



HERNANDO LIBRARY COUNTY COMMISSION PRESENTATION

Hernando County Library Master Plan

Engagement Date: June 23, 2026
Meeting: 2:00pm

Location: Hernando County Courthouse

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Below are questions that were asked by Hernando County Commissioner's at the presentation on June 23, 2026 during the Library Master Plan Presentation. Responses below address Commissioner's specific questions and refer to specific updates within the Master Plan document.

Meeting Questions

- How many months was the data for the facilities collected from 2025?

The data within the Master Plan was pulled from available Hernando County data from 2024 through present.

- How many unique users are there (specifically in person users)?

The trend of registered users can be found on Page 51 of the master plan document.

- Number of visits in person vs digital access?

Number of visits/ circulation count for digital and in person categories can be found on Page 36 of the document. The chart on Page 49 of the master plan document shows that in-person visits have been increasing.

- Are there ways to lower costs of digital access to library resources?

No

- Feasibility to utilize specific libraries solely for physical books and utilize other libraries for more flexible resources.

This certainly could be explored. Books are one of the key library resources. However, collections could be distributed differently to accommodate more focus on programming space. For example, if the administrative offices were relocated from Main to another County building then a significant portion of the library would open up and potentially be available as a large programming space or a designated area for children which is currently undersized at Main.

- Do we need four distinct libraries, or do we want one great library and then others that serve different uses?

This is something that could be explored in the future, or the construction of a new facility at an existing library location due to increasing population numbers within the County. However, due to the size of the County and the current locations being less than a 15-minute commute (refer to Page 10) for most residents, having the four locations provides a higher level of service. There is opportunity to expand both Spring Hill and East due to their original floorplans. There is also opportunity to expand the usable square footage available to the public at Main by relocating library administrative offices.

See note below in P3 Partnerships. As the community grows, there is opportunity for the Library to partner with other cultural resources in creating a space that provides a larger civic to residents.

- What age range of books are being checked out (children vs. adult books)? *This information Can be found on Page 36 of the master plan document.*
- Are users willing to pay more to the libraries or are they just willing to allocate more funding from taxes?

Per the online survey administered, 83% of respondents are willing to support additional taxes. This information can be found on Page 63 of the master plan document.

- What do visitors want for creative spaces?

Refer to Appendix D for detailed online survey feedback. Question 6 provides specific library uses including "Creative Spaces" which would be more for programming workshops including activities like art, stem classes, and writing areas.

- What partnerships are the libraries establishing?

Hernando County School Board, IFAS, Other County Departments (Elections, Emergency Operations Center), Pasco Hernando State College, Hernando County Fine Arts Council, Brooksville Women's Club

- Thoughts on how to accommodate future population growth and library resources.

Refer to the Strategic Plan (Section 5) for strategies the Library can implement to continue serving Hernando County and with the growing population. Appendix A outlines specific action items developed from Staff and Stakeholder engagement that focus on continued success especially in regards to Library awareness and program offerings.

Partnerships can continue to provide resources to the library as new developments are built within Hernando County (see below responses). With new development growth due to population increase, there is opportunity for impact fees that can benefit the Library.

- What would a P3 model look like in Hernando County?

Public Private Partnerships (P3) can be at various scales. Partnerships identified in the plan like local Community Colleges and organizations can all provide increased programming opportunities.

An example of a development partnership. Pasco County Libraries, the Pasco County School Board, Pasco County Parks and Recreation and Starkey Ranch developer partnered together for the construction of the Starkey Ranch Theatre, Library and Cultural Center.