



# Fayette County Public Library Board Meeting October 15, 2024

Fayette County Public Library

**THE FAYETTE COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD** met on October 15, 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:** *Zulema Green, Chair*  
*Kim Bradley*  
*Gail Joiner*  
*Denise Stripling*  
*Page McDonald*  
*Valerie Mallon*

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Davina Taylor, Vice-Chair

**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)*

**I.) CALL TO ORDER**

Library Board Chair, Zulema Green called the meeting to order at 4 PM.

**II.) Approval of June 18, 2024, Meeting Minutes**

Kim Bradley motioned to approve the June 2024 minutes. Gail Joiner seconded the motion. The board unanimously approved the minutes for June 2024.

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

- Global Diversity Month - The Kick-Off for Global Diversity Month took place on Saturday, October 5, 2024. 147 patrons showed up to celebrate and enjoy the festivities. The various library programs and

events during the month of October will focus on the theme of Global Diversity

- Trivia Tuesdays– Patrons are able to participate in a weekly trivia event that takes place on Tuesdays during the month of October.
- DIY Craft Club – October’s crafting program theme had an emphasis on a Global Craft.
- Fayette County Library is officially chartered as a Toastmaster’s Club.
- Halloween Beanstack Challenge- Patrons can login to their account and potentially win a prize. This challenge is for all age groups.
- November will be a month to focus on Men’s Health. “Movember” is an annual event during the month of November to raise the awareness of men’s health issues . Lee Haney is partnering with Fayette County Library to help educate the public regarding men’s health. Morehouse School of Medicine, and a few other vendors will be here to provide health screenings (diabetes, blood pressure, and PSA test, etc.)
- Zulema and Michelle met with the Clayton County Board of Trustees for a “Meet and Greet” to discuss different aspects of library board policy and advocacy.

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

- Library Board Member training will take place sometime around the beginning of the year in 2025 (January or February). The exact time will be determined soon.
- The Annual Report was completed in the month of September. This is a group wide effort (Flint River Regional Library System) that compiles statistics from each library in the region into one report. This report is then compiled with the rest of the PINES systems into 1 comprehensive report that is sent to the Institute for Museum and Library Sciences (ILS) which is our Federal Department. This report along with other metrics

forms the basis of our funding requests at the Federal Level. The way that the budget gets reflected at the state level is that it underpins a lot of what we do (GALILEO, STAT COURIER system, etc.).

- The Library Tech Fund has been approved and we will start the process of replacing or expanding the public facing technology with assistance from Scott Martin, our IT professional for the Flint River Region. He will work with each branch to compile their list of items to purchase.
- The Digital Connectivity Grant which is a part of the Georgia Technology Authority Grant has been approved for \$85,000 in grant funding. We were able to purchase 168 brand new hotspots along with 2 years of Data that will be distributed to all of our regional libraries.

**V.) Library Representative Report (FRRLS Branches)**

- Peachtree City Library – The 50-year Anniversary of the Peachtree City Library was celebrated on October 8, 2024. Their next big project will be the renovation of their café. They will be having a Night-Time Book Signing with author, McCracken Poston Jr., on November 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM.
- Tyrone Library – The Lunch & Learn Program will be restarting soon. There will be a different guest each month. The annual Tyrone Founders Day Parade took place on October 4-5 at Shamrock Park. Some of the activities included a 5K Walk/Run, parade, performers, and activities for the public. They purchased a people counter with their Library tech money. On November 26 they will have a Red Cross Blood Drive.
- Brooks Library – Bingo was completed over the Summer. They are in the process of donating their surplus donations.
- Griffin Library – They will be having a 5K Run on the first Saturday of November. The annual PINES upgrade is likely to take place during

President's Day in 2025. In the past it used to take place during the month of January during the MLK weekend.

### Adjournment

- Page McDonald motioned for the adjournment of the board meeting. Gail Joiner seconded the motion.
- The next Library Board Meeting will be held on January 21, 2025, at 4 PM at the Fayette County Public Library.

ATTEST:

  
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*Chris Mallory*  
Board Secretary