

Did you know?



Facts About Chestatee Regional Library System

Chestatee Libraries are valuable to the people of Dawson and Lumpkin Counties. Citizens rely on public libraries for lifelong learning, technology, and entertainment.

Residents rely on the public library for information, education and entertainment.

Each person in our service area would have to spend **\$200** each year to equal the value received in *item check-outs alone!*



931 children and teens registered for the 2006 Vacation Reading Program.

GALILEO provides electronic access to thousands of articles on every topic under the sun.



Libraries provide access to computers & the Internet for all.

100% of Dawson and Lumpkin residents can access the Internet at the public library.

The library's **33** public computer stations are used more than **27,000** times a year.

Lumpkin and Dawson residents believe public libraries are important to the community.

There were **177,960** visits to Chestatee libraries last year, or an average of nearly **600** per day.

Volunteers contributed **3,293** hours to the library, a value of **\$59,406**.

Meeting rooms are used an average of **37** times a month, and almost **7,500** people attended meetings held at Chestatee libraries last year.

Both counties have active **Friends of the Library** groups.



Source: Chestatee Regional Library Statistics, July 2005-June 2006.

How is all this possible?

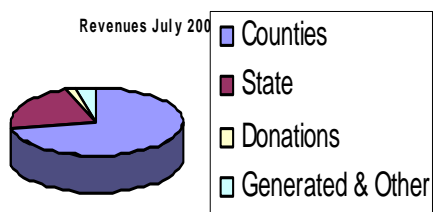


Library Funding and Governance

Chestatee Libraries are funded primarily through local taxes. Primary funding agencies include Dawson County, Lumpkin County and the state of Georgia.

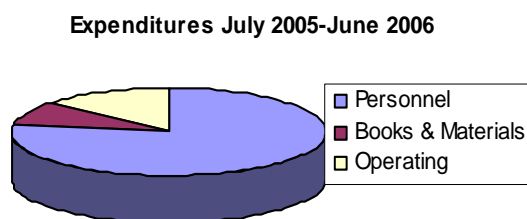
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FY06 Revenues



Counties	\$ 840,621	(72%)
State	\$ 255,287	(22%)
Donations	\$ 25,283	(2%)
Generated & Other	\$ 43,969	(4%)
Total Revenues	\$ 1,165,160	

FY06 Expenditures



Personnel	\$ 859,207	(77%)
Books & Materials	\$ 105,582	(10%)
Operating	\$ 148,314	(13%)
Total Expenditures	\$ 1,113,103	

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Local volunteers govern the library system.

County Commissioners appoint local residents to serve on the Boards of Trustees for the library system. The Chestatee Regional Library Board has the final authority for all services and policies of the library.

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