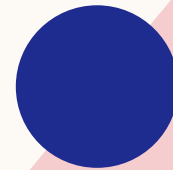


COLLABORATING WITH LIBRARIES TO IMPROVE SENIOR EXPERIENCES

Jayde Archbold,
Victoria Hanley,
and Amanda Worden



ABOUT THE PRESENTERS

Victoria Hanley



Victoria Hanley is a Librarian I at the Land O’Lakes Library in Pasco County, FL. Currently she coordinates volunteers, programs, and donations for the Foundry Makerspace which includes a full woodworking shop, fabric arts area and craft programs. Victoria received a BS in El. Ed./Early Childhood Development from Shippensburg University, PA and a MLIS from the University of South Florida.

Jayde Archbold



Jayde Archbold is the Adult Services Librarian I at the Starkey Ranch Library in Pasco County. She implements educational, information, and recreational programs for adults and seniors, and partners with local artists, arts organizations, and museums to provide cultural opportunities for adult patrons in Pasco County. She received both a BFA in Studio Art and a MLIS from the University of South Florida.

Amanda Worden



Amanda Worden is the Adult Services Librarian I at the Land O’Lakes Library in Pasco County, FL. She collaborates with volunteers and organizations such as the Land O’Lakes Senior Center, BayCare, West Pasco Audubon, etc. to provide the community with engaging programs for adults and seniors. Amanda received both a BA in English and a MLIS from the University of South Florida.



AGENDA

- **Pasco County & Who We Serve**
- **Building and Sustaining Partnerships**
- **Libraries & the Wellbeing of Seniors**
- **Library Makerspaces**
- **Library Services & Accessibility**
- **Acquiring and Utilizing Feedback**
- **Senior Library Volunteers & Testimonials**
- **Professional Resources**

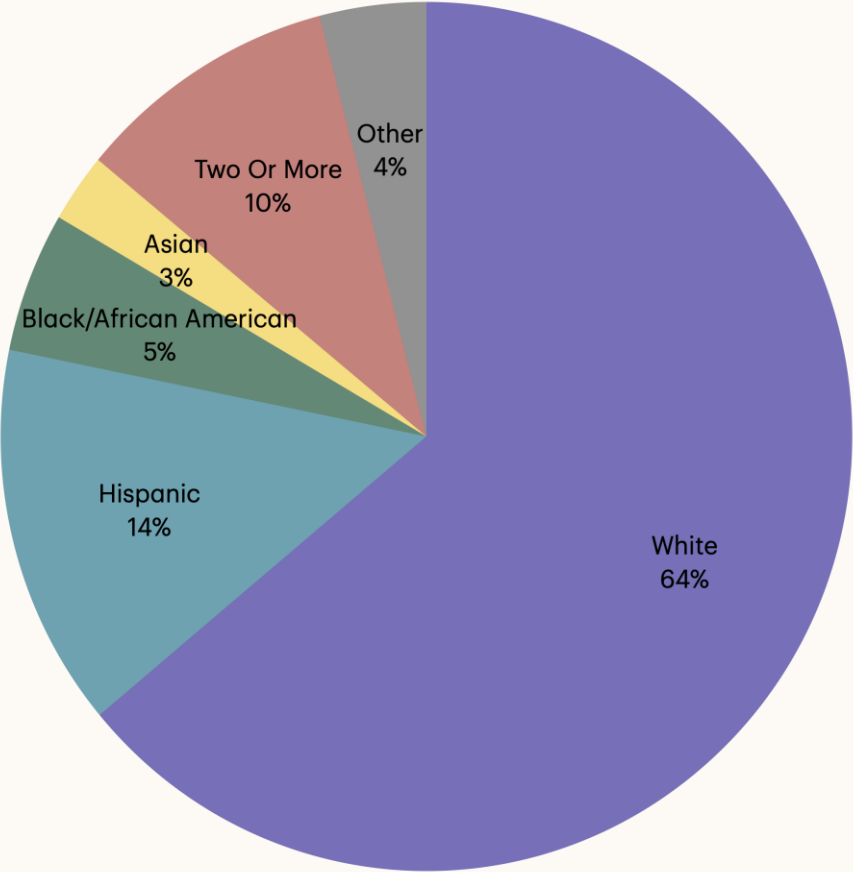
PASCO COUNTY: AN OVERVIEW

- Pasco County is located in west central Florida and is part of the Tampa Bay Region that includes Hillsborough, Manatee, Pasco, and Pinellas counties.
- As of July 2023, the population of Pasco County was **632,996**
- Percentage of persons **over the age of 65: 22%**
- **Nine** library branches throughout the county, with its 10th branch in early construction

