

# **BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

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FULTON COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM BOARD OF TRUSTEES VIRTUAL MEETING JUNE 22, 2022

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#### **VIRTUAL MEETING**

IN ACCORDANCE WITH FULTON COUNTY GOVERNMENT'S UPDATED COVID-19 GUIDELINES

# FULTON COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM BOARD OF TRUSTEES VIRTUAL MEETING JUNE 22, 2022 – 4:00 p.m. AGENDA

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- IX. New Business
  - A. Policy Updates
  - B. Strategic Plan
  - C. Proposed Amendment to Code of Conduct
- X. Adjournment

<sup>\*</sup>Action is anticipated on this item



# FULTON COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM BOARD OF TRUSTEES VIRTUAL MEETING MAY 25, 2022 – 4:00 P.M.



Members Present: Denson, Damian J.

Jordan, Linda

Joyner, D. Chip, Chairman

Kaplan, Paul

Kimbrough, Marjorie L.

Piontek, Joe

Radakovich, Nina

Members Absent: Borders, Priscilla - Vice Chair

Also In Attendance: Holloman, Gayle H. - Executive Director

Batalon, Peter, County Attorney

Claxton, Zenobia - Assistant to the Director's Office

Invited Guest: Joseph Davis, DREAM Director

Guests: 5 Virtual Attendees

Chairman D. Chip Joyner called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

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#### **CALL TO ORDER**

**CHAIRMAN D. CHIP JOYNER:** Well, hello, it is 4:00 p.m., May 25, 2022. Welcome to the Fulton County Library System Board of Trustees Virtual Meeting. First, calling to order, welcome everyone. Mrs. Claxton, are there any public comments?

MRS. ZENOBIA CLAXTON: I have no public comments.

**CHAIRMAN D. CHIP JOYNER:** No public comments, okay. Is there -- has everyone received the agenda? Everyone has the agenda. Is there a motion to adopt the agenda?

#### 22-24 ADOPTION OF AGENDA

#### **MOTION**

MR. PAUL KAPLAN: I so move. MS. LINDA JORDAN: Second.

**CHAIRMAN D. CHIP JOYNER:** Is there a second? **MS. LINDA JORDAN:** Second by Linda Jordan.

**CHAIRMAN D. CHIP JOYNER:** By Ms. Jordan. All those in favor say, aye.

TRUSTEES: Ave.

**CHAIRMAN D. CHIP JOYNER:** All those opposed? Hearing none, the agenda is adopted. Has everyone received the April 27, 2022, minutes? Are there any changes or modifications or is there a motion to approve as is?

#### 22-25 APPROVAL OF MINUTES - APRIL 27, 2022

#### **MOTION**

**MS. LINDA JORDAN:** Mr. Chairman, if there are no changes or additions or subtractions from the minutes, I would move forward. I'll make a motion to move forward on the minutes.

**CHAIRMAN D. CHIP JOYNER:** Okay. There's a motion to approve the minutes for April 27, 2022. Is there a second?

MR. PAUL KAPLAN: I second it.

**CHAIRMAN D. CHIP JOYNER:** All right. Hearing a second by Mr. Kaplan. All those in favor say, aye.

TRUSTEES: Aye.

**CHAIRMAN D. CHIP JOYNER:** Any opposed? The minutes are approved. All right. We're moving over to the Central Library DREAM Report, and I see Mr. Davis has joined us, which is outstanding. We really appreciate your time. Mr. Davis, the floor is yours as we welcome any opportunity for us as a Board to learn about the work that you're doing, how we're doing managing the facilities, and just how we work together. If you can give everyone an update.

