

# Valencia College Library

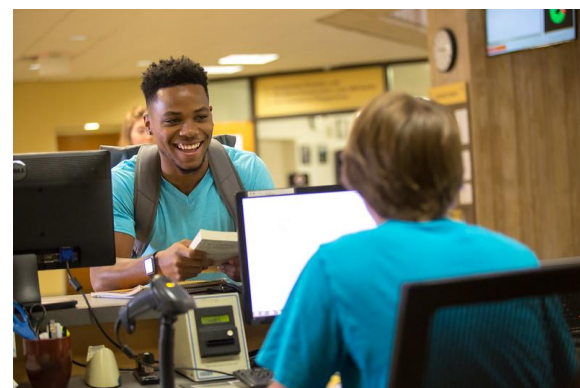
Sustainable Libraries Certification Presentation



Library



**Sustainable**  
**Libraries**  
**Initiative**





# Who We Are:

**130+** programs

**68K** annual student enrollment

**13K** annual graduates

**1/10** the tuition and fees of Florida state university

**1-in-4** Valencia students becomes a University of Central graduate

**19** average class size

**2** counties: Orange and Osceola Counties in Florida

**12** locations

**1** centralized, college-wide Office of Sustainability



# Who We Are:

**5,427** total employees (as of August 2022)

2,361 Staff: (Full and part-time)

895 Full-Time Faculty

2,171 Part-Time Faculty

**7** libraries (ranging from 1 room to 1 floor to ½ of a building)

Our 7 libraries include **3 joint use libraries** that represent both Valencia and UCF students

**30 FT** library employees

**96** library-related employees

# Our Student Characteristics by Race/Ethnicity

42



*Hispanic*

27



*Caucasian*

17



*Black or African American*

9



*Other*

5



*Asian*



# College Vision, Values, & Strategic Pillars

## **Vision**

Valencia College is a premier learning college that transforms lives, strengthens community, and inspires individuals to excellence.

## **Values**

- Learning
- People
- Diversity
- Access
- Integrity

## **Strategic Pillars**

- Build Pathways
- Learning Assured
- Invest in Each Other
- Partner with the Community



# Office of Sustainability

**Mission:** Promote and execute operational practices in the service of **environmental, economic, and social responsibility**, while effectively communicating and educating about the significance of these practices for people and the planet.

**Vision:** Serve as a role model in our community by accomplishing sustainability goals.



# Office of Sustainability Goals

The College's Sustainability Leadership Team includes college-wide stakeholders from administration, faculty, staff, and students who work together with the Office of Sustainability to complete our strategic objectives. A librarian serves as a faculty member.

- Objective 1: Obtain carbon neutrality by 2050 includes 3 areas: energy use, pursuing renewable energy options/carbon offsets, and reducing transportation emissions.
- Objective 2: Reduce the waste the college generates through construction and behavior practices and guidelines
- Objective 3: Improve on water quality and conservation through stormwater runoff management and Green building water conservation capital improvement projects.





# Library Mission

The mission of the Valencia College libraries is to provide a variety of learning centered resources, services, and facilities to support a diverse community; to encourage academic achievement, student success, and lifelong learning; and to enhance teaching excellence.

# Off-Campus Service & Collaborations



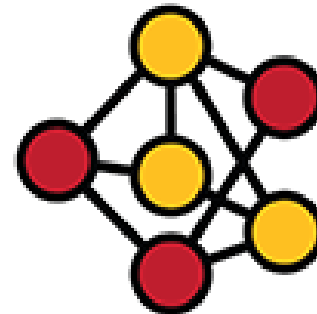
## Featured Off-Campus Service & Collaborations

Once a year, Valencia hosts [Learning Day](#), an opportunity to attend personal and professional development workshops, and to volunteer for community service opportunities. One example is the College's collaboration with [the Covenant House](#), an organization that supports youth experiencing homelessness. Past service efforts included cleaning and painting the Covenant House facility, collecting clothing donations to create a "career closet" for those in need, revitalizing parking lots by repainting parking lines, and organizing other donations such as DVDs.



