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## Georgia Library Spotlight: Cobb County Public Library's Georgia Room

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# GLA SPOTLIGHT

## Cobb County Public Library's Georgia Room

Serving important roles in both the American Civil War and the Civil Rights Movement, the city of Marietta offers many locations of historical significance and nearly two centuries of history. [The Georgia Room](#), in Cobb County Public Library's flagship Charles D. Switzer Public Library near the Marietta Square, houses materials covering the local history of the city.

The Georgia Room began in 1970 through the generous bequest of Virginia Vanstone Crosby in memory of her father Charles Mayo Crosby. Since opening, many have contributed to the growth and

development of the Georgia Room collection. In 2007, the Georgia Room was greatly expanded through a generous donation from the Library Foundation. The renovation of Switzer Library from 2019 to the summer of 2021 resulted in a larger space for the expanding collection and much more natural lighting.



Throughout its tenure as a trusted archive of local history, the Georgia Room has also been patronized by different groups and organizations like nearby chapters of the National Society for the Daughters of the

American Revolution. In the Georgia Room, researchers and genealogists connect and collaborate. The Cobb County Genealogical Society encourages new members to familiarize themselves with the collection, and the group frequently donates materials beneficial to genealogical and local research. The collection, and therefore

the Switzer Public Library itself, serves as an important stop for travelers as they pass through Cobb County and the Southeastern United States.

Staff members of the Georgia Room, led by research veteran and Head Carolyn Crawford, welcome patrons and visitors from the



renovated main desk located in the foyer and lit by a bay window. Parallel shelves running perpendicular to the windows house most of the collection's books and manuscripts. Microform readers next to the bank of public computers sit ready for research. As more historical information is made available online, a push for digitization in archives and special collections is eagerly met by the Georgia Room through regular digitization with its Bookeye 4 overhead scanner.

For additional information, please visit [the Georgia Room page](#) on [Cobb County Public Library's website](#). There, one can find information on upcoming programs, digitization and research services, and additional resources are available to all users.

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