#### CENTRAL LIBRARY DREAM REPORT - JOSEPH DAVIS, DIRECTOR OF DREAM

MR. JOSEPH DAVIS: Absolutely. First of all, thank you everyone for allowing me the opportunity to speak to you all. This will actually be my first time speaking to the Board as a whole. I'm very familiar with Mr. Paul Kaplan, we stay in touch quite often as it relates to facility issues. But I welcome the opportunity to share with you all what all we're doing. As you all know, we've embarked upon several years ago, Library Bond Phase 1 and 2, with the second one, renovating 24 libraries. The Central Library, of course, was the -- is our showpiece facility. While we have completed the renovations, there were several things that were identified post-renovation, not a part of the original scope that we're

attempting to address at this time and the vehicle that we're using, as you know, this was a bond issuance. Those monies, once received, began earning interest up until the point in which they were spent. So we developed a library bond program spend-down plan that we presented to the Board, actually a couple of times. They approved it as it relates to the various projects that we're going to take on as a kind of a closeout of the overall project. At the Central Library that closeout involves certain minor things such as some security issues with some of the doors, additional cameras, you know, we have some very interesting incidents involving the parking garage and the door there. So, Al Collins and his team has done a wonderful job managing. I can't even begin a countless number of additional projects related to the Central Library. One of which is to upgrade the security scanning ability at the entry point, which required a redesign. So we're currently working on that and we're going to add a x-ray machine and metal detector to the entrance of the library to help with the security issues, which I know you all are quite aware, it's a very challenging environment. Additionally, we're also, beyond the Central Library, one of the things that we presented to the Board was an expansion plan for the East Point Library. Essentially, that library was left after the renovation with a very small children's area. Also, we're -- so we're going to expand the children's area, as well as on the backside of the library, we're going to add what we'll call a maker's room, where Mrs. Holloman is planning to do several community-related events as it relates to training for entrepreneurship, certain types of crafts and things of that nature. Additionally, we are also working with the city of East Point, who is about to undergo a mixed-use redevelopment of about 9 acres near the library. That mixed-use development, there's a desire by Commissioner Arrington for there to be some synergy between what we're going to do as an expansion of the library as well as what the city of East Point is doing. So we're going to be comparing notes and working together make sure that our plans somewhat match with theirs. Not guite sure how that's going to turn out in the long run because our plans are simply to expand what we've already worked upon. It's not really going to be a lot of redesign. But we're going to work with the city to see whether or not there's some things that we could potentially alter within the budget that we've already established, which is approximately 1.6 million. For those that aren't aware, in terms of the -- I mentioned previously, the interest that was earned on the bonds. We also took to the Board and got approved, use of TAD funds because we had a lot of things come up post-renovation. And so what we're doing is, we had the Board approve the use of roughly, I want to say about \$4 million of the TAD fund accrual so that we can complete the renovations, which are going to include the East Point Library expansion, as well as the Peachtree and MLK Libraries, which are leased facilities. At one point, we had explored potentially building a new MLK Library. But we found that that was going to be not only cost prohibitive, but also, the timing of it was just going to work for how he wanted to and when we needed to expend the bond funds. There have also been some other conversations as it relates to what we're doing at East Point. Potentially looking at down the road, doing the same type of thing at another facility is using TAD funds. The first one that came to my mind was the Palmetto Library, simply because of the footprint. That site is a large land site that allows you to expand on all four sides of the library. So that was somewhat of our low-hanging fruit in terms of consideration. Not by any stretch of the imagination is it definitive thing. It's just something that we've actually looked at and that was the one that seemed to be the easiest to make some sort of modification to, to

expand service delivery at that location. The spend-down plan also includes adding a canopy to the Northside Library. I'm sure you all have heard repeatedly, the sanitary line problems that we are having. For those that aren't aware of what the actual source of the problem. Part of getting -- obtaining lead certification for all the renovations, meant that we had to go with low-volume flush values in all the restrooms. Unfortunately, those ultralow-volume flush valves, in the absence of digging up the building slab and replacing the existing sanitary line with the smaller line, created a problem whereby there was not enough water pressure to force any, you know, solid matter through the line. That made us experience a lot of backups at East Point Library, Kirkwood Library, Buckhead Library, Cleveland Library, and a couple of others. So we used part of the TAD funds to do some engineering investigation and figure out what it was we had to do in order to correct the problem. So the Central Library being the last to come online, we had a little bit of concern there as well. But Mr. Collins and his team went back and instead of going with the lowest flow valves, we went with the next higher level and we think we haven't had any -- we haven't had any problems since the library opened. So, we think we're good there, but we --

MS. LINDA JORDAN: Can I ask a question? Linda Jordan.

