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Welcome to the Public Libraries in Jefferson County!

In addition to a new name (you may have known us previously as the Jefferson County Library Cooperative, or JCLC), we also have a new look with an updated logo and revised mission statement, all developed with you — the library patron — in mind.

This annual report shares information with you on what the 40 library locations in Jefferson County accomplished through our cooperative network during the 2012 calendar year. Public Libraries in Jefferson County, Doing Business As (DBA) JCLC, is a separate non-profit entity with 501(c) 3 status, and is made up of 22 member public libraries (40 locations). Each member library pays annual fees and is funded by its respective municipality. These 22 public libraries share resources and provide quality and equal services to every citizen in our county.

We think you will be impressed with the depth of our reach and the excellent level of service we have continued to offer to the communities served by public libraries despite ever shrinking public resources. Due to the contributions of time and money by local municipalities as well as our community partners, the state of Alabama and grants, we have been able to maintain the level of services you have come to expect.

With an annual budget of more than $1,000,000, our fundraising goal next year is to raise $50,000 - $75,000 through generous contributions from valued donors like you. With your help, we are confident that together we can meet our goal and serve the many citizens of Jefferson County who rely on public libraries.

There has never been a better time to give to the Public Libraries in Jefferson County.

Taneisha Young Tucker  
President, Board of Directors  
Public Libraries in Jefferson County  
Director, Library in the Forest, Vestavia Hills

Patricia F. Ryan  
Executive Director  
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“I go to the library to get audio books and books for my monthly book club. The library is a great place for me to borrow what I need without spending my limited resources.”
2012 Donors

The following individual donors gave over $250 in 2012 and allowed Public Libraries in Jefferson County to share their names as donors to our library system.

Ms. Marci Bailey
William and Michele Baker
Brooke and Bob Battle
Ms. Martha Belcher
Ms. Catherine Benefield
Ms. Beverly Bishop
Irene Blalock
Eric Carlton
Kathleen A. Collier
Hope and Mitchell Cooper
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“I support my local library because it matters. Libraries are the life blood of our community and also provide tremendous resources that extend beyond what any single person could amass in terms of resources, experience and knowledge.”
Public Libraries in Jefferson County, DBA Jefferson County Library Cooperative, Inc.

FY2011-2012 Budget

Member Library Fees $497,348
State Aid 212,529
Donations 115,667
Out of County Member Cardholder Fees 16,365
Other Miscellaneous 125,320
Restricted Grant Funds - $89,132

TOTAL INCOME $967,229

PROGRAMS:

Information Technology & Telecommunications/Internet Services 319,222
Integrated Computer System/Catalog 389,068
Delivery Service/Interlibrary Loan 98,115
E-Books/E-Audiobooks (Annual Maintenance Fee) 12,000
Books-By-Mail 73,310
General Countywide 39,902
Grants-Born to Read 8,745
Administrative Services 169,735

TOTAL EXPENDITURES $1,110,097

NET INCOME - FROM EMERGENCY FUND (142,868)

“I like meeting my friends at the library. It is a very nice place for us to relax and catch up.”

“Our library system is our theater, bookstore, and video store. It enriches our family with opportunities for the children to enjoy authors, musicians and other special events. I appreciate being able to reserve books on-line and pick up at my local branch. Our libraries are part of what makes our community home.”

* These are direct costs for countywide services. Member libraries provide many indirect services and in 2011-2012 spent a total of $32,134,383 for all local library services across Jefferson County.
Public Libraries in Jefferson County Mission Statement

The mission of the Public Libraries in Jefferson County is to connect all citizens countywide by providing resources and community-building opportunities that inspire lifelong learning.

Our Guiding Principles

• The Public Libraries in Jefferson County serve as free, accessible, interactive information resource and technology centers for all citizens countywide.

• With emphasis on lifelong learning and focus on the needs of our members, the collective strength of the Public Libraries in Jefferson County is realized through unity of purpose and excellent library service.

• By collaborating with community, institutional and corporate partners, the Public Libraries in Jefferson County will continue to strengthen available services, programming and community-building opportunities.

• The Public Libraries in Jefferson County will develop strategies and solutions to ensure system-wide relevance, diversity and sustainability.
What Our Library Patrons Say...

“Andrew Carnegie put it best when he said ‘A library outranks any one thing a community can do to benefit its people. It is a never failing spring in the desert.’”  Michelle

“I care for seniors privately. One thing that brings them joy is going to the library to choose from a host of their favorite authors. I really think it is great to have events at the library which cater to young children and the elderly.”  Kimberly

“My friends in other places have to wait so long for their favorite books. We have amazing resources here and a great example of countywide cooperation.”  Emily

“I love being able to have 1 library card but access to 40 Library Collections!”  Katie

“The library has literally been a life-saver for me. When my own poor life choices caused me to become homeless, the library and the Jimmie Hale Mission were the only resources that I had to find God and help put my life back together. Today I am well on my way to becoming the Christian, husband, father, and man that God intended me to be. God bless the library and the Jimmie Hale Mission.”  James

“Without the library coop I’d have to drive all over Jefferson County to get the books I want. How could I not support it?”  Robin

“I am a faithful user of JCLC services. This is a phenomenal model of how our county can do things RIGHT across municipalities. Let’s keep it alive!”  Erin

“My story is really more of a tribute. After I retired because of health problems, and after the economy took a toll on my pension, I could not afford a new car and began to take the bus. Fortunately, most of the places I need to go are on the bus route. Being on foot and spending time waiting for the bus have resulted in the Library becoming my ‘home away from home.’ My appreciation for all it provides has been greatly refreshed. I realize that before now, I had come to take this friendly oasis for granted. The library is a wonderful, free community gathering space. It isn’t just a place for books, movies, and the internet. It’s a place to interact with people I share my hometown with. I’ve become grateful for the loss of my car, in large part because it has helped me to see my ‘neighbors’ up close and personal again.”  Lee Ann