

# Leisure Services Department

Extension Services • Greenways & Natural Lands • Libraries • Parks & Recreation



*SEMINOLE COUNTY*  
FLORIDA'S NATURAL CHOICE

## Community Impact Report

FISCAL YEAR 2018/19



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# Introduction



## A Message to Our Community

### Dear Community Member,

Welcome to the Seminole County Leisure Services Department's Annual Community Impact Report. Our mission is to enrich lives through outstanding cultural, educational, environmental and recreational experiences. The Department is made up of four divisions representing Extension Services, Greenways & Natural Lands, Library Services and Parks & Recreation.

The 2018/2019 fiscal year was another busy and successful year. Here are just a few of the highlights from an exciting year:

- *The department continued the transformation at the future home of the Rolling Hills Community Park (formerly Rolling Hills Golf Course) by removing dilapidated structures and restoring the shorelines of the ponds with native plants to alleviate erosion and stormwater runoff. We also successfully applied for and received a state grant to assist with funding the redevelopment of Spring Hammock Preserve which includes a new boardwalk to Lake Jesup.*
- *Our Parks and Recreation Division hosted over 127 tournaments and events that equated to an economic impact of approximately \$42.5 million. Improvements to our parks included new playgrounds at Sanlando Park and Sylvan Lake Park as well as a new fishing pier at Red Bug Lake Park. We also installed two new scoreboards at the Seminole Softball Complex.*
- *Seminole County Leisure Services was awarded a number of national awards including the Extraordinary Program Award for our 4-H program, and an Internet Education Technology Award through the National Extension Association of Family and Consumer Sciences.*
- *Our Libraries invested in 6 sets of Oculus Quest Virtual Reality (VR) Headgear and hosted Fan Fest @ The Library to showcase the VR experience for the public.*
- *And in an area of high erosion, Wilson's Landing established a bio-retention demonstration garden to prevent runoff into the Wekiva River, a state designated Outstanding Florida Waterway and a National Scenic River.*

A continued focus on serving the community through exceptional programs and services continue to benefit the residents of Seminole County. There were more than 180,000 participants who participated in one of our thousands of program offerings. Leisure Services is proud to say that our programs serve EVERYONE! Program offerings such as our Florida Friendly Landscaping Fertilizer Program, Get Your Grove On – Fruit Gardening in Florida, Birds and Bagels Hike, Great American Campout, Ask an Archaeologist, Sensory Library Lab, Tennis for the "Health of It," and all of our hikes, lawn care expertise, sports programs and leagues, guided kayak trips, and even financial management seminars are only scratching the surface of what is offered. Additionally, services like our scholarship program that assists qualifying families with registration costs associated with county youth programs, the master gardeners program that can assist in selecting the perfect plant for a yard, the knowledgeable round the clock reference librarians, the miles of meticulously maintained trails or one of the several one of a kind playgrounds offer endless resources to all!

I invite you to learn more about how we pursue our mission to enrich the lives of our citizens and visitors in this FY 2018/19 Annual Community Impact Report.

