



Fayette County Public Library Board Meeting October 17, 2023

Fayette County Public Library

THE FAYETTE COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD met on October 17, 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, Gail Joiner

STAFF PRESENT: *Michelle Bennett-Copeland, Fayette County Library Director*
Chris Mallory, Board Secretary and Library Administrative Assistant
Emma Laster, Adult Services Librarian
Irene Davis, Library Assistant

GUESTS: *None*

I.) CALL TO ORDER

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

II.) Approval of Minutes of July 2023 Meeting

A motion was put forward by Chairman Mallon to accept the previous meeting's minutes and the motion was seconded by board member Davina Taylor.

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

a.) October is Global Diversity Awareness Month. Fayette County Public Library celebrated their second annual event on October 6, 2023. There were a few distinguished guests who gave a few remarks. The guests included Mayor Ed Johnson, Steve Rapson Fayette County Manager, Commissioner Charles Oddo, and Library Board members Page McDonald and Davina Taylor.

The countries that were highlighted this year included Germany, Hawaii, China, Brazil, Ghana, along with a few countries that were highlighted last year Dominican Republic and Nigeria.

Hawaii was highlighted because of the recent wildfires. Abby, Fayette County Teen Librarian, started a donation initiative to give to the libraries that were affected in Hawaii.

There were performances that were performed during the night. The night ended with hula dancer performing traditional hula dances. A movie titled "Everything, Everywhere, All at Once" will play on October 18, 2023, in the Distance Learning Lab in celebration of Global Diversity Awareness Month.

The self-check-out machines were discussed. There is one machine in the Children's department and one across from the circulation desk. They were purchased with a Tech Grant. Patrons are slowly embracing the self-checkout machines and are becoming more confident in using them.

The Performer's Showcase will be held at the Fayette County Public Library on November 16 at 9 AM.

Emma Laster, Adult Services Librarian and Irene Davis, Library Assistant

b.) Mrs. Emma Laster was introduced as our new Full-Time Adult Services Librarian. She previously worked as a part-time Librarian at our library. Mrs. Laster

has held many titles in her library career, and she brings a wealth of knowledge to our library. Mrs. Davis was also introduced, and she is one of our Library Assistants. They discussed the Crafting Programs that we have been holding over the past few months.

One of the earliest crafting classes we offered to our patrons was book folding, a process that requires basic math, hand-eye coordination, and measuring to produce a successful book folding project. This program has proven effective based on the positive feedback we've received from patrons. The recent book sale was a great success thanks to the collaboration of the Friends of the Library, Mrs. Laster, and Mrs. Davis. Irene Davis, Library Assistant provided to the Friends of the Library several custom folded books with the proceeds going towards library programming.

IV.) New Business

- a. New Officer Elections
- b. Chairman Mallon stepped down from her position and put forth a vote for a new Chairman. Vice Chair Zulema Green was nominated by Board Chairman Valerie Mallon as the new Library Board Chair and was seconded by the board. Vice Chair Zulema Green nominated Board member Davina Taylor as Vice-Chair and was seconded by the board.

The motion to adjourn at 4:45 p.m. was called by Board Member Valerie Mallon and seconded by new Vice Chair Davina Taylor.

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

ATTEST:

_____ *Chris Mallory*_____

Chris Mallory
Secretary