

# 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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