



GEORGIA PUBLIC
LIBRARY SERVICE

CAPITAL OUTLAY PROJECT REQUESTS FISCAL YEAR 2025



HALL COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

Library Hours
Monday & Thursday
10:00 am - 8:00 pm
Tuesday & Wednesday
10:00 am - 6:00 pm
Friday
10:00 am - 5:00 pm

*Hall County Public Library
Gainesville
Hall County Library System
Addition Project
Funded in FY 2019
Opened September 2020*

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Fiscal Year 2025 Capital Project Requests Georgia's Public Libraries

Library System	Project Name	C=Central B=Branch	N=New A=Add R=Reno	City	County	Request from State	Local Share	Total Project Cost
Northeast Georgia Regional Library System	Cleveland-White County Public Library	C	N	Cleveland	White	\$3,000,000	\$5,572,000	\$8,572,000
Satilla Regional Library System	Douglas-Coffee County Public Library	C	R	Douglas	Coffee	\$900,000	\$100,000	\$1,000,000
Azalea Regional Library System	Morgan County Library	C	A	Madison	Morgan	\$1,114,000	\$314,000	\$1,428,000
Augusta-Richmond County Public Library System	Applebee Branch Library	B	R	Augusta	Richmond	\$900,000	\$200,000	\$1,100,000
Middle Georgia Regional Library System	The Library at 5494	B	A	Macon	Bibb	\$1,600,000	\$245,000	\$1,845,000
Live Oak Public Libraries	Oglethorpe Mall Library	B	N	Savannah	Chatham	\$3,000,000	\$6,600,000	\$9,600,000
Dougherty County Public Library	Westtown Library	B	R	Albany	Dougherty	\$900,000	\$100,000	\$1,000,000
Cobb County Public Library System	South Cobb Regional Library	B	A	Mableton	Cobb	\$3,000,000	\$1,258,000	\$4,258,000
Sara Hightower Regional Library System	Cedartown Public Library	B	R	Cedartown	Polk	\$900,000	\$100,000	\$1,000,000

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Various Systems	Major Repair & Renovation		A	Various	Various	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000	\$6,000,000
Various Systems	Library Technology (LibTech)		A	Various	Various	\$2,000,000	\$0	\$2,000,000
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Azalea Regional Library System	O'Kelly Memorial Library	B	N	Loganville	Walton	\$900,000	\$100,000	\$1,000,000
Chattahoochee Valley Libraries	Parks Memorial Library	B	A	Richland	Stewart	\$900,000	\$100,000	\$1,000,000
Live Oak Public Libraries	Pooler Replacement Library	B	N	Pooler	Chatham	\$2,000,000	\$6,700,000	\$8,700,000
Chestatee Regional Library System	Dawson County Library	B	R	Dawsonville	Dawson	\$604,000	\$67,000	\$671,000
Middle Georgia Regional Library System	Shurling Library	B	A	Macon	Bibb	\$1,800,000	\$900,000	\$2,700,000
Northwest Georgia Regional Library System	Dalton-Whitfield County Library	C	A	Dalton	Whitfield	\$1,000,000	\$1,200,000	\$2,200,000
						\$6,204,000	\$7,867,000	\$14,071,000

Grand Total <i>(rows 14+25)</i>	\$21,518,000	\$22,356,000	\$43,874,000
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CLEVELAND-WHITE COUNTY LIBRARY

White County

Northeast Georgia Regional Library System

Project Information

Square Footage:	20,000 sq ft
Local Share:	\$5,572,000
Request from State:	\$3,000,000
Project Total:	\$8,572,000
Years on List:	1st

System Information

Director: Delana Knight
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 706.754.0416

Affiliated Libraries: 6
 House Districts: 8
 Senate Districts: 51

Key Issues

- Not ADA compliant
- Outdated building not capable of supporting modern library & community needs
- Inadequate community meeting or programming space
- No space for quiet study for students & residents
- Insufficient staff workspace & storage of vital library materials