MR. JOSEPH DAVIS: Oh, absolutely, yes, ma'am.

**MS. LINDA JORDAN:** Yeah. I'm just curious, on the TAD funds -- so the one that we're dealing with now -- because I know over the years, it's been certain TAD, this, that, and the other. So the ones what you're dealing with now, is that the current one? Is a new one coming up that we can make sure we try to get everything that we need to happen in that mix? Because I'm just curious about the TAD funds.

MR. JOSEPH DAVIS: No. Yes, this is the current Beltline TAD funds, and so it's -- and it's continuing to grow. In fact, we would like your input because we have roughly about 12 million more dollars left, as it stands right now with no new accrual. So when I mentioned Palmetto that was just one example. But by all means, we would like to see however the Board would like to see those funds expended. We're open to all ideas and it's not just -- but there's only one thing to be reminded of when it comes to the TAD funds. We had our legal department research how you can use them. They can only be used for capital projects. So --

**MS. LINDA JORDAN:** So, with that being said -- I mean, I'm sorry to interrupt. So Mr. Chairman, what should we do if that's -- how do we, as a Board, line up with that -- see what we -- what we can do or extra stuff we can do to make sure we get the most out of the TAD funds because the taxpayers are putting the money in for the TAD funds, correct? **MR. JOSEPH DAVIS:** That is correct.

**MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN:** Mr. Davis, I've always wondered are we expected to expend all of those funds at some point? Or -- I've always been kind of lost as to what is expected of the use of those funds.

MR. JOSEPH DAVIS: So as I briefly mentioned, the legal views is for capital construction or capital projects. Now, capital has a very wide-ranging definition. Does it mean it has to be capital construction? Not necessarily. There could be certain pieces of equipment that the library deems as appropriate or needed that we could conceivably use those funds for. So what I would recommend at is this point, is that the easiest path forward is for possibly the Board of Trustees to develop library by library, or a list of items that you would like to see as enhancements at each location. Then we can take that list, run it by

the County Attorney's office to make sure that they vetted that, you know, we look at each line item, determine whether or not they are permissible under the law. If they are, then we can simply push those -- put those before the Board for a vote to approve the expenditure. So I would believe that in collaboration with the respective Commissioners, a list of things, like I said, it's roughly \$12 million that we're not using at this point. So, there is quite a few things that we could do with that, those funds.

MR. PETER BATALON: If I may add --

MS. LINDA JORDAN: I have a question. Is it possible to itemize some of the things you think -- and I'm just speaking off -- just thinking about what you think, going along the lines of what is permissible? Some -- what we need to look at? I'm sorry about that. I was in another meeting, but I just came out of it. But can you let us know what you think would be, like, the top ten priorities that we might want to look at? If we can -- we don't want the money to go away or to be wasted. Because, you know, this -- we about the library system and about the fact that people, you know, the taxpayers put the money towards it. So question is, bottom-line, what do you think we should do? If you could do an itemized list later, that'll be great.

MR. JOSEPH DAVIS: So what I can tell you, and I'm sure I can speak for Mrs. Holloman in this regard that security is a grave concern at several locations. Now, as it relates to TAD funds usage, I'm looking -- I'm thinking, camera upgrades at multiple facilities and tying those in to security control downtown so that they are actually monitored and recorded. So that would be very low-hanging fruit for me. So that would be number one. There are certain libraries that have a footprint that could be potentially expanded upon if you wanted to increase programming. As I mentioned, Mrs. Holloman labeled it a maker's space at East Point Library. There's no reason we can't do a similar project at other facilities. For example, the Robert Fulton Library is, as well as Northeast Spruill, are some that I can see from the footprint of the site that we have expansion possibilities. So we would simply have to get our design team in. What we designed for East Point was simply a conceptualization by Al Collins and his team. It turns out that it was very doable on that site. So beyond security and potentially adding additional space, you may have certain facilities that have a greater need for meeting space than others. So expanding meeting space would be another option. I would also think that there could be, and I would leave this to Mrs. Holloman, if there are certain pieces of capital equipment that the libraries would need. For her to determine it with her expertise, if those are things that we would like to pursue. But we can certainly put together, from a facilities' perspective, what we believe, not only from a security perspective or expanded space, but in terms of technology and things of that nature. Because there are certain IT related projects that could be considered capital as well. So the list can really, really go a long way. I just think if we all put our collective brains together, we could come up and we can start that process clearly from a facilities' perspective. But we would also need the input from Mrs. Holloman and her team as the library experts.

