throughout the year. There are three display cases for special displays, and the lobby has two

large bulletin boards. The Friends purchased display boards for specific subject displays and displays from the Florida Humanities Council.

The library serves as an early voting site.

The Friends sponsor the lease plan program that provides patrons with additional copies of popular books and DVD's (System-wide).

Programming is on-going for adults, young adults, and children. For children, the library offers Books and Babies; Daddytime; pre-toddler, toddler, and 3-5 year old storytimes; after school programs; art; music; sign language; summer programs; field trips and tours; and special programs throughout the year.

Programs for adults and young adults include poetry, genealogy, babysitting, calligraphy, belly dancing, zumba, yoga, breathing, sign language, art, music, monthly concert (on the lawn), talent shows, writing, modeling, career, creative writing, drama, illustration, photography, public relations, crafts, cultures, summer programs, and special programs throughout the year. The Friends sponsor author presentations.

Brackett Library (Indian River County/Indian River State College Joint-Use)

The Brackett Library is located on the Mueller Center campus of Indian River State College in Vero Beach, Florida. This two-story, 30,000 square foot facility is a full service public library branch of the Indian River County Library System. The Brackett library offers services to patrons of all ages, students, and faculty.

There is a computer Instruction Lab that can be used both by the College and the public with 37 workstations. Equipment and public computers are available for the public.

Brackett has 91,711 cataloged items. Programs for all ages are also offered throughout the year (including concerts on the lawn). There are 4 study rooms, a reserve room, a small classroom, a 20 – 25 seat conference room, and a 50 – 75 seat meeting room.

Close proximity to the Charter High School lends to numerous cooperative projects.

Gifford Library

The collection has 10,160 cataloged items. The collection's focus is K-12 in numerous formats. Public computers are also available and wi-fi access.

The library is located within the Gifford Youth Activity Center building. The Center provides varied and numerous programs for all ages in the Gifford Community. The facility is located next to the Gifford Aquatic Center and a park. There is a gymnasium within the facility.

The Center serves as a voting precinct. Indian River State College offers a computer lab and classes, along with Project Hope, Upward Bound, and Adult Basic Education.

Community Profile

Indian River has a humid, sub-tropical climate with an average coastal temperature of 72.6 degrees. The county is 502.872 square miles and is located on the east coast between Brevard and St. Lucie Counties.

The following information is from the "Profiles of Florida 2014."

Population of the county is 141,994 (2013 estimate).

The average age is 48.9.

Per capita income--\$31,630

Median Household--\$45,274

Average Household--\$72,710

Woods & Poole 2014 State Profile

Ages 0 - 17: 18.7%

Ages 18 - 34: 15.6%

Ages 35 - 54: 23.9%

Ages 55 - 64: 14.5%

Ages 65 - 79: 18.6%

Ages 80 & Older: 8.7%

White: 87.4%

Black: 9.3%
Asian: 1.4%
Hispanic: 11.7%
Native American: 0.4%

Percentage of population over 25 with 12 or more years of school completed: 86.7%

Percentage of population over 25 with 16 or more years of school completed: 26.8%

Percentage of population over 25 with a master's degree or higher: 10.2%

There are 2 high schools, 1 freshmen learning center, 4 middle schools, 1 exceptional school, 1 Alternative Education school, 13 elementary schools, 5 Charter schools, Adult and Community Education School, Gifford Youth Activities Center, and the Indian River State College Mueller Center.

The Vero Beach Art Museum, Riverside Theatre, Riverside Children's Theatre, and the Vero Beach Theatre Guild provide cultural, recreational, and classroom programs for the community year round. There are numerous golf courses, beach parks, and parks within the county. In addition, there is the aquatic center, North County pool, and the gun range. Indian River County residents can enjoy the Environmental Learning Center, McLarty Museum, Mel Fisher Museum, McKee Botanical Gardens, Laura Riding Jackson Home Preservation Foundation, Windsor Polo Club, and the Disney Resort.

The Vero Beach Sports Village offers sports-related activities throughout the year.

Regional Profile

The North Indian River County Library has traditionally been considered to serve the communities of Sebastian, Roseland, Fellsmere, Wabasso, Orchid Island and unincorporated areas of Indian River County north of Hobart Park. There are no actual boundaries for service within the County, however, as the library is a branch of the Indian River County Library system, and together with the Main Library and other branches, serves all of Indian River County. For the purpose of pointing out the distinguishing

features of this branch, however, we will look at the characteristics of the communities listed above.

The estimated population of Sebastian, Fellsmere and Orchid Island, Wabasso, and Roseland is 31,475.

