Your library card gives you access to everything. Use it today!

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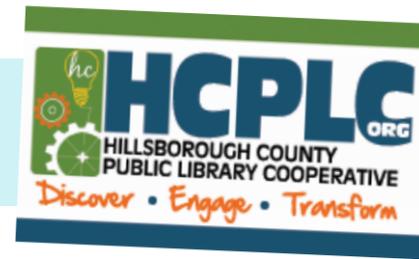
How you used your library in 2021

Discover

30,396 new library cards

You checked out over **3 million** books, movies and audiobooks.

You borrowed **2.5 million** books, eAudiobooks and eMagazines

650 applied for a U.S. Passport.

Your Library's Commitment to the Community

The Library promotes lifelong learning, an informed citizenry, individual intellectual freedom, enhanced quality of life, and broadened horizons for all residents of Hillsborough County.

We maintain a network of neighborhood libraries with open access, a community focus, responsive service hours, welcoming environments, broad and relevant materials in a variety of formats, and highly qualified employees.

Classes and events

help your children prepare for school and read at their grade level with classes and events.

Engage

You received **57,000** titles using Borrow by Mail. You Read or Rejected hundreds of books selected for you.

444 virtual events were attended by **5,357** people

Transform

You can improve career skills,

prepare for college, access health information, and stay connected with free internet and wi-fi.

2 million visited **HCPLC.org**
2.3 million used the Library's Wi-Fi

Books, eBooks, DVDs, streaming content, and online classes

help you improve technology skills, discover different cultures, and develop digital, health, financial, and language literacy skills.

Hillsborough County Public Library Cooperative

Your Public Library At A Glance

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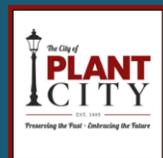
Hillsborough County Florida
EST. 1834

CITY OF
TEMPLE TERRACE
Amazing City. Since 1925.

The Library

You have access to a large variety of books, technology, and classes from the library's 29 locations, two mobile libraries, HCPLC.org website, and collaboration with the Temple Terrace and Plant City libraries.

John F. Germany Public Library

What You Can Do

Borrow books, magazines, DVDs, and eBooks and download or stream music, movies, and magazines with no late fines on overdue items. Access HCPLC.org 24/7 and take an online class, get homework help, download a book, or stream a movie. You can check out cameras and other technology equipment.

Use your local library space for community meetings, collaboration, family activities, attend an event, or quiet reading. You can use library computers and the library's wireless internet free of charge to print documents. Staff are available to help you in-person or over the phone.

What You Can Learn

Business Workshop

Professionally trained staff will help you use new technology and locate quality information. Enjoy a variety of classes and events ranging from children's story times to cooking classes to instruction on the latest technology.

What You Support

For every tax dollar you spend on free library services, classes and materials there is a $10.18 economic impact on the community. The library is one of the only places in the community that is open to all without qualifications or barriers.

The library partners with the Friends of the Library, the Hillsborough Literacy Council, Hillsborough County Public Schools, the Entrepreneur Collaborative Center, and many local museums and nonprofit organizations.

Initiatives

What You Can Make

You can enjoy innovative hands-on learning experiences and collaborative spaces as part of STEM education initiatives and the maker movement.

Through **The Hive,** you can learn, make, and create with tools such as recording studios and sewing machines, as well as attend unique classes and events on 3D printing, coding, and robotics.

The Hive
Learn • Make • Create

Enhance your digital literacy and open new doors to discovery and learning when you use new and emerging technologies at the library.

What You Can Achieve

Exercise your creativity, develop innovative ideas, and build your professional skills by using the Library's information, instruction, tools, recording studios, green screens, and equipment.

You can access valuable resources to assist with business or career research, workshops on a variety of topics, and technology instruction courses (Microsoft Office, 3D Modeling, Coding, Adobe Creative Cloud, and more).

Visit your local branch to use public computers, high-speed wireless internet, Media:scape collaborative workstations, whiteboards, SMART Boards, projector systems, and adapters.

You Asked, and We...

Story Time

- eliminated fines for overdue materials.
- expanded Wi-Fi into parking lots.
- increased technology collections to include lending GoPros, Wi-Fi hotspots, and laptops.
- added new services such as Read or Reject, Early Learning Hives, and 1000 Books Before Kindergarten.
- introduced virtual events and programs for all ages.
- enhanced story time events so they are the same at each library location.

Building Literacy in Your Community

The library helps support your child academically starting with early literacy and continuing during your child's primary and secondary education.

You and your child can attend classes and events, play and learn at Early Learning Hives, and participate in activities to support your child's development of pre-reading behaviors, enhance your child's school readiness, or improve their reading level.

Read to your child and celebrate reading milestones with the **1,000 Books Before Kindergarten** early literacy program for young children.

1,000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN

Your school-age child has library card access to borrow a book to read, find articles for projects, and get help with homework with the **HAAL Pass** program using their Hillsborough County school id.

In Your Words

❝ AMAZING SERVICE and a wide variety of resources. You have made this lifelong student/aspiring entrepreneur VERY SATISFIED. THANK YOU FOR YOUR WONDERFUL SERVICE!!! ~ Lori

I always preferred reading actual books, but found ebooks on ereaders to be very useful and convenient. Thanks to the HCPLC system for plenty of ebook selections! ~Vincent

We are frequent travelers. I always know when I am on the road I never have to stop reading. Online borrowing of both books & magazines continues regardless where I am, or what city is outside the door! Thank you! ~ Maryellen

Access to learning resources, the computer, internet, meeting rooms etc. is the need of the time. What the kids get here is exposure to learning which is essential for growth. ~ Muhammad

Being able to read and listen to books in English have improved my way of expressing myself tremendously. Since English isn't my first language and we moved here not so long ago that is very valuable for me. ~ Nathalie ❞

By the Numbers

$40M Capital Improvement Program including:
- Thonotosassa Branch Library Replacement
- Brandon Regional Library Replacement

Operating Budget FY21: $49,428,741
Population Served: 1,436,888
Cardholders: 899,569
Number of Staff: 376