MR. PETER BATALON: If I may add to -- I'm Peter Batalon from the County Attorney's office. I was actually in discussion with our office with the permitted use of TAD funds. I think what Mr. Davis, what you're saying is, the word capital is expansive. What we looked at is that the word that's prohibited that we can use the expenses on are operationally expenses. I think that's more limited. So, so long as it's not routine, you know, day-to-day operations expenses, I think the word capital -- and I think we had this discussion as

well with, like, the book enhancement that books were considered a capital asset, a capital improvement. Because it, you know, a library, you know, books are synonymous with the library, that's expected to be a part of the system. So -- and it also doesn't depreciate within a year. That's considered a capital improvement. So, the word capital can expand to many -- to encompass many things. It's just the word that we're, the legal department is looking after is making sure that the expense doesn't fall within like a day-to-day operation expense, like, you know, utility bills, you know, certain items --

**MR. JOSEPH DAVIS:** -- (inaudible, simultaneous speakers) things of that nature, right? Right and that's a good thing, when you have an ambiguous definition, it tends to help you. But I think we're on the same page Mr. Batalon, as it relates to understanding recurring expenses are off the table here.

MR. PETER BATALON: Right.

**CHAIRMAN D. CHIP JOYNER:** Would that -- would capital include the vehicles that are needed, or computer equipment?

MR. JOSEPH DAVIS: Computer equipment, I would say, yes. But what I would tell you, as it relates to vehicles, I would probably need the County Attorney's office to weigh in on that. The reason I say that is, for example, for 2022, I was allocated \$4 million for new We presented to the County Manager Friday our vehicles across the county. recommendation for new vehicles, not replacement of insisting older vehicles. That totaled about \$1.5 million. What I can tell you is that the Library System requested several new vehicles. If I'm not mistaken, our recommendation was for all of them to be purchased except for one. So, in terms of new vehicles, now, in two weeks, we'll be going back to the County Manager with our replacement recommendations, which means we have another two and a half million of that original four that are for vehicles that, by Board policy, have exceeded their useful life. Meaning, for administrative, non-pursued lawenforcement vehicles, five years and a hundred thousand miles. So, in that effort along with the new vehicles, the Library System will also see some turnover, in terms of older vehicles being taken out with the library's fleet, surpluses, and then new vehicles being purchased as replacements. So I think the program is in place to take care of your vehicle needs. I would not waste, even if it were permitted, I would want to maximize my dollar on actual library programming to the citizens to get the greatest bang for your buck.

CHAIRMAN D. CHIP JOYNER: Very good. Thank you, thank you.

MR. PAUL KAPLAN: Joe, why don't you explain to the Board, when a service ticket is generated by a librarian or by a manager, how does the process work and how does it come over to your office and how do you assign the project to your specific areas group? MR. JOSEPH DAVIS: Thank you, Mr. Kaplan. So each library has what we call a work order coordinator. Typically, it's the Branch Manager, maybe the Assistant Branch Manager or whomever the Branch Manager designates. Those are individuals that have access to our Maximo computerized maintenance management system as requesters. So, Branch Manager goes into the system on the -- it can be from the County portal or an icon on their desktop. They will enter their work request. That work request then gets routed to our customer service team. Our team reviews the request, vets whether or not the information is accurate. Oftentimes, non-maintenance individuals don't necessarily understand or know how to state what they're looking at is a problem, they just know something's broken. So our job is to clarify that. That might result in a phone call by our customer service team back to the Branch Manager to ask some clarifying questions. But