The north county area has five elementary schools, a middle school, a high school and an exceptional school, as well as a charter elementary and a charter junior high school. There are three preschools in the area and three Headstart centers. Along with a growing home school population, many students use the library extensively. Students in this area often continue their education at Indian River State College or Brevard Community College.

Recreational opportunities are offered by Adult Education, the Indian River County Recreation Department, the City of Sebastian Recreation Department, the Sebastian Sharks football and cheerleading league, the Sebastian Soccer Association and Sebastian Little League. Golf courses are available in Sebastian and Winter Beach. The North County Aquatic Center offers a variety of water activities, and a new softball park is located nearby. The Sebastian Inlet State Park and Recreation area, as well as county parks and beaches provide many opportunities for outdoor activities.

The Environmental Learning Center at Wabasso causeway, the McLarty Museum on AIA, and Mel Fisher's Treasure Museum in Sebastian provide other interesting experiences for residents and visitors. The Sebastian River Medical Center provides a series of health-related programs each year.

Many organizations thrive in the north county area, reflecting the diverse interests of the community. Many of these organizations hold their meetings in the library meeting room each month, such as Welcome Wagon, the Fishing Club, the Sebastian River Area Historical Society, the Treasure Coast Archeological Society, the Pelican Island Preservation Society, and various property owners associations. Service groups, such as the Exchange Club, Rotary Club, Chamber of Commerce, Sebastian Junior Woman's Club and Sebastian Woman's Club meet elsewhere.

Library Roles

Indian River County Law Library

The primary role of the Law Library is “reference center.” The library actively provides timely, accurate, and useful information for the legal profession and for residents in their pursuit of job-related and personal interests. The library promotes on-site and telephone reference & information services, interlibrary loan services, Internet and online resources access.

North Indian River County Library

The primary role is “popular materials library.” The library features current, high demand, high interest materials in a variety of formats for persons of all ages. The library actively promotes and encourages the use of its collections. Multiple copies of best sellers, new titles in all formats are required. The staff is knowledgeable about current, popular interests and anticipates “hot” titles.

The secondary roles are the “independent learning center” and the “preschooler’s door to learning.” The library supports individuals of all ages pursuing a sustained program of learning independent of any educational provider. The library is the only institution available to persons regardless of age or the ability to pay. Reference materials and how-to manuals in all formats are available for the independent learner. Staff must be available to assist in the pursuit of interests and to guide to the appropriate materials. The facility provides comfortable reading areas, and space is available for quiet study.

The library also encourages young children to develop an interest in reading and learning through services for children and for parents and children together. The library promotes reading readiness from infancy, providing services for self-enrichment and for discovering the pleasures of reading and learning. The library provides a place designated for preschoolers to satisfy their curiosity, stimulate new interests, and find information. The library promotes early reading, contributing to successful performance in formal schooling. The collection has a variety of materials and formats for prechoolers and adults working with young children. Staff is knowledgeable about early childhood development and children’s literature.

Indian River County Main Library

Primary goals are “reference center,” “independent learning center,” and the “popular materials library.” Secondary roles are the “preschooler’s door to learning,” the “formal education support center,” and the “community activities/information center.”

The library actively provides timely, accurate, and useful information to those in pursuit of job-related and personal interests. Staff provides on-site and telephone reference/information services, interlibrary loan services, research classes, provide Internet, online reference resource services, and assist with Florida history and genealogy research. The library supports individuals of all ages who are pursuing a sustained program of learning independent of any educational provider. Comprehensive collections are available to support their varied interests, from career development and basic skills to writing for publication and advanced historical research.

Information is available in many formats, including microfilm and fiche, Internet, and online resources. The collection strengths are in literature, business, medical, history, Florida history, county history, war information, maps, and genealogy.

Staff is knowledgeable in general, as well as specialized reference.

Wireless Internet and public computers are available.

Over 70% of the materials budget is expended on reference, Florida History & Genealogy, online services, and nonfiction materials, supporting the primary roles of “reference center” and “independent learning center.”

The primary role of “popular materials library” is supplemented by the Friends of the Library book lease plan. The Friends donate annually for the purchase of multiple copies of popular materials. The library features and promotes the use of current, high demand, high interest materials in a variety of formats for persons of all ages. The “new book” area is located just inside the entrance to the library. New media items are displayed in the media department.

One of the secondary roles is the “preschoolers’ door to learning.” The library encourages preschoolers to develop an interest in reading and learning by providing services for children and for parents and children. The library promotes reading readiness from infancy. Programs are offered weekly for these age groups and their parents: babies, toddlers, preschoolers, day cares, and grade school children. Knowledgeable staff is available to assist with patron’s needs. We also offer the "Born To Read" program of service.

