

About the Public Libraries Survey

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Nationwide descriptive statistics on public libraries are collected and disseminated annually through a voluntary census, the Public Libraries Survey. The survey is conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau for the Institute for Museums and Library Services (IMLS). Statistics are collected from over 9,000 public libraries. Data are available for individual public libraries and are also aggregated to state and national levels.

Reasons to Comply

- § 20-5-46 (2009) Annual Reports by Public Libraries
- The library system shall make such reports as deemed necessary by local and state funding agencies. In every case at least an annual report of activities, income, and expenditures shall be filed with each funding agency.
- Used as advocacy at all levels of government
- Used for research studies
- Used to compare and contrast between systems
- Tied to receipt of State Aid



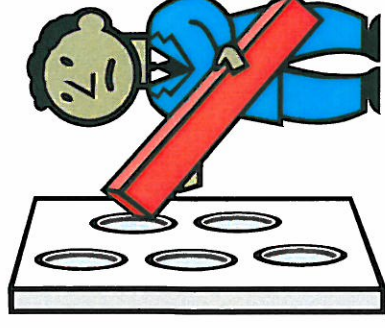
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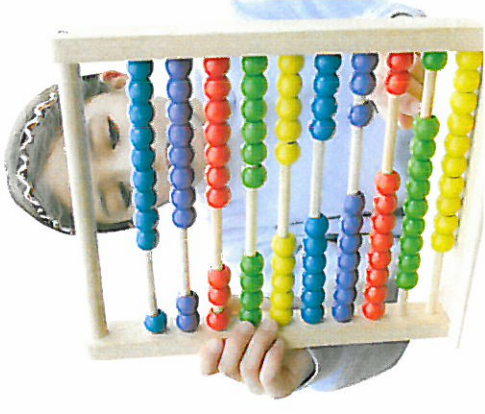
Definitions

- Outlet = Branch/Service Outlet/Bookmobiles
- Database Subscriptions,
 - State provided – GALILEO - 89
 - Locally provided
- **Local Revenue**Very Important**
 - Library Budget
 - MOE
 - In-behalf Budget
 - Other local revenue



More Definitions

- Children's ages 0-11
- Teen ages 12-18
- System Population – comes from population count given out by Christopher Evans who receives the data from GA Office of Planning and Budget (OPB)



Please call with questions!



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