

Chapter 12

LIBRARIES*

* **Cross References:** Definitions and rules of construction generally, § 1-2.

Art. I. In General, §§ 12-1--12-15

Art. II. Law Library, §§ 12-16--12-35

Art. III. Countywide Library System, §§ 12-36, 12-37

ARTICLE I.

IN GENERAL

Secs. 12-1--12-15. Reserved.

ARTICLE II.

LAW LIBRARY*

* **Cross References:** Filing fee on civil actions for support of law library, § 9-2.

Sec. 12-16. County purpose declared.

The establishment, equipment, furniture, maintenance and operation of a law library is hereby declared to be a county purpose. Accordingly, Lake County will offer the following resources to serve as the county "Law Library":

- (1) Public access to online or computerized legal resources and databases, law books and other legal materials, and public access to "pro se" kits at every branch in the Lake County Library System, including the Tavares branch near the county courthouse complex; and
- (2) A main branch of the Law Library at Cooper Memorial Library in Clermont.
(Ord. No. 1972-7, § 7, 12-14-72; Ord. No. 2009-40, § 2, 7-28-09)

Sec. 12-17. Expenditure of law library funds.

The County Manager or designee shall expend the funds appropriated by the Board of County Commissioners in its annual budget for the law library to purchase books and other legal resource materials, maintain a subscription to a computerized legal resource database for public access at all Lake County Library

System locations, and pay personnel costs.

(Ord. No. 1972-7, §§ 1, 3, 4, 8, 12-14-72; Ord. No. 1985-24, § 1, 11-19-85; Ord. No. 1998-88, § 2, 11-17-98; Ord. No. 2009-40, § 3, 7-28-09)

Editors Note: Ord. No. 2009-40, § 3, adopted July 28, 2009, amended § 12-17 to read as herein set out. Prior to inclusion of said ordinance, § 12-17 pertained to the board of trustees. See also the Code Comparative Table.

Secs. 12-18, 12-19. Reserved.

Editors Note: Ord. No. 2009-40, § 4, adopted July 28, 2009, repealed §§ 12-18, 12-19, which pertained to librarian, employees, etc. And courthouse space, etc. See also the Code Comparative Table.

Sec. 12-20. Reserved.

Editors Note: Ord. No. 1998-88, § 4, adopted Nov. 17, 1998, repealed § 12-20, which pertained to finances. See the Code Comparative Table.

Secs. 12-21--12-35. Reserved.

ARTICLE III.

COUNTYWIDE LIBRARY SYSTEM

Sec. 12-36. Created; purpose.

(a) There is hereby created a countywide library system which may be composed of municipal, nonprofit, and education-based libraries which meet minimum standards of the Board of County Commissioners and which enter into agreements with the Board of County Commissioners for operation of a countywide library system.

(b) The purpose of the countywide library system shall be to coordinate the free circulation of library materials from participating libraries to all residents of Lake County.

(c) The name of the countywide library system shall be the "Lake County Library System."
(Ord. No. 1982-18, §§ 1, 2, 9-29-82; Ord. No. 1991-2, § 1, 3-12-91; Ord. No. 1993-3, § 1, 3-23-93)

Sec. 12-37. Library advisory board.

(a) In order to effectuate the purpose stated in section 12-36 above, there is hereby created the Lake County Library Advisory Board which shall:

- (1) Study and make recommendations to the board of county commissioners regarding the coordination and development of the Lake County Library System. This shall include recommending countywide policies, long range plans and annual plans of service.
- (2) Make recommendations regarding the county's budget for the county wide library system, the proportionate shares of all county funds to be allocated to the participating libraries, and the method of distribution of those funds.

(b) The members of the Lake County Library Advisory Board shall be appointed by the Board of County Commissioners. Five (5) members, one (1) from each commission district shall be appointed. Such appointments shall be based on recommendations by the Lake County Library Advisory Board. However, the Lake County Board of Commissioners shall not be bound by such recommendations. In addition, each city with a participating library within the Lake County Library System shall have one (1) member on the Lake County Library Advisory Board. Each city council shall designate the member from its city and such member shall be appointed by the Board of County Commissioners. Each member shall be appointed for a term of four (4) years, except that the initial terms of the representatives of commission districts 1, 3 and 5 shall expire on February 28, 2009, the initial terms of the representatives of commission districts 2 and 4 and the Town of Montverde shall expire on February 28, 2011, the initial terms of the members from Fruitland Park, Howey-in-the-Hills, Leesburg and Lady Lake shall expire on February 28, 2012, and the initial terms of the members from Minneola, Mt. Dora, Umatilla and Tavares shall expire on February 28, 2010. Thereafter representatives shall be appointed for four-year terms. Members appointed to the Library Advisory Board from cities or towns other than those listed herein shall be on the 2010 term cycle. The Board of County Commissioners may also appoint an alternate member who shall serve in the case of the appointed member's absence. The terms and manner of appointment of such alternate members shall be the same as that of the member that they are the alternate for. Either the appointed board member or the alternate member may attend library advisory board meetings and each has voting authority. However, if the board member and the alternate are both present at a library advisory board meeting, only the appointed board member shall have voting authority; not the alternate member.

An appointment to fill any vacancy on the library advisory board shall be for the remainder of the unexpired term of office. If any member fails to attend three (3) consecutive regular meetings, the library advisory board shall recommend that the Board of County Commissioners or the appointing municipality declare that member's office vacant. The Board of County Commissioners or municipality shall fill such vacancy as set forth herein.

(c) The library advisory board shall abide by the terms and provisions of the laws of the State of Florida and the provisions of this article and any other applicable federal, state or local rules and regulations. (Ord. No. 1982-18, §§ 3--5, 9-29-82; Ord. No. 1991-2, § 2, 3-12-91; Ord. No. 1993-3, § 2, 3-23-93; Ord. No. 1998-90, § 1, 11-17-98; Ord. No. 2003-70, § 2, 8-5-03; Ord. No. 2005-1, § 2, 1-4-05; Ord. No. 2009-2, § 2, 1-27-09)

Cross References: Boards, etc., 2-61 et. seq.