IN 2013, THE STATE OF FLORIDA celebrated a significant milestone: The 500th anniversary of Juan Ponce de Leon’s first landing on Florida’s east coast. Viva Florida 500 is the name given to the year-long, statewide celebration to bring awareness to Florida’s rich and diverse history.

In the anticipation of the commemoration and to encourage local activities, the Department of the State’s Division of Library Services provided a Viva Florida 500 time capsule, purchased with Library Services and Technology Act grant funds, to each of Florida’s 67 counties. In Marion County, the Marion County Public Library System was appointed to coordinate the time capsule commemorative project efforts.

A steering committee of community leaders was selected to help spearhead the project. The Marion County Public Library System thanks the following committee members:

- **David Cook**, local resident, avid Marion County Historian, retired editor of the Ocala Star-Banner.
- **Morrey Deen**, former City of Ocala police chief, president of the Fort King Heritage Association Board.
- **Judy Johnson**, local resident, attorney and former Marion County commissioner.
- **Carmen Maines**, local resident and president of the Friends of the Ocala Public Library.
- **Scott Mitchell**, director of the Silver River Museum.
- **Cindi Morrison**, director of the Appleton Museum of Art, College of Central Florida.
- **Honorable Hale R. Stancil**, judge of the Fifth Judicial Circuit Court.
- **Hoyalene Thomas**, Marion County Historical Association, Inc. trustee, secretary-treasurer of the Fort McCoy Civic Association and member of the Friends of the Fort McCoy Public Library.
THE TIME CAPSULE committee began to meet in December, 2012 to discuss initial plans for the project and determine the necessary efforts to solicit community input regarding the time capsule items to be retained. An initial survey was designed and a timeline developed to solicit community input and tabulate the results.

A community-wide survey was made available to the public between February-March 2013. The survey was available in hard copy, as well as an online version. Promotion of the availability of the survey was addressed in a variety of fashions, including in-house promotion at all Marion County Public Library System locations, the library website and advertisements in the Ocala Star-Banner, paid for by the Friends of the Ocala Public Library. Media releases were generated and opportunities to reach out to the public were undertaken by library staff on many occasions.

The specific questions that were asked on the survey were:

1. What items should be stored in the time capsule? (Please keep in mind they should be representative of our area of Florida and that the time capsule has limited capacity.)

2. What do you believe to be the most identifiable aspect of your community that should be included in the time capsule?

3. How long do you think the time capsule should be sealed? (Please circle one.)
   - 25 years
   - 50 years
   - 75 years
   - 100 years
   - Special Marion County/Florida milestone

384 people responded to question 1.
352 people responded to question 2.
394 people responded to question 3.
Representative areas of Marion County:

- Agriculture/Equine
- Education
- Historical
- Sports/Recreation
- Natural Resources
- Status of the Community
- Cultural Life of the Community
- Business/Commerce

The committee identified that items such as black/white photos, cotton and polyester textiles, items copied on acid free, permanent paper, pencils, wood, pottery and ceramics, glass, and nonferrous metals such as copper, brass, gold and stainless steel would be the longest lasting items to be inserted into the time capsule. From there, they set about locating and researching how many of the items could be located and secured.

At this same time, the Fort King Heritage Association was undergoing a park development effort for the Fort King historical site. After an initial discussion with the board of directors, the decision was made to house the time capsule at the Fort King historical site at a time when provisions would enable the time capsule to be in a climate controlled environment.

Item: Community Overview

Donated by: City of Ocala

Area of the community represented: Status of the Community

Item description: 2013 City of Ocala community profile.

COMMUNITY PROFILE

Population: Ocala, 56,315; Marion County, 331,298. (2010 U.S. Census estimates)

Ocala Area: About 44 square miles.

Location: North Central Florida.

No more than a 90-minute drive to either the Gulf or Atlantic coasts or to the Orlando attractions.

Transportation:

- Highways: Interstate 75, U.S. 441, 301 and 27.
- Rail (freight): CSX, Florida Northern
- Air: Local-Charter and cargo service available at Ocala International Airport.

Area: Commercial passenger service is available within 100 miles at six airports, including the Orlando and Tampa International airports.