**Covenant  
House**

Opening Doors for Homeless Youth



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**LEARNING  
DAY 2023**

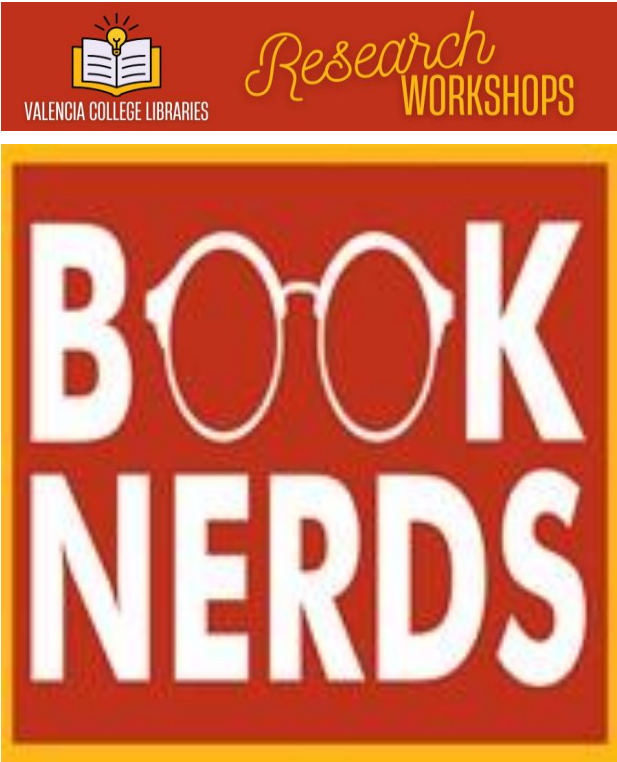
# Featured Off-Campus Service & Collaborations

Our libraries have partnered with Orange County Library System (OCLS) for [International Games Month](#). OCLS serves over one million Orange County, FL residents.

In addition to our online games, OCLS partners with select Valencia campuses for 1 day of on-campus gaming.

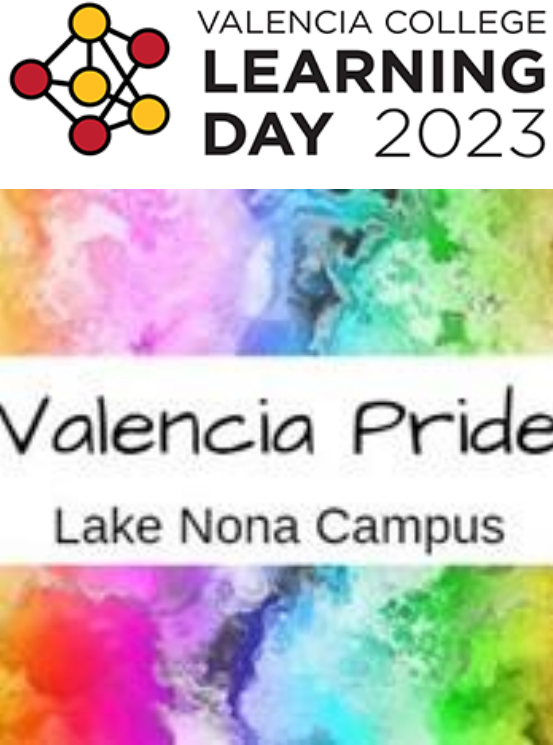


# Social Well-Being



VALENCIA COLLEGE LIBRARIES *Research WORKSHOPS*

**BOOK NERDS**



VALENCIA COLLEGE **LEARNING DAY 2023**

Valencia Pride  
Lake Nona Campus



**Pooky's Pantry**

**BANNED BOOKS WEEK**

Linked in Learning

**Ask a Librarian .org**  
the Human Search Engine



**INTERNATIONAL GAMES MONTH**

Photo of students at a presentation board.

