



2015 NORTHWEST REGIONAL LIBRARY SYSTEM

NWRLS is a department of Bay County 

Customer Visits:

471,032



Job & e-Government Sessions:

10,779



Items Borrowed:

654,017



Users Receiving Free Computer Instruction:

26,315



Northwest Regional Library System serves 200,000 residents of Bay, Gulf and Liberty Counties and thousands of winter visitors through eight libraries, a website, and numerous outreach activities.



Free Computer and Wi-Fi Access

Return on Investment \$1 = \$10.18*



*Taxpayer ROI in Florida Public Libraries 2013
<http://roi.info.florida.gov>

LIBRARIES = EDUCATION FOR ALL

"I never could have done the research on so many aspects of life without the library...Even just entering the building evokes hope in me."

Programs and Resources for Life-Long Learning

"This is the best children's program that I've seen and I've travelled a lot in the military."

School Readiness and Emergent Literacy Education

"Cory has done so well with his reading that he now has the confidence to get up in front of the church congregation and read from the Bible."

Adult Literacy Tutoring

Highlights

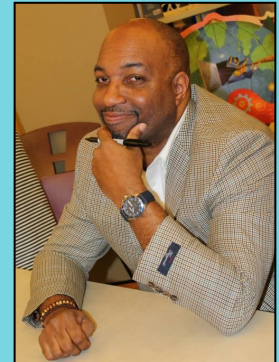
Many new library programs were introduced this year including a new storytime class and series of *Side Door Saturday* events in Port St. Joe, an expansion of the adult literacy program in Panama City and Panama City Beach, the *Tuesdays @ 2* and *Beach Boomers* speaker series, and increased youth programming in Wewahitchka and Panama City Beach. Technology upgrades included new computers, servers and wireless routers, and two new microfilm reader/scanners for the Bay County Public Library Local History & Genealogy Department. All locations received at least one AWE Early Literacy Station touchscreen computer, each with over 70 educational games for children. An Innovation Grant provided iPads and laptops for Gulf County locations, allowing an expansion of computer access and technology classes for all ages. Liberty County manager Gerard Giordano wrote a successful U.S. Department of Energy grant which funded over \$22,000 in building improvements for the Jimmy Weaver Memorial Library in Hosford.



Nancy Brockman, Gulf County Coordinator, won the Florida Library Association's *Outstanding New Librarian* award.

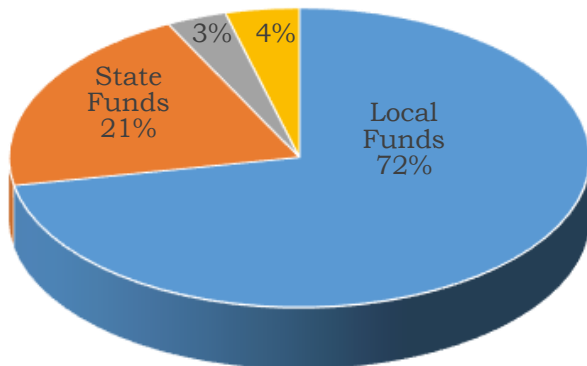


Nancy Brockman, Regina Burgess, Lynn Elliott, Samantha (Sam) Hudson, and Stephen Efid graduated from the Sunshine State Library Leadership Institute.



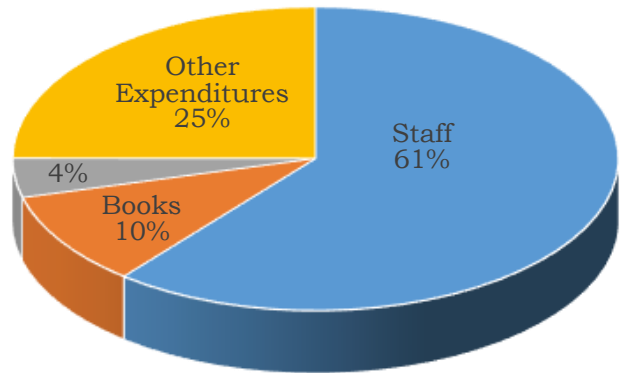
Newbery Award winning author Kwame Alexander visited the Bay County Public Library as part of the Books Alive Festival of Reading.

FY 2015 OPERATING INCOME - \$3,225,217



Local Funds—\$2,321,551
 State Funds—\$662,657
 Donations—\$107,993
 Other—\$133,016

FY 2015 OPERATING EXPENSES - \$2,906,373



Staff—\$1,769,290
 Books/Print—\$289,815
 Other Collections—\$121,502
 Other Expenditures—\$725,766

USAGE BY LOCATION	Visits			Items Borrowed			Computer Uses			Program Attendance		
	2014	2015*	Percent Change	2014*	2015*	Percent Change	2014*	2015*	Percent Change	2014	2015	Percent Change
Bay County Public Library	320,137	277,622	-13%	429,772	436,240	2%	143,139	132,087	-8%	20,964	20,845	-1%
Panama City Beach	102,983	98,188	-5%	127,294	131,187	3%	39,056	63,843	63%	6,630	9,818	48%
Parker	19,980	19,096	-4%	11,264	10,998	-2%	3,591	3,391	-6%	82	59	-28%
Springfield	21,058	20,549	-2%	13,827	13,906	1%	8,307	8,577	3%	699	563	-19%
Port St. Joe	19,435	19,785	2%	35,677	34,242	-4%	5,992	5,665	-5%	415	1,741	320%
Wewahitchka	18,366	17,112	-7%	14,399	15,627	9%	7,510	8,194	9%	651	1,313	102%
Bristol	11,983	9,406	-22%	7,657	7,573	-1%	5,578	4,804	-14%	1,181	453	-62%
Hosford	10,477	9,274	-11%	3,602	4,244	18%	3,774	2,811	-26%	3,057	2,982	-2%
Total	524,419	471,032	-10%	643,492	654,017	2%	216,947	229,372	6%	33,679	37,774	12%

* The Bay County Public Library was closed for 4 days in August for flooring installation. A reduction in the number of students attending North Bay Haven Charter Academy also impacted visits to the Bay County Library. The Hosford Library underwent a building renovation which impacted visits. Items borrowed figures for Bay County Public Library include e-books and other digital item checkouts for the entire library system. Computer use calculations include Wi-Fi use.