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State Representative Leonard Bemby Receives Recognition by Wakulla County



Crawfordville, Florida – On Tuesday, September 28, 2010, State Representative Leonard Bemby was recognized in a presentation at the Wakulla County Public Library for his work to insure that State Aid to Libraries funding was continued during the last Legislative session.

The Florida Library Association selected Representative Bemby to be recognized for his diligent efforts. “This past session, State Aid to Libraries funding was on the brink of not being funded in the State Budget. Wakulla County is thankful to Representative Bemby for his efforts to seek out these funds for our library and citizens”, said Commissioner Howard Kessler.

State Aid to Libraries is a valuable component of the Wakulla County Library’s annual budget. This source of funding provides funds for the Library Services Coordinator, Children’s Coordinator, computer classes for the citizens, as well as, books and materials. Without the State Aid to Libraries Program, the funding for these positions and programs would either have to be absorbed by ad valorem funding or done away with. The County Library has received State Aid to Libraries Grant Awards since the inception of the program in the 1980’s and last year received \$91,439.



A plaque was presented to Representative Bemby on behalf of the Florida Library Association, the Wakulla County Board of County Commissioners, its citizens, and the County Library by Chairman, Howard Kessler. Wakulla County, along with the local legislative delegation, will continue to remain diligent in maintaining library funding in the next session.

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