MLA, APA, and Chicago Guides

Use the links in the table below to browse through guides to different citation formats:

American Psychological Association	Modern Language Association	Chicago Manual of Style
<a href="#">APA 7th Ed. Citation Guides</a>	<a href="#">MLA 9th Ed. Citation Guides (New!)</a>	<a href="#">Chicago Citation of Electronic Sources</a>
	<a href="#">MLA 8 Citation of Electronic Sources</a>	<a href="#">Chicago Citation of Print Sources</a>
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# Social Well-Being | Highlights

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The Library offers [Research Workshops](#), a self-enroll course with on-demand modules to help students with their research assignments. Each module focuses on a different component of the research process such as citing sources, evaluating information, and more.

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[Pooky's Pantry](#) is a college-wide resource to connect Valencia students with non-perishable food items, hygiene items, socks, outside resource information, and local housing information.

Our libraries celebrated our first [Campus Sustainability Month](#) in October 2022, and we collected food and toiletry donations for Pooky's Pantry as part of the initiative.



[Ask a Librarian](#) is a platform that "provides Florida residents with virtual reference service via live chat and text messaging." The platform allows Valencia librarians to engage our community using a comfortable, intuitive user interface.

# Financial Sustainability

We communicate our value, promote financial sustainability for students and staff, and advocate for resources to meet our mission, by:

- Sharing our Library Value Calculator and Library Value LibGuide
- Saving students money through OER and Textbook Affordability initiatives
- Advocating for a new full-time librarian at the Osceola campus
- Advocating for e-resources funding to keep pace with rising costs
- Advocating for re-evaluation of staff pay grades to ensure a living wage for library staff
- Supporting Library faculty and staff development through mentorship opportunities at the College

## Library Value Calculator

### Library Value Calculator

During the past semester, how many times did you:

Receive drop-in assistance from a Librarian either at the Library or online (chat, text, Zoom, or in Canvas), on finding, evaluating, or citing sources (about 15 minutes)

— 0 +

Meet with a Librarian for an appointment or drop-in assistance of 30 minutes or more (in person, chat, Zoom, or in Canvas)

— 0 +

Attend a Valencia Library workshop online or in person (about 1 hour)

— 0 +

Complete an online Valencia Library tutorial

— 0 +

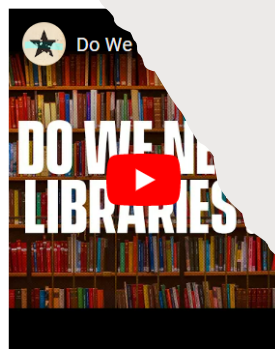
Borrow a book or eBook from the Library

— 0 +

Have a book mailed to your preferred campus from another campus or Library (Interlibrary Loan)

