

**COUNTY-BY-COUNTY STATUS REPORT
ON PUBLIC LIBRARY DEVELOPMENT IN FLORIDA
September 10, 2001**

Alachua - All county residents taxed and served by library independent special district. County receives State Aid.

Baker - All county residents taxed and served by county library. County receives State Aid. Library is a member of the New River Public Library Cooperative.

Bay - All county residents taxed and served by contract with a nonprofit library association (Bay County Library Association). County receives State Aid and pays association for services. In addition to county tax, the City of Lynn Haven, by choice, taxes its residents for operation of an independent municipal public library for Lynn Haven. Library serves Gulf and Liberty counties by contract.

Bradford - All county residents taxed and served by county library. County receives State Aid. Library is a member of the New River Public Library Cooperative.

Brevard - All county residents taxed and served by county library. County receives State Aid. An independent taxing district provides additional support for the Merritt Island Public Library which is operated by the County.

Broward - All county residents taxed and served by county library. County receives State Aid. In addition to county tax, the cities of Lighthouse Point, Oakland Park, Plantation, and Wilton Manors, by choice, tax their residents for the operation of independent municipal libraries for those cities.

Calhoun - All county residents taxed and served by county library. County receives State Aid. Library is member of Panhandle Public Library Cooperative System.

Charlotte - All county residents taxed and served by county library. County receives State Aid. Library is administrative entity for Charlotte-Glades Library System and serves Glades County by contract.

Citrus - All county residents taxed and served by county library. County receives State Aid.

Clay - All county residents taxed and served by county library. County receives State Aid.

Collier - All county residents taxed and served by county library. County receives State Aid.

Columbia - All county residents taxed and served by county library. County receives State Aid.

Dade - County has established a library special district which includes nineteen municipalities and all unincorporated areas. The County receives State Aid. Eight municipalities, by choice, have remained outside of the special district: Bal Harbor, Bay Harbor Islands, Hialeah, Miami Shores, North Miami, North Miami Beach, Opa-Locka, and Surfside and each municipality taxes its residents to operate libraries for municipal residents. In FY 2000-01, City of Hialeah through proviso in the Appropriations Act Implementing Bill received State Aid without an interlocal agreement with the county special district. State Aid payment to Hialeah was extended for one-year through FY 2001-02, under the provision of CS/HB 337.

DeSoto - All county residents taxed and served by county library. County receives State Aid. Library is a member of the Heartland Library Cooperative.

Dixie - All county residents taxed and served by county library. County receives State Aid. Library is member of Three Rivers Regional Library System.

Duval-Jacksonville - All county residents taxed and served by county library. County receives State Aid.

Escambia - All county residents taxed and served by contract with City of Pensacola. County receives State Aid and pays City of Pensacola for service. Because the County contracts for service from the City, the State Aid match is calculated on the County and City's public library expenditures. Library is a member of West Florida Regional Library.

Flagler - All county residents taxed and served by county library. County receives State Aid. In addition to county tax, the city of Flagler Beach, by choice, taxes its residents for the operation of an independent municipal library for city residents.

Franklin - All county residents taxed and served by county library. County receives State Aid. County library is a member of Wilderness Coast Public Libraries, a multicounty library cooperative. In addition to county tax, the city of Apalachicola, by choice, also taxes its residents for the operation of an independent municipal library.

Gadsden - All county residents taxed and served by county library. County receives State Aid.

Gilchrist - All county residents taxed and served by county library. County receives State Aid. Library is member of Three Rivers Regional Library System.

Glades - All county residents taxed and served by contract with Charlotte County. County receives State Aid and pays Charlotte County for service. Library is part of Charlotte-Glades Library System.

Gulf - All county residents taxed and served by contract with nonprofit library association (Bay County Library Association / Northwest Regional Library System). County receives State Aid and pays association for service. Libraries are part of the Northwest Regional Library System.

Hamilton - All county residents taxed and served by county library. County receives State Aid. Library is member of Suwannee River Regional Library System.

Hardee - All county residents taxed and served by county library. County receives State Aid. Library is a member of the Heartland Library Cooperative.

