

BY THE NUMBERS

- **546,160** items checked out
- **337,805** library visits
- Plus, another **188,220** web visits
- **42,368** hours spent on public computers
- **10,033** meeting room visitors
- **42,250** people attended **1,603** library programs
- **48,801** Hall County Library cardholders
- **23,150** digital items were downloaded by library patrons

What is the value of our services?

Material Checkouts: \$6,555,920

Digital downloads: \$347,250

Computer use: \$508,416

Program attendance: \$295,750

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Library Board members along with Representative Matt Dubnik and Commissioners Kathy Cooper and Billy Powell show off a \$2 million check from the state of Georgia. The grant will help fund the renovation of the Gainesville Library.

"The only thing that you absolutely have to know, is the location of the library." — Albert Einstein

2018 ANNUAL REPORT



What our users say makes HCLS special...

"The staff is great! Everyone is so helpful."

"{The library} Is on our can't miss list every week!"

"The librarians are always super helpful and even more knowledgeable."

"Everybody is always very friendly and they help with everything, with smiles."

Loving everything about the Gainesville Library!

"The PINES system is the best!"

"{The} staff is great at passport service. Very fast and kind. Love this place!"

"We really enjoy how kid friendly your facility is."

"The workers are nice and will always order a book for me...."

"{The} Children's librarians are wonderful - high energy, fun for the kids. They are a big/huge reason we love this library."



SUMMER READING PROGRAM IS ALWAYS A HIT WITH PATRONS OF ALL AGES.



THIS YEAR, THE SPOUT SPRINGS LIBRARY'S READING ROOM WAS NAMED IN HONOR OF OUTGOING LIBRARY BOARD MEMBER AND PAST BOARD CHAIRMAN ANDY HENDERSON.



THE EAST HALL COMMUNITY CENTER HOSTED THE LIBRARY'S SUMMER READING PROGRAM "SNAKES ALIVE."

2018 HIGHLIGHTS

- HCLS received a \$2 million state grant to renovate and expand the Gainesville Library. Construction is expected to begin in early 2019.
- A pop up library began operating throughout Hall County thanks to grant funding from the Jackson EMC Foundation and Operation Round Up.
- HCLS began offering limited library services and programming at the East Hall Community Center.
- Bestselling author Sharyn McCrumb visited HCLS through the ongoing North Georgia Reads program.
- The Spout Springs Library celebrated its 10th anniversary in May. Highlights included a princess storytime, a visit from Iron Man, and a performance from the Unscripted Shakespeare ensemble.

