



**Fayette County Public Library
Board Meeting
June 16, 2026**

Fayette County Public Library

THE FAYETTE COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD met on Tuesday, June 16, 2026, at 4:00 p.m. in the Electronic Learning Lab (ELL) Room of the Fayette County Public Library, 1821 Heritage Park Way Fayetteville, GA 30214.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Davina Taylor, Vice-Chair
Kim Bradley
J.T Rabun
Page McDonald
Tricia Stearns

MEMBERS ABSENT: Zulema Green, 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)
Lauren Ogletree, Business Manager, Flint River Regional Library System (FRRLS)

I.) CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Davina Taylor at 4:00 PM.

II.) Approval of Minutes for the April 21, 2026 Meeting

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

III.) Introduction of the Newest Library Board Member Tricia Stearns

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

- *Fayette County Library is an early voting location as well as a voting precinct. The voting process went smoothly this past election.*
- *A representative from Work Source, Courtney Maddox, uses our space a few times a week to help patrons with job assistance.*
- *The library will be hosting meditation sessions as well as a sound bath experience.*
- *StoryCorp stopped by our library for a pop-up session. StoryCorp is an organization that captures oral stories and histories. They had a sprinter van set-up in the parking lot, and they were able to record the patrons who had signed up for an appointment. You have the option of sharing your story with the Library of Congress. We will officially be partnering with StoryCorp in August. There will be a representative who will be allowing patrons to report their oral histories.*
- *Summer Intern – Will be working with us through the Summer Months.*
- *One full-time Library Assistant position was created in order to help with library operations.*
- *Luna, long-time service dog from Careing PAWS, will be retiring from the program.*

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

- *The final state budget was signed on May 12, 2026. There were about \$300 million worth of disregards and vetoes. The MR&R funding for the year was lost. Libtech funding will not be available this year. The legislature will reconvene in early 2027. There could be adjustments to the current year's budget, and some funds can potentially be added back.*
- *IMLS (Federal Library Funding) is in a good place.*
- *Angela Stanley, former assistant state librarian, will take over the role of State Librarian. Julie Walker, former State Librarian, has retired.*
- *New board members were added to the Board of Regents this year.*
- *PINES Auto Renewal Feature will start on July 1st. This is a new feature which will automatically renew your books within 3 days of their due date. The system will check to see if they're available to be renewed.*

V.) Library Representative Report (FRRLS Branches)

Kim Bradley – Brooks Library –

- ***Book Bingo. This is an activity that kids can work on at their own pace and can read whatever they like. Some of the activities include activities like reading outside, read in your pajamas, go on a picnic to encourage them to read.***

Tricia Stearns – Peachtree City Library

- ***1000 Books Before Kindergarten has been a very successful program for Peachtree City.***
- ***There is an upcoming library event on June 27, 2026, called “Red, White, & ‘Cue.” Dr. James “Trae” Welborn III is the featured speaker who will be discussing Georgia’s history through Barbecue. There will be free bbq sandwiches given out.***

VI.). Unfinished Business –

We are awaiting the new Tyrone library board member. The new representative will be approved by the Tyrone Council.

VII.) New Business – None

VIII.) *Vice Chair Davina Taylor called for a motion to adjourn the board meeting. Board Member J.T Rabun motioned for an adjournment to the meeting. Board Member Page McDonald seconded the motion. The board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting. The next library board meeting will be held on October 20, 2026, at 4 PM at the Fayette County Public Library.*

ATTEST:

_____*Chris Mallory*_____

Chris Mallory
Board Secretary