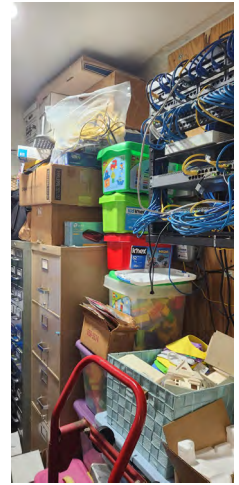




Inadequate space for programming



Programming often forced outdoors to accommodate residents



IT server room doubles as storage creating technical safety issues



Poorly lit, cramped public service areas



Staff work areas double as technical processing

A Look at the New Cleveland-White County Library

5 full-time employees & one 1 part-time

Site close to local schools

Centrally located to historic downtown

Easily accessible by residents



DOUGLAS-COFFEE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

Coffee County

Satilla Regional Library System

Project Information

Square Footage:	20,000 sq ft
Local Share:	\$100,000
Request from State:	\$900,000
Project Total:	\$1,000,000
Years on List:	1st

System Information

Director:	Rodney McElveen mcelveenr@srlsys.org 912-384-4667
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Affiliated Libraries:	6
House Districts:	169
Senate Districts:	19

Key Issues

- Facility incapable of supporting needs of a modern library & community
- Not ADA compliant
- Interior outdated & worn
- Conference room not able to sustain numerous popular community programs
- Electrical, mechanical, networking needs upgrade

RENOVATION



Poorly lit childrens area



Worn, outdated interior



Restrooms difficult to navigate,
not fully ADA compliant



Mechanical room in need of
upgrade

A Look at the Douglas-Coffee County Public Library

Opened 1990

Multi-phase plan to create flexible, efficient library design
Located in downtown Douglas, county seat of Coffee County

Agriculture programs

(Coffee County Farm Bureau / 4-H Cloverbuds)

Art Shows

(Wiregrass Artists Guild)



MORGAN COUNTY LIBRARY & REGIONAL HQ

Morgan County

Azalea Regional Library System

Project Information

Square Footage:	2,835 sq ft
Local Share:	\$314,000
Request from State:	\$1,114,000
Project Total:	\$1,428,000
Years on List:	1st

System Information

Director:	Stacy Brown sbrown@azalealibraries.org 706.818.5809
Affiliated Libraries:	9 & Regional HQ
House Districts:	111, 112, 114, 118, 124, 128
Senate Districts:	17, 24, 25, 26, 46

Key Issues

- Facility cannot sustain growing regional library system
- Lack of meeting space for regional Board of 70 Trustees
- Inadequate space for library workflows & processes
- Not enough storage space for regional library materials
- Space cannot accommodate regional IT network & technologies



