



**Fayette County Public Library
Board Meeting
January 16, 2024**

Fayette County Public Library

THE FAYETTE COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD met on January 16, 2024, 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

Valerie Mallon

Gail Joiner

Denise Stripling

Page McDonald

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

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)*

I.) CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair Zulema Green called the meeting to order at 4 PM.

II.) Approval of Minutes of October 2023 Meeting

The minutes from October to be considered for approval were put forth by Board Chair Zulema Green. Kim Bradley motioned, and Valerie Mallon seconded the motion.

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

-Strategic Planning & Customer Service Survey

- The strategic goal for the next three years will be to improve our community relationships, school partnerships, and our business partnerships.
- Recommend adding 1 part-time custodial staff for next year's budget. They will be able to work during the day in order to assist with our 3rd party cleaning vendor which cleans only at night.
- Quarterly Newspaper – Still in the Planning stages.
- Book Mobile - For our disabled and elderly patrons
- Capital Improvement Projects - The sound system for the meeting room needs to be updated.
- Collection Development Plan - The plan will be posted to the library website in the near future.
- Our Teen Librarian, Abby Spasser, is on the Georgia Committee for the Georgia Peach Awards. She will be meeting at the Douglasville Public Library on January 26, 2024, as part of the committee to select the books for the 2024 – 2025 Georgia Peach Awards.
- Page McDonald renewed her library board membership for another 4-year term.
- Georgia Commission on the Holocaust Exhibit is currently on Exhibit at the Fayette County Library and will continue to other Georgia libraries after the month of January.
- Discussion on increasing community outreach.
 - Possibly hosting 5K Race
 - Increasing awareness in the local schools
 - Having a presence on School Board (Maybe propose having an open seat as a guest on the local school board in order to let the schools know of the various resources and programs that libraries have to offer for students and staff.)

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

- **Regional circulation statistics show a 4.4% rise from the previous year. Compared to last year, there has been a 39% rise in Overdrive usage. Thanks to a notice from Georgia Public Library Services, we are now able to apply for a competitive grant from the Georgia Technology Authority to fund the extension of our hotspot program.**
- **Laura Grant has recently joined the Griffin Public Library Staff replacing Ivoree Malcolm. She is coming from the Henry County Library System. She will be collecting information for the annual PINES report throughout the year from the Flint River Regional Libraries.**
- **The annual Pines System Upgrade will take place on Presidents Day instead of the normal Martin Luther King Holiday weekend in order to give the Pines staff time to finish all of the upgrades.**
- **“Library Day at the Capitol” is an annual event where advocates of libraries along with library staff meet with their local representatives and talk about the many services and programs that libraries provide. This is a great opportunity to talk about the importance of increasing funding for our libraries so that we can continue to provide quality programming and services for our communities.**
- **Scott Martin, Technology Manager for Flint River Regional Library System, will be in communication with the Flint River Regional Libraries in order to set up and deliver the items that were purchased with the tech grant money.**

V.) Library Representative Report (FRRLS Branches)

Tyrone Representative (Gail Joiner – Library Board Member) – The Tyrone Library offers excellent programs for young children and teenagers alike. Harry Potter and Pokémon were some of the characters used as a theme for a few of their programming activities. The Rotary Club in Tyrone is involved in sending books to Cameroon with someone covering the total shipping costs.

VI.)

The motion to adjourn at 4:45 p.m. was called by Board Chair Zulema Green.
Denise Stripling seconded the motion.

The next Library Board Meeting will be held on April 16, 2024, at 4 PM at the
Fayette County Public Library.

ATTEST:

_____ *Chris Mallory*—

Chris Mallory
Board Secretary