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## From the Editor

As the world around us, evolves, so must Volusia County Public Library.

If you are one of the thousands of patrons who utilize the resources and services offered by the library, I thank you for your patronage. If you happen to be reading this inaugural issue of VCPL digital magazine and haven't been to the library for some time, you will probably be surprised to discover what today's library offers.

No longer just a location to borrow a book or to conduct research for a project, the library, thanks to modern technology, never closes and offers 24/7 access to databases, downloadable eBooks and audiobooks, music, movies, television programs, magazines, newspapers, educational training, and much more via our website, at [www.volusialibrary.org](http://www.volusialibrary.org).

I urge you to visit our website and explore all of the available resources at your fingertips. But don't stop there. Please visit one of our 14 branches throughout Volusia County for daily events, classes, and happenings specifically designed for adults, teens, and children.

Our LaunchPad areas offer special services including 3D printing, virtual reality headsets, media (photographs, videotapes, 3.5" floppy disks, etc.), and transfer equipment for personal and business use.

I hope you enjoy this quarterly publication. Please feel free to share your thoughts and suggestions by emailing us at [vcplinfo@volusia.org](mailto:vcplinfo@volusia.org).

Sincerely,

*Lucinda Colee*



Lucinda Colee  
Volusia County Public Library  
Director

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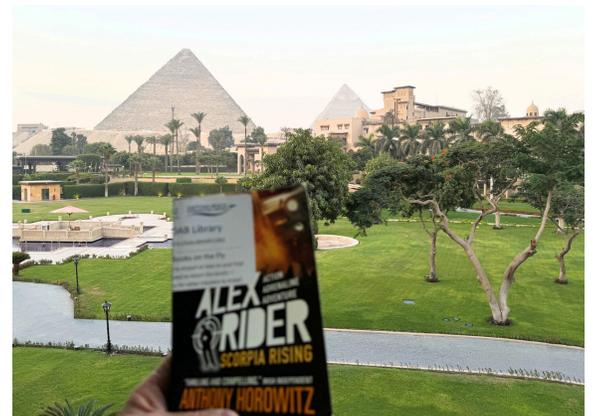


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**Books on the Fly** is a program developed by Volusia County Public Library and the Daytona Beach International Airport to provide travelers with free books that do not need to be returned. Travelers can pass the books on to other travelers, leave the book in their hotel room as a welcome to the next guest, give it to a school or a friend, etc. They can do whatever they like with the book, but they do not need to return it to the library.

We have received emails from people who have left the book they took from the Daytona Beach International Airport in Bangkok, Canada, Norway, Israel, Egypt, France, and even Illinois.



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## TECHNOLOGY RESOURCES

The library's LaunchPads are creative gathering spaces for learning, making, and exploring handicrafts, hobbies, life skills, and technology.

Daytona Beach Regional Library, Ormond Beach Regional Library, Deltona Regional Library, and Lake Helen Public Library have dedicated LaunchPad spaces.

Port Orange Regional Library, New Smyrna Beach Regional Library, DeLand Regional Library, DeBary Public Library, and Edgewater Public Library host special pop-up LaunchPad events.

Each library LaunchPad reflects local community interests and may have different equipment, tools, services, operating hours, and workshops. For specifics, contact your location branch at <https://www.volusialibrary.org/hours-and-locations/>



### LaunchPad equipment and services may include:

- Legacy Lab
- 3D printing
- Virtual Reality (VR) Headsets
- Recipes and Reads Culinary Lab

*\*(Culinary Labs are for library demonstration presentations only.)*

### Sewing Labs-

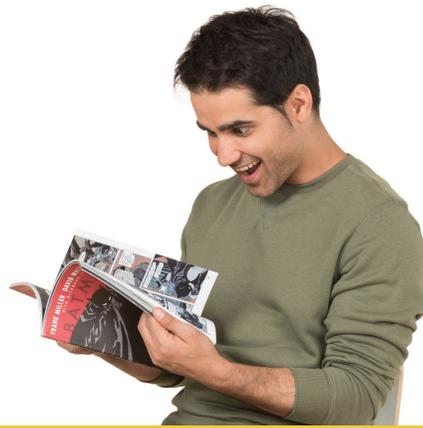
Singer or Brother sewing machines are available for visitors to use for personal sewing projects or through curated programs after completing a brief safety and certification process. Contact local branches for availability and hours of operation.



