

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.

4.2 million
Georgians have a
library card,
and our libraries lend
96,000
items daily—almost
as many different items
as are carried by Walmart.



Our Georgia Library for
Accessible Statewide
Services (GLASS)

“talking book”

and large-print library
has more than

430,000
annual checkouts,
and users who are physically

unable to visit a library can
obtain materials freely by mail.

9,500 public computers
provide high-speed broadband access to help people
find employment,
learn new skills and stay connected with their communities.

More than
2.5 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
1.7 million
times annually.

Our digitization initiative,
Georgia HomePLACE,
has facilitated the addition of more than
600,000 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
\$13 million
in the last 10 years.

The annual
27 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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