

Rural libraries in Georgia transform lives and communities



GEORGIA PUBLIC
LIBRARY SERVICE

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407 public libraries in Georgia across all 159 counties



Georgia's Public
Libraries are
ANCHORS
in rural communities





As Georgia works to improve access to Internet for all residents, public libraries are here to fill the gap: **all 407 public libraries have high-speed internet.**

Broadband in Libraries

Libraries in Georgia average broadband speeds of 100 mbps – 1G, regardless of location.

Georgia's libraries stay connected to support education, research, government, workforce & economic development in all communities.

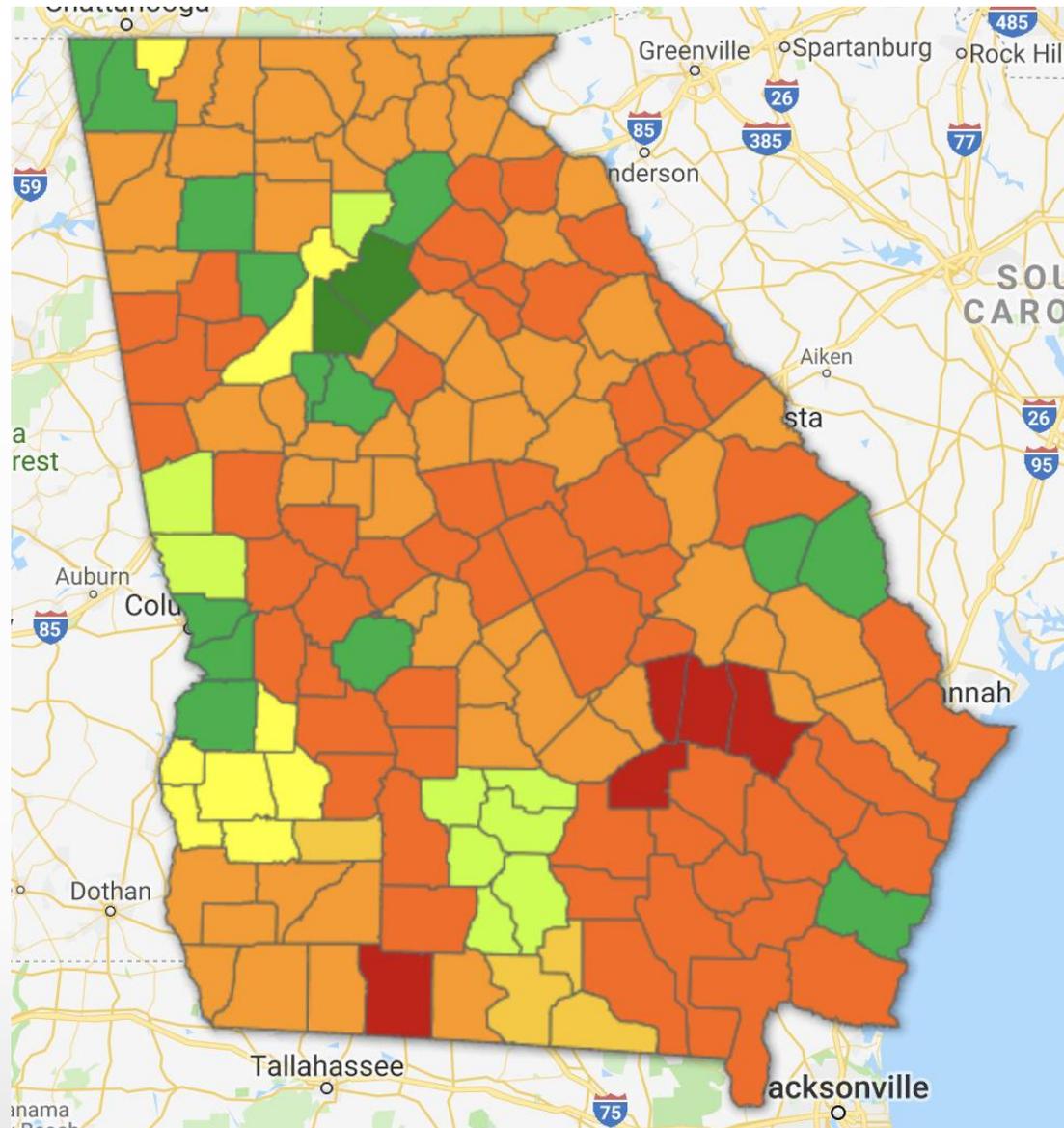


Average Broadband Speeds

Average System Speed in Mbps



Source



Average: 260 Mbps



GPLS provided nearly \$1.7 million in library technology funding to rural library systems in 2018.