### Respectfully,

*Richard E. Durr, Jr., CPRP, PLA, AACP*  
Director of Leisure Services

Seminole County Leisure Services Department

# Revenues and Expenditures

## Leisure Services Condensed Financial Report FY 2018/2019 (Unaudited)

### REVENUES

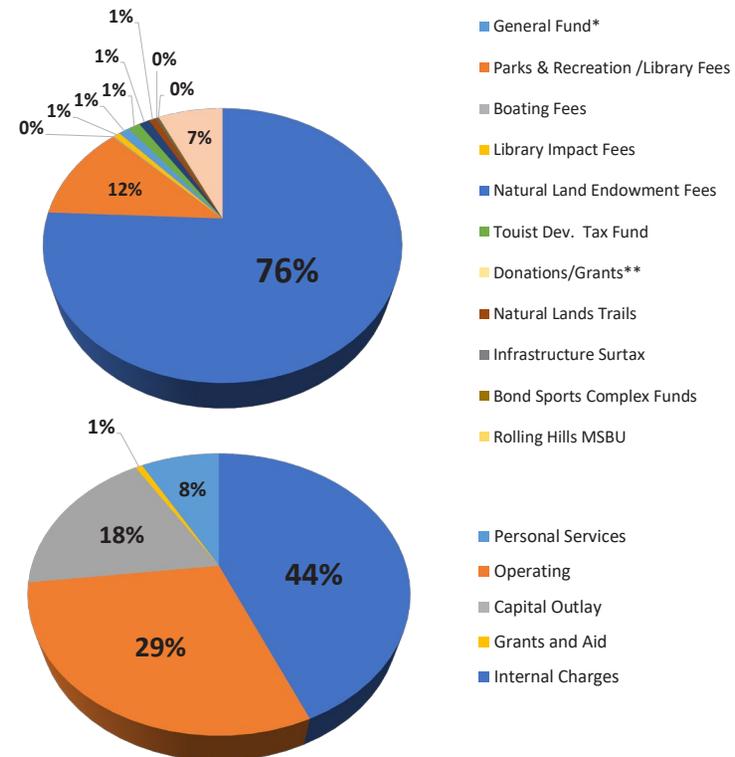
General Fund Support*	14,950,437
Parks & Rec./Library Fees	2,305,848
Boating Fees	29,131
Library Impact Fees	137,257
Natural Land Endowment Fees	228,008
Tourist Dev. Tax Fund	253,890
Donations/Grants**	227,119
Natural Lands Trails	146,075
Infrastructure Surtax	52,603
Bond Sports Complex Funds	22,830
Rolling Hills MSBU	1,386,799
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$19,739,998</b>

\*Includes CRA

\*\*Includes State Aid to Libraries

### EXPENDITURES

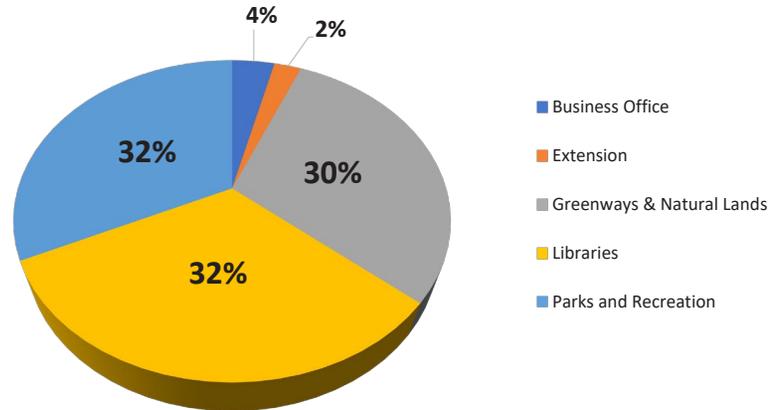
Personal Services	8,597,157
Operating	5,828,738
Capital Outlay	3,587,492
Grants and Aid	137,282
Internal Charges	1,589,329
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$19,739,998</b>



# Uses (BY DIVISION)

## Leisure Services Condensed Financial Report FY 2018/2019 (Unaudited)

<b>USES (BY DIVISION)</b>	
Business Office	756,372
Extension	479,381
Greenways & Natural Lands	5,906,954
Libraries	6,272,214
Parks and Recreation	6,325,077
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$19,739,998</b>



# How We Measure Up



## By the Numbers...

**\$2.3 million** in user fee **revenues** were generated to offset operational costs funded by taxpayers.

Over **\$230,000** worth of **donations, grants and in-kind services** were used to meet operational needs without being funded by taxpayers.

Every **\$1** spent on **Sports Tourism Events** in Seminole County **returns nearly \$100** to the community in economic impact.

Every **\$1** spent on **Libraries** in Seminole County **returns \$11.44** in value. *Source: Florida Division of Libraries and Information Services*

Every **\$1** spent on agriculture research and **Extension Services** in Seminole County **returns \$20** to the community. *Source: University of Florida Institute of Food & Agricultural Science*

# How We Measure Up

## By the Numbers...

<b>7,352</b> Total Parks & Natural Lands Acres	<b>18</b> Racquetball Courts
<b>12</b> Natural Lands Areas/Preserves	<b>54</b> Tennis Courts
<b>6</b> Neighborhood Parks	<b>8</b> Volleyball Courts
<b>6</b> Community Parks	<b>3</b> Wallyball Courts
<b>9</b> Special Use Parks	<b>10</b> Boat Ramps
<b>51</b> Miles of Paved Trails	<b>31</b> Camp Sites
<b>85</b> Miles of Unpaved & Wilderness Trails	<b>4</b> Canoe Launches
<b>6</b> Trail Heads	<b>6</b> Fishing Piers
<b>33</b> Baseball/Softball Fields	<b>5</b> Libraries
<b>12</b> Basketball Courts	<b>1</b> Museum
<b>12</b> Multi-Purpose Fields - Soccer, Lacrosse, Football, Kickball	<b>1</b> Nature Center
<b>14</b> Playground Areas	<b>1</b> Skate Rink
	<b>1</b> Extension Auditorium