Hendry - All county residents taxed and served by contract with the City of Clewiston. County receives State Aid and pays City of Clewiston for service. Because the County contracts for service from the City, the State Aid match is calculated on the County and City's public library expenditures. The LaBelle nonprofit library association also provides service to the County with support from County tax dollars and the LaBelle Free Public Library is part of the Hendry County Library System.

Hernando - All county residents taxed and served by county library. County receives State Aid.

Highlands - All county residents taxed and served by county library. County receives State Aid. Library is a member of the Heartland Library Cooperative.

Hillsborough - County has established a library special district which includes all of the county except the cities of Temple Terrace and Plant City. All residents of the county receive the benefits of State Aid because of the establishment of the Hillsborough County Library Cooperative which includes the County Library and the independent municipal libraries in Temple Terrace and Plant City. All expenditures for library service in Hillsborough county and the two cities are matched by State Aid.

Holmes - All county residents taxed and served by county library. County receives State Aid. Library is member of Panhandle Public Library Cooperative System.

Indian River - All county residents taxed and served by county library. County receives State Aid.

Jackson - All county residents taxed and served by county library. County receives State Aid. The Library is a member of Panhandle Public Library Cooperative System.

Jefferson - All county residents taxed and served by county library. County receives State Aid. Library is member of Wilderness Coast Public Libraries.

Lafayette - All county residents taxed and served by county library. County receives State Aid. Library is member of Three Rivers Regional Library System.

Lake - All county residents are taxed and served by a county library cooperative. The Lake County Library Cooperative includes six independent municipal libraries in Clermont, Fruitland Park, Lady Lake, Mt. Dora, Tavares, and Umatilla. The County library cooperative receives State Aid based on the expenditures of the County and the six municipal library cooperative members. In addition to the county tax, the cities of Eustis, Howey-in-the-Hills, and Leesburg, by choice, tax their residents for the operation of independent municipal libraries for the three cities.

Lee - County residents, except those in Ft. Myers Beach library special tax district, are taxed and served by county library. County receives State Aid. Ft. Myers Beach special district, by choice, taxes its residents for the operation of an independent municipal public library. Sanibel has an interlocal agreement with county to return to the city a portion of the taxes collected in the city for library service. Sanibel operates an independent municipal library which is open to county residents, but city expenditures are not matched by State Aid.

Leon - All county residents taxed and served by county library. County receives State Aid.

Levy - All county residents taxed and served by county library. County receives State Aid.

Liberty - All county residents taxed and served by contract with nonprofit library association (Bay County Library Association / Northwest Regional Library System). County receives State Aid and pays association for service. Library is part of the Northwest Regional Library System.

Madison - All county residents taxed and served by county library. County receives State Aid. Library is member of Suwannee River Regional Library System.

Manatee - All county residents taxed and served by county library. County receives State Aid.

Marion - All county residents taxed and served by county library. County receives State Aid.

Martin - All county residents taxed and served by county library. County receives State Aid.

Monroe - All county residents taxed and served by county library. County receives State Aid.

Nassau - All county residents taxed and served by county library. County receives State Aid.

Okaloosa – The County supports services for residents of the unincorporated areas of the county with funds from an unincorporated area revenue source. Six of the county's nine municipalities tax and serve their residents (Crestview, Destin, Ft. Walton Beach, Mary Esther, Niceville and Valparaiso) and are members of the Okaloosa County Public Library Cooperative which coordinates services. Residents of three municipalities (Laurel Hill, Shalimar, and Cinco Bayou) are not taxed or served. The County provides funding to the Cooperative to serve residents of the unincorporated areas. The County receives State Aid based on the Cooperative and the six municipalities' expenditures.

Okeechobee - All county residents taxed and served by county library. County receives State Aid. Library is a member of the Heartland Library Cooperative.

Orange - County residents and eleven of thirteen municipalities are taxed and served by the county independent special taxing district. County receives State Aid. Two municipalities, by choice, remain outside the special district, Maitland and Winter Park, but each municipality taxes its residents to operate a library for city residents.

Osceola - All county residents taxed and served by county library. County receives State Aid.

