**GPLS & Georgia's Public Libraries** 

take on 2020-21





## **Georgia Public Library Service | A unit of the University System of Georgia**

Accessibility Planning

Management Youth Communication Reading Youth Training Partnerships E-rate Grants Literacy Renovation Construction Research Technology Governance











## Libraries served communities with new types of programming









## Many libraries offered curbside service.



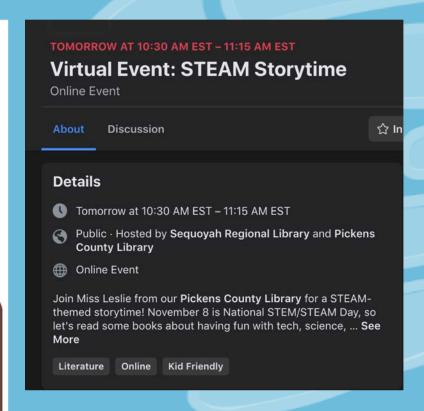




## Virtual programming









## Innovative in-person programming



Live Oak Public Library launches Seed Library for healthy living.

Walk, read and breathe in nature on the Thomas County Public Library's Story Walk.





## Library construction continues!







#### PINES e-card

PINES e-card: Sign up online for immediate access to all digital resources at your local public library, such as eRead Kids, Mango Languages, Learning Express & much more.

# Using *your* library has never been more convenient.





## PLAY card: PINES Library Access for Youth





### e-book resources help parents and students

- eRead Kids
- GALILEO
- Georgia Download Destination (GADD)





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Libraries continue to offer resources during pandemic



LOCAL NEWS | April 12, 2020

By Rosalind Bentley, The Atlanta Journal-Constitution

From loaning laptops to hosting virtual storytimes, closed libraries reach out.



## ALA blog: Harris County Public Library is Community Hot Spot

"To say libraries are still offering a vital service during the pandemic would be an understatement. There is only one public WiFi spot where I live, and that is the Harris County Public Library - for the entire county."

- Ryan Willoughby, Executive Director of Habitat for Humanity of Georgia, Inc.









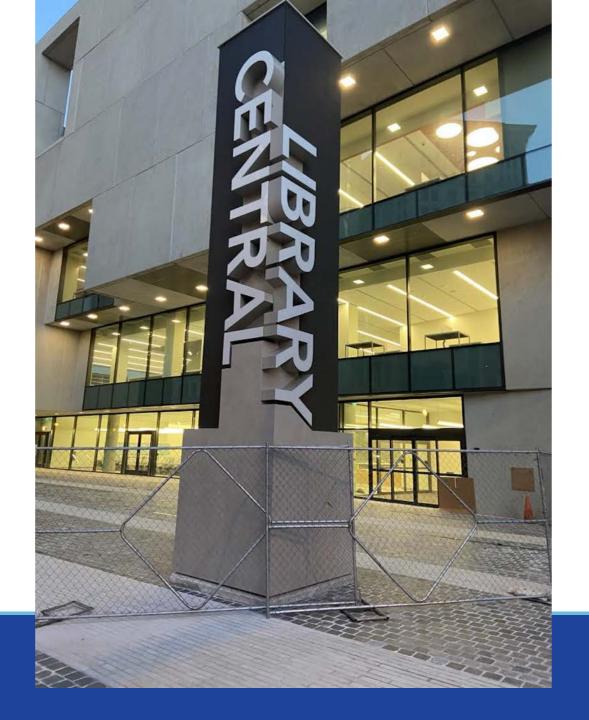


## Georgia Library Service for the Blind and Print Disabled -GLS-













Our digitization initiative encourages public libraries and related institutions across Georgia to participate in The Digital Library of Georgia, an initiative of GALILEO.

We have facilitated the addition of over 700,000 unique items to the Digital Library of Georgia, allowing free, online access to primary sources on local history.



#### Fines free

Chattahoochee Valley Libraries and Coastal Plain Regional Library System have gone fines free, following a national trend that sees fines as a significant barrier to service.

#### No more overdue fines. Chattahoochee Valley Libraries' new policy to be first in Georgia.

BY MARK RICE

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The Chattahoochee Valley Libraries have open two 24-Hour Libraries funded by the 2015 SPLOST - vending machines with more than 300 selections to serve locations in North Columbus. Part II of the SPLOST money with go toward the South Branch renovation BY ROBIN TRIMARCHI



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The Chattahoochee Valley Libraries will be the first public library system in Georgia to stop fining its borrowers for overdue items when the new policy goes into effect next month.



## Grow with Google

With Grow with Google and American Library Association support, Georgia's public libraries are hosting programming to grow local businesses.

GPLS has selected 12 libraries for grants to connect jobseekers and small businesses with library resources to build digital skills and grow businesses online.





All Georgia public library patrons have free online access to **Entrepreneurial Mindset Training**, a self-paced program helps individuals discover and develop their business potential.





Continuing the Legacy of Award Winning Libraries







## Gwinnett County Public Library System



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Congratulations to Stephen Houser, director of Twin Lakes Public Library System for being named to Georgia Trend's 2020 40 Under 40 list!

This is the first time a public librarian in Georgia has made the list.







## Accelerating Promising Practices for Small Public Libraries

The Twin Lakes Library System will partner with Georgia College and State University to document the oral history of Central State Hospital





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#### Georgia Public Library Service Is Empowering Libraries | Marketer of the Year 2020

by Meredith Schwartz
Oct 01, 2020 | Filed in News





Deborah Hakes (I.) and Roy Cummings. Photo by Michael A. Schwarz





## What's Next:

## 2022 and beyond





#### **Expanding services**







#### Relief and Recovery

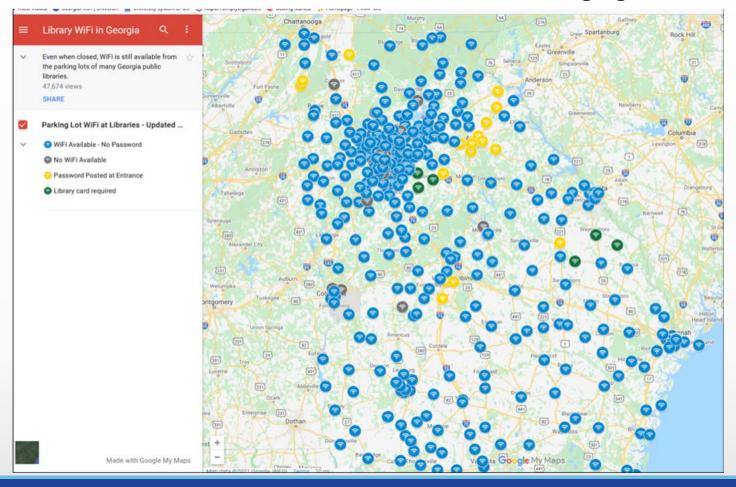
American Rescue Plan Act 2021

\$17.4 billion in Georgia





#### **Broadband Access & Support**







## **Digital Inclusion**





#### More ebooks!







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