# What We Do/Contact Us



## Main Services

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- Administrative Office ..... 407-665-2001
- Extension Services ..... 407-665-5560
- Greenways and Natural Lands ..... 407-665-2001
- Libraries..... 407-665-1500
- Parks and Recreation ..... 407-665-2001

## Main Contact

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# Seminole County **Extension Services**



## Providing Solutions for Your Life



Seminole County Leisure Services Department - Extension Services

# A Testimonial



In March 2019, Jim attended a Fertilizing Effectively in Sandy Florida Soils workshop provided by the Florida Friendly Landscaping program (FFL). Prior to coming to our class Jim never used slow release nitrogen (SRN) products, would purchase weed n' feed and put it down a few times a year without knowing when or how much to use. His home is in close proximity to a waterbody, but he never thought much of it. He was having patchiness and death issues with his St. Augustine grass when he saw our free class advertised in the Orlando Sentinel. After attending the workshop, he followed up with our Fertilizer Educator, Terrence Fullerton, to discuss the results of his soil test he received from the University of Florida. When reviewing the soil test info, he realized his pH was very low and he could benefit from an addition of lime. Jim spent money to apply lime to the front yard and then, in April, applied the SRN fertilizer provided to him for free after the class. These few actions taken by Jim might seem small, however when considering the impacts to his local waterbody they are huge. Not only did Jim test and alter his soil so the sod would be better equipped to absorb the nutrients he was providing, he used the right product at the right time and was able to eliminate the use of pesticides. If Jim continues to monitor his soil every three years and use SRN products, he will be benefitting the waterways and taxpayers of Seminole County for years to come. By implementing FFL principles and best management practices (BMP's), there will be less nitrogen and phosphorous entering our waterways, less water quality impairments and less money spent by the county and state to remediate the vast number of waterbodies within the county.

Jim is one of 1,629 people that have attended our Fertilizer Workshop or a general FFL class to learn about how their yard practices impact their environment and the local economy. Initial behavior change follow-up survey data results are exceptionally positive and show that Jim is not alone. 75% of 235+ FFL respondents reported they, like Jim, had adopted at least one FFL behavior.

Workshops are supported by Master Gardener Volunteers who, along with the Florida Native Plant Society, help maintain our demonstration landscapes that are used for hands-on learning during classes. LAKEWATCH volunteers also support the collection and assessment of water quality data and help fill in the knowledge gaps where the city, county and state government might not be able to monitor. In 2019, 246 volunteers supported the FFL program in Seminole County contributing an estimated \$55,520 in value.

# How We Measure Up

## By the Numbers

Over **80 Pesticide** certifications exams were administered UF/IFAS Extension Seminole County. The Central District Pesticide Trainers also collaborated to offer over **1,000** Continuing Education Units (**CEUs**) to pesticide applicators to maintain their licenses.

Certified pesticide handlers, sprayers, and applicators make an average of \$15.28 per hour whereas regular landscapers and groundskeepers make an average of \$11.35 per hour. For these 149 individuals, each has a potential to **increase** their families **income by \$6,500 per year** with this certification.

**4,003 youth** ages 5 through 18 have been served through 4-H Youth Development, Animal Science, Marine Science, Entrepreneurship, Public Speaking and Healthy Living.



# How We Measure Up (Cont'd)



## By the Numbers...

**170** Adult and Youth **Volunteers** donated approximately **9,201** hours of their time, which is equivalent to **four** full time employees or a **savings of** approximately **\$221,192\*** annually to County Residents.  
\*2018 FL data from the Independent Sector

**1,601 Families** received Expanded Food and Nutrition Education certificates.

**514 educational classes** were provided on economic, environmental or social issues with **41,261 participants**.

# How We Measure Up (Cont'd)

## Agriculture in Seminole County

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Number of farms: **312**

Land in Farms: **21,697 acres**

Average Size of Farm: **70 acres**

Market Value of Products Sold: **\$27,469,000**

*2017 Census of Agriculture*

For every **\$1** spent on locally grown produce, there is a **\$3.20** economic multiplier to the local economy.

