

Spotlight on Georgia's Libraries

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Legislative Updates & Funding for Libraries



Total state funds for public libraries, FY27:
\$54,006,013

Increase for PINES/courier:
\$731,164

Library construction, MRR,
technology bond funding:
\$14,775,000

Salary supplement for GPLS staff and
state-reimbursed position in libraries:
\$721,255



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Libraries Provide Value to Georgians

Every \$1 in funding to Georgia's public libraries produces \$3.75 in value.



\$857.4 million
Service Value

+

\$202.8 million
Economic Impacts

\$1.06 billion
Value to Georgians

According to a study by the University of Georgia's Carl Vinson Institute of Government and funded by Georgia Public Library Service.



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2025 Year in Review

Libraries are foundational to our communities.

PINES



3.3 million
Books and materials
transferred annually

300 member
libraries



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Libraries are partners in strengthening childhood literacy.



98% public library systems

Participating in 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten program

1.2 million

Books read during Summer Reading Program

59 public school systems

Participating in PLAY student library card program



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Libraries provide fundamental and accessible technology to all.



\$3.7 million

Savings for internet services
through E-Rate program

763 mbps

Average library internet speed

↑ 8% Chromebook
checkouts

↑ 9% Launchpad
checkouts



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Libraries create spaces to meet community needs.



18 Library facilities planned, designed, or built in 2025

3 Renovated libraries reopened after improvements to better serve their communities



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2025 Year in Review

Libraries improve lives and transform communities.



\$226,367,988

Local 79%

\$51,251,096

State 18%

\$7,392,290

Federal 3%

\$261,044

Other <1%

\$285,272,418

**Total funding for Georgia
public library services**



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Georgia's Public Libraries Facts & Impact

\$1 billion

**Economic Impact &
Service Valuation**

36.2 million

Total Checkouts
Physical and digital items

45.9 million

Total Library Visits
In-person and website

5 million

Library Cardholders
in Georgia

100%

Free high-speed Wi-Fi
at all Georgia public libraries



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Voices for Libraries & NLLD



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Continued Collaboration Across Units



Putting Resources in the Hands of Georgians:



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Great Things Happening in Libraries



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Libraries Have a Seat at the Table



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