The Legacy Lab (above left) is an innovative do-it-yourself space for digitizing various audio/visual media formats, as well as scanning documents, slides, and negatives. Patrons are able to transfer the following formats to a USB drive: VHS and VHS-S, Photos & Papers, 3.5" Floppy Disk, Audio Cassettes, 35mm Negatives, 35mm Slides, Vinyl Records, 8mm, & Super8 Reels. Available by appointment.

The photo on the right is the 3D Printer station available at some LaunchPads.

# Magazines & Newspapers



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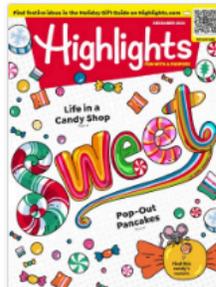
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Dec 2024



Country Living  
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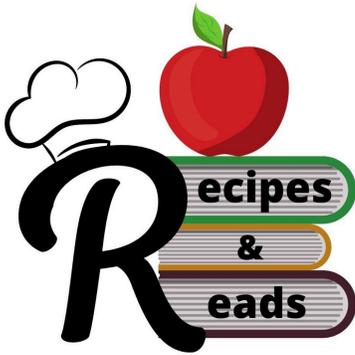


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**Culinary Lab workshops** serve up comprehensive, culinary literacy programs that include hands-on demonstrations of food and nutritional literacy; food acquisition methods; food handling, hygiene and safety; culture and history of food; and consumer cost-saving techniques and meal stretching. Each of the culinary lab workshops may include the use of fully stocked mobile, kitchen carts to aid in these food-related demonstrations. The labs are strategically located at library branches throughout the county and serve all ages. Registration may be required, at some locations, for **Recipes and Reads: Culinary Lab workshops**.



*Melissa Carol Reamer, Adult Services & Launchpad Librarian II  
Daytona Beach Regional Library*

Melissa is the keeper of the Charlie Cart at the Daytona Beach Regional Library. The cart is used to create tasty dish presentations from sweet desserts to main courses. The cart is for the library staff to present demonstrations, not available to patrons for cooking purposes.



*Jamie Graveling, Librarian II- Adult Services &  
Ray Lennard, Librarian II  
Ormond Beach Regional Library*

The library's very own certified chefs, Jamie Graveling and Ray Lennard are featured during March, 2025 on the library's YouTube channel to share some recipes from the 1950s and 1960s. Check out their recipes and delicious meals at <https://www.youtube.com/volusialibrary>



*The image to the left is of the Community Information video crew managed by Darrell Hill, Lead Video Production Coordinator.*

*The crew filmed the first cooking session in October and then the remaining three on November 26th.*



## Chicken a La King

- 4 oz mushroom stems and pieces, drained (reserve liquid)
- 1 small green pepper, chopped (about ½ cup)
- ½ cup margarine or butter
- ¼ tsp pepper
- 1 ½ tsp instant chicken bouillon
- 1 ½ cups milk
- 1 ¼ cups hot water
- 2 cups cut-up cooked chicken or turkey
- 4 oz whole pimiento, chopped
- ½ cup all-purpose flour
- 1 tsp salt 1.

Cook mushrooms and green pepper in margarine over medium heat for 5 minutes, remove from heat. 2. Stir in flour, salt, and pepper. Cook over low heat, stirring constantly until mixture is bubbly, remove from heat. 3. Stir in instant bouillon, milk, water, and reserved mushroom liquid. Heat to boiling, stirring constantly. Boil for 1 minute. 4. Stir in chicken and pimiento; heat through. Serve over toast, rice, or noodles

## Deviled Ham & Cheese Ball

- 2 cans of Deviled Ham Spread
- 8 oz cream cheese
- 8 oz cheddar cheese
- 2 tbsp onion
- 1 tbsp parsley flakes
- 1 tbsp lemon juice
- 1 tsp liquid smoke
- ¾ tsp celery salt
- ½ tsp garlic powder

