



Fayette County Public Library Board Meeting October 18, 2022

Fayette County Public Library

THE FAYETTE COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD met on October 18, 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*
Zulema Green, Vice Chairman
Page McDonald
Davina Taylor
Kim Bradley
Lisa Richardson
Denise Stripling

MEMBERS ABSENT: Page McDonald

STAFF PRESENT: *Larisa Scott, Children's Librarian*
Abigail Spasser, Public Services Librarian (Teens)
Katie Rees, Public Services Librarian (Adult Services)
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 Valerie Mallon called the meeting to order at 4 PM. The first item of business is to review and approve the minutes from June. Recommended Changes: Natalie Marshall will be moved to guest instead of Library Board Member. Library Board Member Kim Bradley should be moved from Members Absent to Members Present. A motion to approve the minutes was called by Chairman Mallon. The minutes were approved to accept the minutes with correction.

III. Reports from Library Staff

- a. Michelle Bennett-Copeland, Library Director, Fayette County Public Library. Global Diversity Awareness kicked off its first annual program on October 7th, 2022. The program was a major success. There has been a 26% increase in patron attendance in July 2022 when compared to the numbers in July 2021. The weekly average number of patrons and visitors that used our public access computers is 200 people.
- b. Larisa Scott, Children's Librarian.
Pumpkin Fest is going to take place on Saturday October 22, 2022. There was a lot of engagement on social media for this event. Some of the activities that are going to be going on include storytelling, photo op, musician, bounce house and painter. Story Time for 3–5-year old's take place on Tuesday morning at 10 AM.
- c. Abigail Spasser, Public Services Librarian (Teens)

Some upcoming programs include; Mugs and hot chocolate, real talk about current events, Zoomer Writing Club, Garage Band 101. Once a month, there is a Game Night that encourages socializing and fun. The Teen Advisory Council has been very instrumental in informing future

programming geared towards the teen patrons. Instagram has been the best social media outlet to engage teens.

- d. **Katie Rees, Public Services Librarian (Adult Services)** The weekly Spanish Classes is program that gets consistent interest from our patrons. In September 2022 there was a GLS (Georgia Library Service for the Blind & Print Disabled) presentation for staff and patrons to learn about the services that they can provide to Georgia residents who qualify for this free service. The Beginning Sign-Language Class held their first session on October 14 and the rest of the sessions will run through November. The first author presentation talk was held with author, Chris Joyner, during the month of September. The second author presentation talk was held with author, Matthew Raidbard, who presented a virtual author talk during the month of October. The Monday Morning Mystery Book Club continues to be a hybrid meeting (having zoom along with in-person meetings). The Thursday Book Club continues to meet on Zoom.
- e. **Jessica Kuhr, Public Services Librarian.** Baby Time is a year-round activity for parents, caregivers, and their children (with a break for Summer). This program encourages movement and play. In addition to the normal baby time activity, there are also special events that are held throughout the year.
- f. **Natalie Marshall, Director, Flint River Regional Library System (FRRLS)** The digital inclusion technology grant was used to purchase hot spots that have checked out over 100 times. The van that was recently purchased will help with outreach. They can engage in large scale offsite programming. Some examples of offsite programming include book giveaways and card renewal. Lauren Allgood was recently hired as a Business Manager. Annual reports by all branches was completed at the end of September. Collaboration by all parties involved helped to make this very important task a success.

IV. Committee Reports

- a. No Committee Reports were submitted**

V. Unfinished Business

- a. Update on Code of Conduct for Fayette County Public Library.**

Natalie Marshall suggested that it is good for staff to have an in-house code of conduct. Having a code of conduct, even if it is in-house, will help staff. There was also discussion about starting the process over and producing a new Code of Conduct put forth by Zulema Green. The board members also discussed some alternative proposals and changes that can be made for the future.

- b. Update Library Board link on county website.**

VI. New Business

- a. New Officer Elections**

- b. Lisa Richardson, Library Board Member, nominated Valerie Mallon (Chairman) and Zulema Green (Vice Chairman) to another term with no objection from the other board members. Chairman Mallon put forth the vote and the vote was unanimous for Valerie Mallon and Zulema Green to maintain their positions. There was a majority to second the motion by the Library Board.**

The next Library Board will be held on January 16, 2023.

The motion to adjourn at 4:56 p.m. was called by Chairman Mallon and seconded by Lisa Richardson.