



THE STATE PROFESSIONAL LIBRARY

Georgia Public Library Service (the State Library) provides support services for library professionals and staff throughout the state by providing access to our extensive collection of library science material. Our patrons consist of anyone who works in or with libraries throughout the state — or anyone in need of the information we gather and maintain. This includes trustees, friends and the general public. In fact, our collection is available for loan to any library in the nation. We are not a typical library in that our patrons don't come into the building itself. Instead, they are served through **PINES** loans and through **WorldShare Interlibrary Loan**.

The State Library Collection includes materials on the acquisition, cataloging and preservation of library materials; management of library personnel and resources; and reference and information services, as well as computer services and youth services. We acquire books, DVDs and journals in library and information science and support subjects. We compile **bibliographies** on subject areas within our collection so that librarians have a place to begin looking for information and are aware of the resources we have on given topics. We have disseminated bibliographies on a variety of topics, including reference, trustees and friends of libraries, and fundraising. We also support the GPLS staff through the collection and act as reference librarians for them.

GPLS also maintains the complete run of the *Atlanta Journal* and *Atlanta Constitution* — a collection of more than 5,000 microfilm reels. Individual reels or specific articles are available for loan to libraries across the United States.

Resources in the State Library collection are available at **www.gapines.org**. If you are a PINES library cardholder, you can place holds on our materials at the same website. If you are not a member of a PINES library, you may need to ask for assistance from your local library to request an interlibrary loan through OCLC (Online Computer Library Center), the nonprofit computer library service and research organization dedicated to furthering access to the world's information and reducing information costs. Whether requesting our items through PINES or OCLC, the materials you ask for are sent to your local library.

State Library Collection Statistics

Print collection	10,044
Microforms	6,102
Videos/DVDs	490
Periodical titles	26
Total volumes and copies	16,800+

A special project of Georgia Public Library Service in the past few years has been the organization of the collection at the **Georgia Governor's Mansion**. The mansion collection consists of more than 2,700 books (most of them about the state or by Georgia authors) donated over the years to the governors and citizens of Georgia. GPLS staff and volunteers inventoried and cataloged the books there, then created an online catalog using the GPLS-developed Evergreen library management system. Materials in the collection are now more accessible to the governor, first lady and mansion staff, and the online catalog at governor.gapines.org allows all

Georgians to discover what titles are held in trust for them at the mansion.

We also support the Georgia public library community by hosting a discussion list called **REFSHARE-L**. The list is open to public library staff across the state who provide reference, information and

interlibrary loan services to patrons, as well as to librarians who make policy and procedural decisions affecting those services. REFSHARE-L is a way for public library reference staff to share problems and solutions, to facilitate answering difficult questions, to share ideas concerning use of Georgia's statewide resources such as **GALILEO** (Georgia Library Learning Online) and to find out about new or changing concepts and tools in the field. For ILL staff, this list is a way to give and receive help and hints on searching WorldCat, to find the right item for their patrons and to disseminate other information that supports resource-sharing staff.

We also support a discussion list for catalogers called **CATTECH-L**. This list is open to public library staff (non-PINES and PINES) who participate in cataloging, classification and technical services and to those making policy and procedural decisions affecting those services. The list is a way for cataloging staff to seek assistance and share solutions. It provides a mechanism to answer questions about specific cataloging, classification or subject analysis problems for both copy and original catalogers.

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