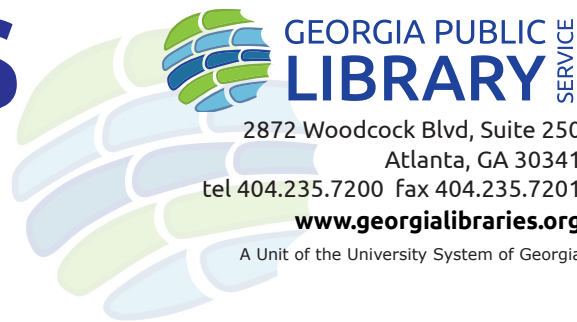


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F Y 2021

Updated 2022



Our IMPACT

In FY21, Georgia's public libraries comprised 408 facilities in 61 library systems. The COVID pandemic continued to impact communities in Georgia. When libraries were closed or services were limited, staff focused on meeting patron needs through services such as curbside pickup of books and children's craft kits. WiFi parking lot access at libraries continued to be vital in allowing citizens to work and students to attend school.

Responding to patron demand for virtual services, Georgia libraries added to electronic collections: E-books increased by 125% and downloadable audiobooks by 35%, with a resulting increase in electronic materials circulation of 47% over pre-pandemic FY19. Virtual programs flourished in FY21 with four times the offerings of the prior year, and over 333,000 patrons participated in more than 11,500 self-directed activities.

GENERAL INFORMATION

- Population — 10,820,919
(FY2021 estimate, Governor's Office of Planning and Budget)
- Total library cardholders — 4,350,408
- Percent of population holding library cards — 40.2%
- Public library systems — 61
- Total facilities, including libraries, bookmobiles and central offices — 408
- Total paid library staff (FTE) — 2,739
- State-certified public librarians — 608

TECHNOLOGY

- Total public-access Internet computers — 10,260 *(includes more than 5,100 GPLS-hosted cloud computers)*
- Total user sessions of public-access internet computers, excluding wireless — 2,479,876
- Total wireless sessions used — 3,539,340
- Average broadband speed: 512Mbps; minimum speed of 42Mbps/maximum speed of 5Gbps

LIBRARY USAGE

- Total hours buildings open — 633,422
- Patron visits — 7,872,906
- Virtual visits (via library websites) — 21,173,286
- Total visits - 29,046,192
- Community members who used meeting rooms — 143,387
- Total materials circulation — 24,665,608
 - Physical materials circulation — 18,223,930
 - E-book circulation — 2,912,526
 - Other downloadable audiovisual (movies, music, audiobooks, etc.) circulation — 3,529,152
- Youth materials circulation — 9,743,393
- GLS (talking book) circulations — 686,738
- GALILEO usage via public libraries — 658,501

PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES

- In-person programs - 21,030
- In-person attendance - 533,670
- Virtual programs (live & recorded) - 25,606
- Virtual Attendance/Views - 700,978
- Self-directed activities (such as take-home crafts and story walks) - 11,636
- Self-directed patron participation - 333,087

HOLDINGS

- Books and magazines — 13,986,343
- Audios (incl. downloadable) — 2,313,196
- DVDs and videos (incl. downloadable) — 1,246,435
- E-books — 2,614,071

ANNUAL FUNDING IN GEORGIA

for Public Library Services (July 2020 - June 2021)

Local: \$180,943,210

Georgia ranks 48th per capita in the nation.

- Direct revenue from Local Government: \$127,049,297
- Local Government on-behalf: \$45,524,005
- Library fees and donations: \$8,369,908

State: \$39,847,020

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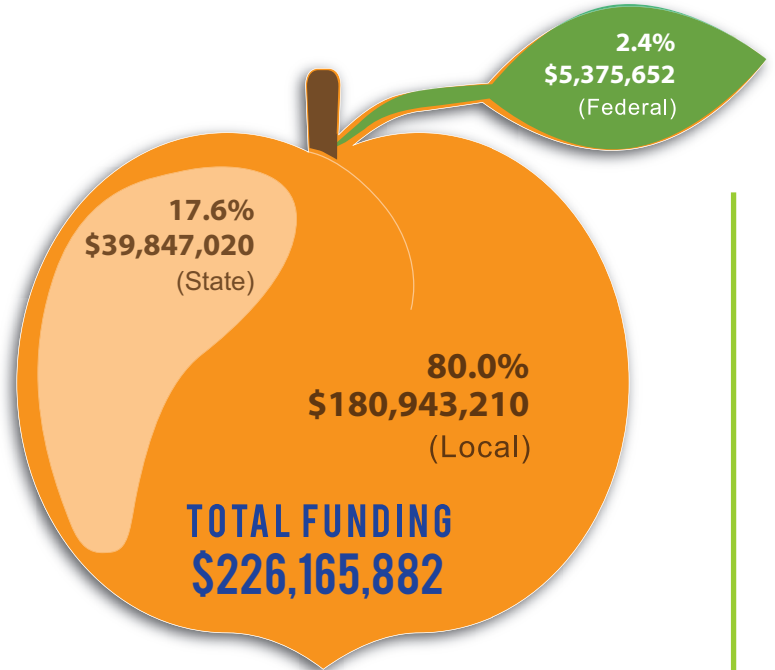
- State Grants to Libraries: \$32,739,417
- GLASS/IT/PINES: \$2,776,202
- Resource Sharing (GALILEO) and support: \$4,205,901
- GCSU Sandra Deal Grant: \$118,000
- GA Humanities Grant: \$7,500

Federal: \$5,375,652

- IMLS-LSTA State Programs grant expenditures* \$4,235,046
- IMLS - CARES** \$862,606
- Other Federal Funding to Libraries: \$278,000

Total funding: \$226,165,882

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Sources: Georgia Public Library Statistics Fiscal Year 2021 (7/1/20 through 6/30/21; data subject to Institute of Museum and Library Services [IMLS] review during spring 2022 Public Library Survey); IMLS rankings based on latest (2020) survey data.

* State funds and Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) funds provide public libraries with statewide services such as GLS, GALILEO, PINES, email and Internet access.

** The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act allocated funding to IMLS to enable libraries, museums, and organizations serving tribal communities to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus, including by expanding digital network access, purchasing Internet accessible devices, and providing technical support services to their communities.

ADDITIONAL LIBRARY SUPPORT

awarded for FY21 by the General Assembly

Capital Projects:	\$12,395,000
MRR Facilities Grants:	\$2,000,000
MRR Repurpose Grants:	\$1,110,000
Technology Grants:	\$1,000,000
Total FY21 Bond Funding:	\$16,505,000