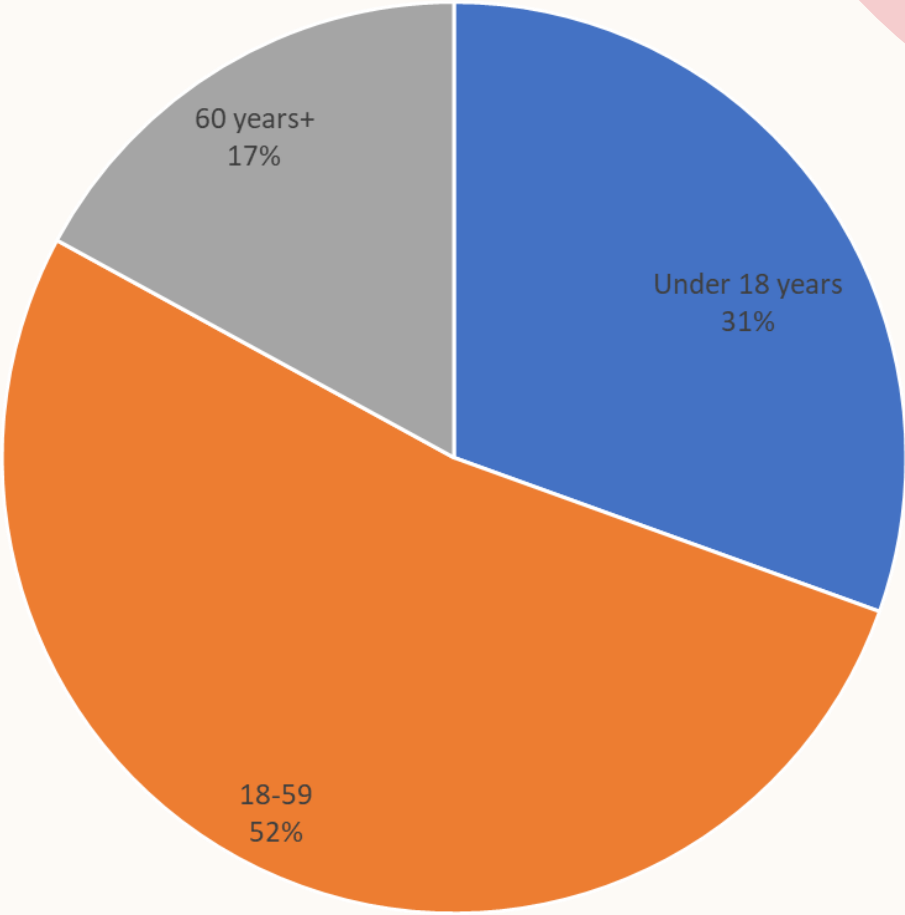


WHO WE SERVE

RACE/ETHNICITIES IN PASCO COUNTY



LIBRARY CARD USERS



HOW PARTNERSHIPS BEGIN

- Local organizations or agencies contacted us
- We contacted local organizations or agencies
- Volunteer connections or referrals
- Patron connections or referrals
- Community outreaches/networking events
- Walk-ins to the library
- Social media/website contact form
- Research organizations/agencies in your community



SUSTAINING YOUR PARTNERSHIP

- **WHO** can you partner with?
- **WHAT** will your partnership look like?
- **WHEN** and how often will you host these partnership programs/events?
- **WHERE** will they be held?
- **WHY** would this make a good partnership?



OUR PARTNERS

- AARP
- Adult Recess
- Audubon Society
- Alzheimer's Association
- Area Agency on Aging
- Awaken Tai Chi
- BayCare
- Career Source
- Dade City Garden Club
- East Pasco Amateur Radio Society
- Feeding Tampa Bay
- Friends of the Library
- Galen Wilson Senior Center
- Guardian Ad Litem
- Land O'Lakes Senior Center



- Master Gardener
- Minutes on the Menu
- OneBlood Bus
- Pasco County Genealogy Society
- Rotary Club
- The Runaways Animal Shelter
- Seniors in Service
- SHINE
- Social Security Administration
- Tampa Bay Ukulele
- Tri County Woodturners
- Vitality Assisted Living
- West Pasco Quilters Guild
- 13th Judicial Circuit's Veterans Treatment Court