once that process is done, our customer service team places that work order in any number of categories, whether it be HVAC, plumbing, electrical, landscaping, and any number of other things. Those work orders are then coded as such. Because of the particular code that the work order is given, it's being routed to the appropriate manager on my team who then reviews that work order again and assigns it to one of his technicians or a group. Sometimes we'll get work orders that are not actually work orders. They're -- when you get into the weeds of it you find out, this is more of a project. And so up until now, a lot of those work orders, we would route back to Mr. Collins' team because they were still working on the spend-down plan and could include certain things that had some capital costs. But now as we're closing out and essentially the spend-down funds are all allocated, now those projects will come to DREAM. For example, I received an email this afternoon that the entrance doors at the Mechanicsville Library are having some issues and they are original to the building and were not a part of the Library Bond Project. So that means my team will now have to assess, do we fix, or do we replace? And because this is a life-safety issue, this is not something that we can defer until the FY23 Capital Budget allocated. We're going to have to find the funds within our existing capital or operating budget to get that door set replaced. So that is an item that came in as a work order, but it becomes -- it gets converted to a project. During the time in which a work order is active and even afterwards, the individual that submitted the work order has the ability to go back into the system to see the status of their work order.

MR. PAUL KAPLAN: That's good. I just wanted the Board to know how the system works. The question I have, and I've talked to the Board several times in the last few months. There is some electrical fixtures and things that are way up high, you need a lift to get up there. Problem is, we have one lift and they have a truck that has to pull it around to different libraries.

MR. JOSEPH DAVIS: Yes, sir.

**MR. PAUL KAPLAN:** Do you think at about maybe once a quarter going to all the libraries and putting new lights in or whatever you need to do. There are also some light fixtures that need new bulbs, and the bulbs are no longer made. So, is that all under your budget or would that be a capital improvement?

MR. JOSEPH DAVIS: So I would tell you, in the case, Mr. Kaplan, where with the fixture or bulb is obsolete, no longer a manufactured serviced, can't be purchased anymore, that would be most likely a capital issue. Because in my mind at that point, we're now having to change out the fixtures holistically, and that by definition becomes a capital project. Hopefully, Al Collins and I had a brief conversation earlier this week, where he's taking a look at the various issues that have arisen since many of the libraries opened, where we had a wonderful design. However, in this very challenging market, certain things are no longer supported by the manufacturer, no longer made. So, we're going to be doing an exhaustive review of all those various systems. The goal -- and I hope everyone can understand this, the goal would be, determine what you have to do now versus what we can we defer, because the system is still operable, to next year's capital plan. So that we can systematically address these things over time. As you know, Mr. Kaplan, there are certain things that we're at the -- we're at the deadline now, and that's what Al is working on. So, yes, that is something we're concerned about. We do know that there are certain fixtures that are now obsolete, the manufacturer no longer supports them. Unfortunately, one of the things you try to do in projects of this nature is specify with equipment that the

manufacturer will guarantee for a period of ten to 20 years, replacement parts are available. Unfortunately, not necessarily the case, because technology in this case is always evolving. So, when a manufacturer decides that you know what, light bulb B1 is better than light bulb B, and I don't want to make it anymore. That's -- and I can sell and make more money by selling B1, that's what happens. So that's what we're up against right now is --

**MS. LINDA JORDAN:** Well, let me ask a question though. So you're saying, with the money that's available now, there's no way that we can have a special line item to say that these are -- what we just spoke about, can be replaced under special line item, because these parts might be out of place or whatever, whatever? There's no special line item?

**MR. JOSEPH DAVIS:** No, please don't misunderstand me. I would definitely tell you that, is it -- can we simply put these things on a request for use of TAD funds? Absolutely, we could. Again though, if I can get the County Manager and the budget committee to allocate capital for this outside of the TAD funds, then that would be my first goal. So as to again, stretch the TAD funds as far as we can take them. So you give yourself two shots to get one thing done.

