



APPROPRIATION OF COUNTY FUNDS FOR MEMBER LIBRARIES

February 2023

APPROPRIATIONS

- Lake County provides annual payments to the ten member libraries for their participation in the Lake County Library System via interlocal agreements (does not include the six County branches)
- Philosophically, this addresses potential double-taxation for municipal residents and partially reimburses the municipality for sharing city-funded resources with the rest of the county
- The payments consist of a Base Payment and a Circulation Allocation
- The current total for the annual appropriations is \$1,107,294 and is set by the Board of County Commissioners
 - The Base Payment is \$20,000 per member library (\$200,000 total for all ten member libraries)
 - Circulation Allocation is the remaining funds based on the number of physical items circulated from the member library



FY 22/23 APPROPRIATIONS

Base Amount: to assist with funding of programs and services at its participating library.

Circulation: each physical item that is either checked out from a member library or sent to another library and is checked out. (Includes renewals for owning library.) Stats are from two fiscal years prior.

Percent of Circulation: percentage circulated per member library based on the ten member libraries combined circulation.

Circulation Allocation: the remaining funds based on the percentage of circulation of physical items circulated from the member library.

Appropriation: Base Amount + Circulation

Recommended Appropriations of County Funds
For Member Libraries - FY 22/23

Member Library	FY 21/22 Appropriation	Formula Per Interlocal Agreement				FY 22/23 Appropriation
		Base Amount	Circulation for 20/21	% of Circulation	Circulation Allocation	
Eustis Memorial Library	\$89,728	\$20,000	89,913	9.32%	\$84,543.39	\$104,543
Fruitland Park Library	\$74,940	\$20,000	64,466	6.68%	\$60,616.09	\$80,616
Helen Lehmann Mem. Library	\$23,331	\$20,000	9,017	0.93%	\$8,478.50	\$28,479
Lady Lake Library	\$146,630	\$20,000	144,165	14.94%	\$135,555.46	\$155,555
Leesburg Public Library	\$262,891	\$20,000	240,382	24.91%	\$226,026.38	\$246,026
Marianne Beck Mem. Library	\$33,040	\$20,000	21,424	2.22%	\$20,144.56	\$40,145
Minneola Schoolhouse Library	\$39,119	\$20,000	30,507	3.16%	\$28,685.12	\$48,685
Tavares Public Library	\$98,553	\$20,000	94,137	9.76%	\$88,515.13	\$108,515
Umatilla Public Library	\$56,433	\$20,000	44,435	4.61%	\$41,781.34	\$61,781
W.T. Bland Public Library	\$232,629	\$20,000	226,473	23.47%	\$212,948.02	\$232,948
TOTALS	\$1,057,294	\$200,000	964,919	100.00%	\$907,294.00	\$1,107,294



WHAT IS AN APPROPRIATIONS CREDIT?

The Howey library receives one Appropriations Credit when:

- Any physical item is checked out at the Howey library
- Any item that is sent to another library and is checked out
 - Howey sends an item to Leesburg and it is checked out; Howey and Leesburg each get an Appropriations Credit
 - Minneola sends a book to Howey and it is checked out; Howey and Minneola each get an Appropriations Credit
- The owning library receives one appropriations credit for a renewal
 - Howey sends a book to Lady Lake that is checked out and then renewed three weeks later. Howey gets one credit for the transfer; Lady Lake gets one credit for checking the item out; Howey gets an additional credit for the renewal

APPROPRIATION CAVEATS

- To receive an Appropriations Credit, the item must be transferrable via courier and not for library-use only
 - No Appropriations Credit*:
 - Laptops/Chromebooks
 - Calculators
 - Kindles
 - Gaming Controllers
 - Sports Equipment
 - Cables
 - Flash drives
 - Hotspots
- *List is not exhaustive
- If an item is sent to another library and is not checked out, then neither library gets an Appropriations Credit
 - County branches do not get Appropriations Credits

APPROPRIATION CREDIT VALUE

- The Appropriations Credit per item can vary from fiscal year to fiscal year
- The more items checked out overall, the lower the value of the Appropriations Credit

Fiscal Year (FY)	Total Circulation (FY)	Appropriations Credit
FY 22/23	964,919 (FY 20/21)	94 cents *COVID-19 lowered total circulation
FY 21/22	1,078,043 (FY 19/20)	84 cents *Eustis Library joined
FY 20/21	1,074,516 (FY 18/19)	76 cents
FY 19/20	1,036,261 (FY 17/18)	76 cents

FUTURE OF APPROPRIATIONS

- Lake County is requesting a consultant to create a metric for Appropriations Credit that is not based solely on circulation or any other corruptible or manipulatable figure
- Examples include population, funding spent on library materials for circulation, funding spent on personnel, and other statistics