The children’s collection includes materials for the home schoolers, curriculum enrichment, adult basic education, recreational, educational, magazines, audio visual, online resources and Internet. Board books, picture books, easy books, paperbacks, read-a-longs, computer games, puppets, fiction and nonfiction books are available.

The “formal education center” is another secondary role. The library assists students of all ages in meeting educational objectives established during their formal course of study. Assistance and materials are available for elementary and secondary students, college and technical school students, adult basic education and adult literacy students. Research and computer classes are taught for each type of student and for every level. The library has informal agreements with Indian River Community College, Webster Business College, and Flight Safety.

The library is also considered a “community activities and information center.” The library provides both meeting room space and equipment for community, governmental, and library related and library sponsored programs. Meeting rooms available for public use are: 1 large multimedia room, 2 conference rooms, a 40 seat meeting room, 1 classroom, and 6 study/typing rooms.

The library maintains a high profile as a clearinghouse for current community information. The Information & Referral database is available for downloading. The Genealogical Society has indexed the local newspaper and obituaries. Two large bulletin boards are available for the public in the lobby and 3 more are available on the second floor. Public information from numerous community organizations is made available on the first floor.

Indian River County/Indian River State College Brackett Library

The primary roles of the Brackett Library are “formal education support center,” “reference center,” and “independent learning center.” These roles are based on the type of branch the Brackett Library is and may be further supported by usage statistics.

The secondary roles are “popular materials library” and “preschooler’s door to learning.”

Instructional classes are held in the computer lab and group study is held in the larger study room. Programs based on the Main Library programs are held for all ages throughout the year, including the outdoor concerts.

Goals, Objectives, & Activities

Indian River County Law Library

Goal:

Provide timely, accurate, and useful information for the general public, students, and legal profession to support the primary goal of “reference center.”

Objectives & Activities:

Link the general public, students, and legal profession to information they seek in pursuit of their job-related and personal interests.

By providing:

- Public access to the Internet
- Public access to online resources
- In-house, Internet, and telephone reference
- Additional online services

100% of the materials budget is expended on reference materials.

Indian River County Main Library

Goal:

Provide patrons with timely, accurate, and useful information in a variety of formats, which supports the primary roles of “reference center” and “independent learning center.”

Objectives & Activities:

Make available materials to answer patrons’ needs for information on any subject in which they have an interest or a need to learn.

By continuing to:

- Combine traditional & technological reference services to best meet individual needs
- Provide in-house, Internet, telephone, online, and interlibrary loan reference/information services
- Build and maintain a comprehensive reference, Florida History & Genealogy, and nonfiction collection to assist patrons with their pursuit of job-related, scholarly, or personal interests
- Provide training and access to the Internet and online resources for patrons and for staff
- Evaluate and determine which format for which resource is the most effective and cost efficient
- Continue to digitize historical information & photographs

70% of the materials budget is expended on reference, online resources, Florida History & Genealogy, and nonfiction.

Goal:

Provide current, high demand, and high interest materials in a variety of formats to meet patron demand, which supports the primary role of “popular materials library.”

Objectives & Activities:

Make available popular materials in all formats in sufficient quantities to meet public demand in a timely manner.

By continuing to:

- Offer the Friends of the Library’s book & DVD lease plans for multiple copies of popular, best selling, and well reviewed titles
- Develop the audio visual collection—DVDs, music CDs, and audio books
- Build the E-book collection
- Build the downloadable audio collection

15% of the materials budget is expended in this area.

Goal:

Encourage preschool children to develop an interest in reading and learning, which supports the secondary role of “preschoolers’ door to learning.”

Objectives & Activities:

Promote reading readiness from infancy to develop self-enrichment and a love of reading and learning.

By continuing to:

- Provide weekly story time programs for babies, toddlers, preschoolers, day cares, and grade school children
- Provide a weekly after school program for elementary age children
- Provide the weekly “Daddytime” storytime program
- Develop selected reading lists for all ages and levels for children, parents, and teachers
- Provide “special” programming throughout the year and the summer program sessions
- Develop the collection in all formats for curriculum enrichment, adult basic education, home schoolers, education, recreation, & information

- Assist parents and care givers in the encouragement of a love of reading and learning
- Assist parents and children in achieving their educational goals
- Assist children with appropriate Internet use
- Continue the Born To Read program of service

15% of the materials budget is expended in this area.