It is estimated that for every **\$1** invested in agricultural research and extension, there is a return of **\$20** to the community.

*Based on a 2012 University of Florida study*



# Community Support



## Extension Services Advisory Board Members

Rufus Boykin  
Bill Clayton  
Jimette Cook  
Leslie Daniels  
Mary Lynn Hess  
Jim Hunter  
Rita Law  
Kristi Lommerse  
Steven Lommerse  
Marge McCollum

Tom Minter  
Connie Nadrowski  
Mandy Ohmstede  
Lance Osborne  
GiGi Rivadeneyra  
Ed Rivadeneyra  
Angie Romagosa  
Kim Skipper  
Kathryn Townsend  
Rudy White

Marissa Williams  
Bo Yarborough  
Immogene Yarborough

### Other Advisory Boards Include:

Board of County Commissioners  
Agriculture Advisory Board  
Florida Friendly Landscaping Advisory Board  
4-H Association Board  
Family & Consumer Sciences Advisory Board  
Urban Horticulture & Master Gardener Advisory Board

# Community Support

## Our Partners in Excellence

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# Community Support



## Our Partners in Excellence (Continued)

Middle School; Jesus Christ Church of Latter Day Saints; Jett Printworks; John E. Polk Correctional Facility; Johnny's Seeds; Lake Howell High School; Lake Mary Life Magazine; Lakewatch; Lawton Chiles Middle School; Lommerse Honey; Longwood Elementary School; Lukas Nursery; Markham Woods Middle School; Maya Papaya Organic Farm; Meriweather Farms; Millennium Middle School; Morris Family Farms; Mr. & Mrs. Richard Ashby; National 4-H Council/Disney Worldwide Conservation Fund; National Community Reinvestment Coalition; Native Plant Society; Northland Church-Day care program-Life Hope Program; Ol' Barn Junktiques; Old State Stables; Orangewood Christian School; Organic Sanctuary; Orlando North; Orlando Sentinel; Oviedo Crosslife Church ESOL Program; Pappy's Patch U-Pick; Park Maitland Middle School; Pet Bow-Tique; Publix Supermarkets, Inc.; Bok Tower Gardens; Randy Cutlip Farrier Services; Redeeming Life Outreach Ministry; Reja Mental Health; Rest Haven Farm; Rock Lake Middle School; Sanford Ace Hardware; Sanford Community Garden; Sanford Flower Shop; Seed 2 Source; Seminole County Beekeepers Association; Seminole County Cattleman's Association; Seminole County Community Services Department; Seminole County Department of Public Safety; Seminole County Farm Bureau; Seminole County Government Television; Seminole County Greenways and Natural Lands; Seminole County HCE Council; Seminole County Health Department; Seminole County Libraries; Seminole County Parks Division; Leisure Services;

# Community Support

## Our Partners in Excellence (Continued)

Seminole County Public Schools Administration; Seminole County School Board Dividends and Retired Senior Volunteer Program; Seminole County Public Schools Employee Wellness Program; Seminole County Stormwater Division; Seminole State College; Seminole State College English as a Second Language (ESOL) Program (Altamonte Springs, Lake Mary/Sanford), Oviedo); Seminole County Sheriff's Office Child Protective Services; Soggy Acres Pomelo Grove; Solid Rock Realty; South Seminole Farm and Nursery; South Seminole Middle School; Spring Hills Assisted Living; Spring Lake Elementary School; State of Harmony Farm; Stockman's Harness and Saddle Shop; Sundew Gardens; Sunniland; Sweetwater Oaks Garden Fair; T.G. Lee Foundation; Track Shack; Teague Middle School; The Garden Club of Sanford; The Masters Academy; The Sharing Center Tropicana, Inc.; Tuskawilla Middle School; Tyton Construction, Inc.; Union Park Neighborhood Community Center ESOL Program; U-Pick Berry Farm; Walker Elementary School; Wayne Densch Performing Arts Center; Wekiva Island; Westside Boys and Girls Club, Sanford; White's Red Hill Grove; Wicklow Elementary; Wild Horse Rescue Center; Williams Agency; Willow Wisp Acres; Wilson Elementary School; Winter Springs Elementary School; Yarborough Ranch