Avg. Per Capita Personal Income: $31,536
(Florida Department of Economic Opportunity)


Education: Marion County Public School System, College of Central Florida (CF), Rasmussen College, Webster University, University Center at CF where courses from a number of colleges and universities are available. (University of Florida is in Gainesville, 40 miles north of Ocala.)

Climate: Avg. July high: 91.7; avg. January low: 46.1; avg. annual rainfall: 52.59; avg. annual snowfall: 0
Item: Brochures

Donated by: City of McIntosh

Area of the community represented: Status of the Community

Item description: Retaining the feel of an 1895 town, McIntosh and its history are described.

Item: Brochures

Donated by: Dunnellon Chamber of Commerce

Area of the community represented: Status of the Community

Item description: A directory that contains a list of current businesses in Dunnellon with descriptions of local events and history.
**Item:** Selected excerpts from the book “Lake Weir” written by T.M. Shackleford, 1883.

**Donated by:** Phyllis Sharpe

**Area of the community represented:** Historical Lake Weir

**Item description:** The Lake Weir area captured the interest of journalist T.M. Shackleford who published the book “Lake Weir” in 1883. The book describes the area, lakes and Native American influence. The book was loaned by Phyllis Sharpe and excerpts were photo copied that best depicted the Lake Weir area. Two physical copies are in the library’s collection. One in reference and one in circulation.

**Item:** Booklet

**Donated by:** Belleview Chamber of Commerce

**Area of the community represented:** Status of the Community

**Item description:** Information about the city of Belleview Founders Day 2012. The focus of the publication is primarily on Belleview and what it has to offer in the area. “Founders Review” contains advertisements from local businesses and personal stories and letters from the residents of south Marion County. “Founder’s Review” is a supplement to the local newspaper, “The Voice of South Marion.”
**Item:** Commemorative City of Ocala and Marion County pins  
**Donated by:** Morrey Dean and Judy Johnson  
**Area of the community represented:** Status of the Community  
**Item description:** Marion County commemorative pin circa 2000 and Chamber of Commerce member pin circa 1990.

**Item:** Report  
**Donated by:** Morrey Deen  
**Area of the community represented:** Status of the Community  
**Item description:** Ocala Police Department Millennium Report, 2002.
Library Collections

Library cardholders will find a variety of materials to use in the library, at home, work or school, including:

- Books for children, teens and adults, in print, large-print and audio
- Downloadable e-books, audio books and music
- DVDs and music CDs
- Online research databases for music, general information
- Newspapers, genealogy, legal information, demographics, travel, business, hunting, maps, vehicle repair, language learning and much more.
- Magazines and newspapers are free.
- Genealogy and Florida history collections.

Library Services

Library cardholders will find a variety of services available, including:

- Access to question in person, by mail, telephones of virtually via Ask-A-Librarian
- Free Wi-Fi, computers and WiFi access at all library locations.
- Programs for children, teens and adults, including story times, homework help, computer classes, workshops, special events and game nights and more.
- Meeting rooms and study rooms available for request at all library locations.
- Photocopying and computer printing services at a low price.
- Ongoing free service.
- Bookmobile service to outlying areas.
- Access to tax forms and voter registration.

Library Director Julie Sieg

library.marioncountyfl.org

Check out Marion County Public Library System's official newsmagazine, words, online at library.marioncountyfl.org.

The library is a department of the Marion County Board of County Commissioners

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Item: Brochure

Donated by: Marion County Public Library System

Area of the community represented: Status of the Community

Item description: Marion County Public Library System welcome brochure. Provides locations of the eight library locations and describes library services and library card benefits, 2012.
Item: Brochure

Donated by: Ocala/
Marion County Visitors and
Convention Bureau

Area of the community
represented: Business/
commerce

Item description: 2012 Map
of Marion County. Locations
of streets and businesses
and business advertisements
are included.

Item: Brochure

Donated by: City of Ocala

Area of the community represented:
Business/commerce

Item description: SunTran Bus Route
Map. SunTran bus service includes
the city of Ocala and a few locations
just outside the city limits. SunTran
is a cooperative effort of the Ocala/
Marion County Transportation Planning
Organization, Marion County, the
City of Ocala, the Florida Department
of Transportation and the Federal
Transportation Administration.
Item: Report

Donated by: Ocala/Marion County Chamber and Economic Partnership.

