



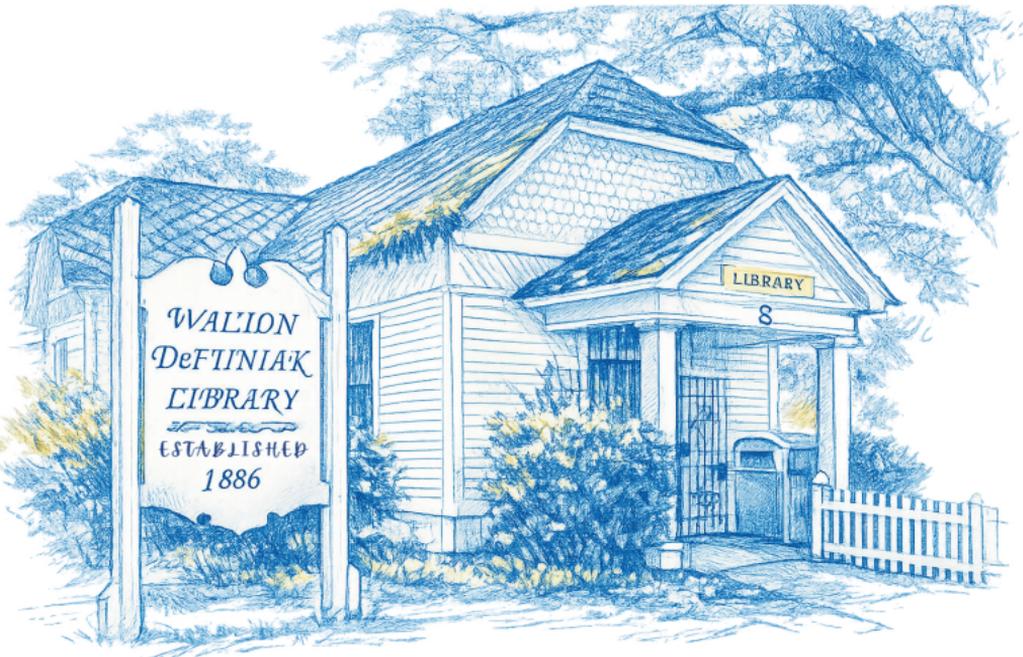
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WALTON-DEFUNIAK LIBRARY

Step into 135 years of books, treasures, and learning at the Walton-DeFuniak Library!

FLORIDA'S OLDEST CONTINUOUSLY OPERATING LIBRARY

Serving the DeFuniak Springs community since 1887, our library started thanks to the Ladies Aid Society—later the Ladies Library Association—who recognized the need for a place to read, learn, and grow.



HISTORIC ROOTS & COMMUNITY LEGACY

The library's original one-room building is still part of today's library, preserving the charm of its 19th-century beginnings. Alice Fellows, our first paid librarian, served from 1902-1926, shaping a legacy of community service. In 1966, it became part of the Walton County Public Library system, and in 1975 it was officially renamed the Walton-DeFuniak Library, continuing its mission as Florida's oldest continuously operating library.

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Where books, history, and community meet!

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COLLECTIONS THAT SPARK CURIOSITY

- **Bruce Weapons Collection:** Journey across continents through artifacts spanning the 12th–19th centuries!
- **Regina Music Box:** Hear history play on 35 antique discs from the late 1800s!
- **Historic Books & Local Art:** Discover an autographed first edition of “To Kill a Mockingbird” donated by Harper Lee and more!

OUR STORY THROUGH TIME



The original one-room Walton-DeFuniak Library opens – marking the beginning of Florida’s oldest continuously operating library.

End of Alice Fellows’ remarkable 24-year tenure of service.

Officially renamed the Walton-DeFuniak Library!

Grant awarded to digitize historic collections and create a digital archive!

1800s

DeFuniak Springs emerges as a railroad town and winter assembly site for the New York Chautauqua Association.

1886

The Ladies Aid Society forms to support educational needs in the growing community.

1902

Alice Fellows becomes the library’s first salaried librarian.

1926

1966

Library transitions into the Walton County Public Library system.

1975

1980s

An autographed first edition of To Kill a Mockingbird is donated by Harper Lee.

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