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Annual County Report 2022

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.



Our 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.

Our 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.

Awards

The Texas Municipal Library Directors Association awarded the **2022 Achievement of Excellence Award** to 3 of our libraries, they are Dustin Michael Sekula Memorial Library, McAllen Public Library, and Pharr Memorial Library.

The Dustin Michael Sekula Memorial Library (DMSML) was awarded the 2022 TSLAC Texas Reads Grant for \$10,000.00. Thanks to the TSLAC Texas Reads Grant and the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services, DMSML was able to host the Storytelling and Story Reading 101 project to provide a series of professional development workshops for library staff throughout Hidalgo County.

The Dr. Hector P. Garcia Memorial Library (DHPGML) was awarded the Digital Navigator Grant in the amount of \$70,000. This project was made possible by a grant from the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services and Texas State Library and Archives Commission. Thanks to the Digital Navigator Grant, DHPGML was able to give out 48 chrome books and 48 hotspots to all their students that completed a 10-week course with their Digital Navigators. Just as important, all 48 of those students received certification in Basic Computer Skills, Internet Basics, and Email Basics.

DHPGML was also awarded the ALA Covid Relief Fund for \$20,000. This allowed the library to update some of its technology infrastructure such as their server.



HCLS Officers

Adolfo Garcia - President
Jose Tamez - Vice President
Laura Solis - Secretary
Jorge Gonzalez - ILS Coordinator

HCLS Member Libraries

Sgt. Fernando De La Rosa Memorial Library
Laura Solis - Director

Donna Public Library
Albert Chambers - Director

Dustin Michael Sekula Memorial Library
Leticia S. Leija - Director

Elsa Public Library
Hilda Molina - Director

Hidalgo Public Library
Juan Viveros - Director

La Joya Public Library
Susana Villegas - Director

McAllen Public Library
Kate P. Horan - Director

Dr. Hector P. Garcia Memorial Library
Marisol Vidales - Director

Speer Memorial Library
Yenni Espinoza - Director

Peñitas Public Library
Janney Quintero - Director

Pharr Memorial Library
Adolfo Garcia - Director

San Juan Memorial Library
Armandina Sesin - Director

Mayor Joe V. Sanchez Public Library
Arnoldo Becho - Director

Lay Representative, Pct. 1
Christine Warren

HCLS e-Library

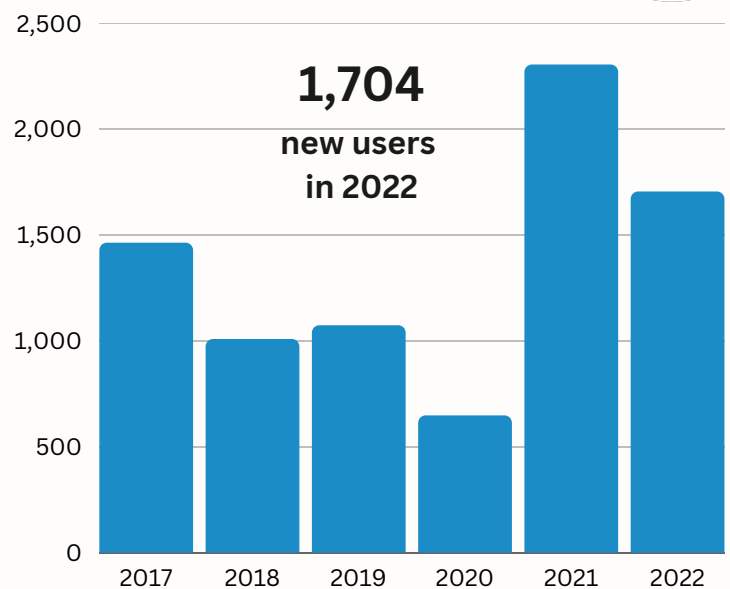
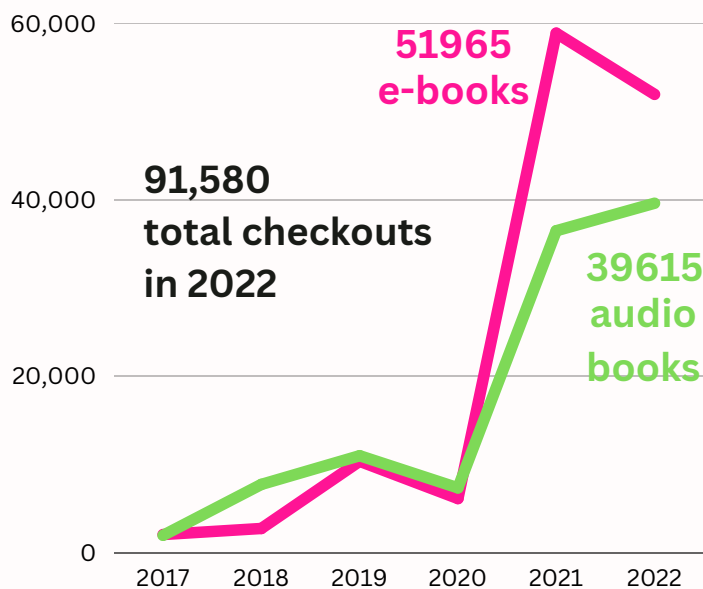
The HCLS e-Library is an online collection of books, audio-books, and magazines available to citizens of Hidalgo County for FREE, 24/7, on their phone or device of choice. The e-library is a major initiative to promote literacy and demonstrate a commitment to providing literacy opportunities to residents 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 **580%** and registered users increased by **256%** since 2020, with an average of **1550 new registered users per year**. HCLS libraries continue to promote the e-Library through social media, flyers, outreach events, and in-house recommendation.



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Available on



Checkouts increased

580%

since 2020

biblio+

1,951

new registered users in less than 1 year!

1,090 streamed titles viewed.



8,269

registered users across Hidalgo County



Programs and Services

Over 1,080,100 visits
to libraries in Hidalgo
County

465,909+ registered
users across Hidalgo
County libraries



Assisted more
than 38,000+
patrons with over
1510 educational
programs

176,665+ attended
over 6,550
programs offered
at libraries across
Hidalgo County



"I tried and made it by the
Grace of God. I already finished
the course, now I have the
tool(s) to study online college."
- Myriam Vega
on completing the Digital Skills
Classes at Dr. Hector P. Garcia
Memorial Library.



12,000+ children
attended over 585
early childhood
programs

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 de los Niños/
Día de los Libros
South Texas Book Festival
Trick or Treat at the library

Education

GED Classes
ESL Classes
Citizenship Classes
Computer Instruction
Health and Wellness

Workforce

Job Fairs
Resume Writing
Job Coaching

Technology

3D Printing
Virtual Reality
Robotics & Coding

Outreach

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