### BY THE NUMBERS

546,160 Items checked out

337,805 library visits

Plus, another 188,220 web visits

**40,182** hours spent on public computers

Another **36,544** wireless sessions held in library branches

**10,763** meeting room visitors

**40,145** people attended 1,568 library programs

49,562 Hall County Library cardholders





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Library Board members and Friends of the Library visit the Capitol and Representative Matt Dubnik to discuss the importance of library funding.



HALL COUNTY Library System

## 2017 A N N U A L R E P O R T

"I have found the most valuable thing in my wallet is my library card." – Laura Bush



#### WHAT MAKES OUR LIBRARY SPECIAL?

"Long live the printed word!"

"Staff is always helpful and hardworking."

"Staff is great with patrons."

"Beautiful facility with a great staff."

"... the children's librarians go above and beyond their duty..."

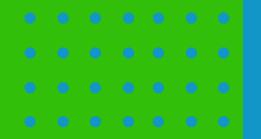
"I really enjoy all the programming they have! "

"We truly love this location and all of the items available for the kids to play with in addition to the book selection."

"We just love all the library has to offer."

"...Everyone is always so nice and I always find what I need."

"Thank you for all the library does for the community!"





AUTHOR MARY ALICE MONROE WITH FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY PRESIDENT JUDY CHASEY

CONSULTANT ANNA LYLE AND BOARD MEMBER LESLIE JARCHOW WORK ON OUR STRATEGIC PLAN





SUMMER READING PROGRAM WAS A HUGE HIT, AS ALWAYS!



1000 BOOKS READ BEFORE KINDERGARTEN? DONE!

# 2017 HIGHLIGHTS

HCLS revised our strategic plan in FY17 with focuses on facilities, collections, serving all segments of our population, and increasing awareness of library services.

Wifi speeds were increased at all library branches.

The downloadable service HOOPLA was added to the library's digital offerings. Downloadable magazines were also made available through One Click Digital.

Thanks to LSTA grant funding, STEAM kits were made available for circulation.

HCLS hosted our first North Georgia Reads event featuring NY Times bestselling author Mary Alice Monroe.

HCLS held graduation for our second group of youth to read 1000 Books Before Kindergarten.

