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GEORGIA PUBLIC UL LIBRARY

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GENERAL INFORMATION

- Population 10,833,472 (FY2020 estimate, Governor's Office of Planning and Budget)
- Total library cardholders 4,368,774
- Percent of population holding library cards 40.3%
- Public library systems 62
- Total facilities, including libraries, bookmobiles and central offices — 411
- Total paid library staff (FTE) 2,754
- State-certified public librarians 623

TECHNOLOGY

- Total wireless sessions used 4,221,869
- Average broadband speed: 318Mbps; minimum speed of 30Mbps/maximum speed of 2Gpbs

Our IMPACT

In FY20, Georgia's Public Libraries comprised 411 total facilities in 62 library systems. During the COVID pandemic spring shutdown March-June 2020, libraries offered WiFi parking lot access, and over 500,000 WiFi sessions enabled citizens to continue to work and students to attend virtual school and study.

Patrons enjoyed virtual library services during spring 2020 with almost 50% more E-books checked out than usual and over 670,000 views of new virtual programs. Over 215,000 patrons participated in 5,000 self-directed activities including story walks and pick up crafts. While library buildings were closed, almost 70,000 patrons used library services through over 23,000 hours of curbside and porch library service.

- Total public-access Internet computers

 10,149 (includes more than 4,100 GPLS-hosted cloud computers)
- Total user sessions of electronic resources, excluding wireless 6,784,008

LIBRARY USAGE

- Total hours buildings open 612,903
- Curbside service hours (May & June) -23,422
- Patron visits 18,209,721
- Curbside patron visits (May & June) -69,989
- Virtual visits (via library websites) 26,431,644
- Total Visits 44,711,354
- Meeting Room Use by Public 28,853

- Meeting Room Attendance 367,967
- Total materials circulation 28,930,791
 - Physical materials circulation 23,403,150
 - E-book circulation 2,470,979
 - Other downloadable audiovisual (movies, music, audiobooks, etc.) circulation — 3,056,662
- Youth materials circulation 12,091,148
- GLASS (talking book) circulations 658,357
- GALILEO usage via public libraries 1,475,475

PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES

- In-person programs 74,052
- In-person attendance 1,746,544
- Virtual programs (live & recorded) 6,753
- Virtual Views 672,121
- Self-directed activities (such as take-home crafts and story walks) 4,999
- Self-directed patron participation 216,930

HOLDINGS

- Books and magazines 14,744,448
- Audios (incl. downloadable) 2,377,525
- DVDs and videos (incl. downloadable) 1,540,048
- E-books 2,955,286

ANNUAL FUNDING IN GEORGIA

for Public Library Services (July 2019 - June 2020)

Local: \$181,307,227

Local Government on-behalf:

Georgia ranks 47th per capita in the nation.

■ Direct revenue from Local Government: \$125,518,758

■ Library fees and donations: \$9,709,216

\$46,079,253

\$4,586,119

State: \$39,655,643

Georgia ranks 10th per capita in the nation.

■ State Grants to Libraries: \$ 32,524,204 ■ GLASS/IT/PINES: \$2,641,285

Resource Sharing (GALILEO)

and support: \$4,311,406

■ GCSU Sandra Deal Grant: \$116,340

GA Humanities Grant: \$10,625

Other State Funding

to Libraries: \$51,783

Federal: \$4,844,269

■ IMLS-LSTA State Programs grant expenditures

Other Federal Funding

to Libraries: \$258,150

Total funding: \$225,807,139

Georgia ranks 49th per capita in the nation.

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



Sources: Georgia Public Library Statistics Fiscal Year 2020 (7/1/19 through 6/30/20; data subject to Institute of Museum and Library Services [IMLS] review during spring 2021 Public Library Survey); IMLS rankings based on latest (2018) survey data.

ADDITIONAL LIBRARY SUPPORT

awarded for FY20 by the General Assembly

Capital Projects: \$6,065,000

MRR Facilities Grants: \$3,000,000

MRR Repurpose Grants: \$1,490,000

Technology Grants: \$2,630,000

Total FY20 Bond funding: \$13,185,000