LIBRARIES & SOCIAL WELLBEING

- Art Shows & Artist Receptions
- Bingo
- Book Clubs
- Card & Board Games
- English Conversation classes
- Handwork/Yarn Circle
- Movie showings
- Plant Swap
- Senior Social Circle
- Tea Parties
- Trivia
- Ukulele Social Hour

Volunteering has given me the opportunity to make new friends. From these new acquaintances you can learn about the community and get recommendations.....where to eat, places to shop, place to go for theatre, music, entertainment.....medical, business etc. -- Tina K. Library Patron & Volunteer



LIBRARIES & EMOTIONAL WELLBEING

- Birdwatching
- Crafting
- Coloring (creative, meditative)
- Free Art Closet
- Meditation and Art
- Musical Concerts
- Painting
- Relaxation and Art
- Self-Care for Women
- Studio Space
- Tuning Forks Relaxation
- Vision Boards



LIBRARIES & PHYSICAL WELL-BEING

- Bollywood Workout
- Chair Yoga
- Cooking
- Movement and Meditation
- Tai Chi
- Tobacco Cessation
- Yoga
- Zumba
- Medicare/Medicaid/SNAP Help
- SHINE
- BayCare Wellness Checks



LIBRARIES & COGNITIVE WELL-BEING

- Author Talks/Panel
- Chess Club
- Lego Club/Challenge
- Mahjong
- Writing Workshop
- Photo scanning
- Spanish Classes
- E-Content Class



LIBRARIES & EDUCATIONAL WELL-BEING

- Ceramics
- Cricut
- Crochet
- Cross-Stitch
- Drawing
- Dulcimer Workshop
- Fabric Arts
- Knitting Looms
- Woodworking
- Kumihimo
- Macrame
- Photography
- Pottery
- Educational/Cultural Lectures
- Computer Classes/Technology Help



PASCO COUNTY LIBRARY MAKERSPACES

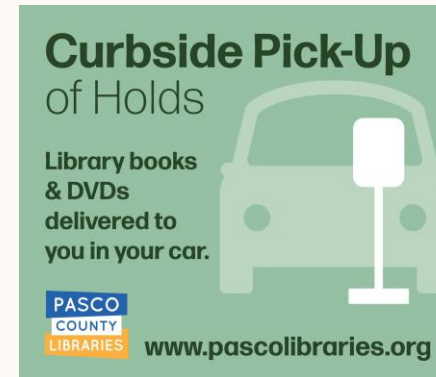
- Woodworking
- Fabric Arts
- Ceramics
- Community Garden
- Test Kitchen
- Art Studio
- Multimedia Recording Studio
- Mobile Makerspace

Learn more at: www.pascolibraries.org/makerspaces



LIBRARY SERVICES AND ACCESSIBILITY

- Curbside Pickup & Library Drive thru
- Books by Mail
- Technology access
- Accessible resources: Audio & eBooks, Play-aways, Large Print
- Institutional Library Cards
- Online resources



ACQUIRING AND UTILIZING FEEDBACK

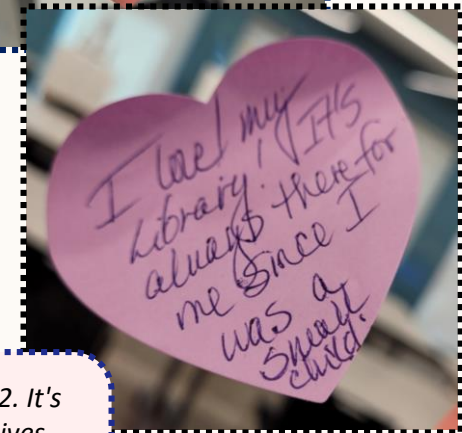
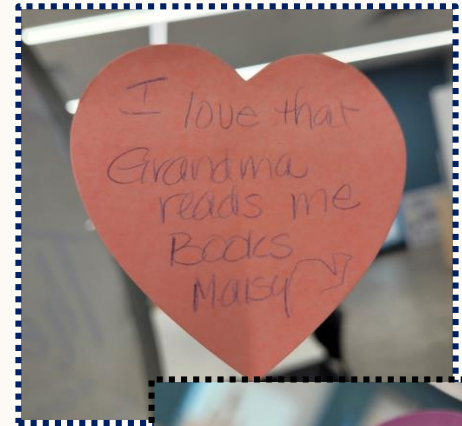
- Annual Customer Satisfaction surveys
- Interactive comment cards – Love Your Library Month
- Conversations with patrons
- Volunteer feedback and ideas
- Interest meetings/discussion groups – internal or external

