

Did you know?

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SURPRISING FACTS ABOUT GEORGIA'S PUBLIC LIBRARIES

During FY2015, every dollar that was invested in Georgia's public libraries provided a **return on investment of \$5.87!**

In FY2015, Georgians checked out more than **37.3 million items** from their public libraries.

More than **2.3 million Georgians** attended one of the more than **81,000 events** that Georgia's public libraries offered for children, youth and adults in FY2015.

Public libraries are the **#1 point of online access** for people without Internet connections at home, school or work. Every Georgia public library provides free high-speed Internet access (10 Mbps minimum, even in the most remote areas) to the public.

Nearly **9,000 public-access workstations** are currently available at Georgia's public libraries, and according to the Pew Research Center's most recent findings, 66 percent of those who used the Internet at a library in the past 12 months did research for school or work.

In FY2015, hundreds of thousands of individuals used public-access computers at Georgia's public libraries each week — totaling more than **11.6 million user sessions**, plus another **5.1 million wireless connections**, for the year!

Georgians turn to libraries when **searching for jobs**. Public libraries and Georgia Department of Labor Career Centers provide career-counseling resources, resume assistance and help with filling out online job applications.

Georgia public libraries offering career assistance: **300+**

(Georgia Department of Labor Career Centers: **46**)

Public libraries offer more **free meeting rooms** than all conference/convention facilities and public auditoriums in Georgia — combined.

Georgia's public libraries circulate more than **102,000 items daily** — as many different items as carried by the state's 154 Walmart stores.

Sources: ALA Office for Research & Statistics, Georgia Public Library Statistics FY2015, U.S. Census Bureau, Consumer Electronics Association, OCLC, ReferenceUSA Business and Residential Directory

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Georgians value the benefits their public library cards provide.

Georgia population: **10.25 million**

Georgians with library cards: **4.37 million**

Georgians with PINES cards: **2.46 million**

Georgians believe libraries are vital public resources.

2,700 Georgians work in public libraries.

More than **2,500** Georgians volunteer with public libraries, either directly or as members of local "Friends" organizations.

Nearly **2,000** Georgians serve as trustees for their local public libraries.

Georgians rely on public libraries for education, job and career information, research, training and entertainment.

The **29.2 million annual visitors** to Georgia's public libraries in FY2014 far exceed the number of visitors to many of the state's other attractions — **combined!**

Annual visitors to city of Savannah:

13 million

Centennial Olympic Park:

3 million

Atlanta Braves home games:

2 million

The World of Coca-Cola:

1.2 million

UGA and Georgia Tech
home football games:

930,000

Zoo Atlanta:

920,000

Atlanta Hawks home games:

714,000

Atlanta Falcons home games:

563,000



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