ADDITION



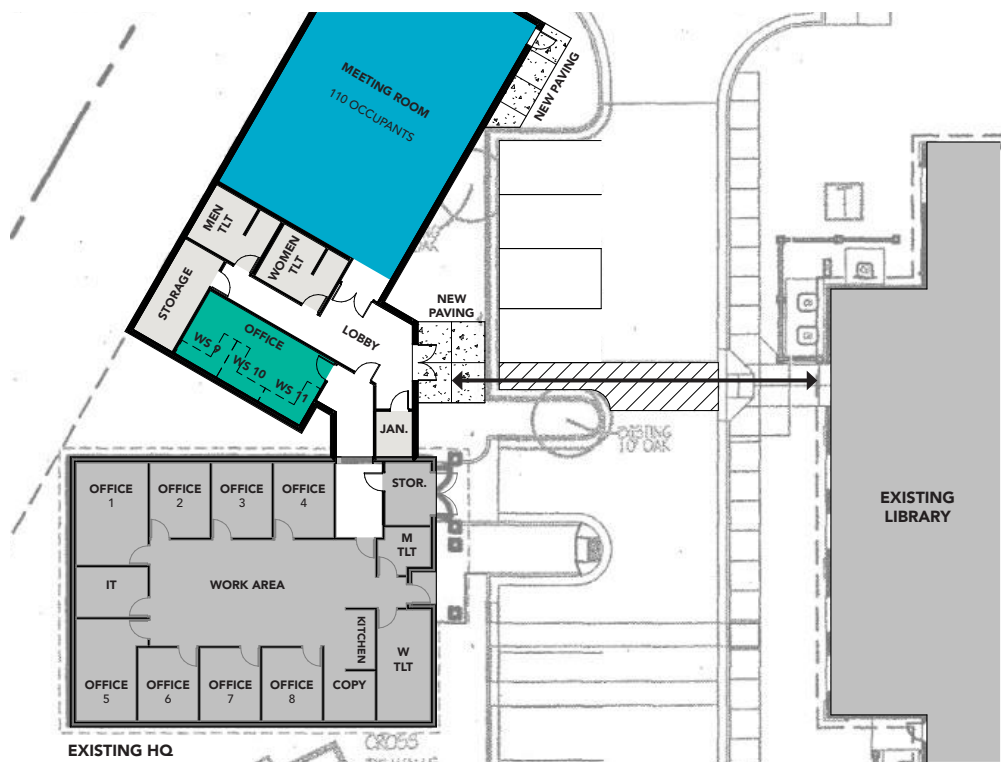
Staff work areas cramped due to housing regional supplies



Server room too small & without proper ventilation or climate control



Shared office spaces have to serve as storage



A Look at the Morgan County Library & Regional HQ

Serves 187,000 regional residents

Houses 11 regional employees

Built in 2012

Addition available for use by the City of Madison

& Morgan County governments

Addition space to serve as polling location



APPLEBY BRANCH LIBRARY

Augusta-Richmond County

Augusta-Richmond County Public Library System

Project Information

Square Footage:	6,642 sq ft
Local Share:	\$200,000
Request from State:	\$900,000
Project Total:	\$1,100,000
Years on List:	1st

System Information

Director:	Emanuel Sinclair Mitchell mitchelle@arcpls.org 706-821-2602
Affiliated Libraries:	6 & bookmobile
House Districts:	126, 127, 129, 130, 132
Senate Districts:	22

Key Issues

- Foundation & structural integrity of facility severely compromised
- Major water damage
- Not ADA compliant
- Life safety concerns for interior & exterior stairs
- Basement needs major upgrade to support facility
- Electrical & mechanical systems at end-of-life

