



GEORGIA PUBLIC  
LIBRARY SERVICE

## PINES: GEORGIA'S STATEWIDE LIBRARY CARD

### What is PINES?

Georgia Library Public Information Network for Electronic Services, or PINES, is Georgia's public library automation and lending network. With the addition of Live Oak Public Libraries, PINES is in 302 public libraries and affiliated service outlets in 145 counties. PINES serves patrons in all 159 Georgia counties. PINES is an initiative of the Georgia Public Library Service, a unit of the University System of Georgia, and is a national model of statewide service for library users and in cost savings for member libraries. More than half of Georgia's population and 86 percent of Georgia's public library systems rely on the PINES network for their library service. PINES creates a statewide "borderless library" that eliminates geographic and socio-economic barriers and provides equal access to information for all Georgians. PINES cardholders live in every county in the state. Georgia public libraries depend on both the infrastructure and cooperative spirit of PINES to continue providing services that contribute to a more educated Georgia through lifelong learning.

### How do Georgia's citizens benefit from PINES?

Georgians with PINES cards have access to materials beyond what is available on their local shelves, and they enjoy the benefits of a shared collection of approximately 11 million books and materials that can be delivered to their home library with no charge to them. Any resident of Georgia may obtain a free PINES card by visiting any PINES library. In addition to browsing and checking out books on the shelves of their local branch, PINES allows library users to log on to [www.gapines.org](http://www.gapines.org), browse or search the online catalog for books and other library materials and have their selections delivered to their local library. Anyone with a PINES card can also access GALILEO resources with their PINES login.

#### For example:

Job seekers need extra resources, and the perfect item could be on the other side of the state. Thanks to PINES, people looking for employment can find thousands of resume-building tools at a keystroke and have them delivered to their local library at no extra cost.

Commuters who live in an area served by one PINES public library system but work in an area served by another PINES system can use both, for free, with the same PINES card. Library materials can be checked out at any PINES library and returned to another with no penalty.

### How do Georgia's libraries benefit from PINES?

PINES facilitates collection sharing for Georgia's public libraries. This means local public libraries are free to use their limited resources to develop collections tailored to the needs and interests of their communities. Rather than purchasing books that are already available through the PINES network, a local public library can choose to purchase books about the history of the local community or about industry and area job opportunities.

In addition to avoiding duplication of collections, PINES also prevents duplication of staff, equipment and maintenance. In its first 10 years of service,

PINES has saved Georgia's public libraries approximately \$11 million in one-time costs and more than \$61 million in ongoing costs. These savings have allowed libraries to use funds on other needed resources and services for their patrons. PINES also provides automation, training and courier services to libraries for a fraction of the \$20 million that would be required to pay for the same services on a system-by-system basis.