Palm Beach – County established a special library district which taxes the residents of the unincorporated areas and twenty-two of the county's thirty-seven municipalities for library services. When the library district was formed, any municipality that taxed its residents to support public library service did not have to join the county library district or pay the county tax and fifteen of the thirty-seven municipalities made this choice. Seven cities, Boynton Beach, Delray Beach, Lake Park, Lake Worth, Palm Springs, Riviera Beach and West Palm Beach, and the County tax district joined together to establish the Library Cooperative of the Palm Beaches.

Palm Beach (cont.) The Cooperative receives State Aid based on expenditures of the County library district and Cooperative member cities. Eight other municipalities (Boca Raton, Golf Village, Gulf Stream, Highland Beach, Lantana, Manalapan, North Palm Beach, and Palm Beach) operate independent libraries for their municipal residents.

Pasco - All county residents taxed and served by county library. Zephyrhills and New Port Richey also tax and serve their residents. Zephyrhills and the county serve all residents through the Pasco County Library Cooperative. County and Zephyrhills' expenditures are matched by State Aid. In addition to the county tax, the City of New Port Richey, by choice, taxes its residents for the operation of an independent municipal library and is not a member of the county library cooperative.

Pinellas - Residents of unincorporated areas are taxed by a Municipal Service Taxing Unit (M.S.T.U). Residents of sixteen of the county's twenty-four municipalities are taxed by their cities and are members of the Pinellas Public Library Cooperative which coordinates services. M.S.T.U. funds are distributed among the member libraries to pay for services to residents of the unincorporated areas. Most direct services are provided by the municipal public libraries to residents of Cooperative member municipalities and the unincorporated areas. Residents of 8 cities are not taxed, do not operate libraries and are unserved (Belleair, Belleair Beach, Belleair Bluffs, Belleaire Shore, Indian Rocks Beach, Indian Shores, Kenneth City, and South Pasadena). The County receives State Aid based on M.S.T.U. and Cooperative member expenditures.

Polk - Through September 30, 2001, services to residents of unincorporated areas are paid for by proceeds from a Cable franchise fee assessed in the unincorporated areas. On October 1, 2001, revenues will be provided from the general fund and thus all county residents will be taxed. County funds are allocated among thirteen of seventeen municipalities that provide library service to their residents and all county residents: Auburndale, Bartow, Mulberry, Dundee, Eagle Lake, Fort Meade, Haines City, Lake Alfred, Lake Wales, Lakeland, Frostproof, Polk City, and Winter Haven. Through September 30, 2001, residents of four small municipalities, Davenport, Highland Park, Hillcrest Heights, Lake Hamilton, are served even though they do not contribute to the cost of providing service. The four cities do not operate libraries for their residents. The Polk County Library Cooperative coordinates services. The County receives State Aid based on County and Cooperative member expenditures.

Putnam - All county residents taxed and served by county library. County receives State Aid.

St. Johns - All county residents taxed and served by county library. County receives State Aid.

St. Lucie - All county residents taxed and served by county library. County receives State Aid.

Santa Rosa - All county residents taxed and served by contract with the City of Pensacola (West Florida Regional Library). County receives State Aid and pays City for service. Library is a member of the West Florida Regional Library.

Sarasota - All county residents taxed and served by county library. County receives State Aid.

Seminole - All county residents taxed and served by county library. County receives State Aid. One municipality, Altamonte Springs, also taxes for the operation of an independent public library.

Sumter - All county residents taxed and served by county library. Three municipalities, Bushnell, Wildwood, and Coleman, tax for the operation of libraries. Nonprofit associations support libraries in Panasoffkee and Webster areas. The County also provides direct service through a shared use facility and contract with Lake-Sumter Community College. County receives State Aid based on its expenditures and those of the Cooperative members (three cities and two associations).

Suwannee - All county residents taxed and served by contract with the multicounty Suwannee River Regional Library System. County receives State Aid.

Taylor - All county residents taxed and served by county library. County receives State Aid.

Union - All county residents taxed and served by county library. County receives State Aid. Library is a member of the New River Public Library Cooperative.

Volusia - All county residents taxed and served by county library. County receives State Aid.

Walton - All county residents taxed and served by county library. County receives State Aid.

Wakulla - All county residents taxed and served by county library. County receives State Aid. Library is member of Wilderness Coast Public Libraries.

Washington - All county residents taxed and served by county library. County receives State Aid. Library is member of Panhandle Public Library Cooperative System.

