



Fayette County Public Library Board Meeting January 20, 2026

Fayette County Public Library

THE FAYETTE COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD met on Tuesday, January 20, 2026, at 4:00 p.m. in the Distance Learning Lab (DLL) Room of the Fayette County Public Library, 1821 Heritage Park Way Fayetteville, GA 30214.

MEMBERS PRESENT: *Zulema Green, Chair*
 Davina Taylor, Vice-Chair
 Kim Bradley
 J.T Rabun
 Page McDonald

MEMBERS ABSENT: Gail Joiner

STAFF PRESENT: *Michelle Bennett-Copeland, Fayette County Library Director*
 Chris Mallory, Board Secretary and Library Administrative Assistant

GUESTS: *Natalie Marshall, Director, Flint River Regional Library System (FRRLS)*
 Lauren Ogletree, Business Manager, Flint River Regional Library System (FRRLS)

I.) CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Board Chair Zulema at 4:00 PM.

II.) Approval of Minutes for the October 2025 Meeting

The October board meeting minutes to be considered for approval were put forth by Board Chair Zulema Green. Board member J.T Rabun motioned for approval. Board member Page McDonald seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

III.) Michelle Bennett-Copeland, Library Director, Fayette County Public Library

- Customer satisfaction survey (Accessed through QR Code) will be posted in all of the usual places (newspaper, library, social media, etc.)
- CIP Projects – Nearing the completion for current CIP project in the Large Meeting Room (Audio Equipment - Crestron System) and starting the process for 2027 CIP projects.
- Black History Month Program – Commissioner Rousseau will be a keynote speaker.
- Annual PINES upgrade – The upgrade will take place during Valentine's Day weekend.
- Staff Development will take place on Monday, February 16, 2026. This will be a day for staff to have training and to take care of in-house activities.

IV.) Natalie Marshall, Director, Flint River Regional Library System (FRRLS)

- Capital Day with the State Legislators – This is an opportunity for library advocates to talk with their legislators and ask for more materials money. If you are not able to make it in person you can call your legislators, email them, send a postcard, etc. We are currently at \$0.70 per capita and always aiming for a dollar per person for books
- We will also ask for Libtech funding again for our tech purchases. The current LibTech purchases have been delayed, but Scott, Tech Manager for Flint River Regional Library, will make the purchases as soon as he is able to.
- MR&R projects are currently in process.
- We are looking to be involved with the literary council that the Governor's office has established over the last couple of years.
- GPLS – Projects – Early Childhood Literacy. We are approaching GPLS with a pilot idea of going completely fines free in Georgia.
- Pines Upgrade – Valentine's Day weekend.
- Staff Day – Flint River library staff will meet at Griffin Public Library for a day of training that will have a mix of informative sessions with staff from GPLS (Georgia Public Library Service) and practical stuff like CPR Training/Fire Extinguisher training at Griffin Public Library.
- Library Board Member Training with Angela Stanley (GPLS) – New board members or staff who would like a refresher can attend one of two session offerings similar to last year.
- After Baker & Taylor (Our Primary Book Vendor) closed shop, we are still in the process of ordering more items from Brodart our secondary supplier. We are in the

process of onboarding with Ingram which is another book vendor. As mentioned at the last board meeting we will be doing additional in-house technical services processing of our materials.

- Courier – Interviews for hiring a new courier have been going well. A new courier should be hired in the next few weeks.

V.) Library Representative Report (FRRLS Branches)

- J.T Rabun – Report from the September City of Fayetteville Planning Commission Meeting. There is a request to rezone a parcel of land that is a little over 38 acres. This rezoning will affect the library. There will be a signal light at Fisher Avenue and Highway 85. There will be a street that will run through the library parking lot that will reduce the number of parking spots and could potentially put the library in nonconformity. Any potential plans to expand the library space in the future will require a higher requirement for library parking spots and can put us in jeopardy because of this situation.

Brooks Public Library – Kim Bradley

- Ordering items from Amazon and doing a lot of the processing in-house since Baker & Taylor closed down.

VI.) Unfinished Business – The open library board member spot representing Peachtree City will be posted soon and submitted to Peachtree City Council for final approval in the near future.

VII.) New Business – None.

VIII.) Board Chair Zulema Green called for a motion to adjourn the board meeting.

The motion to adjourn at 4:35 p.m. was called by Board Member J.T Rabun and seconded by Vice-Chair Davina Taylor. The board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting. The next library board meeting will be held on Tuesday April 21, 2026, at 4 PM at the Fayette County Public Library.

ATTEST:

_____*Chris Mallory*_____

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Board Secretary