1. In a medium bowl, combine all ingredients. Chill until slightly firm.
2. Form into desired shape and garnish with radish slices.
3. Chill for several hours or overnight. Serve with crackers

To see all the recipes Ray and Jamie created, visit [www.volusia.library.org/featured-events](http://www.volusia.library.org/featured-events)

*(See the YouTube schedule on page 8.)*

## POPULAR RECIPES FROM THE '50S AND '60S

## YouTube Schedule

**March 2**

Deviled Ham Ball  
Chicken à la King  
Pink Salad

## YouTube Channel

**March 9**

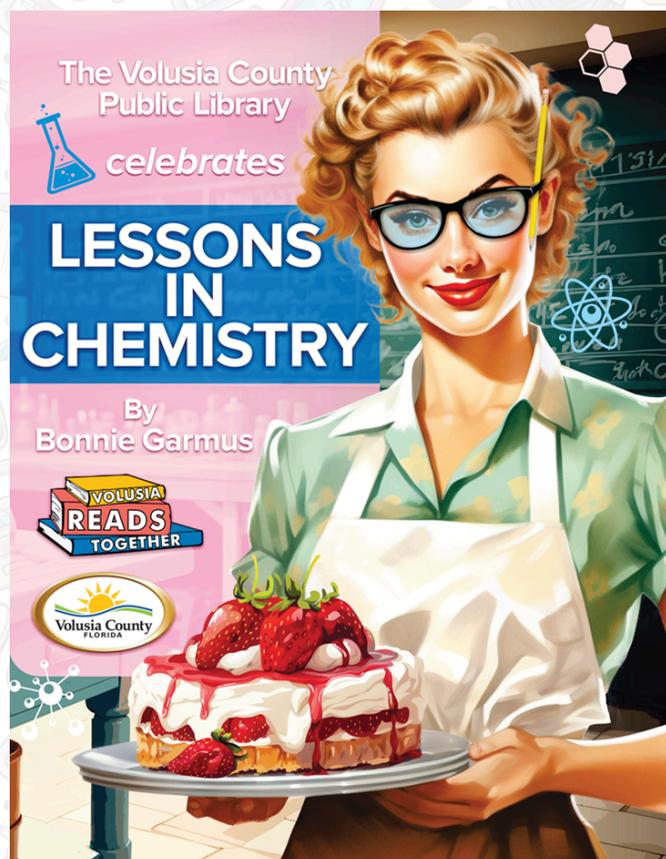
Waldorf Salad  
Tuna Noodle Casserole  
Creamed Peas and Onions

**March 16**

Spinach Artichoke Dip  
Swedish Meatballs with  
Mashed Potatoes  
Broken Glass Jell-O Cake

**March 23**

Fondue  
Pigs in a Blanket  
Tunnel of Fudge Cake



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*This project was funded under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act from the Institute of Museum and Library Services. Florida's LSTA program is administered by the Department of State's Division of Library and Information Services.*



# Top Entertainment Comes to the Volusia County Public Library

**Solo artists, bands, and more perform for the pleasure of patrons.**

You might think that a library would be an unlikely place to watch and listen to some great performing artists, but in Volusia County top end performers are filling the seats with appreciative patrons.

In September, the Taylor Road Band, a very popular local Port Orange band, performed at the Port Orange Regional Library, and will perform again at the New Smyrna Regional Library in February. Patrons enjoyed singing along to familiar songs.

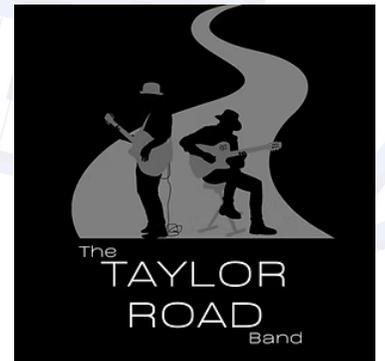
**Shannon Rae**, a female vocalist who performs songs from the 50s through the 2000s, will be