— 0 +

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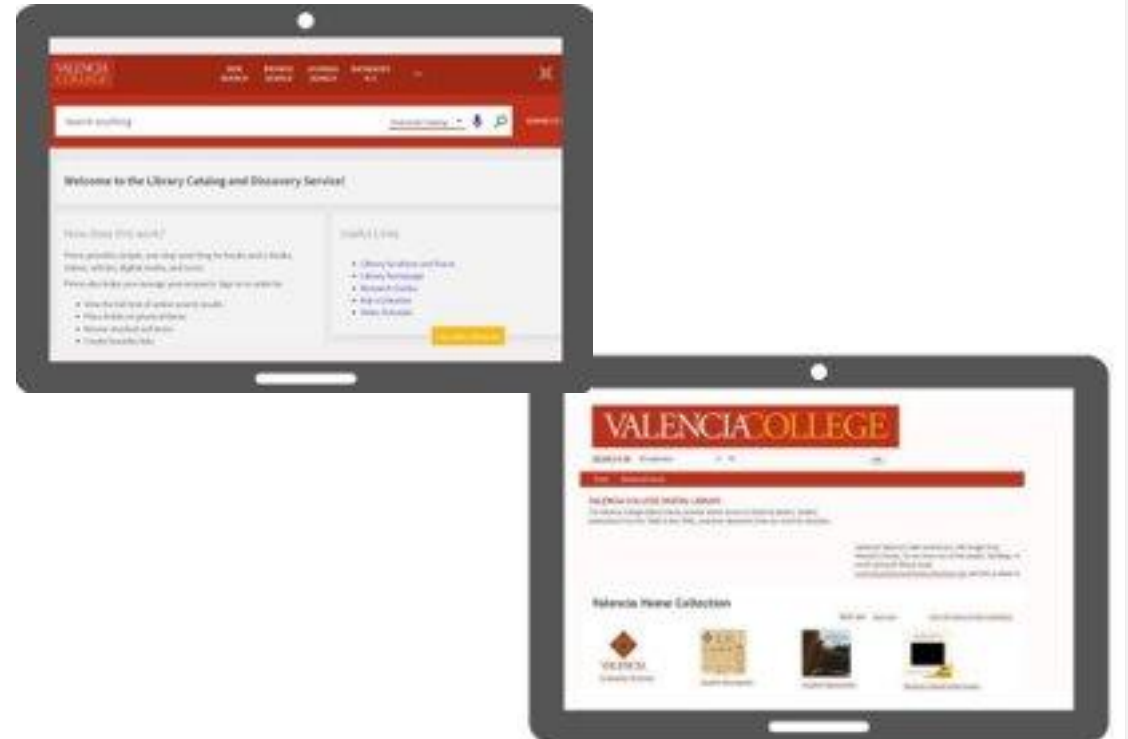
## Read More

- [Are You Worth It? What Return On Investment Can and Can't Tell You About Your Library](#)  
Post by Cory Lown and Hilary Davis on the blog, In the Library With the Lead Pipe, April 1, 2009.

# Collections & Services

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- Florida Virtual Campus (FLVC) was created the Florida Legislature to provide critical educational support services utilized by all public postsecondary institutions within the Florida College System (FCS), the State University System (SUS), and K-12 school districts. Services include FLVC Library Services.
- Valencia College participates in a reciprocal borrowing agreement available to faculty, staff and students enrolled in the FCS and the SUS.
- Digitized archival materials are accessed virtually on Islandora, a digital library platform provided by FLVC.





# Collections & Services

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- Valencia participates in Florida SHARES, which stands for Shared Academic Research Ebook System. The Florida SHARES project allows users at member libraries to access e-books and audiobooks through a shared AXIS 360 platform provided by Baker and Taylor. Participating libraries select and purchase ebooks and audiobooks, and share them with users at other participating libraries.
- Internal materials, such as meeting notes, guidelines, etc., are stored in Microsoft Teams.
- Our Library Collection Development Procedure is updated biannually and accessible to users on a LibGuide.

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# Collections & Services: OAER EFFORTS

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- Valencia librarians have been providing open and affordable educational resources (OAER) resources for **over a decade!**
- Our most notable OAER are our Valencia Reader and Valencia Writer which has saved students over \$200,000 (as of 2019).
- Our college-wide OAER LibGuide helps faculty find free or low-cost alternatives for textbooks and our East Campus publishes the Textbook Affordability: OER, No Cost, and Limited User Textbooks LibGuide, a curated OER, no cost, or limited user textbooks and alternatives for courses taught at Valencia College.
- Librarians serve on the college-wide OER committee.



# Collections & Services: ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- Libraries partnered with campus Counselors to provide 4G hotspots to loan for eligible students with high need (begun in 2020).
- Libraries loan devices such as laptops, iPads, calculators, headphones, etc., for 4 hours or 7 days. Device type depends on the campus.
- Libraries offer centralized student technology support via Zoom, phone, or in person at the East campus.



