

Appendix I.

Conversion Table for Shelving

Lowndes County Library

Shelving Capacities (adult collection)	
90" shelving, 14 shelves per DF unit	336 volumes
84" shelving, 12 shelves per DF unit	240 volumes
45" shelving, 6 shelves per DF unit	360 volumes
66" SF Periodical shelving, 3 shelves per SF unit	9 volumes
Shelving Capacities (juvenile collection)	
42" shelving, picture books, 6 shelves per DF unit	360 volumes
66" shelving, 10 shelves per DF unit	300 volumes
Audio-Video Units	
66" shelving, 10 shelves per DF unit	280 items

The shelf size and number of units will depend on the collection of books and other library materials. Bookstacks in this proposal (Area Data Sheets) are calculated for double-faced units and 36" aisles. It will be important to select shelving that will be flexible for the life of the library as materials format may change over the course of time. Built-in shelving is not desirable for public areas of the building, but may be used in office areas.

Shelving is very heavy, and safety should be considered. While less attractive, stabilizer bars may be used with longer runs of stacks to prevent accidents. The floor load for shelving and books should be engineered at a minimum of 150 pounds per square foot. Local building codes may require a higher allowance for live loads. The building should be engineered and planned to have shelving installed or relocated in all areas.

Shelving units are available in a variety of heights; each section specified in this program are designed for ease of use by specific patrons. Children's shelving will be no higher than 66". Adult shelving will range in size from 66" for the Periodicals, 84" for the Reference collection, to 90" for adult fiction and non-fiction. The depth of the shelf is also specified.

All base units will be 24" deep for standard shelving; all units will have canopy tops and end panels. End panel signage will be required; vendor will provide additional letters and numbers with the basic set.

Appendix II.

Community Input -- Survey Results for the Lowndes County Library

Of the 82 responses received, all but 8 had a library card with 5 not responding to the question.

36 people responded that the single most important reason for visiting the library was to obtain materials for leisure or recreational use. 28 people indicated that they came to use the computers. Many people responded to more than one reason for coming to the library.

- 15 Programs and materials for adults
- 13 Seeking information related to job or a career
- 13 Programs and materials for my child
- 10 Information related to school
- 8 Information related to personal interests
- 1 Other [computer class]

When asked what services they would like to have available in a new library, the overwhelming choice was more computers selected by 43 respondents. Other choices were as follows:

- 23 Homework help after school
- 23 Public garden area
- 21 Multiple person study spaces
- 21 More small and larger meeting spaces
- 20 Better access to historical records
- 18 Vending area
- 17 Music and place to listen to it
- 15 Place to watch TV news
- 14 24/7 Reference service
- 1 Digital cameras, public faxing, color copier, video camera, sewing machine and other items for check-out

Respondents were Satisfied with all collections. Only Magazines and Newspapers [11] and DVDs [26] received significant levels of “Not Satisfied” marks. Several comments indicated the need for surrounding area newspapers and selected reference materials.

As expected, the great majority of responses on the question of preference of format indicated that they would prefer print—60, with only 6 indicating a preference for books on CD or on tape; 6 would like access to downloadable books.

Responses to the question about what would increase satisfaction with library were not surprising. 39 people requested more computers and software and 40 people indicated that they would like more books for adults.

- 40 Other formats including DVDs, CDs, audio books
- 37 Indicated more books for teens and children

- 25 More hours open for public use
- 21 Public programs and meeting spaces
- 15 More computer classes and other instructional programs

People have used the Library often over the last 3 months with 27 coming at least 12 times or more within this time frame. 17 people reported they came almost daily and 19 people came at least 3 times during the 3-month time frame.

What people like most about the Lowndes County Library is the personnel. Out of the survey, 35 indicated that they particularly like the staff and noted their friendly, helpful nature. Others indicated that the computers and book collection and the upkeep of the building [neat and clean] are important factors. They also like the central location of the facility and ease of access.

The small size which sometimes leads to increased noise and the need for a separate children's area were noted by respondents. People indicated that they would like longer hours, more computers, wireless access, more large print books, and improved handicapped accessibility.

In a new facility, people indicated that more computers and books were of the highest priority. Several indicated the need for a better organized children's area and a computer space away from other public areas. Other comments included better plumbing and more parking.

When asked if they had a library card, 75 said "Yes"; 3 said "No", and 4 did not respond to the question.

Overall, it is quite apparent that those who responded to the survey have very strong feelings about their local library and appreciate all that it offers. While there are needs brought about by the lack of space, they come frequently and use the computers and collections. The responses were extremely supportive of the staff and services available, although many people offered suggestions for the expansion.

APPENDIX III.

Lowndes County Information

APPENDIX III. Census and Demographic Information for

Lowndes County, Georgia



Location of Lowndes County

County Formed December 23, 1825

County Seat Valdosta

Incorporated Cities Dasher, Hahira, Lake Park, Remerton and Valdosta

Total Area 504.3 square miles

History Lowndes County is named for William Lowndes, a South Carolina statesman who died shortly after being nominated for Vice President of the United States. The county seat, Valdosta, was named for Governor George Troup's plantations, named for an Italian alpine valley, Val D'Osta.

The first county seat, Franklinville, was established in 1828. In 1837, Troupville became the county seat until the railroad surveyors came to the area. The citizens of Troupville decided to pickup and move the town four miles to ensure its economic prosperity. The town was then renamed Valdosta in 1860 and became the new seat of county government.

Valdosta now has three National Register Historic Districts: Downtown, Victorian Fairview, and Patterson Street.

Points of Interest The county's numerous opportunities for recreation include Langdale Park, the county's newest park. The 5,000-acre Grand Bay Wildlife Management Area, 10 miles north of Valdosta, is the second largest cypress-blackgum bay in Georgia after the Okefenokee Swamp. Visitors to the Wildlife Management Area can fish, canoe, birdwatch, hike, camp, and hunt.

Moody Air Force Base is located in the county. It was named for George Putnam Moody who died in an air crash in 1941.