

# Florida Library History Project

## Citrus County Library

The first library in Citrus County was founded by the Women's Club in Inverness in 1917.



**Coastal Region**

The Lions Club started the Floral City Library in 1958 in a former gift shop.

1959 was a red-letter year for the County during which both the Crystal River and Homosassa Libraries were established.



**Lakes Region**

Hernando Library began as one shelf of books among the voting booth, piano and punching bags of the Hernando Civic Club.

These five libraries joined the Central Florida Regional Library System in 1961.

In October 1970, Beverly Hills Library joined the system. All furnishings for this library were purchased with funds donated by local residents.

Friends of the Crystal River and Inverness Libraries spearheaded a campaign to establish a Special Library Taxing District. The referendum passed in March 1984. Plans were immediately started for building new libraries in Crystal River and Inverness.



**Central Ridge**



**Floral City**

With the establishment of the Citrus County Library System on October 1, 1987, administration of the libraries became local. No longer part of the Regional System, the County can now establish and work towards its own goals for better library service based on the needs of the local communities.

Today, the Citrus County Library System consists of three region and three community libraries conveniently located in the county. The three beautiful region libraries offers citizens in-depth collections, adult and youth programming,

and professional staff ready to assist with informational needs. Lakes Region Library in Inverness and Coastal Region Library in Crystal River, both consisting of 15,000 square feet, opened their doors on Nov. 22, 1987. The Central Ridge Library in Beverly Hills, a 20,000 square foot building that includes the administrative headquarters, celebrated its commencement on Dec. 4, 1995.



**Homosassa**