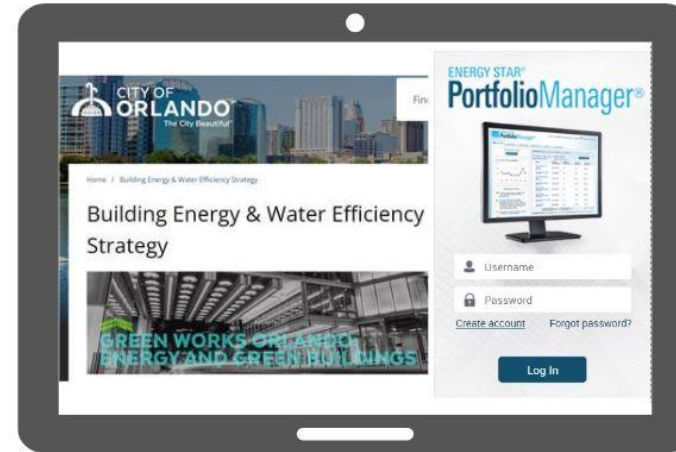
# Organizational Commitment

- Signed the President's Carbon Commitment in 2009.
- Office of Sustainability has two FT CW positions:
  - Director of Energy Conservation & Sustainability
  - Sustainability and operations manager of energy efficiency
- **12** certified green buildings - **20%** of our buildings!
- All new construction and major building renovations must attain a minimum of Green Globes 2.



# Benchmarking

- The College's Energy Savings Plan saves approximately \$1.3 million annually.
- Valencia received the 2014 National Climate Leadership award winner from Second Nature.
- The College's goal is to lower energy usage by 20% from the baseline year of 2006 by 2025 (In 2006, we had 5 locations compared to today's 12 locations).



# Education & Influence



- AASHE members, college employees including library staff can attend any of the member webinars.
- Valencia's Sustainable Leadership Team either co-hosted conferences with AASHE or organized our own.

# Education & Influence



- The library created an interactive PowerPoint so we can feature books, articles, videos, and tips related to sustainability.
- Libraries advertise or host sustainability events and share sustainability-themed social media posts on our newly launched college-wide social media page (which was previously campus-based).

# Education & Influence




Join our campus libraries to participate:

## National Voter Education Week (Oct. 3 – 7)

 [Monday](https://registertovoteflorida.gov/), register to vote or check your registration status by visiting <https://registertovoteflorida.gov/>  
Registration deadline is Oct. 11.

- [Tuesday](#), request your mail-in ballot
- [Wednesday](#), make a plan to vote

 [Thursday](https://libguides.valenciacollege.edu/vote), learn what's on your ballot. Learn more at <https://libguides.valenciacollege.edu/vote>

- [Friday](#), level up your voting engagement
- Voting Day is Nov. 8



## Energy Efficiency Day (Oct. 5)

- On October 5, don't use electronic devices other than for class assignments.

 Learn more at <https://tinyurl.com/2ehkmwpt>

## World Food Day (Oct. 16)

 Explore which local Florida foods are in season <https://tinyurl.com/54h4bj4y>

- Donate to Pooky's Pantry at any Valencia Campus.



Tip 1: Take advantage of daylight from windows or outdoor shaded areas.

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Tip 2: Turn unused appliances and equipment off. Unplug equipment when not in use.

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As part of our inaugural Campus Sustainability Month:

- We celebrated *Energy Efficiency Day* which incorporated the turn-it-off initiative.
- We provided voter education resources during *National Voter Education Week*.
- Collected food donations during October for Pooky's Pantry to bring awareness to *World Food Day*.



# Water Management

- All libraries' restrooms include QR codes for users to report maintenance or custodial issue. This is a pilot program.
- Historically, libraries housed at least one hydration station; since 2021, each campus building now houses at least one.



# Water Management

- All campuses, including the library buildings, feature sustainability educational signage. Some libraries host a Pooky's Pantry donation bin.
- The UNSDG and Sustainability LibGuide are used stand-alone or as part of information literacy instruction for applicable "issues" class assignments.