“Libraries exist to help people succeed during every phase of their life.”

- Julie Walker,
Georgia state librarian



Support for *Entrepreneurs* and *Small Businesses*





“We help hardworking people overcome challenges to achieve their American Dream.”

- George Giannoumous,
library volunteer

“ This workshop helped me understand the importance of branding my business. I also learned that good branding is a process and doesn't happen overnight. This means when I create my plan, I need to be patient while waiting to see the benefits. ”

Small Business Incubator, Twin Lakes Library System, Milledgeville, GA



“ This library workshop game me lots of valuable information. I'm going to make some changes to my social media presence. Specifically, I'm going to begin by incorporating calls to action. ”

Debi Yorke, Co-Owner
Juke N Jive Creamery

*Attended SCORE workshop at
Hall County Blackshear Place Library*



Rural Libraries
open the
WORLD
to their patrons



Our nationally-recognized **PINES** system provides statewide lending of **11 million free library materials**, creating equitable access to information in all **159 Georgia counties**.





Our statewide Summer Reading Program provides **free educational and cultural enrichment activities** to to **keep children engaged academically**, so they are **ready to learn** when they go back to school.



Partnerships with **Georgia State Parks, Georgia Aquarium, Zoo Atlanta, Chattahoochee Nature Center, Center for Puppetry Arts** and more provide free programming for public library patrons while **saving Georgia families more than \$13 million** in the last 10 years.



All you need is your library card to access eRead Kids, a collection of nearly 15,000 digital books to encourage early literacy!



Libraries are for Everyone.

Georgia Libraries for Accessible Statewide Services (GLASS) promotes the use of assistive technology and accessible reading materials for those who are blind or whose physical abilities require the use of books and magazines in audio format or in braille.



Libraries are a worthwhile ***INVESTMENT***

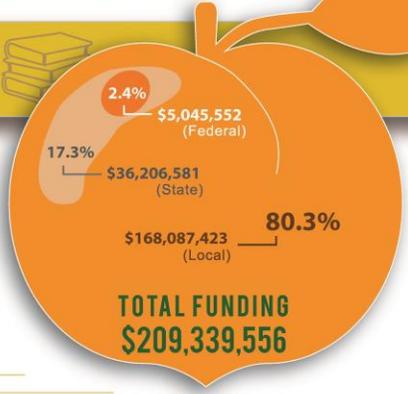


GEORGIA PUBLIC LIBRARIES

► QUICK LOOK - FISCAL YEAR 2017 ◀



4,268,918
Georgians own library cards!



2701 FTEs
Full Time
Equivalent
Employees

633 State Certified
Public Librarians



407
Facilities

63
Library
Systems

9
Bookmobiles

854,977
Hours Open

70,229,128 VISITS

28,830,607 In Person | 41,398,521 Virtual

SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES

35,517,426
Total
Check Outs

2,859,201
people attended
over **98,093**
programs

1,730,140
GALILEO Usage via
Public Libraries

15,923,674
Youth Materials
Check Outs

454,631
Talking Book
Check Outs

9,541
Public-Access
Internet Computers



TECHNOLOGY IN LIBRARIES

12,199,464
User Sessions
4,837,150
Wireless Sessions

All of Georgia's
Public Libraries are
connected to the
Internet!





Summer meal service at many libraries.

"From this library, you cannot say: 'I do not have internet. I do not have a computer. I do not have access to information.' **Because from this library, you have everything.**"

-Miguel Vicente, South Georgia Regional Library director





With your free Georgia public library card, you can build marketable job skills, research for your next school assignment, learn a language, get free admission to great places across Georgia, build literacy and much more.

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