MR. PAUL KAPLAN: Also at Central Library, we have some problem with the HVAC system. I think what my Board has to understand that not every HVAC system was completely replaced. In some of the areas that we're still working, we're still dealing with the older equipment. But we are trying to help it out. Don't you find out, Mr. Davis, that we're starting to catch up with those. Things seems to be settling down now.

MR. JOSEPH DAVIS: So, specifically at the Central Library as it relates to the mechanical systems, Al Collins and his team -- I don't know if you all are aware, but in 2015 and early 2016, the County hired a company called Faithful Gould to do a facility condition assessment. That facility condition assessment served as the foundation for not only the Library Bond Capital Program, but also DREAM facility capital over the course of the next five to six years. Unfortunately, at the time that Faithful Gould did their assessment of the Central Library, one piece of equipment was not exhibiting, you know, a lot of air and that was the cooling tower. So one of the things that we had go wrong at the Central Library recently that we've dealt with is, as the cooling tower has aged, the pipes that move the chill water around with the facility start to corrode, you get sediment in the system. When that sediment gets to a certain level, what's been happening is it was blocking certain -- well, I don't know why I'm having a blank for the -- mind blank on the word -- switches, gauges that tell the system, I sense a certain condition and now I need to open up this valve. Well, if there's a lot of sediment in the system, the valve may not be able to be opened fully or the sensor may not sense the condition like it should. So what we had to do was go back in and flush the entire system. One of the interesting things about that particular effort, in order to do so to prevent that flushing from putting sediment into other parts of the system, we had to get custom strainers placed on the system to catch the sediment so that we could fully remove it. I do believe that a cooling tower retrofit or refurbishment is probably next on the list in terms of mechanical. But those are the kinds of things that we encountered. I also will tell you at the East Roswell Library, we had to -- we're in the process of changing out the heat pump there. It was a -- manufactured by a company called Mammoth. Unfortunately, this was that item, brandnew off the shelf that just turned out to not be a very good product. Because of the way

that the library project was programmed, when you tell a subcontractor, I want this piece of equipment to do this function, the contractor has the leeway to decide, I need to provide the capability, they're not specifying necessarily, the manufacturer. And so they had the leeway to pick the manufacturer. As it turned out, we'll never buy a Mammoth heat pump again. We're in the process of replacing that. In fact, I just recently asked for an update from our HVAC team on where we are in that. But I do believe within the next 30 days that system will be installed. But there was -- that was one part of the problem. The other issue was the system that was installed that served the staff area, also had similar issues. We've replaced that. So, we know that the staff is taken care of and now it was our time to take care of the public areas and we're almost done with replacing that system there. So there are some mechanical issues due to funding constraints over the course of the project. As I'm sure many of you know, as these projects go along, new ideas come up that, you know, we have to put money towards those, which takes money away from certain other plans. So we weren't necessarily able to do the full extent of what we wanted to do mechanically. So now, in concert with our operational HVAC team, Al and his team are going back and addressing some of the mechanical issues at certain facilities.

MR. PAUL KAPLAN: Thank you for that explanation. That was good.

**CHAIRMAN D. CHIP JOYNER:** Okay. Are there any other questions for Mr. Davis? Okay.

MRS. MARJORIE KIMBROUGH: Hi. I do have a question, and it's with regard to the sign for Wolf Creek Library. You know, it was damaged and looks like we're doing something, but there's still no identification of that library. I noticed it especially with the voting that's taking place. There are lots of signs around and yet, you really couldn't tell that was the library. Is there anything that is happening? I understand it's very expensive to replace it. But is that in the works at all?

MR. JOSEPH DAVIS: Yes, ma'am. The Wolf Creek sign is actually a part of the library bond spend-down program. Mr. Collins and his team are responsible for replacing it. You're absolutely correct. It is in progress. But what I will share with you all, Mr. Anderson, the County Manager, has asked me to do a County-wide monument signage upgrade. What we have found in doing so, and I'm sure Mr. Collins has run into this problem. It looks like a simple sign, but these signs have some pretty intricate specialized parts.

