



Fayette County Public Library Board Meeting April 16, 2024

Fayette County Public Library

THE FAYETTE COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD met on April 16, 2024, 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: *Davina Taylor, Vice-Chair*
Kim Bradley
Gail Joiner
Denise Stripling
Page McDonald

MEMBERS ABSENT: *Zulema Green, Chair*
Valerie Mallon

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

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

I.) CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chair Davina Taylor called the meeting to order at 4 PM.

II.) Approval of Minutes of October 2023 Meeting

Page McDonald stated the motion to approve the January 2024 minutes. Gail Joiner seconded the motion. The board unanimously approved the minutes for January 2024.

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

- Staff Development Day took place on February 19, 2024. We used this opportunity to meet together and do some training in PINES and other subjects with all library staff present.
- Budget Requests for FY2025 - We put in a budget request to add some public access computers because of normal wear and tear along with Windows 10 no longer being supported starting in October 2025.
- We also requested acoustic panels for the study rooms to help with the noise reduction in the study rooms. The landscape is changing in regard to what patrons are using the study rooms for. Patrons are engaging in more video chats, ZOOM meetings, tutoring, small group meetings, etc.
- All of our Tech Grant items have been delivered and staff are getting familiar with how to use the different products.
- We have two new staff members. Pamela Jewhurst is our new Library Page. She was a volunteer at Springhill Elementary School in the Media Center, and she has also volunteered at the Fayette County Public Library. Our second new staff member is Alyssa Williams, and she is taking on the role of Youth Services Librarian. She is coming to us from the Dekalb Public Library System. She is not completely new to the PINES system because she worked briefly in the Zebulon library branch. She will be working with the Teens and the older middle school age children.
- Our Electronic Resources Librarian, Debora Mack, will be showcasing our electronic resources and assisting patrons with their technology questions on Tuesday morning during the month of April. The sessions with the Goodwill representative will resume in the month of May.

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

- Since the last board meeting in January all of the Tech Grant items have been delivered and installed. The reimbursement process for the tech items will be starting soon.
- The materials funding has remained steady at \$0.70 per capita for books with the ultimate goal being \$1 dollar per person.
- The process for the Technology Grants will start in the Fall and operate on a similar timeline as last year. The parameters have expanded a little

which will give us some latitude in what we can purchase with the grant money.

- Senate Bill 390 did not pass this current legislative cycle. One major item from the bill was to disassociate formally from the ALA (American Library Association). Library supporters and those in the Georgia Library system helped to make a big difference in the final outcome.

V.) Library Representative Report (FRRLS Branches)

Brooks Library- Kim Bradley. They are revamping the layout of their library and making the necessary fixes for their library. Their library is planning a Book Bingo for the children this Summer.

Peachtree City Library - Denise Stripling - The Peachtree City Library has seen an increase in private book clubs. They are finding out that it is cost effective to request copies of library books for their members. They are in the process of modernizing their elevator.

Tyrone - Gail Joiner - The numbers in every category for programming has increased. She will update the board on the specifics at the next meeting. The Summer Reading Kick-Off will begin on Monday, June 3.

VI.) New Business

- None

Kim Bradley stated the motion to approve the adjournment of the meeting at 4:45 PM. Denise Stripling seconded the motion.

The next Library Board Meeting will be held on June 18, 2024, at 4 PM at the Fayette County Public Library.

ATTEST:

_____ *Chris Mallory*_____

Chris Mallory
Board Secretary