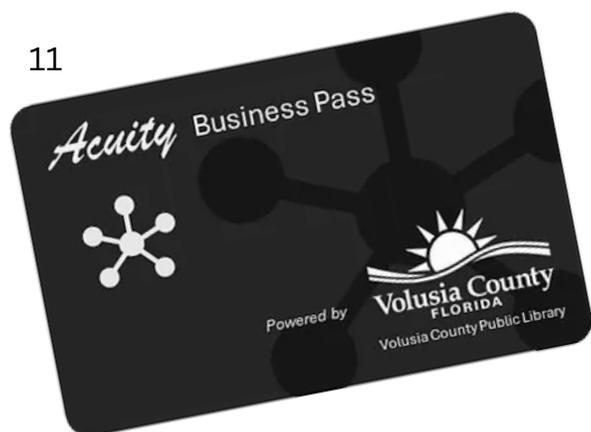
*Shannon Rae*

performing at the New Smyrna Beach Regional Library Auditorium on Tuesday, March 4, 2025 from 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM.

Delight in some familiar music favorites performed by the **Taylor Road Band!** Genres include pop, oldies, dance, and more performed by this local band! This special, two-hour event is sponsored by the Friends of the New Smyrna Beach Library. February 13, 2025, from 2:00 to 4:00 pm.



*Tina Ford, of the Taylor Road Band*



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## Other 1000 Books Trophy Recipients

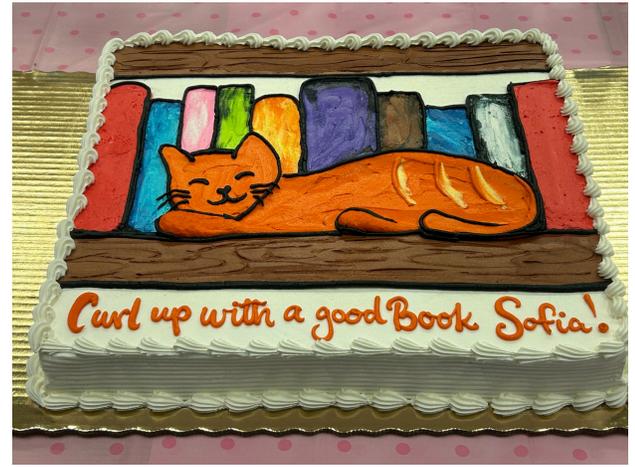


## Teen Library Card Design Winner

Congratulations to the winner and finalists of Volusia County Public Library's Limited-Edition Library Teen Card Design Contest! Sofia Werner was awarded first place for her "Curl Up With a Good Book!" design. A reception was held at Sofia's hometown library branch, the Port Orange Regional Library on November 12th, to announce that her design will be the limited-edition library card.



*Teen Card Design Winner, Sofia Werner and Library Director, Lucinda Colee*



*The celebration cake featuring the winning design.*



Volusia County Public Library staff member, Miss Lauren, is at the Museum of Arts and Sciences (in Daytona Beach) for a special pop-up "Bears and Berries" storytime for the museum's "Free First Tuesday" of the month promotion. **Storytime** is held in the museum's Teddy Bear exhibit at 11:00 a.m.



Storytime @ the Museum is an interactive literacy program designed for babies, toddlers, and preschoolers visiting the museum. Children and caregivers are introduced to a wide variety of introductory literacy skills through stories, rhymes, and some motor activities; in a fun, learning environment. Storytime @ the Museum's themes are specifically designed to be relatable to exhibits that may be within the museum.



*Volusia County Public Library staff member, Miss Kate, is at the Museum of Arts and Sciences (in Daytona Beach) for a special pop-up "Thankfulness & Family" storytime for the museum's "Free First Tuesday" of the month promotion.*

## Check out a few of the digital resources available from the Volusia County Public Library

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# Interview Rachel Wright

Ormond Beach Regional Library  
Manager and Assistant Regional Librarian.



**Here is a condensed interview that Rachel did with Culture Compass at WDSCTV at Daytona State.edu.**

**Alex:** Today, we turn the page and dive into the chapter of literacy here on Culture Compass. Hello, and welcome to Culture Compass, where we explore the diverse cultures of Florida. We thank you for finding your way to us.

I'm your host, Alexandra Bochas, and I'm sure many of you love diving into a good book, but did you know there's a whole culture here in Florida tied to literacy? Today, our guest, Rachel Wright, Assistant Regional Librarian of the Ormond Beach Regional Library location, is here to share all about what goes into running one of our local libraries and about the vast culture tied to literacy. Welcome, Rachel.

