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## Georgia Library Spotlight - Union Grove High School Learning Commons

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# GLA SPOTLIGHT

## Union Grove High School Learning Commons

The Union Grove High School (UGHS) Learning Commons is a high school library media center serving over 1500 students in grades 9–12. The learning commons is part of the Henry County School System, located in McDonough, Georgia. The mission is to ensure success for each student as measured by individual progress and by local, state, and national standards. The learning commons commits to a structured system of support to empower students with 21st century skills to promote College and Career Readiness (CCR). The learning commons is committed to the ideals set forth in the American Association of School Librarians (AASL) *National School Library Standards Framework for the 21st-Century Learner*. The goal is to provide students, teachers, and administrators with books in print, e-books, information literacy skills instruction, and information technology services. In addition, the learning commons provides resources to support the curriculum enabling students to become effective users of information and ideas.

The UGHS Learning Commons has abundant resources to help reach its mission. The entire fiction area is arranged by genre, with popular sections such as dystopian, realistic, mystery, romance, historical, supernatural, fantasy, and

science fiction. The learning commons has over 14,000 books in print, access to thousands of e-books, research databases, unlimited book check-out, black and white and color printing services, and a makerspace craft area with die cuts.

Henry County schools offer one-to-one technology. Each student in Henry County

schools has a district issued Chromebook with Classlink apps. Students at UGHS have access to wireless printing through Papercut, desktop computers, iPads, charging area for Chromebooks, and flexible hours before and after school.



During the COVID-19 pandemic, the

learning commons has adapted to remote learning and continued to provide virtual services to students and teachers. The learning commons is open daily from 7:45 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. for students and staff who are on campus. In addition, self-contained ESE (exceptional student education) classes also visit the learning commons weekly for book check out and library information skills instruction. The learning commons provides daily curbside book check out and pickup to students who are taking classes remotely. Students complete a Google Form to request up to 10 books to pick up curbside. The learning commons also has a Google Classroom and Bitmoji Virtual Library that provides students with passwords to databases, information literacy skills

instruction, and instructional technology resources.

For more information, please visit the Union Grove High School Learning Commons website: <https://schoolwires.henry.k12.ga.us/domain/1407>