Area of the community represented: Business/commerce

Item description: Chamber and Economic Partnership business listings, 2013. The Ocala/Marion County Chamber and Economic Partnership (CEP) was formed to create a one-stop approach to business retention, attraction and creation efforts.

Item: Brochure

Donated by: Ocala Regional Medical Center.

Area of the community represented: Business/commerce

Item description: Ocala Regional Medical Center listing of services.
Item: Printout from website

Donated by: Munroe Regional Medical Center

Area of the community represented: Business/commerce

Item description: Information about Munroe Regional Medical Center services.

Item: Coffee mug

Donated by: Morrey Deen

Area of the community represented: Status of the Community

Item description: Ocala, All-America City. The National Civic League recognizes outstanding civic accomplishments. Competition is based on innovation, incisiveness, civic engagement and areas of sector collaboration that address pressing local challenges. In 1995, Ocala was named an All-American City award winner by the National Civic League.
**Item:** Marion County map, 2013

**Donated by:** Marion County Information Technology

**Area of the community represented:** Status of the Community

**Item description:** 2013 plotted map of Marion County.

**Item:** 1892 county map

**Donated by:** Clerk of the Courts.

**Area of the community represented:** Historical

**Item description:** 1892 plotted map of Marion County.
Item: City ordinance
Donated by: City of Ocala
Area of the community represented: Historical
Item description: Ordinance to annex West Ocala. The passage of this ordinance annexed the west side of Ocala, an area containing 8,000 adult citizens, enabling them to vote in City of Ocala elections.

Item: Ocala Star Banner
Donated by: Viva Florida 500 Time Capsule Committee.
Area of the community represented: Historical
Item description: Newspaper articles from Aug. 13 and 28, 2013, describing two area citizens’ experiences with segregation in Marion County during the period 1949 to 1969.
Item: Original copy of ballot.

Donated by: Judy Johnson and Wesley Wilcox, Marion County Supervisor of Elections.

Area of the community represented: Historical

Item description: General election ballot November 2012.

Item: Historical overview

Donated by: Honorable Hale R. Stancil

Area of the community represented: Historical

Item description: Marion County’s judiciary history from 1845 to 2013.
Item: Historical overview

Donated by: Honorable Hale R. Stancil

Area of the community represented: Historical

Item description: Judges of Marion County from 1845 to 2013. Prepared by Honorable Hale R. Stancil.

Item: Brochure

Donated by: Marion County Historical Commission.

Area of the community represented: Historical

Item description: Brochure of historical sites in Marion County.
Item: Brochure

Donated by: Marion County Museum of History and Archeology.

Area of the community represented: Historical

Item description: Brochure of 10,000 years of Marion County history.

Item: Brochures

Donated by: Marion County Museum of History and Archeology.

Area of the community represented: Historical

Item description: Brochures pertaining to Marion County historical information.
Item: Brochure

Donated by: Marion County Museum of History and Archeology.

Area of the community represented: Historical

Item description: The Trail of Florida’s Indian Heritage brochure is a listing of archaeological sites, history museums, heritage interpreters and county, state and national parks working together.

Item: Brochure

Donated by: Fort King Heritage Association, Inc..

Area of the community represented: Historical

Item description: Brochure describes the history of Fort King from 1827 until 1846 and how Ocala and Marion County was formed.
Item: Poster

Donated by: Morrey Deen

Area of the community represented: Historical

Item description: Jay Cochrane, world-renowned aerialist “Prince of the Air,” has performed thousands of skywalks over the last four decades. Mr. Cochrane walked a cable across the parking lot of the Ocala Police Department during its dedication ceremony in 1999. Mr. Cochrane has a home in Ocala, Florida.

Item: Picture

Donated by: Fort McCoy Civic Association.

Area of the community represented: Historical

Item description: Fort McCoy Post Office on Main Street, circa 1910-1915.
Item: Picture

Donated by: Fort McCoy Civic Association

Area of the community represented: Historical.

Item description:
Fort McCoy Train Station, circa 1910-1915.

