Fayette County Public Library
Board Meeting
October 20, 2026

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THE FAYETTE COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD *met on Tuesday, October 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: *Davina Taylor, Vice-Chair*
Kim Bradley
J.T Rabun
Page McDonald

MEMBERS ABSENT: *Tricia Stearns*

STAFF PRESENT: *Jessica Kuhr, Interim Fayette County Library Director*
Chris Mallory, Board Secretary and Library Administrative Assistant
Irene Alexander, Library Assistant

GUESTS: *Natalie Marshall, Director, Flint River Regional Library System (FRRLS)*

I.) *CALL TO ORDER*

- ***The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Davina Taylor at 4:00 PM.***

II.) *Approval of Minutes for the June 23, 2026 Meeting*

- ***The board meeting minutes to be considered for approval were put forth by Vice-Chair Davina. Board Member J.T Rabun called for a correction to the date on the June 23, 2026, meeting minutes. Board member J.T Rabun motioned for approval. Board member Page McDonald seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by unanimous vote.***

III.) ***Jessica Kuhr, Interim Library Director, Fayette County Public Library***

- **Our newest Librarian, Allison Dunn, started in her current role on Monday, October 19, 2026. She was previously a library assistant at our library.**
- **The floor replacement is complete in the Large Meeting Room.**
- **The Administrative Assistant and Library Director job have been posted.**
- **The Global Diversity Program took place on October 17, 2026. Our adult services librarian, Emma Laster, was able to put together a great program which was well received by the public.**
- **The Performer's Showcase will take place on November 5, 2026. We will have close to 100 librarians from throughout the state that will come to our library. There will be about 20 – 25 performers that will give a brief snippet of their show. This showcase is an opportunity for librarians to book performers for the Summer Reading Program and other programs throughout the year.**

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

- **The annual documents were submitted on August 28, 2026. The annual report was submitted on September 17. The library staff document everything throughout the year for the benefit of our own internal analysis, as well as forming a pretty large chunk of the state budget request and the federal budget request. All of the documenting done gets combined with other libraries across the country to form the basis for our Federal IMLS funding request.**
- **Staff Training Day took place on Friday, October 18, 2026. There were 44 library staff that were able to attend. Spaulding County fire department demonstrated how to use an AED, administering NARCAN, and how to use a fire extinguisher.**
- **Susan Morrison from PINES was able to talk about an overhaul of the PINES reports templates. Galileo staff members discussed continuing education, staff resources, and some recent changes. A representative from UGA's leadership, Carl Vinson Leadership Group, did a session on working and serving patrons in an intergenerational workplace.**
- **Laura Barton is the new Monroe County Library Manager. She served as the Children's Coordinator before starting her current role. Marisha Crowder had been the interim manager for close to two years and will go back to her former role as Assistant manager.**

V.) *Library Representative Report (FRRLS Branches)*

Kim Bradley – Brooks Library –

- ***Summer Reading Bingo – There were a total of 4 prizes given out. Two prizes were given for the youngest age group, and two prizes were given for the older age group. There was a total of 30 kids who signed up for the program at the beginning.***
- ***Started the weeding process for a lot of the older materials. A cart has been set up in a coffee shop in brooks for patrons to take. Some books have been taken to Tea Olive bookstore which sells used books.***
- ***Updating the spine labels for AR reading levels.***

J.T Rabun – Fayette County

- **Fayetteville City Center Parkway Project -**

  The project is still ongoing. The impact on the library could be significant. The parking lot is full on most days with the library's own programming and patrons using our library. The library is a voting precinct as well as an early voting location. The library parking lot is also used for other nearby events through the City of Fayetteville and other nearby venues. We are going to propose some suggestions to lessen the impact that it would have on the library and our parking spaces.

VI.). *Unfinished Business* –

- ***The Tyrone library board position is still vacant. Once Kate Chambers (Tyrone Library Supervisor) finds a candidate, the new representative will be approved by the Tyrone Council.***

VII.) New Business –

- ***Zulema Green, Library Board Member and Chair, will be stepping down from her role as a board member effective immediately.***

VIII.) *Adjournment* -

- ***Vice Chair Davina Taylor called for a motion to adjourn the board meeting. Board member J.T Rabun motioned to adjourn the meeting. Board member Kim Bradley***

seconded the motion. The meeting concluded at 4:45pm. The next board meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 19, 2027.

ATTEST:

_____Chris Mallory_

Chris Mallory
Board Secretary