# Seminole County **Greenways & Natural Lands**



## **MISSION**

*The Greenways and Natural Lands Division's purpose is the preservation and management of passive parks, greenways and natural lands to enhance passive based recreation for existing and future generations; and to maintain Seminole County's developed properties and public landscapes for residents and visitors in an aesthetically-pleasing, efficient and environmentally responsible manner.*

# A Testimonial

**"Camp is AWESOME! I love the fishing and we get to hold snakes. I want to come back."**

*- Eco Camp Participant*

**"We love Eco Camp! We want our kids to get outdoors and Eco Camp is perfect. They are learning about their environment and having fun at the same time. It's a win-win!!!"**

*- Eco Camp Parent*



# How We Measure Up



## **By the Numbers...**

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Passive Parks, Trailheads and Natural Lands have estimated **3,388 automobile visits** per location per month totaling approximately **1.5 million visitors** annually.

**6,630 Acres** of Total **Natural Lands**

are maintained for uses such as hiking, biking, horseback riding and camping.

Greenways and Natural Lands maintained the aesthetics and safety of **26 un-manned parks and trailheads** in Seminole County.

# How We Measure Up (Cont'd)

## By the Numbers...

The Division maintained approximately **15** miles of unpaved trails, **51** miles of paved trails, and **70** miles of wilderness **trails**.

Coordinated and supervised the maintenance of

**60+ miles of landscaped medians**

throughout the County.

Responsible for **landscape maintenance at 60+ County facilities** including libraries, fire stations, the County Courthouse, and County Services Building.



# How We Measure Up (Cont'd)



## **By the Numbers...**

**14,351 students or citizens** attended education and outreach programs in 2018/19.

**Volunteer hours were 1,149**, or the equivalent of one part time employee.

Received **\$84,296** in **grants** for **habitat restoration** from FWC for projects at Spring Hammock Preserve and Lake Jessup Wilderness Area.

# Project Highlights

**Rolling Hills Community Park** – Completed major milestones such as soil remediation project, demolition of the clubhouse building and restoration of all 4 ponds with new aerators and fountains installed to promote improved water quality.

**Wayside Lake Monroe Park** – Completed 90% construction documents and project is currently in permitting phase with FDEP.

**Seminole County Trails** – Completed and deployed a new upgraded system of mile markers County-wide

**Northwest Branch Library** – Completed a new master plan for library parking lot improvements

**Leisure Services Master Plan** – Completed the new Leisure Services Master Plan update.

**Natural Lands Prescribed Burn Program** – Completed prescribed burns on 10 acres of Natural Lands properties.

**Natural Lands Habitat Restoration Activities** – Completed mechanical treatment of habitat on 128 acres of Natural Lands properties.

**Econ River Wilderness Area** – Completed construction of a new pavilion and 0.6 mile ADA accessible loop trail.



# Project Highlights (cont'd)



**Median Landscape Renovations** – Replaced damaged or missing landscape from specific medians on Rinehart Rd. Funded by Transportation Sales Tax Funding.

**Health Department** – Completed landscape enhancements of the property, including a 1/4 mile walking trail.

**Lake Harney Wilderness Area** – Completed and installed wildlife identification signs on observation tower.

**Wilson's Landing** – Completed installation of a "Bio-retention Garden" to prevent erosion into the Wekiva River.

**Spring Hammock Preserve** – Completed a connecting sidewalk from the Hammock entrance to the Environmental Studies Center.

**Chuluota Wilderness Area** – Installed new entrance sign.

**Geneva Wilderness Area & Lake Harney Wilderness Area** – Eagle Scouts completed four projects on the Natural Lands including a BBQ Grill Cover, Picnic Tables, Wildlife Viewing Blind and Bat Houses.

**Lake Monroe Wayside Park** – Completed a new master plan for boat ramp facility improvements and secured a grant for the proposed improvements.

**Red Bug Lake Park** – Constructed a new fishing pier, replacing the old pier which had been removed the previous year.

# Seminole County **Library Services**



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## **MISSION**

*Enriching Lives,  
Engaging Minds,  
Empowering Community*

## **OUR VISION**

*We envision a Seminole County where creativity and inspiration thrive, and where every person has the opportunity and resources to read, learn and grow.*

## **OUR VALUES**

*We are guided by:  
Respect for our customers and for each other  
Belief in the transformational power of reading and learning  
Access for all and the freedom to read  
Belief that anything is possible with creativity, and optimism*

**Seminole County Leisure Services Department - Library Services**

# A Testimonial



I took my daughter to Sensory Storytime today... for the first time and she had a blast. I cannot thank you all enough for offering these activities. We will definitely be returning! Such a great environment and the librarian that was conducting storytime (Courtney) was fantastic!"

