

# BY THE NUMBERS

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Whatever the cost of our libraries,  
the price is cheap compared to  
that of an ignorant nation. --  
Walter Cronkie

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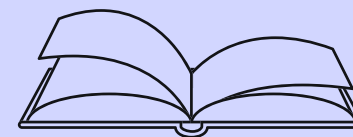
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# 2019 ANNUAL REPORT

- 276,498 items checked out
- 149,304 library visits
- Plus, another 91,208 web visits
- 19,780 hours were spent on public computers
- 6,383 meeting room visitors
- 15,626 people attended 734 library programs
- 48,387 Hall County Library cardholders downloaded 15,308 digital items



SUMMER  
READING  
PROGRAM  
2019



# OUR USERS SAY HCLS IS SPECIAL!



- The staff are always the best!
- [Staff] go above and beyond, service with a smile every time we come in.
- Our library has fostered a love of reading for both my kids.
- I am deeply thankful and grateful for a place...where I can work in peace....
- The library is an EXCELLENT source of materials so readily available for all levels of learning.
- So glad to have a local library to use the internet for job searches, things I need to print, and a variety of books.
- I'm most impressed with the PINES library system at large and the access to materials state-wide... it's amazing!
- Whenever we visit there, they treat us as family....
- I love being able to use the Ancestry program and Heritage Quest to work on genealogy!

# HIGHLIGHTS 2019



*The groundbreaking for the Gainesville Library renovation took place in March 2019. The library will spend about 15 months in a temporary location during this project.*



*Bestselling author Karen White entertained a huge crowd at the Spout Springs Library.*



*The cast and crew of the 2019 Friends of the Library murder mystery included front l-r Jeanne Jimerson, Kim Jones, Carolyn Layfield, Kevin Ivey, Virginia Hale, Kathy Evans, Killian Edwards. Back l-r: Mike Miller, Bethany Green, John Hickey, Scott Jones, Bill Wilson, Rex Evans, and Leslie Jarchow.*

- The Gainesville Library renovation began in April and is expected to be complete in summer 2020.
- Bestselling author Karen White visited the Spout Springs Library in October.
- Summer Reading Program 2019 reached a record number of participants. 4,025 individuals of all ages registered for the program.
- HCLS hired a new assistant director, Adrienne Junius, and a new youth services director, Lisa Echols.
- In November, voters approved SPLOST funding for a new East Hall Library.
- A massive landscaping project greatly improved the Blackshear Place Library.
- The Friends of the Library held their Murder Mystery fundraiser in September, raising over \$4,000 for library programs.