**Rachel:** Thank you, Alex.

**Alex:** Tell me a little bit about what you do.

**Rachel:** It really depends on the day. It changes every day at the library. We never know who's going to come in the door and what they might be needing. We have our regular resources that we offer patrons, as you mentioned, books, and we have magazines and newspapers and computers ready for people to access, fax machine, copiers, just an array of materials for pleasure or for need, for learning.

But we also have a lot of programming. We have programming for adults. We have computer classes for adults, including sometimes tablets, work with tablets that they need to have help with.

We have programming for children. It can be crafting programs or traditional story times. We have a program for children.

It's called Tales with Tails, and we have volunteer dogs that come in and sit for children to read to them for 15 minutes each turn. And that happens several times a week at Ormond Beach Regional Library. But one of the things that I want to point out about the library is that we are part of a bigger system.

We all work for the Volusia County Public Library, and it's part of our county government. So not only do we work in our own branch and in the system with different committees that we might need to work on, but we have partnerships in the community and also throughout the system are able to tap into each other's talents and creative natures and bring those ideas and things that we like to do to the patrons in our local communities.

**Alex:** That's really awesome. Have you always been passionate about reading books? Some people are. Some librarians have been. I wouldn't say I'm one of them.

**Rachel:** I was really excited and proud as a child to be able to read what I thought was my first chapter book. I don't know if it was or not, but I can remember the cover vividly and remember writing on the inside my made-up name as a child.

When I was old enough to really start enjoying and picking books, I really enjoyed the Little House on the Prairie series. I was really excited to get the next one from the library, which was just a short walk from my house. I was very fortunate in that.

And then I just, as an adult raised in family, didn't have a lot of time for reading, but I had a book club with my girlfriends that ran for about 15 years. And when I had opportunities to go into the schools just as a parent and a community member and talk to classes about reading and why it was important was mainly because of the connections that you're able to make. Getting to know yourself, getting to know your community, and getting to know other people through what you share by sharing a text, by sharing something that you read together.

That was really, really valuable to me. It wasn't until I made the decision to kind of switch careers that I really fell in love with reading and reading in a way to support other learners, because that's what my real passion is. I was a biology teacher at a community college in Connecticut for many years when I was raising my kids.

And I did that part-time. I was really grateful for the opportunity to share something else that I liked to do. And when I started thinking about what I wanted to do if I went back to work full-time, how I could contribute in the world, I tapped into what I really enjoyed.

I had spent the better part of the previous 10 years volunteering in my kids' school library every Wednesday afternoon. I went back to school and to get my library degree. That experience,

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*Just another day at the library for Rachel with Chelsea.*

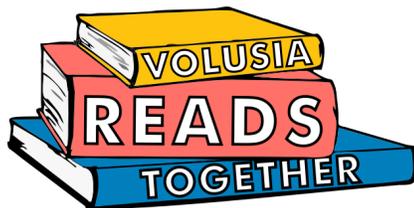


*Rachel with her fellow librarians at Celebrate Volusia.*

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learning about something in a modern way, online was invaluable, and I loved the experience.

I landed in the class that required me to read so many different chapter books, current chapter books, and YA books, then I fell in love with trying to keep up with what all the kids were reading so that I would be able to talk with them about it and found some really excellent writers. So now it's unusual for me not to have a couple of books that I'm reading, physical books, and then a couple checked out digitally, either text or audio for when I take a walk.

**Alex:** That's awesome. Why do you think that books and media in general are so important in today's day and age?

**Rachel:** Well, I think that people, most people learn to read with a physical book. Most of us learn to read that way.

I think knowing that the way that we learn is by connecting to previous knowledge. We have texts that we start with. And so when people read, they're connecting to something that they experienced before, and they remember if they enjoyed it.

If they were having a good time with that, then it motivates them to continue to read. When it's, because if it's in print, there's some consideration or more consideration given to what that might mean because there's an investment in producing that item. It costs something to have that printed.

Of course, the library has a lot of digital resources. We offer an array of ways for people to access material. But almost every day I hear, but I like to hold the book in my hand.