MRS. MARJORIE KIMBROUGH: Yes.

MR. JOSEPH DAVIS: With the supply logistics as they were currently, unfortunately, I can tell you from trying to get a sign, you know -- and just to let you know, everyone loved the library sign so much, that's the sign template that we've -- we're duplicating for the rest of the County. I could tell you from dealing with specific issue, the lead time on -- (indiscernible, audio disturbance) -- so we start the foundation, we get the backdrop done, and now it's time to get the fasteners that are going to actually hold the sign up -- (indiscernible, audio disturbance) -- they're 12 weeks out. So I'm going to -- I can get Mr. Collins to give me an update on that project, specifically, and get it to Mr. Kaplan and he can share with you all and to Mrs. Holloman.

MRS. MARJORIE KIMBROUGH: Okay, thank you so much.

MR. JOSEPH DAVIS: You're welcome.

**CHAIRMAN D. CHIP JOYNER:** Okay. All right. Thank you, Dr. Kimbrough. Well, Mr. Davis, we really want to thank you for your time today, and thank you for working closely

with Mr. Kaplan. He keeps us posted on the good work your team is doing. We have to say that from all appearances, this, your team is doing an incredible job. Particularly, compared to where we were about five years ago, and how long the list was.

MR. JOSEPH DAVIS: Yes.

**CHAIRMAN D. CHIP JOYNER:** So, we know, particularly in this environment with the shortage of parts and supply chain challenges, you guys are really doing great, and we really appreciate it. Thank you for your time.

MR. JOSEPH DAVIS: No. Thank you all. Have a wonderful evening, everyone.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: Well, I just would like to say before you go, Mr. Davis. Mr. Davis is always responsive. It could be 10:00 o'clock at night and I call him about something, and he will return the call and is amazing. So I just want you to know and publicly state, how much I appreciate that, Mr. Davis. Thank you.

MR. JOSEPH DAVIS: You're quite welcome, Mrs. Holloman.

CHAIRMAN D. CHIP JOYNER: Thank you.

MR. JOSEPH DAVIS: Thank you.

**CHAIRMAN D. CHIP JOYNER:** All right. Well, Mrs. Holloman and Mr. Kaplan, thank you for having Mr. Davis show up today. That's outstanding and the first time seeing the face for some of us, and so that's greatly appreciates. That was time well spent, and hope everyone would agree.

**MR. PAUL KAPLAN:** He does a great job. He's very responsive. Every time I call him, he's, just a minute, I'll be out of my meeting in about half hour, two hours, he's called me at 7:00 o'clock at night. He has no hours. He'll call you any time; you can call him any time.

CHAIRMAN D. CHIP JOYNER: That's great.

**MR. PAUL KAPLAN:** But he's very responsive. Compared to what it was, and our Director will tell you, some years ago. Boy, it was three -- 400 work orders, and they were just sitting there and not getting done.

CHAIRMAN D. CHIP JOYNER: Excellent. Excellent.

**MR. PAUL KAPLAN:** So, he's trying to work on it.

**CHAIRMAN D. CHIP JOYNER:** Oh, very good, very good. All right. So perfect timing for work orders report.

#### **WORK ORDERS REPORT – PAUL KAPLAN**

**MR. PAUL KAPLAN:** Work orders, actually for last month, for April through the end of April, we only had 121 work orders, 75 are already completed. It was really a good job. There's nothing outstanding. There's -- other than normal things, the biggest thing is, and I'll go through that our Director, is the miscellaneous things. You know, doorknobs, this has to be moved, some piece of furniture has got a problem, something that -- it was 57 of those, 121 were for miscellaneous. That's something, I think that were working on. I think we're working on a Manager that's going to be managing, as far as the utilities part of the library --

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: Right.

**MR. PAUL KAPLAN: --** considered, going to work out of Central. Am I right, concerning that?

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: Yes.

**MR. PAUL KAPLAN:** Okay. He'll be handling that, and that will try to help us -- help it out. Better than getting one of the DREAM team members out there to do some of the

miscellaneous things when they could do other things that are larger. We're trying to get this -- trying to get it straightened out. But there's really nothing major I could tell you that has happened in the last month.

