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Our IMPACT

In FY20, Georgia's Public Libraries comprised 411 total facilities in 62 library systems. During the COVID pandemic spring shutdown March-June 2020, libraries offered WiFi parking lot access, and over 500,000 WiFi sessions enabled citizens to continue to work and students to attend virtual school and study.

Patrons enjoyed virtual library services during spring 2020 with almost 50% more E-books checked out than usual and over 670,000 views of new virtual programs. Over 215,000 patrons participated in 5,000 self-directed activities including story walks and pick up crafts. While library buildings were closed, almost 70,000 patrons used library services through over 23,000 hours of curbside and porch library service.

GENERAL INFORMATION

- Population — 10,833,472
(FY2020 estimate, Governor's Office of Planning and Budget)
- Total library cardholders — 4,368,774
- Percent of population holding library cards — 40.3%
- Public library systems — 62
- Total facilities, including libraries, bookmobiles and central offices — 411
- Total paid library staff (FTE) — 2,754
- State-certified public librarians — 623

TECHNOLOGY

- Total public-access Internet computers — 10,149 *(includes more than 4,100 GPLS-hosted cloud computers)*
- Total user sessions of electronic resources, excluding wireless — 6,784,008
- Total wireless sessions used — 4,221,869
- Average broadband speed: 318Mbps; minimum speed of 30Mbps/maximum speed of 2Gpbs

LIBRARY USAGE

- Total hours buildings open — 612,903
- Curbside service hours (May & June) - 23,422
- Patron visits — 18,209,721
- Curbside patron visits (May & June) - 69,989
- Virtual visits (via library websites) — 26,431,644
- Total Visits - 44,711,354
- Meeting Room Use by Public - 28,853
- Meeting Room Attendance - 367,967
- Total materials circulation — 28,930,791
 - Physical materials circulation — 23,403,150
 - E-book circulation — 2,470,979
 - Other downloadable audiovisual (movies, music, audiobooks, etc.) circulation — 3,056,662
- Youth materials circulation — 12,091,148
- GLASS (talking book) circulations — 658,357
- GALILEO usage via public libraries — 1,475,475

PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES

- In-person programs - 74,052
- In-person attendance - 1,746,544
- Virtual programs (live & recorded) - 6,753
- Virtual Views - 672,121
- Self-directed activities (such as take-home crafts and story walks) - 4,999
- Self-directed patron participation - 216,930

HOLDINGS

- Books and magazines — 14,744,448
- Audios (incl. downloadable) — 2,377,525
- DVDs and videos (incl. downloadable) — 1,540,048
- E-books — 2,955,286

ANNUAL FUNDING IN GEORGIA

for Public Library Services (July 2019 - June 2020)

Local: \$181,307,227

Georgia ranks 47th per capita in the nation.

■ Direct revenue from Local Government:	\$125,518,758
■ Local Government on-behalf:	\$46,079,253
■ Library fees and donations:	\$9,709,216

State: \$39,655,643

Georgia ranks 10th per capita in the nation.

■ State Grants to Libraries:	\$ 32,524,204
■ GLASS/IT/PINES:	\$2,641,285
■ Resource Sharing (GALILEO) and support:	\$4,311,406
■ GCSU Sandra Deal Grant:	\$116,340
■ GA Humanities Grant:	\$10,625
■ Other State Funding to Libraries:	\$51,783

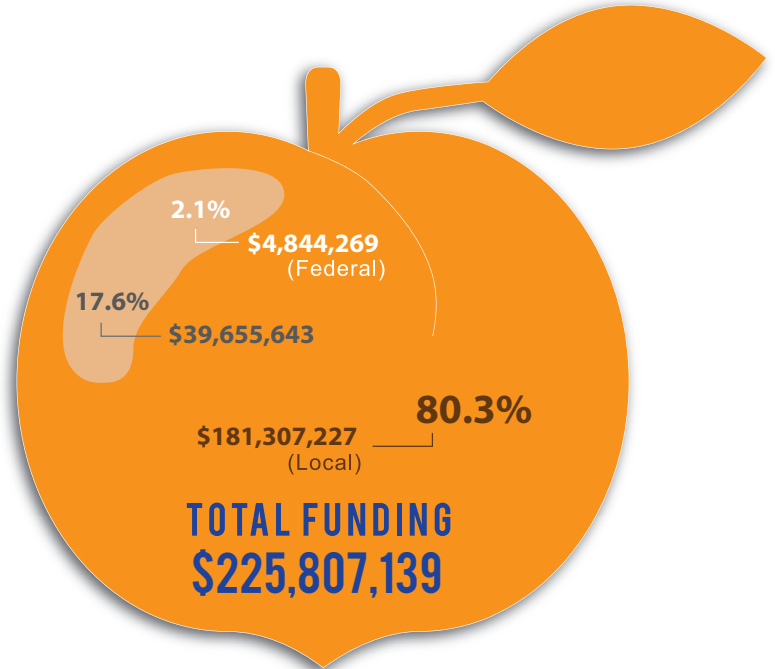
Federal: \$4,844,269

■ IMLS-LSTA State Programs grant expenditures	\$4,586,119
■ Other Federal Funding to Libraries:	\$258,150

Total funding: \$225,807,139

Georgia ranks 49th per capita in the nation.

*State funds and Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) funds provide public libraries with statewide services such as GLASS, GALILEO, PINES, email and Internet access.



Sources: Georgia Public Library Statistics Fiscal Year 2020 (7/1/19 through 6/30/20; data subject to Institute of Museum and Library Services [IMLS] review during spring 2021 Public Library Survey); IMLS rankings based on latest (2018) survey data.

ADDITIONAL LIBRARY SUPPORT

awarded for FY20 by the General Assembly

Capital Projects:	\$6,065,000
MRR Facilities Grants:	\$3,000,000
MRR Repurpose Grants:	\$1,490,000
Technology Grants:	\$2,630,000

Total FY20 Bond funding: \$13,185,000