

PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE



E-BOOKS

Why support this project?

- It allows for the opening of a new, innovative electronic library within the year.
- Literacy is a documented issue in the RGB and this initiative will make a difference through increased access to books.
- This is an excellent PR opportunity to increase the community's awareness of the County's commitment to literacy.
- HCLS needs additional funding. We are very much in danger of losing accreditation due to funding requirements from the State of Texas. Losing accreditation would endanger millions in grants and discounts.
- County residents need more support. 33% of HCLS customers are County residents but only 3% of funding for their services comes from the County.

• HCLS's County budget was cut in half in FY 2000 and has been reduced further still over subsequent years, which has resulted in accreditation issues.

HCLS formally requests your support for the establishment of a County Electronic Library. E-books are an essential part of the modern library and they account for more than 10% of some libraries' circulations. HCLS currently does not have an e-book collection. HCLS's record of successful projects is an assurance that an electronic library will be an excellent investment of County funds. HCLS has created a plan to establish an electronic library which will be competitive with neighboring collections, and which has the capacity to grow into a robust, permanent County resource that will attract new readers and increase literacy.

HCLS Members

» Sergeant Fernando De La Rosa Memorial Library	Laura Solis, Director
» Donna Public Library	Bruce Kalter, Director
» Dustin Michael Sekula Memorial Library	Leticia S. Leija, Director
» Elsa Public Library	Hilda Molina, Director
» Hidalgo Public Library	Edward Lopez, 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	Mayra Rocha, Director
» Peñitas Public Library	Yenni Espinoza, Director
» Pharr Memorial Library	Adolfo Garcia, Director
» San Juan Memorial Library	Armandina Sesin, Director
» Mayor Joe V. Sanchez Public Library	Arnoldo Becho, Director

HCLS Officers

Marisol Vidales - President
Mayra Rocha - Vice President
Arnoldo Becho - Secretary
Jorge L. Gonzalez - ILS Coordinator



HIDALGO COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM

2015 ANNUAL REPORT



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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.

- System wide library cards
- Computer access to full text resources
- Unified online catalog
- Children, Teen and Adult programming
- Interlibrary loan with local & national libraries
- Continuing education classes
- Reference resource assistance
- Wireless Internet Access (WiFi)
- Access to public internet computers
- Over 1 million items available (books, magazines, audio/video materials and more)

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 SERVICES



Our partnership with Texas WorkForce Solutions helping residents search and apply for jobs online.



Community Center Partner Program

The purpose of the Community Center Partner Program is to assist citizens in applying for social service programs such as Medicaid, SNAP, TANF and CHIP, using the online application.



The Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) ensures that low-income children continue to receive nutritious meals when school is not in session.

15,922 Children were served lunch during the summer of 2015.

Texas Hunger Initiative

831,073

2015 Population Served as per the Texas State Library and Archives Commission

	2010	2014	Annual Statistics
Library Visits	1,503,188	2,521,70	
Books Checked Out	1,329,681	1,805,190	
Reference Questions	547,415	855,837	
Computer Usage	159,478	1,103,767	
Wi-Fi Sessions	0	199,306	
Population Served	740,519	815,996	

FUNDING

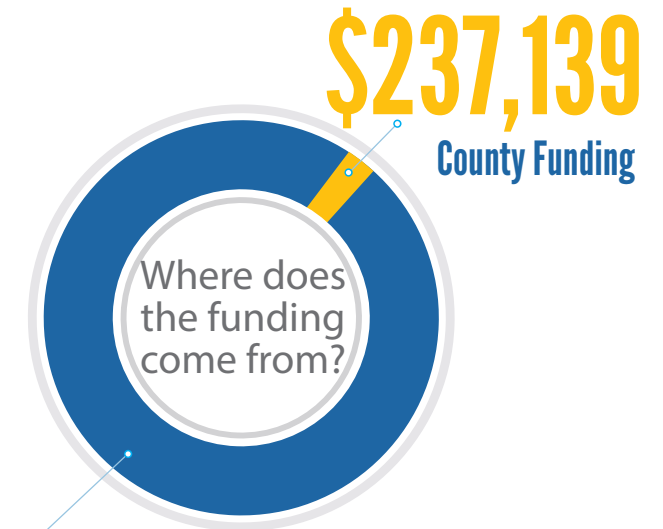
Comparison of County Residents vs City Residents Served



540,911
City Residents Served

290,132
County Residents Served

2015 Total Served Population in Hidalgo County - 831,073



\$11,275,163
City Funding

\$237,139
County Funding

Based on Texas State Library and Archives Commission Annual Reports.

COUNTY BUDGET

Funding received from Hidalgo County since 2000.

Maintenance of Effort required to meet accreditation by the Texas State Library and Archives Commission on 2015 is \$11,163,124. HCLS has struggled to meet MOE. We have had to include indirect costs every year to meet required MOE.