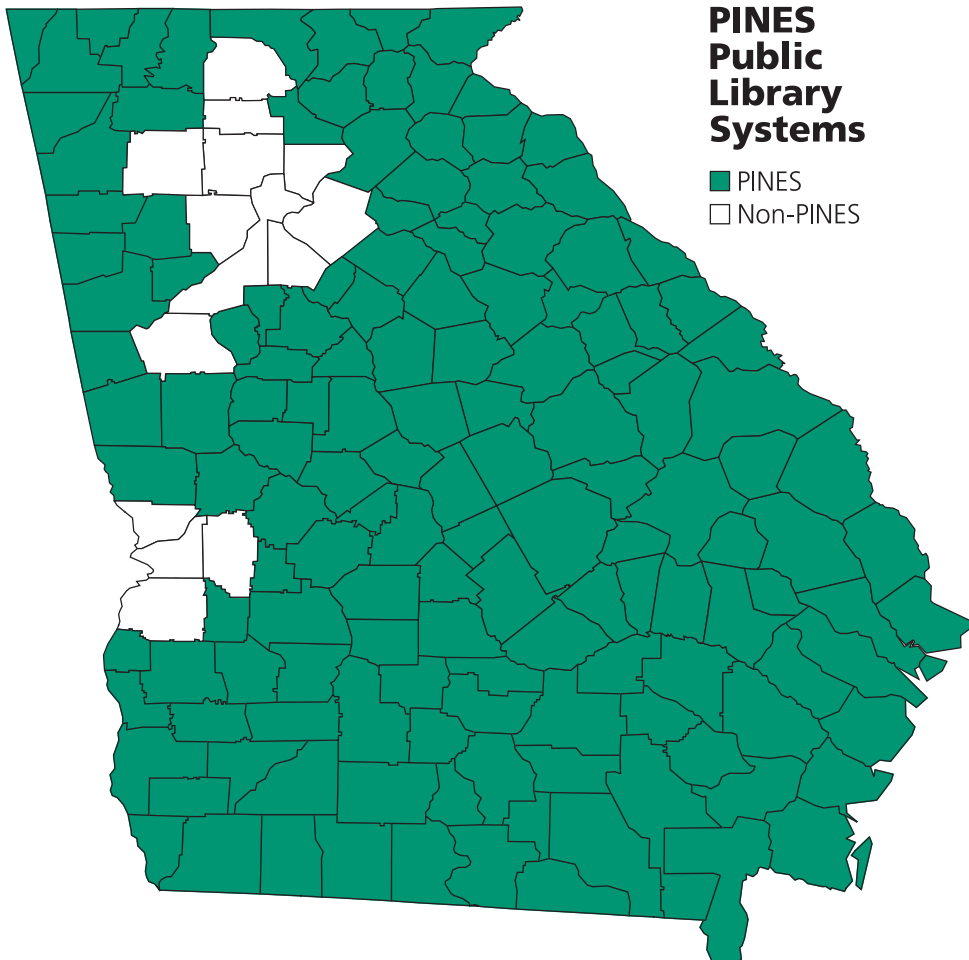
With an annual budget of \$1.1 million, the PINES program costs less than 58 cents for each cardholder!

### PINES by the Numbers

More than 1.9 million PINES library cards in use  
Nearly 1 of 5 Georgians (18.9%) have PINES cards  
PINES serves patrons in all 159 Georgia counties  
11 million items (books, tapes, CDs, videos)  
16 million circulations in FY 2017



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**PINES  
Public  
Library  
Systems**

■ PINES  
□ Non-PINES

**PINES Libraries**

- Athens Regional Library System
- Augusta-Richmond County Library System
- Bartram Trail Regional Library System
- Brooks County Library
- Catoosa County Library
- Chattooga County Library System
- Cherokee Regional Library
- Chestatee Regional Library System
- Clayton County Library System
- Coastal Plain Regional Library
- Conyers-Rockdale Library System
- DeSoto Trail Regional Library
- Dougherty County Public Library
- Elbert County Public Library
- Fitzgerald-Ben Hill Library
- Flint River Regional Library System
- Georgia Public Library Service
- Greater Clarks Hill Regional Libraries
- Hall County Library System
- Hart County Library
- Henry County Library System
- Houston County Public Libraries
- Jefferson County Library System
- Kinchafoonee Regional Library System
- Lake Blackshear Regional Library
- Lee County Library
- Live Oak Public Libraries
- Marshes of Glynn Libraries
- Middle Georgia Regional Library System
- Moultrie-Colquitt County Public Library
- Mountain Regional Library
- Newton County Library System
- Northeast Georgia Regional Library
- Northwest Georgia Regional Library
- Ocmulgee Regional Library System
- Oconee Regional Library
- Ohoopsee Regional Library System
- Okefenokee Regional Library System
- Peach Public Libraries
- Piedmont Regional Library System
- Pine Mountain Regional Library System
- Roddenbery Memorial Library
- Sara Hightower Regional Library
- Satilla Regional Library
- Screven-Jenkins Regional Library System
- South Georgia Regional Library System
- Southwest Georgia Regional Library System
- Statesboro Regional Library System
- Thomas County Public Library System
- Three Rivers Regional Library System
- Troup-Harris Regional Library
- Twin Lakes Library System
- Uncle Remus Regional Library System
- West Georgia Regional Library
- Worth County Library System

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