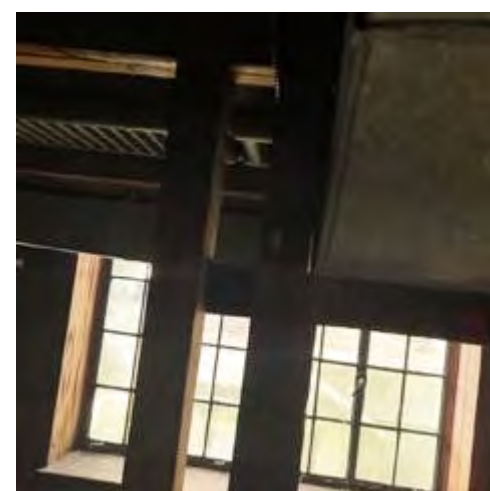
RENOVATION



Basement in need of proper structural support



Old, unusable fixtures in basement



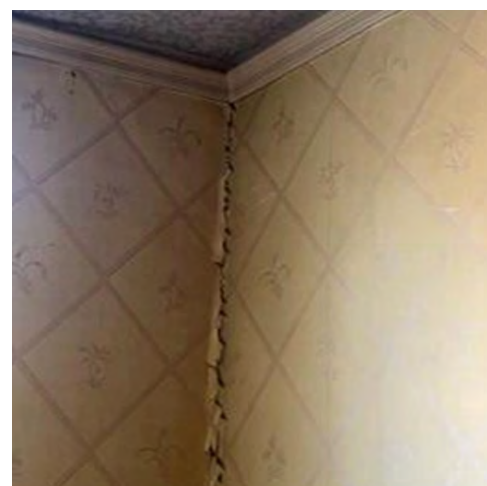
Failing structural integrity



Failing structural integrity



Outdated electrical



Facility suffering numerous fractures in walls & foundation

A Look at the Appleby Branch Library

Building is 190 years old
System serves 205,000 residents



THE LIBRARY @ 5494

Bibb County

Middle Georgia Regional Library System

Project Information

Square Footage:	6,910 sq ft
Local Share:	\$245,000
Request from State:	\$1,600,000
Project Total:	\$1,845,000
Years on List:	1st

System Information

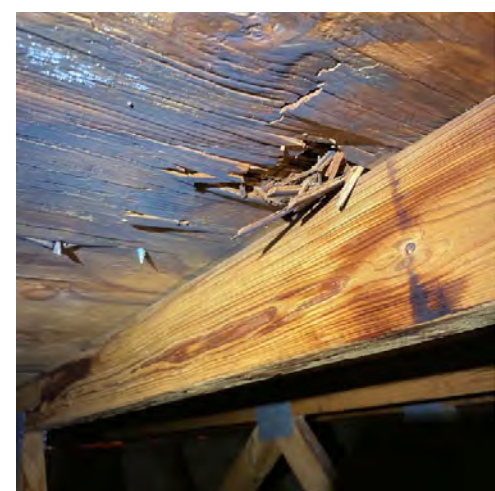
Director:	Jennifer Lautzenheiser lautzenheiserj@bibbplib.org 478.310.2156
Affiliated Libraries:	17
House Districts:	143
Senate Districts:	26

Key Issues

- Damage & structural integrity issues causing roof leaks & unstable building support
- Buildings need to be connected for functional library space
- Interior layout cannot accommodate modern library services
- Space much-needed for public service desk
- No spaces for quiet study or reading



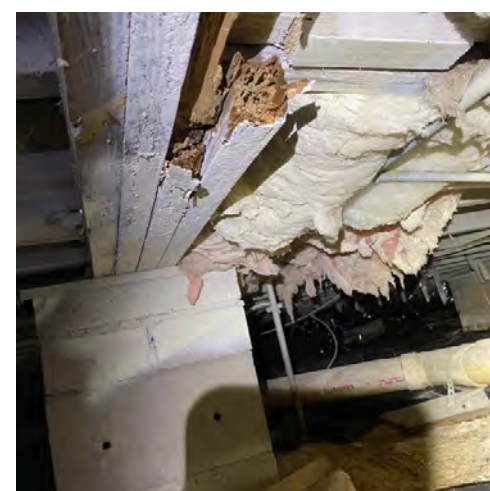
ADDITION



Leaks, water damage, & mold on plywood roof deck



Bulging & cracking in the foundation



Joists are unstable due to termite damage

MIDDLE GEORGIA REGIONAL LIBRARY BRANCH RENOVATION

5494 FORSYTH ROAD, MACON, GA 31210



Artist rendering of renovated facility

A Look at the Library @ 5494

Building A was built in 1985 & Building B in 2005
Building C currently shared with Macon-Bibb Friends of the Library
as a workroom, bookstore, and future library programming space
Outdoor space & pavilion available for use in outdoor programming



OGLETHORPE MALL LIBRARY

Chatham County

Live Oak Public Libraries

Project Information

Square Footage:	24,000
Local Share:	\$6,600,000
Request from State:	\$3,000,000
Project Total:	\$9,600,000
Years on List:	3rd

System Information

Director:	Lola Shelton-Council sheltoncouncilt@liveoakpl.org 912.652.3661
Affiliated Libraries:	16
House Districts:	159, 161-166, 168
Senate Districts:	1, 2, 4

