

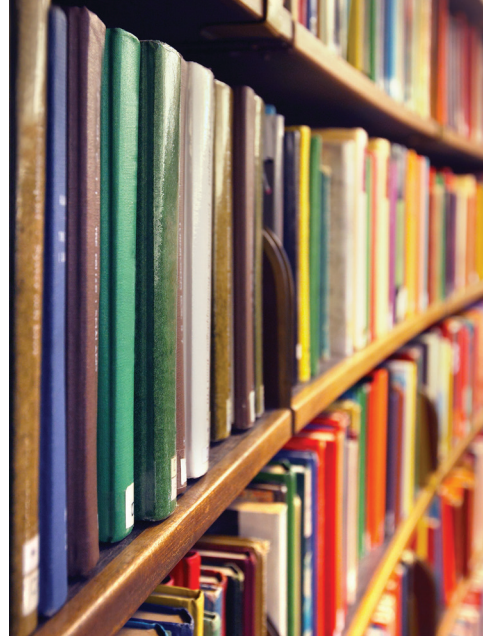
About Georgia Public Library Service

Georgia Public Library Service empowers libraries to improve the lives of all Georgians.

We provide innovative, scalable library technology and services; staff training and best practices; access to grants; and more to create equity in library experience for patrons no matter where they live.

We also work with elected officials to ensure they understand the critical role that libraries play in meeting the immediate and long-term needs of citizens.

Georgia Public Library Service is the state library administrative agency and a unit of the Board of Regents, University System of Georgia.



OUR SERVICES & PROGRAMS

Georgia Library Public Information Network for Electronic Services (PINES)

PINES is the public library automation and lending network for more than 300 public libraries and service outlets in 146 counties. PINES serves patrons in all 159 Georgia counties, creating a statewide borderless library that provides equal access to information for all residents. Georgians who hold PINES library cards have access to a shared collection of more than 11 million materials that can be delivered to their home libraries free of charge.

Youth Services and Family Literacy

Georgia Public Library Service coordinates the annual statewide Summer Reading Program to encourage children and families to read during school vacations; this program is critical to prevent summer learning loss. Libraries also host literacy-based activities, and children receive rewards for achieving reading goals. More than 2 million children, young adults, and caregivers attend at least one of the 57,000 programs designed for and offered to them by Georgia's public libraries throughout the year.

Georgia Library Learning Online (GALILEO)

Georgia Public Library Service ensures that all Georgia public libraries and their patrons have access to GALILEO, the state's virtual library that provides online access to thousands of periodicals, journals, books, business directories and government publications. Library users also can access many resources at home or wherever they have an internet connection.

Georgia Libraries for Accessible Statewide Services (GLASS)

GLASS is the statewide network that provides library services for the blind and those whose physical abilities require materials in digital audio formats or in braille. GLASS serves Georgia residents through a central library, a subregional library and a distribution center. Library users who are not able to visit one of the libraries in person may obtain talking books and other materials through the mail free of charge.

Professional Consulting, Training and Facilities Support

Georgia Public Library Service provides a broad range of consulting and technical assistance such as resource sharing, outreach support, digitization and long-term facilities planning. Services also include consulting to library boards of trustees, assistance with recruitment and hiring of library administrators, and leadership in advocacy and governmental relations. The agency

also offers a diverse menu of training and continuing education courses for Georgia's library professionals, from integrating technology into library services to techniques for attracting teen readers.

Grant Administration

Georgia Public Library Service administers more than \$36.3 million in state and federal grant funds to public library systems and GLASS and for the support of other statewide activities. Grants support salaries and travel for professional librarians, the purchase of books and materials, the maintenance and operation of facilities and the purchase and development of technology systems for library staff and users.

Computer Networking and Technical Support

Georgia Public Library Service provides technical and network support for library broadband networks. In addition, we provide state funding and assist the libraries in securing federal funding to keep them connected to the highest speeds available in their communities.

GPLS also provides cloud hosting for public access computers and productivity software for library staff across Georgia. We also provide technology-based outreach and education as well as managing \$3+ million in grant funding and bond monies in order that our libraries continue to meet the needs of their communities.



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