



The Foundation

The Alachua County Library District Foundation

providing long-term support to the Alachua County Library District
through major gifts and bequests since 1989

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Foundation Fund Raising Projects in the COVID-19 Era

November is the month the Foundation launches its annual Non-Event Gala, but the ACLDF Board voted unanimously to suspend the Gala for this year (and only this year). We suggest instead making donations that address the many needs of those affected by the raging virus in our community, nation, and world.

Although we have suspended the Gala, the Foundation has participated in two major community-wide campaigns this year. For the first time, we took part in the Amazing Give campaign hosted by the Community Foundation of NCF that was held last August. Although we started out small (raising \$2,000 from twenty-two donors), our participation enabled us to better inform the public about what the Foundation does on behalf of the Library District. We are also better prepared to be part of the 2021 Amazing Give.

THE
**AMAZING
GIVE**

August 19-20, 2020



Over the past decade, the Foundation has taken part in the UF Campaign for Charities and is doing again this year along with one hundred other participating agencies. Last year's campaign netted \$9,592 (nearly one percent of the total income



for the entire campaign) for the Foundation, with contributions ranging from \$10 to over \$1500 from seventy or so donors. They come from across the university and work in many different positions. The UFCC further enables us to enhance the Foundation's visibility.



Engaging in such fund-raising projects, along with other available monies, enables the Foundation to provide annual supplementary funding for specific Alachua County Library District projects. This year it was \$40,000 for the Alachua Branch's new Homework Area, where the library staff is looking forward to the day when the room is stocked with computers and filled with students.