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To: Governing Board of Wilderness Coast Libraries

From: City of Apalachicola

Subject: Wilderness Coast Public Libraries membership

Date: April 6, 2021

The City of Apalachicola respectfully requests Wilderness Coast Public Libraries consider accepting the Apalachicola Margaret Key Library into membership. The Apalachicola Margaret Key Library is a municipal library in Franklin County that currently serves residents of the city, Franklin County, and part-time residents. It is centrally located on the corner of Highway 98 in a new building that was funded with a State Construction grant and additional local funds. It is open 40 hours a week with an MLS degreed library director and one part time employee. Volunteers supplement the services.

Our interest in becoming a member of Wilderness Coast is to increase that quantity and quality of service for library users. We see this possible collaboration as a natural fit as our service area is within Wilderness Coast's area and our mission is very similar. Our Mission Statement reads, "The Apalachicola Margaret Key Library contributes to a healthy, vibrant community by helping citizens create and live their best life."

In 2019-2020, the Apalachicola Municipal Library qualified and received State Aid to Libraries Under the requirements for that funding, we established reciprocal borrowing with Franklin County Library along with some coordinated planning.

We are mindful of the services that are currently provided through the State multicounty library funding and are willing to work with Wilderness Coast to minimize financial impact on current county libraries.



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The Apalachicola Municipal Library is located at 80 12th Street, Apalachicola, Florida. It is open forty hours a week, Monday through Friday 10 to 5 and Sunday 12 to 5.

It has been at its current location since October 2017. The new building was funded in part with a State Library Construction grant. Our history stretches back to the 1890's when the ladies reading club was formed in Apalachicola. The library currently has an advisory board of five and an active Friends of the Library group.

The library currently has a little over 3,000 registered borrowers and 9,500 items in the collection. The library was closed for much of 2020, but in 2021, the circulation is running between 400 and 500 items per month. The current annual budget is \$64,600.

From the March 2021 Monthly Report:

- 812 patrons were given assistance
- 511 books/movies/audiobooks were circulated
- 14 new accounts were opened, including 2 seasonal accounts
- 123 patrons have used our computers
- \$419.63 was collected as library revenue
- 69 books were donated
- 121 hours have been donated by volunteers
- 1514 people have been reached with 27 Facebook posts