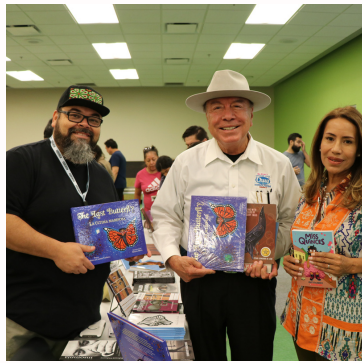


Annual County Report 2022

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, 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 TSLAC Digital Navigator Grant for \$70,000. Thanks to the TSLAC Digital Navigator Grant, we were able to give out 48 chrome books and 48 hotspots to all our students that completed a 10-week course with our Digital Navigators. Just as important, all 48 of those students received certifications in Basic Computer Skills, Internet Basics, and Email Basics.

DHPGML was awarded the ALA Covid Relief Fund for \$20,000. This allowed the library to update some of its technology infrastructure such as the 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
Jose F. Perez - 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

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Arnoldo Becho - Director

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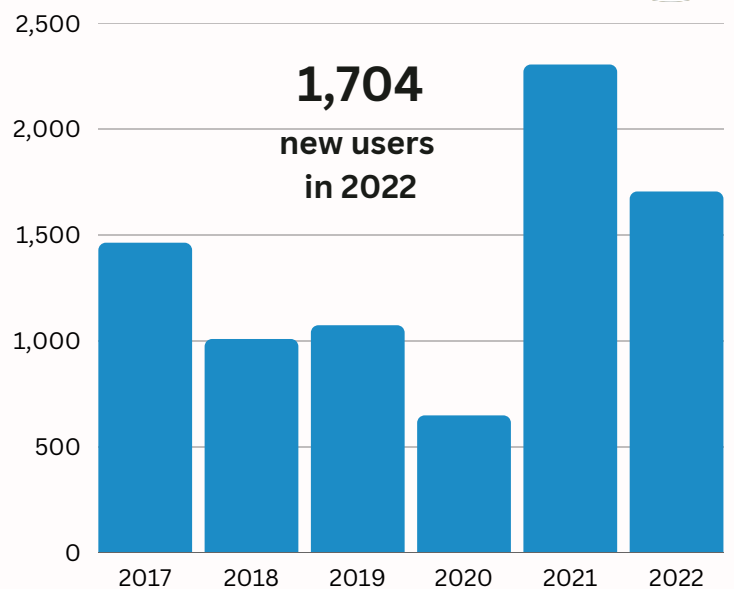
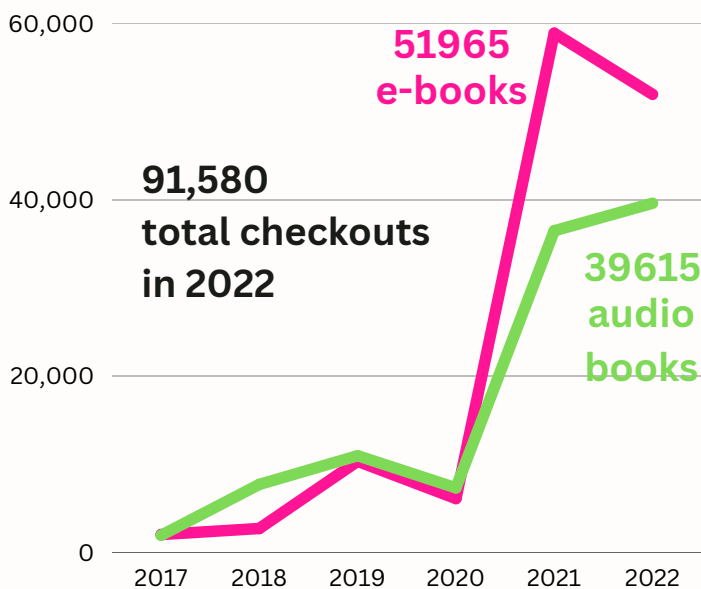
HCLS e-Library

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.



Thousands of e-books, audiobooks, and e-magazines available 24/7 from the comfort of your laptop, tablet, cell phone or smart device. Download the **FREE** cloudLibrary app!



Available on [GET IT ON Google Play](#) and [DOWNLOAD ON THE Apple Store](#)



Checkouts increased **580%** since 2020



8,269 registered users across Hidalgo County



Programs and Services

Over 946,096 visits to libraries in Hidalgo County

386,432+ registered users across Hidalgo County libraries



Assisted more than 15,000+ patrons with over 1025 educational programs

170,000+ attended over 6,000 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.



10,000+ children attended over 500 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
- Dia - Dia de los Niños/
Dia 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

Outreach

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

Technology

- 3D Printing
- Virtual Reality
- Robotics & Coding