**FY2016 State Appropriations Bill**

**Conference Committee Final**

**PUBLIC LIBRARIES CONTINUATION BUDGET**

The purpose of this appropriation is to award grants from the Public Library Fund, promote literacy, and provide library services that facilitate access to information for all Georgians regardless of geographic location or special needs.

TOTAL STATE FUNDS **$32,310,084**

TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS **$5,222,400**

TOTAL PUBLIC FUNDS **$37,532,484**

**278.1** Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the employer share of the Teachers Retirement System from 13.15% to 14.27%. - State General Funds **$201,955**

**278.2** Increase funds for merit-based pay adjustments and employee recruitment and retention initiatives effective July 1, 2015. - State General Funds **$194,660**

**278.3** Increase funds for the employer share of health insurance. - State General Funds **$4,667**

**278.4** Increase funds for the New Directions formula based on an increase in state population. - State General Funds **$158,154**

**278.5** Provide performance measures in future fiscal years relating to library loans of digital media versus traditional book circulation.

**GENERAL OBLIGATION DEBT SINKING FUND (BOND PROJECTS)**

**355.214 BOND: Georgia Public Library System: $1,500,000 in principal for 20 years at 5.77%: Fund construction of the new Villa Rica Public Library, Georgia Public Library System, Villa Rica, Carroll County.**

**355.232 BOND: Georgia Public Library System: $2,000,000 in principal for 20 years at 5.77%: Fund construction of the East Marietta Branch Library, Marietta, Cobb County.**

**355.234 BOND: Georgia Public Library System: $1,885,000 in principal for 5 years at 5.07%: Fund maintenance, repair and renovation needs for Georgia Public Library System statewide**

**355.241 BOND: Georgia Public Library System: $2,000,000 in principal for 20 years at 5.77%: Fund renovation of the Troup Harris Regional Public Library, Harris County.**

**355.242 BOND: Georgia Public Library System: $565,000 in principal for 20 years at 5.77%: Fund construction and expansion of the Three Rivers Regional Library, Folkston, Charlton County.**

**355.243 BOND: Georgia Public Library System: $2,000,000 in principal for 20 years at 5.77%: Fund construction of the Greater Clarks Hill Regional Library System, Harlem, Columbia County.**

**355.244 BOND: Georgia Public Library System: $2,000,000 in principal for 20 years at 5.77%: Fund renovation and expansion of Sharon Forks Library, Cumming, Forsyth County**