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I think it's very important and you can pass those items along. You can't share your digital copy, but you can share a book that you really enjoyed with a friend or pass along to your kids or your nephews or whoever you think might enjoy the text. I love that.

**Alex:** While we're on this topic, let's open the cover on how Daytona State College is building literacy on their campus through their writing center.

Do you think that more schools should have a haven for readers or struggling readers like the Daytona State Writing Center?

**Rachel:** I think that's really important for schools to have it. I know when I was teaching at a school similar to the type of school at Daytona State, we had a learning center associated right next to the library where students could get help with writing or with test taking, whatever skills they needed to develop.

I was sharing with one of your colleagues earlier that at the beginning of the semester, not only did I review the metric system, which is what you have to do for science, but also I would take some time to show them how to access the resources digitally because they would need to write lab reports with cited works. And if they hadn't seen that in a long time or didn't know how to access that from their library at school, I wanted them to be able to do that. And what I found was when we spent a little time on that during that first couple of weeks of class, they were able to become more successful more quickly with completing those writing assignments, which in all honesty made my job a little easier too because the writing was better and there were less corrections to make.

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**Alex:** So, then they seemed to really appreciate that?

**Rachel:** Yes, absolutely. They're very valuable for students to be able to get the help and to empower them to use the resources that are available.

**Alex:** What is your favorite thing about reading?

**Rachel:** That's a tough question. Sometimes I read a book, and I can just imagine the story in my head and that's happened a few times and it's just pure joy to be able to experience something that's outside of yourself.

What I really like to do when I'm doing story times, I try to find books that children would learn something from and also enjoy and laugh with. I really enjoy reading picture books to share the stories associated with them, whether it's a background story of an author or the author is also a musician and there's some cool music that you can share with the kids.

It's all those and then tying that to a library skill, a way for kids to learn how to do something independent in the library, how to find a book they're interested in, how to check the book out, how to record the book because they're in the program that counts the number of books that they're reading and they're excited to do that. It's really it's finding new stories that are important to the readers that are walking through the door or digitally. Right, yeah that's very important.

**Alex:** I've heard that you have a background in education as you said as a biology instructor. How do you keep your kids engaged in reading and writing about the topics in those classes?

**Rachel:** Well, I'll tell you that I had a wide range of student learners at the college level and one of my favorite comments, probably like here you get to evaluate your instructors every

semester, and one of my favorite comments that I would receive was thank you for making biology fun and we really enjoy your sense of humor. I think when you are excited about something it really comes through when you're with learners and they're going to connect to those stories that you tell them to convey that content knowledge.

**Alex:** What role do volunteers play at your local library?

**Rachel:** At Ormond Beach Regional Library we have a very active Friends of the Library organization. They are a separate entity but they work hand in hand with us to keep staffed and stocked a very well-developed book sale room.

They work very hard to read through donations and price those items and keep them on the shelves and what they do with the funds for the most part is support our programming that the library offers. We're very grateful for them.

We also if there are students ages 16 to 18 there's an opportunity for we call them junior volunteers and we have had a number of those come through Ormond Beach and other libraries to donate time and learn some skills and also it provides them an opportunity to see what it's like on the other side the work that goes into what we what you see that we do. Most people that can come behind the scenes are kind of surprised about all the stuff that goes on in the background.

We have the volunteers are a huge part of what we do and we greatly appreciate them. That's really great. That's great to grow up into that.

**Alex:** What are the best ways to support our local libraries? Well, visiting.

**Rachel:** Come to the library, come get your library card, participate in programs, talk

about the library with others, learn what it is we do. There are so many services that we offer. I mentioned some of them about the different parts of the day that we might encounter but it just goes it goes way beyond that.

We have public meeting spaces so patrons can come in and request a meeting space once a month and it allows them, you know, something that isn't offered at really any other place. Public libraries are havens for people who want to learn and want to read and the best way that you can support the library is to use the library.

**Alex:** What can be done in lower-income or underdeveloped areas to increase literacy and interest in reading?

**Rachel:** Access to books is key and if they can't get to the library, there are some ways to get the books to them. And that's in part why we partner with the ELC, the Early Learning Coalition. They participate with Dolly Parton's Imagination Library where children can sign up and get free books from ages zero to five every month mailed to their home. Having that themselves and building a little library themselves is important.