Key Issues

- Not ADA compliant
- Original elevator obsolete & parts unavailable for repair or maintenance
- Inflexible design prohibits renovations or additions
- Cannot support modern electrical & technological systems
- Plumbing, electrical, HVAC outdated
- Minimal natural lighting
- No room for growth of materials collection
- No meeting space
- Not enough indoor programming space
- No space for quiet study
- No restrooms on second floor
- Inadequate workspace for staff





Limited room for growth due to inflexible floorplan



Lack of space for community programming



Sorely outdated HVAC



(L) Proposed new floorplan

(R) Rendering of new facility



A Look at the Oglethorpe Mall Library

Built in 1978

Located near Hunter Army Base

Serves local patrons and military personnel

Near large residential, commercial, recreational area

Nearly 70,000 circulating items

15 employees

Service population approximately 65,000 residents



CEDARTOWN PUBLIC LIBRARY

Polk County

Sara Hightower Regional Library System

Project Information

Square Footage:	10,150 sq ft
Local Share:	\$100,000
Request from State:	\$900,000
Project Total:	\$1,000,000
Years on List:	2nd

System Information

Director:	Delana Sissel dsissel@shrls.org 706.236.4630
Affiliated Libraries:	6
House Districts:	12, 13, 16
Senate Districts:	31, 52, 53

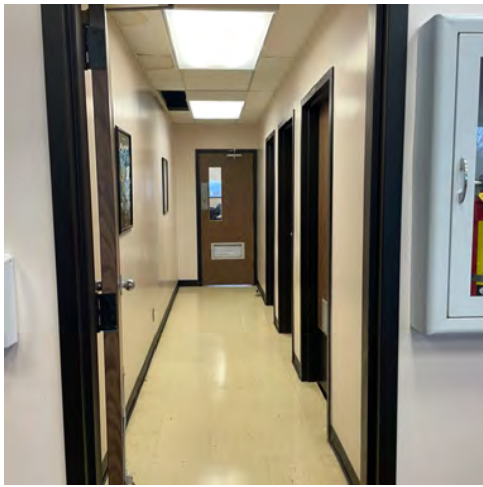
Key Issues

- Not ADA Compliant
- Incapable of supporting modern library & community needs
- Floorplan difficult to navigate for patrons & regular staff workflow
- No storage space
- Deteriorated building envelope
- HVAC at end of lifespan
- Failing roof
- Lack of space for local students & quiet reading
- Funds needed for Phase 2 of project

