Our IMPACT

Georgia's Public Libraries comprises 406 total facilities in 63 library systems. During FY18, our libraries had over 26.8 million in-person visits and over 42 million website visits. Our 9,391 public computers provide high speed access to the Internet, which allow citizens to find employment and stay connected with their communities.

GENERAL INFORMATION

- Population — 10,637,029  
  (FY2018 estimate, Governor’s Office of Planning and Budget)
- Total library cardholders — 4,276,595
- Percent of population holding library cards — 40.2%
- Public library systems — 63
- Total facilities, including libraries, bookmobiles and central offices — 406
- Total paid library staff (FTE) — 2,792
- State-certified public librarians — 605

HOLDINGS

- Books and magazines — 15,580,900
- Audios (incl. downloadable) — 1,172,243
- DVDs and videos (incl. downloadable) — 1,420,096
- E-books — 865,931

SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES

- Total hours open — 848,318
- Patron visits — 26,835,701
- Virtual visits (via library websites) — 42,306,684
- Total Visits - 69,142,385

| Total materials circulation — 35,187,554 |
| Physical materials circulation — 32,063,780 |
| E-book circulation — 1,676,612 |
| Other downloadable audiovisual (movies, music, audiobooks, etc.) circulation — 1,447,162 |
| Youth materials circulation — 15,119,018 |
| GLASS (talking book) circulations — 436,548 |
| GALILEO usage via public libraries — 1,426,161 |
| Programs offered — 97,082 |
| Attendance at programs — 2,698,768 |
| Total public-access Internet computers — 9,391  
  (includes more than 1,800 GPLS-hosted cloud computers) |
| Total user sessions of electronic resources, excluding wireless — 12,494,587 |
| Total wireless sessions used (estimated, based on 330 tracking libraries) — 3,867,880 |
| Average broadband speed: 260Mbps; minimum speed of 30Mbps/maximum speed of 2Gpbs |

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ANNUAL FUNDING IN GEORGIA
for Public Library Services
July 2017-June 2018

Local: $174,593,670
Georgia ranks 49th per capita in the nation.

- Direct revenue from Local Government: $124,151,443
- Local Government on-behalf: $39,425,659
- Library fees and donations: $11,016,568

State: $37,175,886
Georgia ranks 11th per capita in the nation.

- State Grants to Libraries:* $29,527,054
- State Government on-behalf**: $4,463,553
- GPLS/GLASS/PINES Operations: $3,185,279

Federal: $4,444,266

- IMLS-LSTA State Programs* grant expenditures

TOTAL FUNDING:
$216,213,822

Georgia ranks 49th per capita in the nation.

*State Grants to Libraries includes $.25 per capita for library materials

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

Additional Library Support awarded for FY18 by the General Assembly

Capital Projects: $6,686,000
MRR Facilities Grants: $4,000,000
Technology Grants: $2,000,000

TOTAL FY18 BOND FUNDING:
$12,686,000

Sources: Georgia Public Library Statistics Fiscal Year 2018 (7/1/17 through 6/30/18; data subject to Institute of Museum and Library Services [IMLS] review during spring 2019 Public Library Survey); IMLS rankings based on latest (2017) survey data.