**Alex:** So thank you so much, Rachel, for giving us a glimpse into your world. And that is all the time that we have here on Culture Compass.

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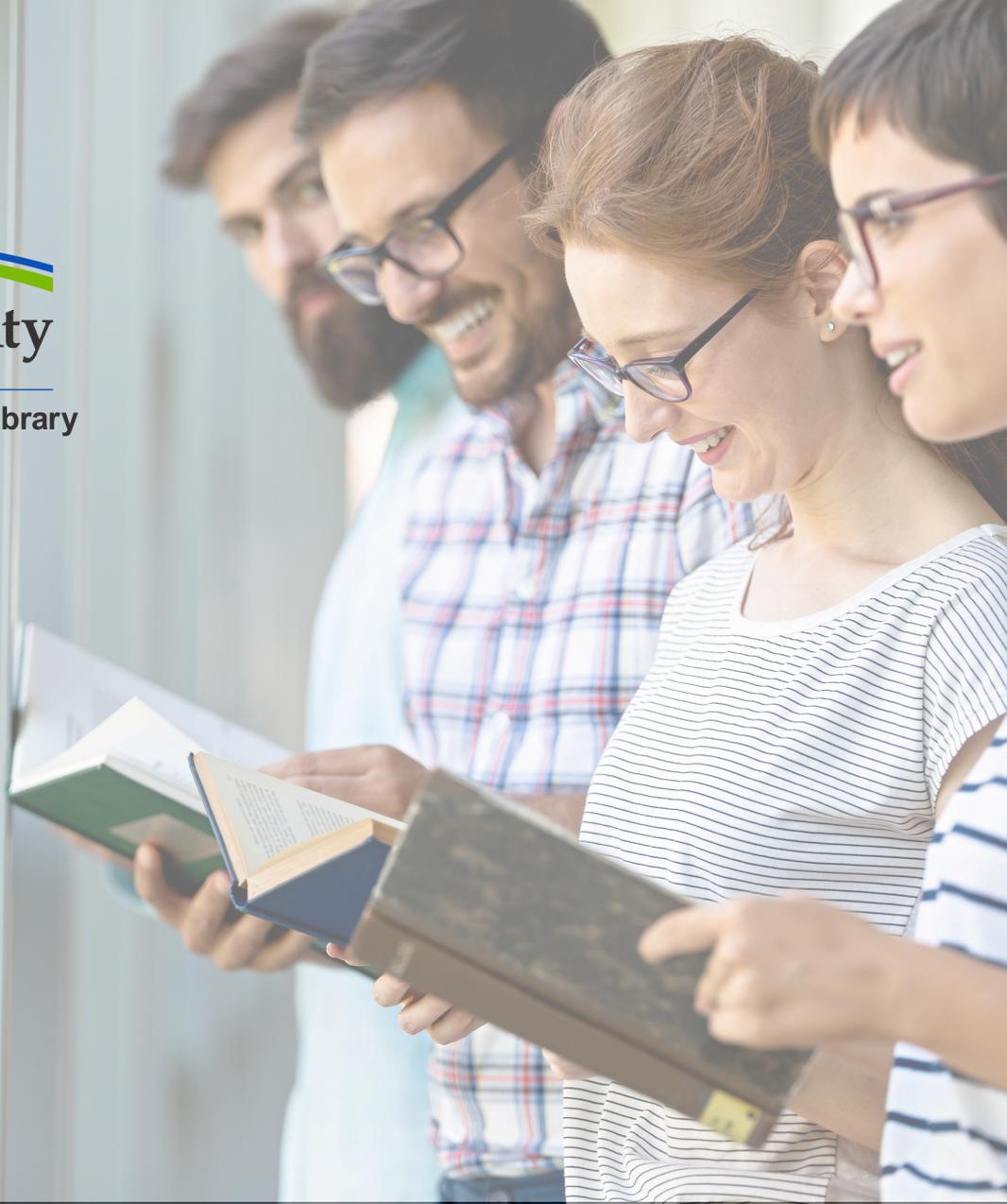
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