

2019 FLORIDA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION LEGISLATIVE FUNDING PRIORITIES

51% of Floridians have
Library Cards

75.1 million in person
visits

97.3 million virtual
visits

\$10.18 return on every
\$1 spent



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STATE AID TO PUBLIC LIBRARIES – INCREASE FUNDING TO \$33,000,000

2018

The State invested
\$20.5 million



\$2.5 million
decrease from 2017

The State's investment of
\$20.5 million in 2018 (which
was a \$2.5 million decrease
from 2017) represents a mere
4% of what local governments
typically invest in overall
library expenditures.

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PUBLIC LIBRARY CONSTRUCTION - APPROPRIATE FUNDING OF \$11,250,000 TO SUPPORT ALL ELIGIBLE APPLICATIONS



Libraries throughout the
State are building and
renovating again!

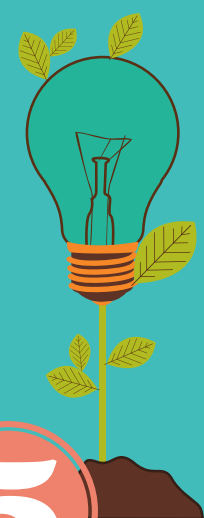
23 applicants
deemed eligible
for funding

Locally matched funding helps create
local jobs, demonstrates local investment
in our libraries, and, provides for new
library construction, renovations, and
critical infrastructure improvements

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INNOVATIVE INITIATIVES - APPROPRIATE FUNDING OF \$2,000,000 TO CREATE AN INNOVATION GRANT PROGRAM

With these funds, libraries can
develop new service delivery
models and programs that
incorporate workforce readiness,
economic development support,
STEM learning, and community
engagement spaces.



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MULTI-TYPE LIBRARY COOPERATIVES (MLCS) - APPROPRIATE \$3,000,000 FOR CONTINUED FUNDING

MLCs reduce costs for libraries by
facilitating **resource sharing** between
libraries, providing **training for over 16,000**
library staff annually, support online
databases, and widely used programs like
Ask-A-Librarian and Florida Library Jobs.

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SMART HORIZONS CAREER ONLINE HIGH SCHOOL - \$2,000,000

This program makes a high school
diploma more accessible to adult
Floridians and prepares them for
success in the workforce.



As of
July 30, 2018

500+ graduates
254 students actively
working on coursework

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STATE UNIVERSITY AND COLLEGE LIBRARIES – INCREASE FALSC E-RESOURCES FUNDING TO \$8,473,107

Student success depends on access to high quality,
scholarly e-resources across all academic disciplines

Since 2012 costs for
e-resources

↑ 3%

Loss of 27 database package =
loss of access to **millions** of
scholarly resources

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