*"[The library] is really keeping us engaged in life by learning and trying new things. A couple times I've wondered, what would we be doing if you all didn't offer these classes?" - **Lorraine H., Library Patron***

*I enjoy working with children since my only granddaughter lives in Michigan...working with children keeps me in touch with the younger generation." - **Sandy S., Library Volunteer & Patron***

*"My family jokes that the library is my home #2. It's the place that I love to be. It's energizing, it gives me a place to meet new friends, to use my talents.. And I feel like the work that we're doing there really matters." **Joy D., Friends of the Library***

*"Libraries assist older adults in maintaining social connections and making new friends...Older adults can learn new skills in a fun and relaxed environment at the library. [It] offers many family activities which older adults can participate in with their grand kids." -- **Kathy G., Library Patron***



OUR VOLUNTEERS



- Pasco County Libraries have **189** senior volunteers, which makes up about **44 percent** of our total volunteer base
- The average age of our senior volunteers is **73 years old**
- **In 2023:**
 - **65.5%** of volunteer hours were contributed by seniors
 - **5,347.23** hours logged by seniors

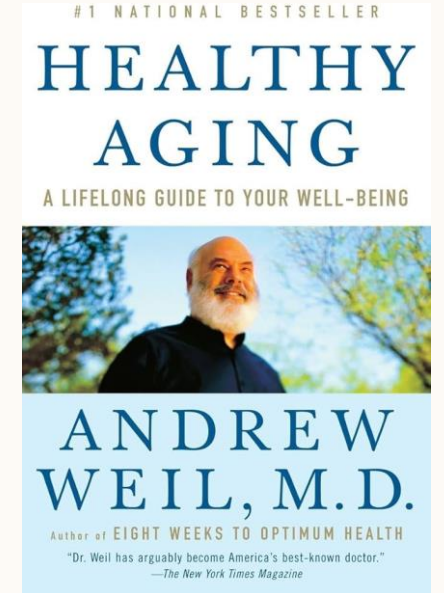
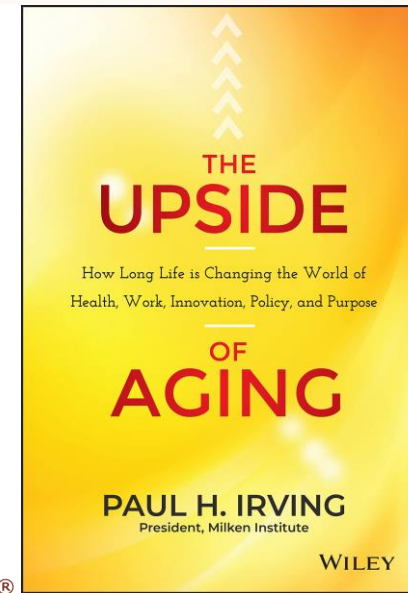
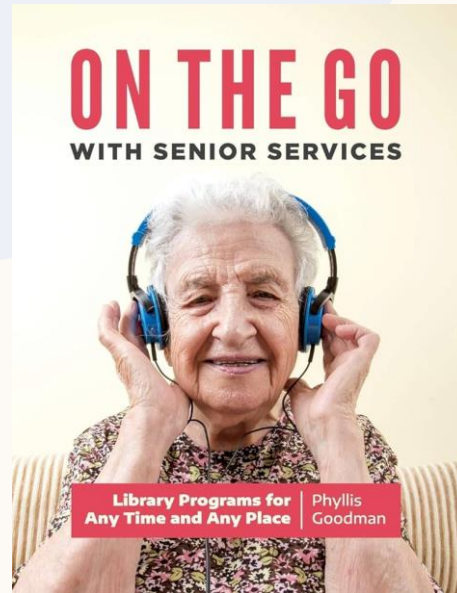
... "older library volunteers are a rich resource for the community. They are people who have knowledge and expertise in a wide range of fields. They are already trained and able! A positive for the library is to use this fund of "talent" and share it with the library community." -- Tina K., Library Patron & Volunteer



OUR VOLUNTEERS & PATRONS



RESOURCES



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