



**Fayette County Public Library
Board Meeting
April 21, 2026**

Fayette County Public Library

THE FAYETTE COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD met on Tuesday, April 21, 2026, 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
Davina Taylor, Vice-Chair
Kim Bradley
J.T Rabun
Page McDonald

MEMBERS ABSENT: Gail Joiner
Tricia Stearn

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

The meeting was called to order by Board Chair Zulema at 4:00 PM.

II.) Approval of Minutes for the January 20,2026 Meeting

The board meeting minutes to be considered for approval were put forth by Board Chair Zulema Green. Board member J.T Rabun motioned for approval. Board member Page McDonald seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

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

- *The total number of patrons served during March 2026 is 12,515. The total number of patrons served during March 2025 was 11,979.*
- *Fayette County is committed to inclusive and innovative programming for our Adult special needs community. The purpose of this initiative is to demonstrate our commitment to inclusive programming and to ensure that all members of our community have access to enriching library services.*
- *Books on Wheels – We are continuing our partnership with Meals on Wheels. We are giving the senior home-bound citizens of our community a couple of books each delivery cycle. Last month we served 27 homebound clients.*
- *FY2027 Budget (including our CIP projects) have been submitted, and we are currently waiting for approval.*
- *The library is continuing to partner with Worksource. Patrons are able to receive support with job readiness, job searching, and resume development.*
- *The library has restarted computer training for the patrons in our community. We have a volunteer who comes every Monday morning at 10AM to teach computer literacy. This program is proving to be popular in our community.*

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

- *Library Board member training will take place on Thursday, April 23 at 5pm. Virtual training will take place on May 1st.*
- *The recent legislative session resulted in an additional \$600,000 in PINES funding.*
- *We received almost \$250,000 in additional dollars for Galileo.*
- *The technical services department has expanded since the closure of Baker & Taylor earlier this year. We have had to really pivot and come up with a plan to implement more in-house services along with looking at other vendors to keep up with demand. Karin Fulton, previously a public services librarian, has moved into the technical*

services department with Stephen Hart and Felicia Hart. Two part time staff members have also been hired to help with the increased workload on the department.

- *Atlanta, GA native, Tayari Jones will be at the Stuckey Auditorium located at the University of Georgia Griffin campus as part of her book promotion tour. The event will take place on Wednesday, November 4 at 6:30pm.*
- *Libtech items have been delayed due to unforeseen circumstances. Scott will continue to process everything to its completion.*
- *Tyrone – The manager of Tyrone library (Patty Newland) has recently stepped down and retired from her position. Kate Chambers is currently the manager at Tyrone.*

V.) Library Representative Report (FRRLS Branches)

- *J.T Rabun – The proposed project that was discussed at the last board meeting is still underway and the information is publicly available. The board will be updated along this process to see how this will impact the library and our parking lot.*

- **Brooks Public Library – Kim Bradley**

We are continuing to order items from Amazon. We are able to purchase even more items with the book budget since we can purchase used items for the collection. Summer Bingo will be starting soon.

VI.) Unfinished Business – None

VII.) New Business – Gail Joiner has stepped down from her position as a library board member representing Tyrone. Tricia Stearns is the newest board member representing Peachtree City.

VIII.) Board Chair Zulema Green called for a motion to adjourn the board meeting. The motion to adjourn at 4:45 p.m. was called by Vice-Chair Davina Taylor and seconded by board member J.T Rabun. The board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting. The next library board meeting will be held on June 16, 2026, at 4 PM at the Fayette County Public Library.

ATTEST:

_____ *Chris Mallory*_____

Chris Mallory
Board Secretary