Goal:

Provide assistance & resources for students of all ages to meet their educational objectives established during their formal courses of study, which supports the secondary role of “formal education support center.”

Objectives & Activities:

Make available resources and knowledgeable staff relevant to the students’ needs.

By continuing to:

- Provide resources that supplement each level of study
- Provide research methods, computer, online resources, and Internet classes
- Reserve materials for specific classroom assignments
- Participate with the cooperative agreement with Indian River State College, Webster Business College, and Flight Safety

Goal:

Maintain the library as the information clearinghouse and community activities center, which supports that secondary role.

Objectives & Activities:

Better acquaint the public with the library’s programs, services, and collections.

By continuing to:

- Publicize library programs and services
- Offer meeting room space for community groups and organizations
- Index the local newspaper with the Genealogical Society
- Keep the web page current
- Offer classes on research methods

North Indian River County

Goal:

Provide current, high demand, and high interest materials in a variety of formats to meet patron demand, which supports the primary role of “popular materials library.”

Objectives & Activities

Make available popular materials in all formats in sufficient quantities to meet public demand in a timely manner.

By continuing to:

- Purchase multiple copies of popular, bestselling, and well-reviewed adult fiction books.
- Develop the audiovisual collection.
- Build the E-books and downloadable audio collections

50 % of the materials budget is expended in this area.

Goal:

Encourage children of all ages to develop an interest in reading and learning, which supports the secondary role of “children’s door to learning.”

Objectives & Activities

Promote reading readiness from infancy to develop self-enrichment and a love of reading and learning.

By continuing to:

- Provide weekly storytime programs for babies, toddlers, preschoolers, day care centers, Headstart programs and grade school children.
- Provide weekly afterschool programs for elementary age children.
- Provide “special” programming throughout the year, including summer library sessions.
- Develop the children’s collection for curriculum enrichment, home schoolers, education, recreation and information.
- Assist parents and caregivers in encouraging a love of reading and learning.

20 % of the materials budget is expended in this area.

Goal:

Provide patrons with timely, accurate, and useful information in a variety of formats, which supports the secondary role of “independent learning center.”

Objectives & Activities:

Make available materials to answer patrons’ needs for information on any subject in which they have an interest or a need to learn.

By continuing to:

- Combine traditional print & online reference services to best meet individual needs.
- Provide inhouse, internet, telephone, and interlibrary loan reference/information services.

- Build and maintain comprehensive reference, Florida and nonfiction collections to assist patrons with their pursuit of job-related, scholarly, or personal interests.
- Provide training and access to the internet and online databases for patrons and for staff.
- Offer programming which supports patrons' interests or informational needs.

30 % of the materials budget is expended on reference, Florida and nonfiction collections.

Goal:

Establish the Library within the community as the place to go for popular materials, independent learning, and children's door to learning, which supports the primary and two secondary roles of the Library.

Objectives & Activities

Better acquaint the public with the Library's programs, services and resources.

By continuing to:

- Keep the webpage current.
- Encourage staff to participate in community organizations.
- Speak to local groups about the resources, programs and services offered by the Library.
- Offer meeting room space within the Library for community groups and organizations.
- Offer cultural and recreational programming for the public.

Gifford Library

The GYAC Library has a target group of pre-school - 12 at present. The space is limited at this time. The roles of this library are the "pre-schooler's door to learning" and the "formal education center."

Goal:

Encourage preschool children to develop an interest in reading and learning, which supports the primary role of "preschoolers' door to learning."

Objectives & Activities:

Promote reading readiness from infancy to develop self-enrichment and a love of reading and learning.

By continuing to:

- Develop selected reading lists for all ages and levels for children, parents, and teachers and develop collections
- Provide "special" programming throughout the year and the summer program sessions
- Assist parents and care givers in the encouragement of a love of reading and learning
- Assist parents and children in achieving their educational goals

Goal:

Provide assistance & resources for students of all ages to meet their educational objectives established during their formal courses of study, which supports the primary role of "formal education support center."

Objectives & Activities:

Make available resources and knowledgeable staff relevant to the students' needs.

By continuing to:

- Provide resources that supplement each level of study
- Provide research methods, computer, online resources, and Internet classes

Technology

A technology plan is on file with the State Library. Certification of approval of this plan has been received.

Facilities

In March, 2004, the Board of County Commissioners approved a contract with Harvard Jolly Cleese Toppe Architects and Ruth O'Donnell, library consultant, to prepare the "Indian River County Library Master Facilities Plan, 2005 – 2025." This report was approved by the Board of County Commissioners on March 15, 2005.

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