

Georgia public library *impact* by the numbers

Georgia's public libraries are
transforming lives and communities.

At the library, children can discover and imagine, older adults and those with disabilities can be introduced to accessible technology to maintain independence, job seekers can develop new skills and students can prepare for life beyond high school.

4.4 million
Georgians have a
library card,
and our libraries lend
91,000
items daily—almost
as many different items
as are carried by Walmart.



Our Georgia Library
Service for the Blind and
Print Disabled

“talking book”

library has more than

658,000

annual checkouts,
and users who are physically

unable to visit a library can
obtain materials through the mail
free of charge.

10,100 public computers and free Wi-Fi provide high-speed internet access to help people **find employment**, learn new skills and stay connected.

There are more than **4,221,000 Wi-Fi sessions** annually.

More than

2.4 million Georgians

attend free public library programs

each year. We also coordinate the statewide Summer Reading Program,

which provides free educational

and cultural enrichment activities to prevent a drop in reading skills during the summer months.

GPLS ensures that all public libraries have

GALILEO, which gives free access

to resources not freely available online. GALILEO is used more than

1.4 million times annually.

Our archival services and

digital initiatives

has facilitated the addition of more than

850,000 images

to the Digital Library of Georgia, allowing free, online access to primary sources on local history.

Our strategic

partnerships have provided

hundreds of hours of

free programming

for public library patrons while

saving Georgia families more than

\$20 million since 2005.

The annual

26 million

in-person visits and

41 million

website visits to Georgia's public libraries

far exceed the number of

visitors to many of the state's other attractions—combined!



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