

# BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

## CULTURE AND RECREATION

Culture and recreation operations and capital projects funded for Fiscal Year 2002/2003 represent a broad range of services provided by Leon County designed to enhance the quality of life for both residents and visitors. This includes services provided by the parks and recreation division of the Public Works Department, and the Library division of the Public Services Department.

### FUNDING

In Fiscal Year 2002/2003 a total of \$8,888,165 was allocated by the Board of County Commissioners in support of culture and recreational operations and capital projects. This allocation represents almost 5% of the total Fiscal Year 2002/2003 budget.

### HIGHLIGHTS

Key highlights of the Fiscal Year 2002/2003 operating and capital budget, with respect to culture and recreational services include:

- ◆ Additional funding has been provided for the expansion of hours of operation at all of the County's Libraries.
- ◆ Funding in support of the opening of a new Fort Braden Branch Library, including four new positions.
- ◆ Funding for an English as a Second language Instructor to support library programming.
- ◆ Increased funding for additional or expanded operations at Northwest Community Park and Miccosukee Community park.
- ◆ Major Parks related capital projects receiving funding in FY 2002/2003 include: J.R. Alford Greenway, Chaires Community Park, Miccosukee Community Park, Jackson View Park, J. Lee Vause Park, Apalachee Parkway Regional Park and Northeast Community Park.
- ◆ Other Capital projects included in the FY 2002/2003 budget include technology related improvements at the Leroy Collins Leon County Public Library (main branch).



County citizens checking out reading material at the Leroy Collins Library.

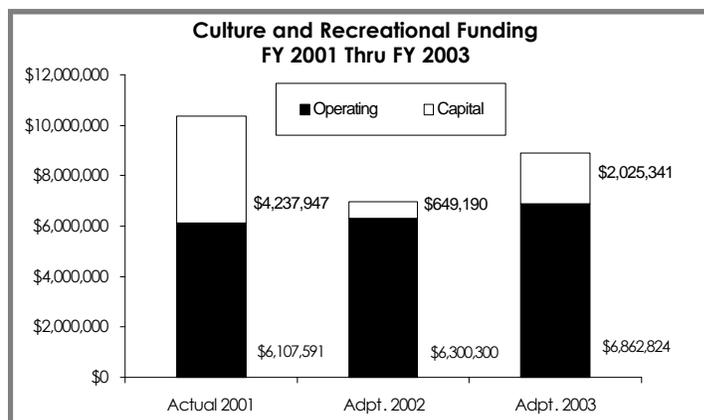


Figure 3: Culture and Recreational funding for the past three fiscal years.

## COUNTY FACT

In FY 2002, library services (circulation, books, website, in-house computers) were accessed over 2.3 million times.