



Fayette County Public Library Board Meeting

April 19, 2022

THE FAYETTE COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD met on April 19, 2022, at 4:00 p.m. in the Redwine Meeting Room of the Fayette County Public Library, 1821 Heritage Park Way, Fayetteville, Georgia.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Valerie Mallon, Chairman
Zulema Green, Vice Chairman
Lisa Richardson
Natalie Marshall
Denise Strickland
Davina Taylor

MEMBERS ABSENT: Kim Bradley
Page McDonald

Dr. Regina Daigre, Resigned

STAFF PRESENT: Michelle Bennet-Copeland, Director, Fayette County Public Library
K. Lynne Collier, Board Secretary and Library Administrative Assistant
Katie Rees, Adult Librarian

GUESTS: None

WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Mallon called the meeting to order at 4 p.m. and confirmed that a quorum was present. Chairman Mallon asked if there were any revisions or additions to the January 19, 2022 Board minutes. Recommended change: revise the year of the meeting from 2021 to 2022 in the opening paragraph. The minutes were motioned for approval. The minutes were approved to accept the minutes with correction.

Chairman Mallon welcomed two new Board members, Ms. Denise Strickland and Ms. Davina Taylor, after introductions. Also welcomed was new librarian, Katie Rees.

LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Capital Improvement Projects
Interior painting of the Library the Redwine Room, and the study rooms was completed in the first quarter of 2022.
Replacement of the floor in the Redwine Room was completed in March 2022.

One vacant position has been filled at the library. Public Service Librarian Katie Rees joined staff on April 11, 2022, to fill the last vacant position.

The Library's upcoming events include:

- Earth Day April 23, 2022 – Vendors, food truck(s), and activities including crafts and games are scheduled from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Study Rooms have been closed for the duration of the pandemic. Monday, May 2, 2022, is the opening day for four of the six study rooms. One of the remaining two is slated for computer training use.
- Summer Reading kicks off June 2, 2022, for children, teens, and adults. The 2022 theme is "Oceanography".
- FCPL at The Dottie – These events will be summer programs conducted in collaboration with the restaurants and businesses adjacent to the Library and The Dottie. A tentative plan to work with The Hummingbird Room requires County approval since it involves a Library book club meeting at the wine bar.
- Star Wars May The Fourth Be With You – On Wednesday, May 4, 2022, the Library will have activities from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. including a 4:30 p.m. costume contest, 10:00 a.m. Baby Time, food, activities and other contests throughout the day.

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Director Natalie Marshall presented on grant funding and the amended State budget.

- FCC Emergency Connectivity Fund – An additional 36 Chromebooks will be rolled out to interested libraries. Director Marshall added that data shows FCPL's patron interest has increased.
- ARPA Relief Grants: Technology and Digital Inclusion - \$31,525 has been allocated for hot spots. From this allotment, FCPL will eventually have 15-16 hot spots available for patron use. A total of five hot spots have been in use at FCPL since January 2022.
- Georgia Legislative Session: FY22 Amended Budget – The American Rescue Plan Funding was included in the 2022 Budget. Library Tech local collection per capita funding was increased by 15 cents over the previous year's collection point to 60 cents per capita. The Flint River Regional Library System IT manager is assessing needs to meet library service gaps and opportunities that fit this funding.
- Kares For Kids Book Grant – Keller Williams purchased this early literature material that will be delivered to the Peachtree City Office today for distribution preparation.
- Please refer to the attached FRRLS Director's Report – April 2022.

Ms. Bennett-Copeland added that tech funding will add computers to the Children's Department as well as the library's mini multi media studio equipment to the former computer learning lab. The latter project will be used for Library virtual work processes, author talks, future patron programs, etc. Ms. Copeland also expressed gratitude for the hot spot and Chromebook pairing program. The prospect of a 3-D printer was also mentioned as a possible addition to the tech grant request.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Chairman Mallon will update the Board contact information and redistribute.

Code of Conduct – At the January 2022 Board meeting, Library Director Michelle Bennett-Copeland introduced the draft Library Code of Conduct. Minor corrections were recommended at today's meeting. After the motion, Denise Strickland seconded the motion to submit the Code of Conduct to the County. The final Public Library Code of Conduct will be posted in the library for public information.

Chairman Mallon presented the task of reviewing the Library Board's Constitution. Director Marshall recommended reviewing the document in sections over time by way of a rolling review. Chairman Mallon will initiate the Constitution's review process in June of 2022.

NEW BUSINESS

New Public Service Librarian, Katie Rees, addressed the Board. Ms. Rees comes with seven years of experience as a Library Assistant at the Tyrone Public Library. Ms. Rees plans to hold a monthly book club and author events, manage Fayette On The Page, and create Summer Reading events. She is excited about having a cruise mystery themed program that includes staff participation; library podcasts; and classes as well as "Monday Morning Mystery". It will include titles like "The Bordeaux Betrayal". She would also like to lead library activities both virtually and in person. She is looking forward to partnering with the Fayette community to support these Library activities.

Chairman Mallon requests that each member please join the Fayette County Library's Facebook page and become an active "friend".

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None

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Mallon requested a motion to adjourn. Director Marshall motioned to adjourn, and it was seconded by Ms. Strickland. The motion passed to adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:44 p.m.

The next scheduled meeting is June 21, 2022, at 4 p.m.

ATTEST:

K. Lynne Collier
Secretary