

# Fort Deposit Public Library

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## HOURS OF OPERATION

Mon: 3-7 pm

Tue: 2-5 pm

Wed: 11 am - 1 pm

Thur: 2-5 pm

Fri: 11 am - 1 pm & 3-7 pm

Sat/Sun: Closed



## What we're about

The mission of the Fort Deposit Public Library is to provide and service the educational, informational, and recreational needs of the residents of our legal service area (4,000 people) and those persons outside our legal area (13,000 people in Lowndes County) who qualify for library usage.

Current emphasis is being placed on providing homework tutor assistance as needed for students and helping prepare patrons with critical skills for the job market which is deemed critical to the economic and educational well being of our families and community.

Services range from providing children's programs and services, computer training and literacy services, information on setting up and running a small business, meeting space for workshops and seminars on topics such as computer usage, GED preparation, home buying, job hunting, tax assistance and more.



## History in the making

Fort Deposit made history June 23, 2008 when it opened it's first state recognized public library.

This was made possible when the estate of Charles Haigler, Jr. donated a former car dealership building of 10,000 plus square feet to the town for use as a public library.

At that time, because the building had been vacant for 8 years the heating and air conditioning system became unoperational and the roof developed serious leaks. Working with fans and space heaters, volunteers put a fresh coat of paint on the former showroom, placed new tiles on the floor, set up a few tables with about 50 books displayed where the roof didn't leak and opened for business. Books were checked out by placing the patron's basic information on a simple wordpad document.



In the spring of 2009 a series of grants made the way for some big changes.

The front half of the library roof was resurfaced to stop the leaks allowing for shelving to be set up, a new heating and air conditioning system was installed, new computers were installed, a computerized library management system allowed for the creation of library cards, cataloging and book checkout. A new sign was installed and the parking lot was paved. After months of steady work the library held a grand opening on June 13, 2009.



Current magazines and newspapers are now available for patrons to keep up with the latest news and happenings. Students can get free live homework help from online tutors on any subject, people can take free GED preparation classes, get assistance preparing resumes, finding jobs, and so much more.

## What the future holds

The main library only uses the front one-fourth of the building. Renovation continues on some of the back rooms

but lots of additional renovation to the building is still needed to fulfill future goals of expanding to include a fully equipped computer center, a multipurpose/career learning center with classrooms, conference room, teen center, senior center, kitchen and more but will require lots of money.



The need is great and the people have responded. Nearly every book, piece of equipment and furniture has been donated. With the continued financial support of local citizens, government and private funding institutions, this will all come about.

*COME SEE US!*

