



**Fayette County Public Library  
Board Meeting  
January 17, 2023**

Fayette County Public Library

**THE FAYETTE COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD** met on January 17, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. in the Large Meeting Room of the Fayette County Public Library, 1821 Heritage Park Way Fayetteville, GA 30214.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** *Valerie Mallon, Chairman*  
*Zulema Green, Vice-Chair*  
*Page McDonald*  
*Kim Bradley*  
*Denise Stripling*

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** *Davina Taylor*

**STAFF PRESENT:** *Lisa Randolph, Adult Services Librarian*  
*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)*  
*Business Manager (FRRLS) guest of Natalie Marshall*  
*Jennifer Primous, Library Patron and Volunteer Sign Language teacher*

**I.) CALL TO ORDER**

**Chairman Valerie Mallon called the meeting to order at 4 PM.**

**II.) Approval of Minutes of October 2022 Meeting**

**The first item of business is to review and approve the minutes from October 2022.**

**Recommended Changes: Page McDonald needs to be added to the Members Absent section and taken off from the Members Present section. The date for the upcoming meeting needs to be January 17, 2023, instead of January 16, 2023. A motion to approve the minutes was called by Chairman Mallon. The minutes were approved to accept the minutes with correction.**

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

- New Staff Member Introduction – Lisa Randolph. Ms. Randolph is taking over as the Adult Services Librarian which was previously held by Katie Rees who is now our Children’s Librarian. She previously worked in the Fulton County Library System and briefly described her work history.**
- Jennifer Primous- Ms. Primous is a Certified Sign Language Instructor. During the fall of 2022 she taught Sign Language classes (ASL – American Sign Language) for the Adults which was a major success. The feedback that we have received from the patrons has been positive. She is going to be offering additional classes for Adults and Children.**
- Performer’s Showcase will be held on Thursday January 19, 2023. This is an event where we invite librarians and library staff from Georgia to see the performers and see who they would like to book for the Annual Summer Reading Program along with other programs/events.**
- The circulation numbers have increased since last year (this includes our e-book circulation.) The number of patrons that we served in October totaled 9,732.**

We served a total of 7,414 citizens over the past year. The total number of items circulated is 16,734. The first annual Global Diversity Awareness took place in October was well attended by the community.

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

- **ARPA Relief Grants: Technology**
- **Fayette County Library's hotspots have circulated 145 times to the present.**
- **ARPA Relief Grants: Digital Inclusion**
  - **This van is available to come to any events or gatherings in our service area.**
- **Kevin Ray has joined the regional staff at FRRLS as the Public Engagement and Outreach Librarian.**
- **Geer Grant (Governor's Emergency Education Relief Fund II) Libraries will be able to receive Chromebooks, Launchpads, and T-Mobile Hotspots for circulation. A portion of this fund is provided for libraries to help stem the learning loss that came as a result of the pandemic for the local community.**
- **Library Legislative Day is tentatively schedule for February 8, 2023. FRRLS will have representatives at the State Capitol that day to discuss library issues and funding. In the past, Varsity has provided Hot Dogs for this event. Since the pandemic food trucks have provided food for the event.**

**V. Unfinished Business**

We are waiting for Tyrone to send a candidate to fulfill our vacant library board member slot. Once they send a candidate, we will be able to complete the process by sending the candidate to be approved by the Fayette County Board of Commissioners.

The motion to adjourn at 5:00 p.m. was called by Lisa Richardson and seconded by Denise Stripling.

The next Library Board will be held on April 18, 2023.

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_*Chris Mallory*\_\_\_\_\_

Chris Mallory  
Secretary