



# Fayette County Public Library Board Meeting April 18, 2023

Fayette County Public Library

**THE FAYETTE COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD** met on April 18, 2023, 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:** *Valerie Mallon, Chairman*  
*Zulema Green, Vice-Chair*  
*Davina Taylor*  
*Kim Bradley*

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Denise Stripling, Page McDonald

**STAFF PRESENT:** *Abby Spasser, Teen Librarian, Fayette County Public Library*  
*Jessica Kuhr, Public Services Librarian, Fayette County Public Library*  
*Chris Mallory, Board Secretary and Library Administrative Assistant*

**GUESTS:** *Natalie Marshall, Director, Flint River Regional Library System (FRRLS)*  
*Gail Joiner, Library Board Member Nominated by Tyrone City Council*

## **I.) CALL TO ORDER**

**Chairman Valerie Mallon called the meeting to order at 4 PM. Gail Joyner, the newly elected Tyrone library board representative was given a brief introduction by the library board members and library staff. She will be confirmed by the Fayette County Board of Commissioners at their next meeting.**

## **II.) Approval of Minutes of January 2023 Meeting**

**Lisa Richardson has rotated off, so her name needs to be taken off the members present section. Davina Taylor needs to be listed as present. The minutes were approved to accept the minutes with correction.**

## **III.) Abby Spasser, Teen Librarian, Fayette County Public Library**

- Abby Spasser gave a presentation regarding banned materials and their effects on the library landscape.**
- The objective of the libraries is to promote learning, provide equal access to technology and library materials, and to promote community involvement. Cooperation with the community is critical in promoting citizen self-determination. The issue of banning library items must be treated seriously by all parties involved because it directly conflicts with the goal of providing equal access to the community.**
- If a patron feels that a particular library item should no longer be in circulation, they have the option to submit a reconsideration request. There is a procedure that must be followed before the library board gives its final approval.**

## **IV.) Jessica Kuhr, Public Services Librarian, Fayette County Public Library**

- Jessica Kuhr gave a presentation on the process of ordering library materials for the library. The degreed librarians on staff divide up the ordering responsibilities for books, audiobooks, specialized equipment, digital items, etc.**

- The staff librarians who submit their library orders went to library school and took courses on how to develop a library collection. They are also licensed in the state of Georgia.
  - There are many factors that are considered when going through the ordering process. There are also a variety of tools available to them, such as library journals with publication statistics that demonstrate public demand.
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- V.) Natalie Marshall, Director, Flint River Regional Library System (FRRLS) Report
  - Geer Grant- We are in the process of receiving and cataloging the GEER (Governor's Emergency Education Relief Fund II) Device replacement Grant Devices. Libraries will be able to receive Chromebooks and Launchpads for circulation.
  - Library Tech orders have been placed and are being received and distributed to libraries
  - The Farm Bureau is sending out the new season of Georgia Farm Bureau Passports.
  - The Georgia Legislative Session for the year is concluded. The budget is awaiting the signature from the Governor. Georgia Public Highlights for Georgia Libraries include: \$0.70/capita in materials funds, \$3.6 million in technology enhancements, and \$3 million in MRR (Major Repair and Renovation) funding.

**V. Unfinished Business**

The motion to adjourn at 4:55 p.m. was called by Chairman Mallon and seconded by Davina Taylor.

The next Library Board will be held on June 20, 2023.

**ATTEST:**

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

Chris Mallory  
Secretary