**- Alurra Shenai McMillan**

Essential, well run, and a terrific asset to our community! We really appreciate the helpful and well informed staff! Please don't change a thing--it's working.

**- John Debo**

One of the many awesome perks of the Seminole County Library is the access to Lynda.com. I have spent numerous hours learning about topics I've always wanted to learn more about. Lynda.com gives you the ability to learn about different website platforms, branding, finance, accounting, graphic design, taxes, and so many more subjects. I also can't forget to mention the certificates you can earn after successfully completing a path they provide; those certificates can then be added to your resume!"

**- Kelsey Brace**

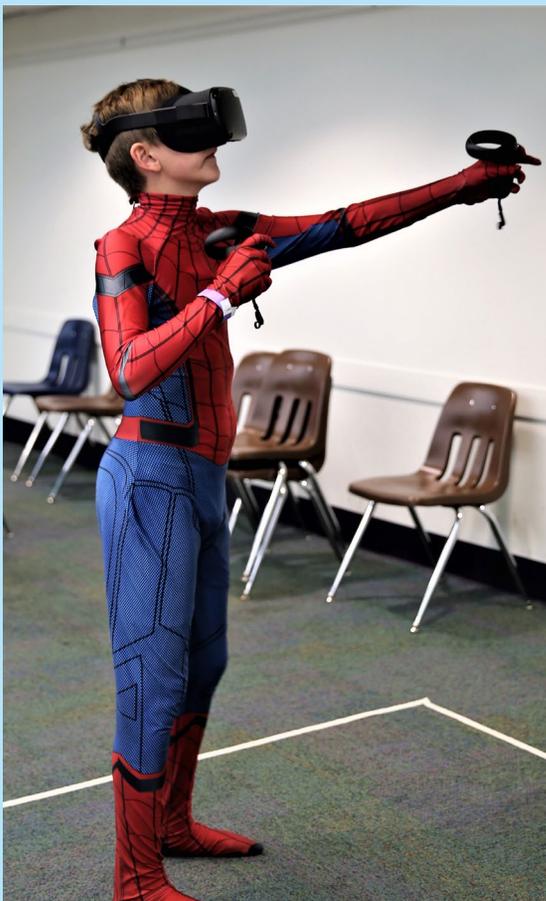
# How We Measure Up

## By the Numbers...

<b>5,241,519</b>	Virtual Library Visits
<b>2,549,207</b>	Customer Transactions
<b>1,695,063</b>	Annual In-person Visits
<b>876,902</b>	Reference Information Requests
<b>367,089</b>	Registered Borrowers
<b>352,387</b>	County Residents have a library card and have used it in the past three years
<b>87,235</b>	Participants in Programs Offered
<b>73,845</b>	Youth attended early literacy and library youth programs
<b>3193</b>	Number of Programs Offered
<b>567</b>	Entrepreneurs and small business owners attending Small Business seminars
<b>20</b>	Small Business Seminars for entrepreneurs and new business owners



# Community Engagement



## Tomorrow's Tech @ the Seminole County Public Library

**3D Printing:** Now offered at 4 Library branches! Last summer, 8-12 year olds attended a series of ten "3D Printing & Modeling" sessions. Learning the basics of TinkerCAD, a free 3D modeling application, the Tweens designed their own unique objects to be 3D printed. Hugely popular, the program is now offered on a bi-monthly basis - so that even more children can learn to work with this emerging technology. And, County residents, for a small materials fee, may use the 3D printing services. What do they print? Wizarding wands, pen holders, Baby Yoda, structural pieces for a model/doll house, a patent pending prototype, and more.

**Virtual Reality:** Thanks to an LSTA Innovation grant, the Library purchased 6 sets of Oculus Quest Virtual Reality (VR) Headgear. VR technology provides an immersive educational and exploratory experience. Learn as you virtually visit outer space, or cultural landmarks on the other side of the globe, or dive down to the ocean floor and explore a realm of fascinating sea creatures! In July 2019, at Fan Fest@ The Library, the Library began offering VR to the public. Adults, teens, and tweens eagerly enjoyed the games, exploration, and simulation. Most had little or no experience, and stepped back into the real world exclaiming 'THIS IS SO COOL!' and 'It felt like I was really there.'