Sustainability Sign outside West campus library

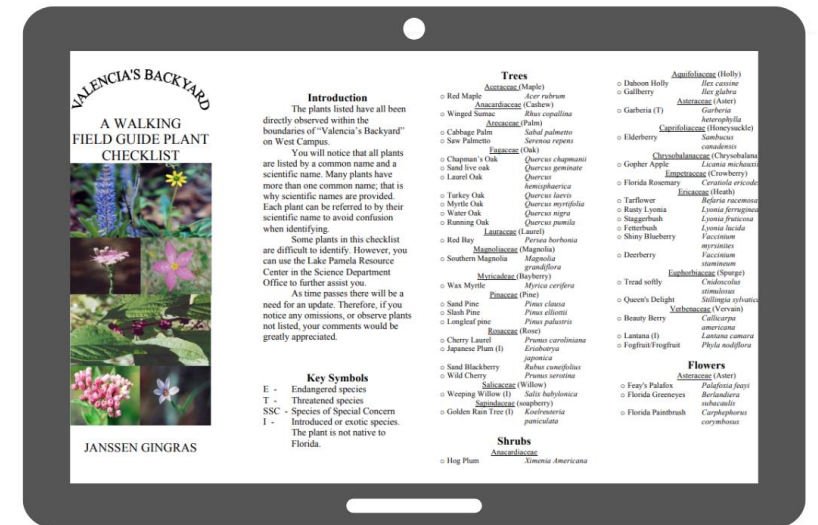


Pooky's Pantry Sign with donation bin



# Water Management

- **10 years!** – annually awarded the Tree Campus USA designation for sustainable campus forestry by the Arbor Day Foundation; library employees serve on the Tree Campus USA Committee.
- Valencia's Tree Care Plan prioritizes **native and Florida-friendly replacement** when trees and shrubs are dead or dying.
- Janssen Gingras created walking guides to West Campus plants.



# Energy Management

## Lighting

- Outdoor 2020 LED lighting upgrades are estimated to save over **787,000 kWh annually**.
- The college motion-activated lighting is automated on-times.
- Other ways to save energy include rooftop sun-reflecting material, window film products, and/or darkening shades to reduce window heat transfer. Libraries are being used to test these initiatives.

## Devices and equipment

- Includes eco modes and standby options, along with automated on times. **All new devices are ENERGYSTAR® certified.**
- **43% ENERGYSTAR®:** represents 116 of our 257 devices on the West and Winter Park Campuses.
- As a result of the device inventory project, the West campus library noted that 37 or 17% (not included in data) of our devices were up for the refresh. As a result, the library will work with IT to create a college-wide library refresh workflow.



# Energy Management

## Poinciana Campus: Future Rooftop Solar

Includes three Green Globes certified buildings (that include the library) and the Poinciana Campus Renewable Energy Project **will meet 40% of the campus's energy needs**, moving toward the college's 2050 carbon neutrality goal.



## Winter Park Campus: Solar Umbrella

The single-building campus offers three solar umbrellas with USB ports at each base.



# Waste Management

Waste/Recycling: All campuses use Max-R bins, which are made of post-consumer milk jugs, providing dual landfill and recycling receptacles.

- A plastic writing instruments and batteries recycling container is located on each building's floor. The library was part of the program pilot.
- Employees and students are provided with recycling containers for used printer cartridges and toners. The library was part of the program pilot.



Tip #7 for greening your routine with West Campus library: Save paper by taking a picture of your book's call number with your phone.



## Waste Management

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- College electronic equipment is sanitized and recycled at a central location with Orlando Recycles.
- Valencia's Green Cleaning program and Valencia/UCF Downtown use Green Seal labeled products. All libraries use these cleaning programs.



# Transportation



- Makes up almost ½ of Valencia's carbon footprint.
- Current transportation options include:
  - **Bus:** students and employees can ride Lynx buses for free for the past 6 years! Over 1 million free bus rides! The program was adopted by UCF.
  - **Train:** free Bus Rapid Transit service for the Downtown campus and transfer to SunRail trains from LYNX's buses.
  - **Carpool:** offered through reThink Your Commute.
  - **Bike:** capital improvements for existing or new multiuse paths to connect with city and county pathways, as part of a larger Central Florida project.
  - **EV:** East and West campuses offer electric vehicle charging stations.



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