Georgia’s Public Libraries comprises 408 total facilities in 62 library systems. During FY19, our libraries had over 26 million in-person visits and over 41 million website visits. Our 9,547 public computers provide high speed access to the Internet, which allow citizens to find employment and stay connected with their communities.

**General Information**
- Population — 10,766,121 (FY2018 estimate, Governor’s Office of Planning and Budget)
- Total library cardholders — 4,391,279
- Percent of population holding library cards — 40.8%
- Public library systems — 62
- Total facilities, including libraries, bookmobiles and central offices — 408
- Total paid library staff (FTE) — 2,730
- State-certified public librarians — 596

**Holdings**
- Books and magazines — 15,817,114
- Audios (incl. downloadable) — 1,714,794
- DVDs and videos (incl. downloadable) — 1,372,889
- E-books — 1,162,295

**Services and Activities**
- Total hours open — 832,686
- Patron visits — 26,002,521
- Virtual visits (via library websites) — 41,665,760
- Total Visits - 67,668,281

**By the Numbers FY 2019**

**Our Impact**

- Total materials circulation — 36,017,619
- Physical materials circulation — 31,636,104
- E-book circulation — 2,331,579
- Other downloadable audiovisual (movies, music, audiobooks, etc.) circulation — 2,049,936
- Youth materials circulation — 15,895,144
- GLASS (talking book) circulations — 444,021
- GALILEO usage via public libraries — 1,320,564
- Programs offered — 105,030
- Attendance at programs — 2,548,648
- Total public-access Internet computers — 9,547 (includes more than 1,800 GPLS-hosted cloud computers)
- Total user sessions of electronic resources, excluding wireless — 10,964,375
- Total wireless sessions used (estimated, based on 330 tracking libraries) — 4,824,449
- 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 2018-June 2019

Local: $178,601,606
Georgia ranks 49th per capita in the nation.
- Direct revenue from Local Government: $126,235,848
- Local Government on-behalf: $41,926,715
- Library fees and donations: $10,439,043

State: $39,419,565
Georgia ranks 11th per capita in the nation.
- State Grants to Libraries: $30,983,225
- GLASS/IT/PINES: $4,010,263
- Resource Sharing (GALILEO) and support: $4,268,353
- GCSU Sandra Deal Grant: $145,338
- GA Humanities Grant: $12,386

Federal: $4,453,619
- IMLS-LSTA State Programs grant expenditures

Total funding: $222,474,790

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, email and Internet access.

Additional Library Support awarded for FY19 by the General Assembly

Capital Projects: $8,540,000
MRR Facilities Grants: $1,860,000
MRR Repurpose Grants: $1,890,000
Technology Grants: $1,370,000

Total FY19 Bond funding: $13,660,000

Sources: Georgia Public Library Statistics Fiscal Year 2019 (7/1/18 through 6/30/19; data subject to Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) review during spring 2020 Public Library Survey); IMLS rankings based on latest (2017) survey data.