



CRLS at a Glance – FY09

- Established:** 1953 as a two-county regional system serving Hall and Lumpkin Counties. Dawson County joined the regional system in July 1994. Hall County withdrew in July 1997, leaving a service area of two counties, Dawson (211 sq. mi.) and Lumpkin (284 sq. mi.).
- “Chestatee” is from a Cherokee word meaning “place of the lights.” It refers to the practice of hunting deer at night. The area along the Chestatee River was popular hunting ground, and the hunters carried torches made of pine splints, which, reflected in the river, made an impressive array of lights.
- Population Served:** **49,912** (FY2009 Office of Planning & Budget estimates)
- Dawson County 23,813
 - Lumpkin County 26,099
- Outlets:**
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| <p>Dawson County Library (14,146 sq. ft.)
 342 Allen Street
 Dawsonville, GA 30534
 (706) 344-3690, fax (706) 344-3691</p> | <p>Lumpkin County Library (10,567 sq. ft.)
 342 Courthouse Hill
 Dahlonega, GA 30533
 (706) 864-3668; fax (706) 864-3937</p> |
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- Website:** www.chestateelibrary.org
- Staff:** 16 full-time and 6 part-time employees, **18.68 FTE** (full-time equivalents)
- Collections:** **115,124** print and non-print items, including 57,844 in Dawson and 57,280 in Lumpkin
- Services:**
- a member of the Georgia **PINES** network
 - titles borrowed from other libraries through PINES & **interlibrary loan**
 - telephone, email, and walk-in **information** service
 - public **Internet** access and **wireless** access; computers and typewriters available
 - downloadable **audio books** from Georgia Download Destination
 - regular **programs** throughout the year for preschool children and infants
 - annual **Vacation Reading Program** for children and teens
 - rotating **exhibits** and displays of hobbies, art works, etc.
 - **photocopiers** available for public use
 - free public **meeting facilities**
 - classes for **Lifelong Learning**

Library Use:

	Dawson County	Lumpkin County	Total	
Registered Borrowers	12,598	13,452	26,050	or 52% of the population
Check-Outs	187,306	180,483	367,789	Annual check-outs per capita: 7.4
Internet Use	15,964	23,593	39,557	Includes wireless count but not OPAC
Library Visits	93,273	117,362	210,635	Annual library visits per capita: 4.2
Reference Questions Answered	7,302	7,507	14,809	

Support: The library’s current budget (FY09) includes **county funds** (72%), **state funds** (20%), and generated and **other** income (8%).

- Fees:**
- **Non-Residents:** Free borrowing for residents of Georgia; \$25 annual fee for out-of-state
 - **Photocopies and computer printouts:** 20¢ per copy
 - **Fines:** 10¢ per day per item for books, audio and video; \$1.00 per day for audiovisual equipment. No fine on an item ever exceeds \$5.00 or the cost of the item, whichever is less.
 - **Fax:** \$1.50 per page, sending or receiving

- **Notary:** \$2.00