



Listed below are just a few of the benefits derived by Lee County residents as a result of the Southwest Florida Library Network initiatives:

DLI Service is....

the delivery services provided for books requested by our residents from other libraries for things that we do not own. We currently get delivery five days per week, Monday through Friday. Without access through SWFLN, local libraries would have to contract with another delivery service (USPS, UPS, Fed Ex, etc.) to provide this. The current \$3000 annual cost (which is included in SWFLN membership) could easily cost twice that much.

Continuing Education

SWFLN provides more than 50 workshops per year, and supports library staff requests for customized sessions. Many are conducted in Lee County and are of the quality that staff would get if they traveled to national conferences. Others are provided online as webinars and web-based self instructional modules. Technology topics through *Element K* provide staff with the same training platform used by more than half the Fortune 100. Annual access to just *Element K* training would cost the County \$2,500.

Lee County residents receive Books & Materials from All Over the State

SWFLN membership helps residents connect to libraries through statewide interlibrary loan that shares more than 300,000 library items each year. And, **Reciprocal Borrowing** lets residents check out books in other communities. SWFLN supports agreements allowing residents to use libraries in other communities without charge.

Lee County residents can find materials in all Florida libraries.

SWFLN helps member libraries add their titles to the Florida Catalog netting 20 million items for Lee County residents to find and borrow.

Florida Electronic Library

Library users of all ages can use the Florida Electronic Library 24/7. SWFLN partners with the State Library & Archives of Florida to promote access to the Florida Electronic Library.

Consortium Pricing

Lee County residents enjoy access to a wide variety of databases (newspapers and articles) provided at consortium pricing through membership in SWFLN. If purchased separately, such databases could cost thousands of dollars depending on which ones the libraries would be able to keep and which they would be forced to eliminate altogether.

Grant writing

Lee County residents have come to expect state of the art library service. SWFLN is taking the lead on writing grants for programs directly supporting innovation to enhance public service. SWFLN is currently pursuing funding to support job seekers (Workforce Investment), youth at risk (Juvenile Justice), afterschool programs (Department of Education), and technical improvements (State Library). Grant-writing and fiscal support from the SWFLN office supports these activities.