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 for 283 public libraries and affiliated service outlets in 142 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. Fifty percent of Georgia's population and more than 80 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.

PINES by the Numbers

More than 2.4 million PINES library cards in use

More than 1 of 5 Georgians (24%) have a PINES card

PINES serves patrons in all 159 Georgia counties

10.6 million items (books, tapes, CDs, videos)

15 million circulations in FY 2015

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 10.6 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**, 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 45 cents for each cardholder!

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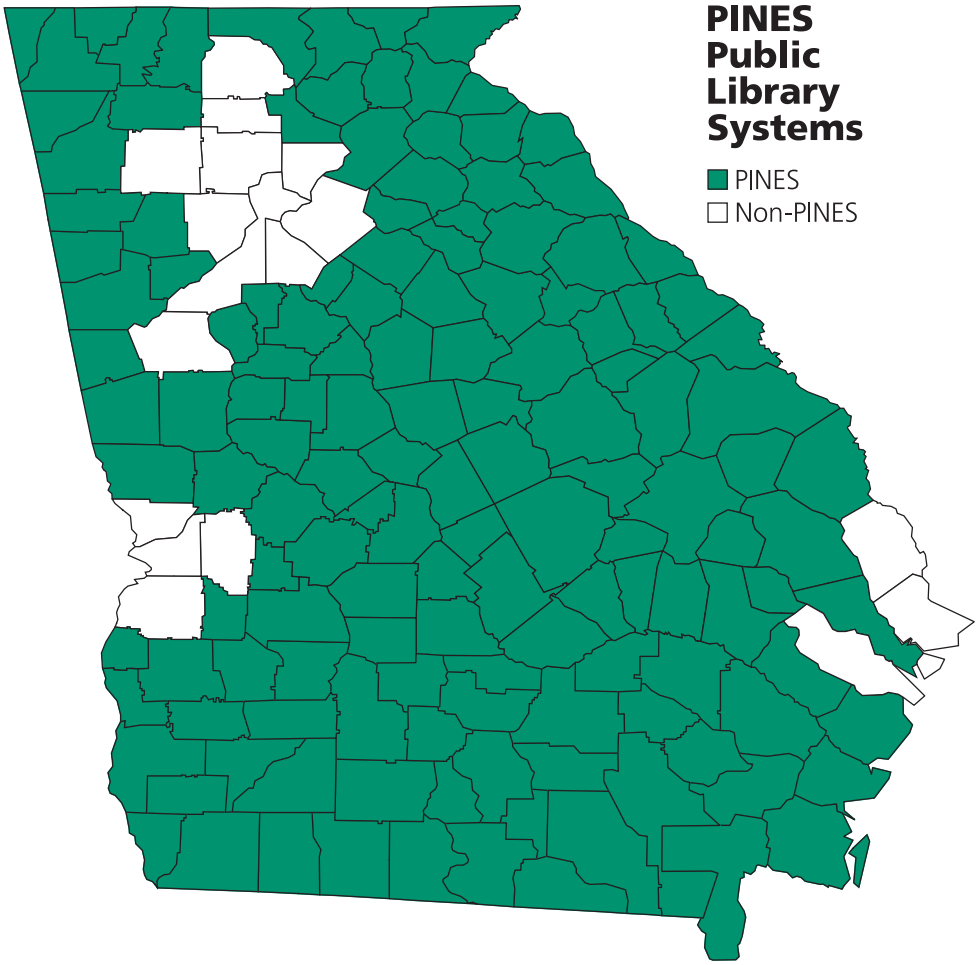

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Augusta-Richmond County Library System
Bartram Trail Regional Library System
Brooks County Library
Catoosa County Library
Chattooga County Library System
Cherokee Regional Library
Chestatee Regional Library System
Clayton County Library System
Coastal Plain Regional Library
Conyers-Rockdale Library System
DeSoto Trail Regional Library
Dougherty County Public Library
Elbert County Public Library
Fitzgerald-Ben Hill Library
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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
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
Ohoopee Regional Library System
Okenfenokee 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