



HIDALGO COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM

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

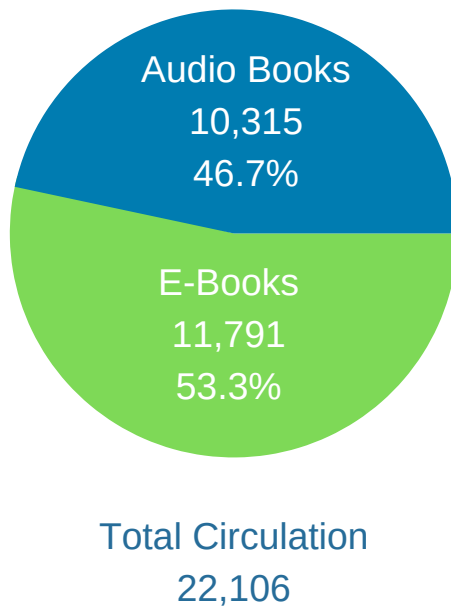
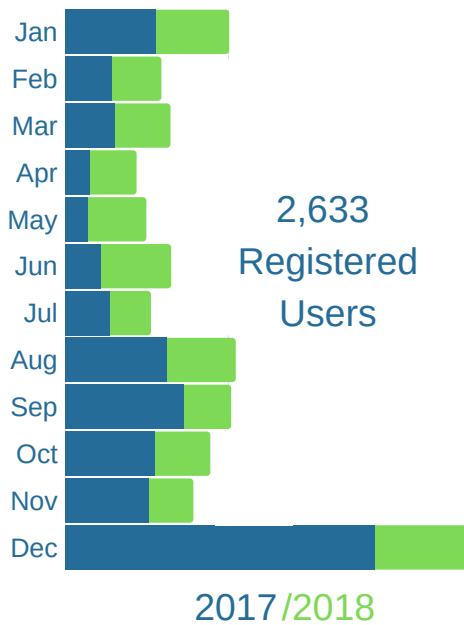




HCLS E-Library

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.

PROGRAMS & SERVICES

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:

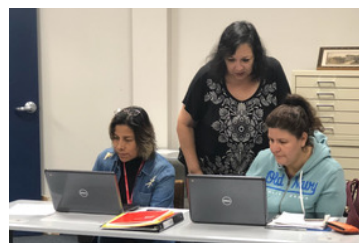
3D Printing
 Virtual Reality
 Robotics
 Coding

2,500+ patrons
 attended over
 300 technology
 programs.

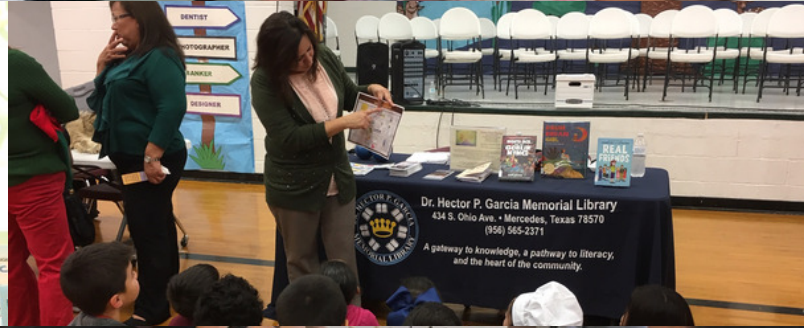
OUTREACH:

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

Over
 2,649,085
 interactions
 with our
 communities



FACILITY USAGE



Study room usage
Walk-in count
In-house count
Total circulation

3,000,000
service
interactions
with our citizens.



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
Lay Representative

Laura Solis, Director
Jose F. Perez, Director
Leticia S. Leija, Director
Hilda Molina, Director
Raul Sanchez, Director
Susana Villegas, Director
Kate P. Horan, Director
Marisol Vidales, Director
Mayra Rocha, Director
Yenni Espinoza, Director
Adolfo Garcia, Director
Armandina Sesin, Director
Arnoldo Becho, Director
Christine Warren

