



Legislative Roundup

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Overview

- Georgia General Assembly: What You Need to Know
- Review of 2015 Session
- 2016 Session
 - Projects list
- Advocacy: What Can Libraries Do?
- Future Issues
- Federal Legislation Affecting Libraries



**"Google can bring
you back 100,000
answers, a librarian
can bring you back
the right one."
Neil Gaiman**







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A greeting from Teresa MacCartney, Director and CFO of the State of Georgia

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Applications



BudgetNet



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OPB Webmail



COBS

Key Documents

Resources

29,500,000

Annual visits to local libraries

with more every year!



**Over 13
million**

Computer
sessions



**Over 1.8
million**

Program
attendance



**Over 39
million**

Materials
checked out



**Almost 5
million**

Tracked Wi-Fi
sessions



**Over
1,000%**

Increased
bandwidth
speed



**Over \$10
million**

Saved through
partnerships with
state attractions



GEORGIA STATE PUBLIC LIBRARY FUNDING BELOW NATIONAL AVERAGE

A stylized bar chart with three bars of decreasing height from left to right. A large, light gray arrow points downwards from the top of the first bar to the top of the third bar, indicating a downward trend.

**Georgia
ranks 27th...**

...in state support
for public libraries.

State budget restrictions to public library
funding have a direct impact on ability to meet
increasing demand.





ens Regional	\$ 5,000	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	Structural
ens Regional	\$ 6,500	\$ 3,250	\$ 3,250	HVAC
ens Regional	\$ 182,000	\$ 90,000	\$ 90,000	Roof
osa County	\$ 30,000	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000	Structural
osa County	\$ 100,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	HVAC
U/Chattahoochee Valley	\$ 34,100	\$ 17,050	\$ 17,050	Roof
inknee Regional	\$ 140,800	\$ 70,400	\$ 70,400	Structural
ylon County	\$ 23,100	\$ 11,550	\$ 11,550	Structural
ylon County	\$ 47,300	\$ 23,650	\$ 23,650	Roof
ylon County	\$ 23,700	\$ 11,850	\$ 11,850	Roof
Soto Trail	\$ 86,800	\$ 43,400	\$ 43,400	Roof
gherty County Public	\$ 103,000	\$ 51,500	\$ 51,500	Roof
GA	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	Structural
innett	\$ 45,300	\$ 22,650	\$ 22,650	HVAC
innett	\$ 37,700	\$ 18,850	\$ 18,850	HVAC
Oak	\$ 43,560	\$ 21,780	\$ 21,780	Structural
iton	\$ 374,000	\$ 187,000	\$ 187,000	Structural
iton	\$ 20,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	Lighting Upgrade
thwest GA	\$ 200,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000	Structural
thwest GA	\$ 200,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000	Structural
nee Regional	\$ 100,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	Structural
fenokee Regional	\$ 178,000	\$ 88,000	\$ 88,000	HVAC
ch County	\$ 10,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	Structural
ch County	\$ 24,000	\$ 12,000	\$ 12,000	HVAC
a Hightower	\$ 185,000	\$ 82,500	\$ 82,500	HVAC
even-Jenkins	\$ 50,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	HVAC
zoyah Regional	\$ 46,200	\$ 23,100	\$ 23,100	Structural
zoyah Regional	\$ 46,200	\$ 23,100	\$ 23,100	Structural
zoyah Regional	\$ 41,800	\$ 20,900	\$ 20,900	Structural
zoyah Regional	\$ 41,800	\$ 20,900	\$ 20,900	Structural
zoyah Regional	\$ 41,800	\$ 20,900	\$ 20,900	Structural
zoyah Regional	\$ 27,500	\$ 13,750	\$ 13,750	HVAC
zoyah Regional	\$ 13,500	\$ 6,750	\$ 6,750	HVAC
h Georgia Regional	\$ 10,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	Structural
h Georgia Regional	\$ 300,000	\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000	Roof
h Georgia Regional	\$ 600,000	\$ 300,000	\$ 300,000	HVAC
tsboro Regional	\$ 158,600	\$ 79,300	\$ 79,300	Structural
GRL	\$ 16,700	\$ 8,350	\$ 8,350	Structural
GRL	\$ 30,800	\$ 15,400	\$ 15,400	HVAC
GRL	\$ 18,300	\$ 9,150	\$ 9,150	HVAC
ee Rivers Regional	\$ 50,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	Roof
ee Remus Regional	\$ 60,000	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000	Structural
ee Remus Regional	\$ 60,000	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000	Roof
ee Remus Regional	\$ 17,000	\$ 8,500	\$ 8,500	HVAC



ADA ramp difficult to navigate



Children's Dept is underlit & over-crowded with exposed HVAC



Public meeting areas are underlit with exposed wiring, housing multiple depts materials



Childrens program forced outside



Public comps crammed into area with other materials



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- [Ga Smokefree Air Act Admin rules](#), 350K

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13-19-91 Ga. Security & Immigration Compl. Act.pdf	53K
19-7-5 Child Abuse, Mandatory Reporting.pdf	43K
20-2-305 County & Regional Public Libraries.pdf	30K
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LANDMARK VICTORY FOR SCHOOL LIBRARIES AND STUDENTS TODAY!

Posted by: Jessica McGilvray July 8, 2015 in Legislation, OGR, School Libraries

Does your voice matter? Yes, it does!! It's official and, incredibly, it's virtually UNANIMOUS. Thanks in large part to the enthusiastic response to our call to action yesterday, and a boost from mega-author James Patterson, the U.S. Senate today voted 98 – 0 in favor of the bi-partisan Reed-Cochran Amendment to S. 1177, the Every Child Achieves Act of 2015! This amendment will explicitly make effective school library programs part of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act.



Photo credit: Francis W. Parker School (Chicago, IL).

Prior to the vote, both Sens. Jack Reed (D-RI) and Thad Cochran (R-MS) spoke eloquently in support of this amendment and the importance of school libraries. Their work has been invaluable in garnering attention for the important role that an effective school library program plays in a student's education.

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You don't always
win your battles,
but it's good
to know you
fought.

—Lauren Bacall

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