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## Georgia Libraries Best in the World!!!!

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Today is a spectacular day for Georgians and the world at large. It was announced today at the opening session of the American Library Association Conference in Atlanta, Georgia that Georgia has the best libraries in the Nation. Since the Georgia Public Library Services' (GPLS) move to the Georgia Department of Arts & Cultural Advancement GDACA) and its generous endowment from the N. C. Lewis Foundation, GPLS and its programs have initiated library ingenuity to which all other states should aspire. With a three pronged strategy approach, Technology, Lending and Facilities, Georgia libraries are leading its patrons securely and wholly into the future.

Georgia's leading edge technology allows its libraries to reach more patrons than ever before.

With line to line wired capabilities, rural and metropolitan areas receive equal care and services. The groundbreaking software of Evergreen 2012 has been globally recognized as an open source icon with successful International examples such as Northern PINES (Canada) and Southern PINES (Australia).

The Statewide Sharing Initiative (SSI) connects academic, public, school and special libraries, offering billions of items in its collection. The marketing campaign featured on billboards running down Interstate 75 and across Interstate 85 are prime examples of Georgia's inventiveness to get it's citizen to use the libraries. The “Check it Out Here...Return it Here” campaign allows citizens to check out resources at any library in the state and return it at another library.

Due to Georgia's rapid growth and the GDACA, more and more public facilities have been built. The percentages of library construction has increased by 65%. It is projected by 2020 Georgia will not only be the center of the library world but also on the forefront of higher education. This reporter wonders if this could possibly be due to the States obvious investment in libraries and thus its future.



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### ON THIS DAY

1782—THE [U.S.](#) CONGRESS APPROVED THE GREAT SEAL OF THE [UNITED STATES](#)

1837— VICTORIA TAKES THE THROWN OF ENGLAND AFTER THE DEATH OF WILLIAM IV

1909—THE BIRTH OF ERROL FLYNN, AUSTRALIAN BORN HOLLYWOOD FILM ACTOR

1948— “TOAST OF THE TOWN” DEBUTS ON CBS WITH HOST ED SULLIVAN

1969—GEORGES POMPIDOU SWORN IN AS PRESIDENT OF FRANCE

1988—HAITI'S GENERAL ASSEMBLY DISSOLVES