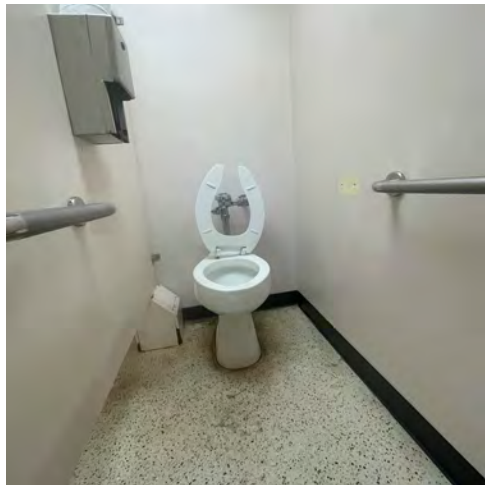
RENOVATION



Deterioration around windows



Access to restrooms not ADA compliant



Restrooms not ADA compliant



Rendering of new childrens department



Rendering of new adult section

A Look at the Cedartown Public Library

Built in 1973

Serves 20,000 residents

1 full-time & 7 part-time employees

Over 40,000 circulating items

Located in County seat

Part of civic complex with City Hall and Performing Arts Center

Fiscal Year 2025

MRR Project Requests

Georgia's Public Libraries

Facility	County	System	Total Cost of Project	State Contribution	Local Contribution	Project Priority
Dawson County Library	Dawson	Chestatee Regional Library System	\$ 500,000	\$ 250,000	\$ 250,000	Re-purpose
Westtown Public Library	Dougherty	Dougherty County Public Library	\$ 500,000	\$ 250,000	\$ 250,000	Re-purpose
Evans County Public Library	Evans	Statesboro Regional Public Libraries	\$ 273,000	\$ 246,000	\$ 27,000	Re-Purpose
Pelham Carnegie	Mitchell	De Soto Trail Regional System	\$ 225,000	\$ 202,500	\$ 22,500	Re-purpose
W.H. Stanton Memorial Library	Walton	Azalea Regional Library System	\$ 100,000	\$ 90,000	\$ 10,000	Re-Purpose
Dalton-Whitfield County Public Library	Whitfield	Northwest Georgia Reginal Library System	\$ 350,000	\$ 250,000	\$ 100,000	Re-Purpose
Pearson Public Library	Atkinson	Satilla Regional Library System	\$ 50,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	Structural
Middle Georgia Regional Library	Bibb	Middle Georgia Regional Library System	\$ 300,000	\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000	Structural
Library at 5494	Bibb	Middle Georgia Regional Library System	\$ 300,000	\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000	Structural
Carnegie Library	Chatham	Live Oak Public Libraries	\$ 300,000	\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000	Structural
Pinewoods Public Library	Clarke	Athens Regional Library System	\$ 30,000	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000	Structural
Douglas-Coffee County Public Library	Coffee	Satilla Regional Library System	\$ 200,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000	Structural
Broxton Public Library	Coffee	Satilla Regional Library System	\$ 10,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	Structural
Cherokee Regional	Dade	Cherokee Regional Library System	\$ 300,000	\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000	Structural
Sharon Forks Public Library	Forsyth	Forsyth County Public Library	\$ 17,000	\$ 8,500	\$ 8,500	Structural
Greene County Library	Greene	Azalea Regional Library System	\$ 8,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	Structural
Sparta-Hancock County Library	Hancock	Azalea Regional Library System	\$ 40,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	Structural
Southside Public Library	Lowndes	South Georgia Regional Library System	\$ 300,000	\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000	Structural
Bogart Public Library	Oconee	Athens Regional Library System	\$ 50,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	Structural
Watkinsville Public Library	Oconee	Athens Regional Library System	\$ 275,000	\$ 137,500	\$ 137,500	Structural
Pickens Public Library	Pickens	Sequoyah Regional Library System	\$ 200,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000	Structural
Eatonton-Putnam County Library	Putnam	Azalea Regional Library System	\$ 20,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	Structural
Reidsville Public Library	Tattnal	Ohoopsee Regional Library System	\$ 175,000	\$ 17,500	\$ 157,500	Structural
Yatesville Public Library	Upson	Pine Mountain Regional Library	\$ 52,000	\$ 26,000	\$ 26,000	Structural
Monroe-Walton County Library	Walton	Azalea Regional Library System	\$ 94,000	\$ 47,000	\$ 47,000	Structural
Dalton-Whitfield County Public Library	Whitfield	Northwest Georgia Regional Library System	\$ 81,000	\$ 40,500	\$ 40,500	Structural
Athens Clarke County Public Library	Clarke	Athens Regional Library System	\$ 300,000	\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000	Roofing
Willacochee Public Library	Atkinson	Satilla Regional Library System	\$ 50,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	Roof
Warren P Sewell Memorial Library, Bowdon	Carroll	West Georgia Regional Library System	\$ 3,000	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	Roof