Item: Picture

Donated by: Fort McCoy Civic Association.

Area of the community represented: Historical.

Item description: Anthony train depot and water tank, circa 1920.
**Item:** Post cards

**Donated by:** Marion County Historical Museum.

**Area of the community represented:** Historical

**Item description:** Magnolia Avenue, Ocala, FL.

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**Item:** Pictures

**Donated by:** Marion County Historical Museum.

**Area of the community represented:** Historical

**Item description:** Marion County historical buildings.
Item: Post cards


Area of the community represented: Historical

Item description: Six Gun Territory theme park located near Ocala, just west of Silver Springs on Highway 40.

Item: Pictures

Donated by: Marion County Historical Museum.

Area of the community represented: Historical

Item description: Ocala Fire Department and Marion County Courthouse.
Item: Pictures
Donated by: Marion County Museum of History and Archeology.
Area of the community represented: Historical
Item description: Ed Carmichael Bungalow on Silver Springs River and Marion County Court House, circa 1908.

Item: Picture
Donated by: Marion County Museum of History and Archeology.
Area of the community represented: Historical
Item description: Marion County Court House; circa 1970.
Item: Post cards

Donated by: Marion County Historical Museum.

Area of the community represented: Historical

Item description: Silver Springs attractions and Ocklawaha River.

Item: Pictures

Donated by: Marion County Historical Museum

Area of the community represented: Historical

Item description: Johnson’s Beach, Lake Weir, FL.
Item: Post cards
Donated by: Marion County Museum of History and Archeology.
Area of the community represented: Historical
Item description: Main Street Downtown Ocala, Ocala Public Library, Marion Theatre and Ocala Police Department (City Hall).

Item: Document
Donated by: Marion County Museum of History and Archeology
Area of the community represented: Historical
Item description: Copy of the Armed Occupation Act (1842); application for land near the main springs of Silver Springs.
Item: Head rest, dogtags and brochure.
Donated by: Morrey Deen

Area of the community represented: Historical

Item description: Ocala’s Honor Flight memorabilia. Ocala Honor Flight was organized in 2008 as an affiliate of the National Honor Flight Network. The Network transports World War II veterans to Washington, D.C. to visit and reflect at their memorial.

Item: Passenger ticket
Donated by: Fort McCoy Civic Association.

Area of the community represented: Historical

Item description: Passenger ticket for Harts Daily Line Ocklawaha River Steamers, 1890.
**Item:** Maravedis Copper Coins, minted in Spain during the 1500s.

**Donated by:** Ethan Ashton White

**Area of the community represented:** Historical

**Item description:** These coins were discovered by Ethan White in the wetlands of Orange Lake, Marion County.

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**Item:** Acrylic painting of middle-aged William Bartram

**Donated by:** Michael “Mickey” Summers, a locally renowned artist who is a former educator with the Marion County School System and a certified master naturalist. He also serves as the historian for the Silver River Museum in Marion County.

**Area of the community represented:** Historical

**Item description:** The original painting is a miniature portrait of William Bartram, an early explorer of Florida in the late 1700s. The rendition is a combination of several known portraits of Bartram and depicts him as middle-aged. Bartram was an accomplished naturalist, poetic writer and talented artist who spent considerable time in Florida and Marion County between the years 1765 and 1777.
Item: Report

Donated by: Marion County School Board.

Area of the community represented: Education

Item description: 2012-2013 listing of Marion County schools and their principals, page 1.

Item: Report

Donated by: Marion County School Board.

Area of the community represented: Education

Item description: 2012-2013 listing of Marion County schools and their principals, page 2.
Item: Diploma

**Donated by:** College of Central Florida Foundation.

**Area of the community represented:** Education

**Item description:** Diploma from College of Central Florida for a Bachelor of Science Degree, May 2013. Originally established as a two-year college offering associate degrees, the college awarded its first Bachelor of Science degree December 2012.

