



# Fayette County Public Library Board Meeting January 28, 2025

Fayette County Public Library

**THE FAYETTE COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD** met on January 28, 2025, 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:** *Denise Stripling*  
*Page McDonald*

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Davina Taylor, Vice-Chair  
Zulema Green, President  
Denise Stripling  
Gail Joiner  
Kim Bradley

**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, Business manager, Flint River Regional Library System (FRRLS)*

I.) **CALL TO ORDER**

There were not enough board members for a quorum. The minutes of the previous meeting will be approved at the next board meeting which will take place on Tuesday April 15, 2025. Today's meeting will be an informational meeting only.

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

- **Customer Satisfaction Survey-** The Customer Satisfaction Survey concluded at the end of the month of January. The reasoning behind the survey is to ensure that we are serving our patron's needs and find out if there is anything we can

do to improve their experience in our library. The survey was on the county website, social media pages, and here in the library. We had over 150 responses.

- **New Library Staff Member-** We have hired a new staff member named Molly Dowd. The vacant position was recently held by Lena Williams who has retired. Molly is an active member of the library. She attends the book clubs and is a member of Friends of the Library.
- **Study Room – (Acoustic Sound Panels)** - Due to a building restriction, we have decided to have Acoustic Sound Panels and Sound Ceiling clouds installed to dampen the noise coming from our study rooms. They have really helped to absorb most of the noise coming from the rooms since they do not have a roof over the top of the room. We hope to add on to the rest of the study rooms because patrons are engaging in more video conferences and having meetings with others.
- **Local Authors Room –** We are in the process of converting 1 of our study rooms into a Local Author’s room. There will be additional shelving added to display their books. This will be a designated room where we can add local author’s books. When we had the Local Author’s Showcase there were a few people who spoke on their collection policies for local authors to show that libraries in general have a similar local author’s policy regarding adding books to their collection.
- **Board Member Interviews –** We are in the process of interviewing potential candidates for the vacant library board member position. The new board member will be selected by the next board meeting on April 15, 2025. Board member Vice-President Zulema Green’s term ended in December 2024, and she has graciously agreed to stay on for another 4-year term.
- **Black History Program** - There will be a black history program on February 8, 2025, at 1PM.
- **Author Visit-** We will have an author visit at our library on Tuesday February 10, 2025, to have a book discussion and signing. Her name is Deb Miller Landau. The public and both of our book clubs will attend this special event. She is the author of “A Devil Went Down to Georgia.”
- **Capital Improvement Projects –** We are looking to finish the rest of the study rooms using the same treatment as the 2 study rooms with the sound panels installed. We will also look to improve our meeting room capabilities

(Audio/Video) and add sound panels to help decrease the noise for louder events. The flooring in the Children's area and staff area will need to be replaced with new flooring.

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

- Angela Stanley (Assistant State Librarian) will come down to Griffin Library to conduct a board member training. This training will help new board members and freshen up current board members on how to be the best trustee for the library. Library trustees can attend events like "Library Day at the Capital" to let our legislators know that we appreciate their continued support of libraries.
- Discussion of MRR (Major Repair and Rehabilitation) Projects and gave information about how long the process normally takes. If you plan to do an MRR Project keep in mind that the process takes around 18 months. The list closes in August and then this is presented to the legislature. If the project is approved, then you can start on your project around July of the following year. The great thing about these projects is that they are 50/50 match funded between the state and local government.
- Staff Day for Flint River Regional Library System – This is a day that the local region can get together, network, and engage in different training revolving around PINES. Alan Harkness, Director of the Chattahoochee Valley Libraries will be one of the speakers. Angela Stanley will be discussing the Digital Projects (PALACE, GALILEO, LIBBY, etc.) Josh Kitchens will be presenting information on Digital Preservation and archiving both physical and online documents. Rebecca Camp will have a presentation on Customer Service.

**Adjournment**

- The next Library Board Meeting will be held on April 15, 2025, at 4 PM at the Fayette County Public Library.

ATTEST:

**Chris Mallory**

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Board Secretary*