

2017-18 Annual Report

Hidalgo County Library System is a federated system of 13 Public Library members in Hidalgo County. HCLS strives to promote, coordinate and help provide full and FREE library services to all the residents of Hidalgo County.



PURPOSE

The purpose of the Hidalgo County Library System is to promote, coordinate and support full and FREE library service to all residents of Hidalgo County.





MISSION

- To engage in cooperative efforts among member and associate member libraries.
- To make resources of the member and associate member libraries equally accessible throughout Hidalgo County
- To research and implement resources for services and programs which meet the informational, educational, recreational and cultural needs of Hidalgo County residents.

HCLS OFFICERS

Kate P. Horan - President Yenni Espinoza - Vice President

Mayra Rocha - Secretary

Jorge L. Gonzalez - ILS Coordinator

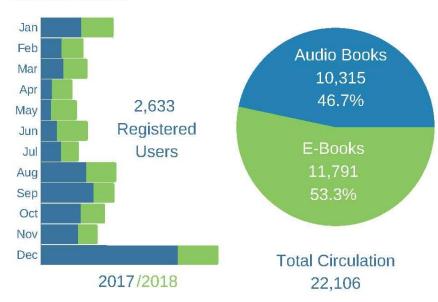




HCLS E-Library

The HCLS E-Library is an online collection of books, audiobooks, and magazines, available to citizens of Hidalgo County for free, 24/7, on their phone or device of choice. The E-Library is a major initiative to promote literacy and demonstrate a commitment to providing literacy opportunities to residents of all ages and abilities, giving them the opportunity to download and read books anywhere they can access the Internet.

Since its launch in August 2017, usage has skyrocketed. Checkouts increased by **1,972%** and registered users increased by **446%**, with an average of 325 new registered users per quarter. HCLS Libraries continue to promote the E-Library through social media, flyers, outreach events, and in-house recommendation.



HCLS is grateful for the continued support of the Hidalgo County Commission.

E-Books & Audio Books 19,932 Titles





Magazines 76 Titles





Comics 173 Titles







Do you know what your Library offers, beyond books and media? Whether you are starting a business or investigating your family history, we can help. HCLS libraries offer programs and services to find skill-building resources, citizenship assistance, job seeking assistance, and much more.

PROGRAMMING:

Summer Reading Program
Children's Programs
Adult Programs
Teen Programs
Día - Día del los Niños/
Día de los Libros
South Texas Book Festival
Trick or Treat at the library

150,000+ attended over 1,280 programs offered at libraries of Hidalgo County

EDUCATION:

GED Classes
ESL Classes
Citizenship Classes
Computer Instruction
Health & Wellness

Assisted more than 10,000 patrons with over 250 programs

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT:

Job Fairs Resume Writing Job Coaching 7,200 + attendance at job fairs and job coaching workshops.

TECHNOLOGY:

3D Printing Virtual Reality Robotics Coding 2,500+ patrons attended over 300 technology programs.

OUTREACH:

Schools
Library Tours
Mexican Consulate
Day Care/Head Start
City/County Events

Over 2,649,085 interactions with our communities

PROGRAMS & SERVICES























HCLS Member Libraries

Sergeant Fernando De La Rosa Memorial Library

Donna Public Library

Dustin Michael Sekula Memorial Library

Elsa Public Library

Hidalgo Public Library

La Joya Public Library

McAllen Public Library

Dr. Hector P. Garcia Memorial Library

Speer Memorial Library

Peñitas Public Library

Pharr Memorial Library

San Juan Memorial Library

Mayor Joe V. Sanchez Public Library

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