Item: Picture

**Donated by:** Fort McCoy Civic Association.

**Area of the community represented:** Education

**Item description:** Fort McCoy School, circa 1880.
**Item:** Picture

**Donated by:** Fort McCoy Civic Association.

**Area of the community represented:** Education

**Item description:** Fort McCoy School, circa 1930.

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**Item:** Brochure

**Donated by:** Appleton Museum of Art College of Central Florida.

**Area of the community represented:** Cultural

**Item description:** Founded in 1982, the museum was a gift from Arthur I. Appleton to the Ocala community. The museum’s permanent collection consists of more than 18,000 works of art.
Item: Magnets

Donated by: Appleton Museum of Art College of Central Florida.

Area of the community represented: Cultural

Item description: Daphnis and Chloe by Elizabeth Jane Gardner and Portrait de Nessim-Bey: Campagne d'Asie byAntone Jean Etienne.

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Item: Brochure

Donated by: Ocala Civic Theatre.

Area of the community represented: Cultural

Item description: Ocala Civic Theatre 2012-2013 performance schedule. Known as the Marion Players in 1950, the group changed its name to Ocala Civic Theatre in 1978 and is now a recognized leader on the state level and ranked among the top 30 community theatres in the country.
**Item**: Brochure
**Donated by**: Marion County Cultural Alliance.
**Area of the community represented**: Cultural
**Item description**: Brochure describing Horse Fever In Motion, a traveling exhibit of the Horse Fever public art project with seven fancifully painted and embellished life-sized designs on the original horse sculpture form.

**Item**: Brochure
**Donated by**: Brick City Center for the Arts.
**Area of the community represented**: Cultural
**Item description**: Brick City Center for the Arts brochure describing the working art gallery which holds rotating displays of art.
**Item:** Brochure  
**Donated by:** Marion Cultural Alliance.  
**Area of the community represented:** Cultural  
**Item description:** Information about Marion Cultural Alliance, an organization that provides support to the cultural community.

**Item:** Book cover  
**Donated by:** Judy Johnson  
**Area of the community represented:** Cultural  
**Item description:** Cover of “The Yearling,” a novel written by Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings in 1938, that won a Pulitzer Prize in 1939. Ms. Rawlings lived and worked in the community of Cross Creek.
Item: Brochure

Donated by: City of Ocala Recreation and Parks Department

Area of the community represented: Recreation

Item description: Brochure provides locations of City of Ocala parks.

Item: Brochure

Donated by: U.S. Forest Service.

Area of the community represented: Recreation

**Item:** Brochure, golf ball, tee and pencil.

**Donated by:** City of Ocala.

**Area of the community represented:** Recreation

**Item description:** Information about golfing opportunities in Marion County, as well as a golf ball, pencil and membership sheet.

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**Item:** Hand written papers and documentation.

**Donated by:** Marion County Museum of History and Archeology.

**Area of the community represented:** Agriculture

**Item description:** Cattle marks and Brands Book 1844-1885. Many distinctive brands were used by early settlers of Marion County. With few fences and open range in effect, brands were the primary way of denoting ownership.
Item: Citrus crate label

Donated by: Fort McCoy Civic Association.

Area of the community represented: Agriculture

Item description: Original crate label from Ocklawaha River Citrus League.

Item: Magazine

Donated by: Florida Thoroughbred Breeders Association.

Area of the community represented: Equine

Item: Document

Donated by: Carmen Maines

Area of the community represented: Tourism

Item description: 2013 listing of Marion County horse farms.

Item: Photo

Donated by: Black History Museum.

Area of the community represented: Historical

Item description: Picture of Levi Alexander, Jr., auxiliary board member for Howard Academy, 1924.
Item: Book, “Silver Springs-the Underwater Photography of Bruce Mozert”

Donated by: Bruce Mozert

Area of the community represented: Natural Resources

Item description: Pictures depicting the beauty of Silver Springs. Bruce Mozert came to the Ocala/Silver Springs area in the fall of 1938 and was the photographer for the early Tarzan films. He is also credited with developing the first underwater camera case. His photographs were of such quality that MGM used them with their films and they have been picked up by wire services and magazines nationally and internationally. Mozert also worked as an underwater motion picture cameraman for NBC, ABC and CBS networks, as well as many Hollywood productions.

Bruce Mozert’s photographs capture the true beauty of Silver Springs and depict the history of its use in filmmaking and tourism for Marion County.