

# TBLC

## Annual Report 2007-08

### iBorrow

TBLC's regional union catalog and interlibrary loan service enables libraries to allow their users to borrow materials from participating libraries.

22 libraries participated  
25,200 total requests filled

### ASK a Librarian

Ask a Librarian provides real-time virtual reference statewide in partnership with the College Center for Library Automation (CCLA) and 100 Florida libraries.

769 staff trained  
46,244 questions answered via chat and email  
34,708 live chat sessions  
153,418 questions answered in the lifetime of the service

### Reciprocal Borrowing

Participants share their resources by allowing users from partner libraries to check out materials free of charge from other participating libraries — no matter where the user's library card originated.

35 libraries participate  
40,582 registered borrowers  
530,470 items circulated to those borrowers

### Legacy

TBLC partners with 17 libraries in a shared database of cultural heritage that includes digital images and metadata records. Legacy is part of the Florida on Florida project.

5,677 images in 51 collections  
53,571 metadata records  
10,169 searches for images and records



TBLC provides innovative continuing education and training on technology, library skills, electronic information and policy issues.

1,424 participants  
105 workshops  
9 special interest group and outreach meetings for 114 participants

### Delivery

Florida Library Delivery

Moves library materials in orange Delivery bags among Florida libraries from the Panhandle to the Keys and everywhere in between.

315,181 orange bags moved  
220 libraries receiving service  
38,792 vendor stops  
504,290 items estimated moved if each bag contains 1.6 items  
\$730,112 estimated library savings compared to USPS

### Interlibrary Loan

TBLC supports member libraries' use of OCLC interlibrary loan through training and consulting services.

69,819 items loaned by member libraries  
69,328 items borrowed by member libraries

### Bibliographic Services

TBLC assists members in adding resources to the Florida database on OCLC WorldCat. Those resources include regular library acquisitions and special collections.

64 libraries participate  
198,305 holdings added

### Group Purchase

TBLC coordinates group purchases of downloadable audio books and music and other electronic resources for members.

13 libraries participated  
8 products available for discounted pricing  
3,770 OverDrive downloadable audio books, music and videos owned  
25,082 checkouts

### Internet Services

TBLC provides Internet access, security, filtering and network support. We manage websites and mailing lists for members, organizations and projects.

6 libraries get Internet access; 6 use the filtering service  
17 websites hosted for member libraries and groups  
37 public mailing lists hosted  
142 email accounts provided

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## About Tampa Bay Library Consortium

The Tampa Bay Library Consortium, Inc. (TBLC) is a nonprofit multi-type library cooperative that assists and empowers libraries. All types of libraries – public, academic, school and specialized – are members. Since 1979, TBLC has worked with member libraries to provide better, faster service to the residents of west central Florida.

### Our members

Today 99 libraries are members of TBLC. Together these libraries serve over 4.3 million Floridians in 12 counties in west central Florida. The counties served are Citrus, DeSoto, Hardee, Hernando, Highlands, Hillsborough, Manatee, Okeechobee, Pasco, Pinellas, Polk and Sarasota.

### Our mission

TBLC's mission is to lead and encourage collaboration, resource sharing, staff development, and innovations to ensure that the people of west central Florida receive excellent, up-to-date library services and have access to the world of information.

### Our vision

TBLC member libraries see a time when all the people of west central Florida will enjoy seamless access to the rich information resources of the region, the state and the world. TBLC will be the bridge connecting all types of libraries in a regional information network.



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