



## Fayette County Public Library Board Meeting June 21, 2022

Fayette County Public Library

**THE FAYETTE COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD** met on June 22, 2022, at 4:00 p.m. in the Redwine Meeting Room of the Fayette County Public Library, 1821 Heritage Park Way Fayetteville, GA 30214.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Valerie Mallon, Chairman  
Paige McDonald  
Davina Taylor  
Kim Bradley

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Zulema Green, Vice Chairman  
Lisa Richardson

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

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

### **WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Mallon called the meeting to order at 4 p.m. and confirmed that a quorum was present. Chairman Mallon asked if there were any revisions or additions to the April 19, 2022, Board Minutes. Recommended Changes: Correcting Michelle Bennett-Copeland's name on the Staff Present section and correcting Natalie Stripling's name on the member's present section. Regina Daigre's resignation was

already mentioned in the January 2022 Board minutes so we can delete it from the April meeting minutes. The minutes were motioned for approval. The minutes were approved to accept the minutes with correction.

Chairman Mallon re-introduced new Board Member Ms. Denise Stripling.

## **Library Director's Report**

Fayette library quarterly report

Introduction of two new members of the library

Chris Mallory (Library Administration Assistant) was previously a Library Assistant and Allison Dunn (Library Assistant (Full Time)) was previously a Part-Time Library Assistant

Chris Mallory briefly mentioned his work history at the library.

Fayette Library Quarterly Report

**A Part-Time Library Assistant Position will be posted online soon**

The library and our patrons have been adjusting to the changing landscape over the last couple of years. As patrons have become more comfortable with the changes, we have seen new and older patrons return to the library. This has been shown in the increase of the number of patrons served from March 2021 to March 2022. There was a 26% increase from March 2021 to March 2022.

Study Rooms are now open to the public. Although we have a total of 6 study rooms, we are initially opening Rooms 1 and 2 to the public. **The other study rooms will be opened eventually**

In consideration is repurposing one study room for 1 on 1 technology sessions with a staff member.

The room that used to be the ELL is now going to be used as a multimedia room to be used by library patrons

Amnesty for fines will be ending on June 30, 2022.

Monday Morning Mystery Book Club is continuing to do a combination of Zoom and in-person meetings.

Thursday Book Club will be strictly on Zoom.

Chromebooks and hotspots are checking out consistently and have been very popular with our patrons.

The Summer program Kick-Off was a big success and over 500 children signed up. There were many patrons who remarked to staff that their family had an amazing time and enjoyed all the festivities.

## **FLINT RIVER REGIONAL REPORT**

Natalie Marshall talked about the library tech local collection per capita funding increasing 15 cents from last year to 60 cents per capita. The libraries can use this extra funding to purchase more technology items that the library patrons can use.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

-Updating Library Board link on the Fayette County government website for the library.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Mallon requested to a motion to adjourn. Director Marshall motioned to adjourn, and it was seconded by Ms. Stripling. The motion passed to adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:37 p.m.