# Community Engagement

Library classes, clubs, workshops, events and early literacy programs enrich lives, engage minds, and empower all of us.

**Monthly Book Clubs**, Sewing, Social Media Marketing, Paint Nights, **3D Printing & Modeling**, Giant Paper Flowers, Great Decisions, Local Artist Art Gallery, Outreach, English Conversation Classes, **Growing Readers-Early Literacy for Babies, Toddlers and Preschoolers**, Citizenship Classes, **Fan Fest**, Teen Create-Great Pumpkin Paint Off, Tertulia Cuatro Gatos, Stuffed Animal Sleepover, **Legal Advice Clinic for Veterans**, Knitting & Crocheting Clubs, Soap Making & Bubble Science, Dungeons & Dragons, Writer's Block, **Reptile Rumpus**, Lego Clubs, Ukulele Classes, **Meditation Seminars**, Fertilizing Effectively, Hero Invasion, Hands Only CPR, Salem Witch Trials of 1692, **Volunteer Fair, Genealogy**, Martian Walking Challenge, Boredom Busters, Trivia Nights, NASA - to Infinity and Beyond, Origami Impossible, **Grow with Google**, Teen Cosplay Workshops, Bad Art Night, Business Startup 101, Consumer Protection Awareness, Solar 101, Human & Robotic Exploration, **Business Plans 101**, Hispanic Heritage Month, Write Your Heart Out, **Sensory Storytimes**, Family Movie Nights, May the 4th be With You, **Coder Chicks**, National Poetry Month-Open Mic Night, **Noon Year's Eve**, Extreme Gingerbread Challenge, Chess Club, Awesome Ozobots, DNA Testing and Family History, The Gate City of South Florida and Early Sanford History, Grow a Bird Feeder, Writers' Room, AARP & VITA Tax Help, Galaxy Rocks

**3,200** Library programs and events... **87,000** attending.



**Seminole County Leisure Services Department - Library Services**

# Community Support



## Library Advisory Board

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- Beverly Courtney
- Jeannine Ellenson
- Raychel Garcia
- Susan Kellicut
- G.K. Sharman
- Margaret Wells – Vice Chair
- Anne West – Chair

## Volunteers

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**Volunteers at the library** worked **21,928**

hours or the equivalent of 10.5 full-time employees.

# Goals/Outcomes

## Fulfilling our Mission

### *Enriching Lives*

The Library welcomed nearly 1.7 million in person visits. And, 5.2 million web visits! We expanded access to reading with digital magazines, eBooks, audiobooks, streaming film, TV and video. Library users responded with a 32% increase in digital checkouts since last year.

### *Engaging Minds*

In our mission to become an experience-library, we encouraged active learning, introducing new technologies with Oculus Quest virtual reality programming and 3-D Printing. By offering 41 maker events (S.T.E.A.M), Tweens (8-12 year olds) discovered new interests in science, technology, engineering, art, and math.

### *Empowering Community*

With our enhanced Outreach services, the Library "said hello" to County residents and distributed library cards at five community expos and festivals. Our Collection Connection services to assisted living facilities grew by 75%; mail services to our Home Bound residents increased by 91%; and 1,222 books found eager readers at our Little Free Library, located next to a playground in a local park.



# Library Partners



## Our Partners in Excellence

- Adult Literacy League
- Seminole County Public Schools
- Small Business Development Center at Seminole State College
- Foundation for Seminole County Public Schools
- National Arts Council
- Orlando Sentinel One Book One Community
- The Emil Buehler Perpetual Trust Planetarium at Seminole State College
- Reading Paws
- Seminole County Bar Association Legal Aid Society
- Senior Resource Alliance
- Summer BreakSpot
- Tertulia Cuatro Gatos
- University of Central Florida - National Endowment for the Arts, The Big Read

# Seminole County Parks & Recreation



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Seminole County Leisure Services Department - Parks & Recreation