Douglas-Coffee County Public Library	Coffee	Satilla Regional Library System	\$ 300,000	\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000	Roof
Westtown Public Library	Dougherty	Dougherty County Public Library	\$ 300,000	\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000	Roof
Griffin-Spaulding Public Library	Griffin	Flint River Regional Library System	\$ 300,000	\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000	Roof
Jasper County Library	Jasper	Azalea Regional Library System	\$ 100,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	Roof
Columbus Public Library	Muscogee	Chattahoochee Valley Libraries	\$ 82,000	\$ 41,000	\$ 41,000	Roof
Thomas Public Library	Peach	Peach Public Libraries	\$ 108,000	\$ 54,000	\$ 54,000	Roof
Warren P Sewell Memorial Library, Bowdon	Carroll	West Georgia Regional Library System	\$ 34,000	\$ 17,000	\$ 17,000	HVAC
Carnegie Library	Chatham	Live Oak Public Libraries	\$ 369,513	\$ 150,000	\$ 219,513	HVAC
Westtown Public Library	Dougherty	Dougherty County Public Library	\$ 300,000	\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000	HVAC
Cumming Public Library	Forsyth	Forsyth County Public Library	\$ 80,000	\$ 40,000	\$ 40,000	HVAC
Greene County Library	Greene	Azalea Regional Library System	\$ 20,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	HVAC
Sparta-Hancock County Library	Hancock	Azalea Regional Library System	\$ 20,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	HVAC
Laurens County Library	Laurens	Oconee Regional Library	\$ 8,200	\$ 4,100	\$ 4,100	HVAC
Columbus Public Library	Muscogee	Chattahoochee Valley Libraries	\$ 737,000	\$ 150,000	\$ 587,000	HVAC
Porter Memorial	Newton	Newton County Library System	\$ 55,000	\$ 27,500	\$ 27,500	HVAC
Walnut Grove Public Libray	Walton	Azalea Regional Library System	\$ 10,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	HVAC
Middle Georgia Regional Library	Bibb	Middle Georgia Regional Library System	\$ 300,000	\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000	ADA Compliance
Villa Rica Public Library	Carroll	West Georgia Regional Library System	\$ 32,000	\$ 16,000	\$ 16,000	ADA Compliance
Carnegie Library	Chatham	Live Oak Public Libraries	\$ 275,000	\$ 137,500	\$ 137,500	ADA Compliance
Oglethorpe Public Library	Oglethorpe	Athens Regional Library System	\$ 15,000	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,500	ADA Compliance
Lavonia Public Library	Franklin	Athens Regional Library System	\$ 90,000	\$ 45,000	\$ 45,000	ADA Compliance
Morgan County Library	Morgan	Azalea Regional Library System	\$ 30,000	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000	Lighting Upgrades
Columbus Public Library	Muscogee	Chattahoochee Valley Libraries	\$ 110,000	\$ 55,000	\$ 55,000	Lighting Upgrades
Carnegie Library	Chatham	Live Oak Public Libraries	\$ 275,000	\$ 137,500	\$ 137,500	Life Safety Upgrades
Centerville Public Library	Houston	Houston County Public Library	\$ 60,000	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000	Life Safety Upgrades
Braselton Public Library	Banks	Piedmont Regional Library System	\$ 100,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	Flooring
Westtown Public Library	Dougherty	Dougherty County Public Library	\$ 300,000	\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000	Flooring
Lavonia Public Library	Franklin	Athens Regional Library System	\$ 20,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	Flooring
Oglethorpe Public Library	Oglethorpe	Athens Regional Library System	\$ 80,000	\$ 40,000	\$ 40,000	Flooring
Library at 5494	Bibb	Middle Georgia Regional Library System	\$ 300,000	\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000	Conveying Systems
Madison County Public Library	Madison	Athens Regional Library System	\$ 30,000	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000	Paint
Carnegie Library	Chatham	Live Oak Public Libraries	\$ 250,000	\$ 125,000	\$ 125,000	Civil Upgrades
Blackshear Place Library	Hall	Hall County Library System	\$ 22,000	\$ 11,000	\$ 11,000	Civil Upgrades
Gainesville Public Library	Hall	Hall County Library System	\$ 53,000	\$ 26,500	\$ 26,500	Civil Upgrades
Mary Willis Public Library	Wilkes	Bartram Trail Regional Library System	\$ 51,000	\$ 25,500	\$ 25,500	Civil Upgrades
			\$ 10,319,713	\$ 5,451,100	\$ 5,468,613	

