

Yulee Branch Library Summary FY 2018

Original Benefits of Shared Space:

- 59 hours of service per week, included four evenings per week
- County did not pay for phone line
- County did not pay for data lines
- County did not pay for equipment
- County did not pay for use of meeting space

Current Conditions:

- Hours of service per week have been reduced three times to 44 hours per week
- County now pays for phone line since 2017
- County now pays for data lines since 2017
- County was not permitted to have Wifi until 2017; now pays for Wifi
- County has purchased all equipment used by residents: five public access PC's, two staff PC's, barcode readers, thermal printers, Wifi equipment, routers and connections, public printer, office furniture and all supplies
- County now pays to use larger room for weekly Time for Tots programs, and summer events, as our designated space is too small to fit number of families now attending

Beginning in Jun 2019

College staff has asked us to reduce service hours to 40 per week

College staff has stated County will no longer be permitted to share the circulation desk

College staff has stated the Public library will have the back room (small classroom) only, and the adjacent storage closet

Public Library computers will remain at the entrance (where the data lines are located), but county staff will not be able to see this location to assist residents

Note: The County has never been able to be responsive to our own community needs with established hours of service. Neither public library staff nor residents can be in the facility after closing. Therefore, there have never been Saturday hours, there are no longer evening hours, and there cannot be evening programs or meetings.

Statistics:

Number of residents registering at the YUL Branch Library has steadily increase each year. However, circulation of library items at this branch has decreased as hours of service have been reduced. The YUL Branch Library currently operates Mon-Thurs 8-6 pm, and Fri 8-12n. Working families can no longer access this branch to use its resources.

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	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Members	3988	4541	4811	5177	5175	5234
Circulation	20374	19830	19044	14791	13029	17809

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	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Members	5547	5151	5471			
Circulation	13874	11631	9352			

Recommendation:

Relocate Yulee Branch Library, secure long term leased space until funds can be found to construct a new Regional Facility. Leased space is going very quickly in Yulee. I have options listed below in priority order:

Tyler Plaza (preferred location):

Located next to Animal Control & Tax Collector's Office, in between Courtney Isles and Reserve Apartments, across from Target Plaza.

5,920 sq. ft.

Has 2 restrooms

\$16 sq. ft.

\$3.94 (CAM)

Price is negotiable and will do build out for long term lease

Yulee Professional Park:

Located on East side of U.S. 17

4,000 sq. ft.

First unit is dental office

Separate building, construction begins with signed lease

\$7,000 per month with long term lease, negotiable

Will do build out with long term lease