# How We Measure Up



## 2018/2019 Highlights:

- Over 36,000 participants registered in one of the county's 225 tennis classes or camps and over 5,800 players participated in the county's softball leagues.
- BOOMBAH Sports Complex hosted 62 events over 184 tournament days, generating 23,670 hotel nights and \$25.3 million of economic impact.
- BOOMBAH Soldiers Creek Park hosted 38 events, generating 5,820 hotel nights and nearly \$5 million of economic impact.
- Sylvan Lake Park, Sanlando Park, Seminole County Softball Complex and Red Bug Lake Park together hosted 27 economic impact events, generating 11,251 hotel nights and nearly \$12.2 million of economic impact
- The Museum of Seminole County History was gifted a one of a kind antique buggy collection from Geneva resident Bill Nygren.
- 3,700 Seminole County elementary school students were taught the game of tennis when park staff and tennis professionals came out to teach the game to six different local schools throughout the year.
- Red Bug Lake Park Tennis Professional Debbie Coreli was recognized for her 25 years of dedicated service to the Red Bug Lake Park tennis community.

# How We Measure Up (cont'd)

## By the Numbers...

### Top Economic Impact Events:

- NCAA Division II Men's and Women's National Championships
- FHSAA High School Athletic Association District and State Tennis Tournaments
- Elite Championship National League Tournaments (Boys and Girls)
- Alex Wilcox Classic Softball Event (Raises Money/Awareness for Ovarian Cancer)
- NFHCA Field Hockey Winter Escape National Event
- Hogan Lacrosse National Lacrosse Spring Training
- Prep Baseball Report (Canadian High School Spring Training)
- Florida Half Century Softball Tournaments
- Proswings Power 50 Invitational
- Spring Break Sports
- Florida Rush Champions Cup
- Ten USTA Junior Tournaments Level 6 or higher
- Men's ASA modified pitch Tournament
- Through a partnership with our Probation Office, citizens doing probation served
- 4,455 hours of community service at our parks, or the equivalent of 2 full time staff members.

**Estimated Economic benefit to Seminole County:  
\$42,500,000**



# The Bill Nygren Buggy Collection



In July 2019 the Museum of Seminole County History acquired 32 unique historic carriages from longtime Geneva resident Mr. Bill Nygren. Mr. Nygren began collecting these vehicles when he was a teenager and continued for more than 5 decades. The carriages represent a timeline of transportation history and technological development from our Constitution-era roots in 1790 up to 1920, the age of the automobile.

Working in partnership with dozens of private towing and transportation companies from across the state of Florida, Leisure Services Department staff, the Seminole County Sheriff's Office, and other local law enforcement agencies, the Nygren Collection was carefully transported to a County facility for processing and treatment in a massive caravan! This caravan through the County was captured by several news outlets and the public due to these grand physical reminders of our cultural heritage.

The Museum is currently working with the Seminole County Historical Society to restore these buggies with hopes of opening a permanent exhibit in the near future to showcase these essential pieces of the history of human movement and technology.



# Project Highlights

## Accomplishments

- Completed replacement of the playground at Sanlando Park
- Completed replacement of the playground at Sylvan Lake Park
- Installation of a new fishing pier at Red Bug Lake Park
- Construction of a new sand volleyball court at Red Bug Lake Park
- Installation of two new scoreboards at Seminole County Softball Complex
- Installation of a new spectator shade covering at Seminole County Softball Complex
- Completed restroom improvements at Seminole County Softball Complex
- Improved playing surfaces at BOOMBAH Soldiers Creek Park, BOOMBAH Sports Complex, Red Bug Lake Park, Seminole County Softball Complex and Sylvan Lake Park



# Community Support



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# Community Support (cont'd)

## Our Partners in Excellence

- CLASS Athlete
- E Tennis
- Iron Doll Fitness
- KidsTown USA (Winter Springs location)
- MidFlorida Credit Union
- Orlando Luxury Homes
- Tomasino's Pizza (Winter Springs location)

## A Special Thank You

### OUR ADOPT A PARK PARTNERS:

- Central Florida Freethought Community
- Central Florida Wild and Free Cuplet Fern Chapter, FL Native Plant Society
- Duke Energy
- EDR Technologies, Inc.
- Leu Gardens- Orlando
- Longwood Classical Conversations



# A Look to the Future



## On the Horizon

- Spring Hammock Preserve Construction Documents and Permits
- Rolling Hills Community Park Master Plan
- Black Bear Wilderness Area Trail Erosion Abatement
- Northwest Branch Library Parking Lot Construction
- Lake Monroe Wayside Park and Boat Ramp Renovation
- Sunland Park Redevelopment (FY 19/20)

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