**CHAIRMAN D. CHIP JOYNER:** But we should be set up for success with HVAC going into the summer, correct?

MR. PAUL KAPLAN: Yes. Right now --

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: We hope so.

**MR. PAUL KAPLAN:** We hope so. When we get the equipment, some of the equipment is old. So -- but they're responsive, they get on it right away.

CHAIRMAN D. CHIP JOYNER: Oh, that's great. That's great. Thank you, Mr. Kaplan.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: The humidity becomes a real factor.

MR. PAUL KAPLAN: Yeah.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: That is always interesting.

CHAIRMAN D. CHIP JOYNER: Okay, okay. All right. Is that the full report, Mr. Kaplan?

MR. PAUL KAPLAN: Yes.

**CHAIRMAN D. CHIP JOYNER:** Okay. Thank you, thank you. All right. Director Holloman.

22-28 DIRECTOR'S REPORT

### 22-26 MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

#### 22-27 MONTHLY USAGE SUMMARY

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: Good afternoon again, everyone. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I do want to add that we are having some issues with upholstery needs. There are a lot of chairs coming up -- fabric coming apart on these chairs. So we're working with Al Collins to try to address some of that. We found out this week, quite a few things are happening along those lines. So I'll keep you posted if there's anything else. But we'll probably have to figure some way to make those changes. Right now, we have spent -- we're down to a commitment of 32 percent of the budget. Things are going along with that. We're about to embark on Summer Reading Program and funding, of course, for most of that with regard to youth services, comes from the Library Foundation. And we're very grateful for that. If you have any questions about the financials, please let me know before we move on.

CHAIRMAN D. CHIP JOYNER: You can continue.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: Okay. Our circulation is up, in the sense that people are really coming into the branches and really wanting to be able to pick up a book and take it with them. Which is why we felt the need to ask for the additional \$1 million to be used or to be taken out of TAD funds, and that was approved. So I'm working with the teams to be able to organize around that. It will really give us an influx of new materials that are actually in print. So that's an exciting undertaking. We always love the opportunity to select. Right now, we have it, as far as our normal selection process, it's centralized selection. Which means a group of people and that's our staff who work in collection management have that responsibility on an ongoing basis. But for this project, we're going to go back to what we had many years ago, where the managers themselves get to have more involvement in that process. Because they are -- they're actually tasked with, you know, knowing the needs of the communities. So, we're going to really rely heavily on making that expenditure possible through that, through the use of the managers and their understanding of what is being asked by people who come in.

Basically, that's the update with regard to it -- we have had a lot of programs that went on during the month of April. You probably noticed that in the written report there. All kinds of, the month of this, the week of that, happened in April, National Poetry Month, Jazz Appreciation Month. But the really fun time we had this month in April, was around National Library Week. It was April 3<sup>rd</sup> through 9<sup>th</sup>. There was so much activity, particularly at the Central Library. We had the Clorox Program kicked in, which allowed us to purchase these plush, what they call imagination playground pieces, where the kids could come on the front plaza of the Central Library, put them together, sit on them, throw them around, do all kinds of fun things. So there was music, there was a magic show, all kinds of great events that took place there. We have very much been excited about the fact that we have Library Access, the publication, which tells you about what we're doing in the library. We also have Library Access through FGTV now. So if you're ever watching FGTV and see that statement with Rachel Sanders, I think you -- take a moment and take a look at it because it's really, very good. I don't know if you've seen it yet. Has anyone seen it?

#### CHAIRMAN D. CHIP JOYNER: No.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: Okay. If you're ever on FGTV, you should -- it'll probably -- it runs, I don't know how often. But they play it from time to time. We update it once a month. So that's been a real good feature for us. People are responding very well to it. We've had a lot of positive feedback from all of that. The month of May, of course, had a lot of things going on, but we'll talk about that next month. But we've just been very excited that the responses have been very good. IT has really worked hard with us. Because what's happening is that we have discovered in some of our rooms, not just at Central, but in some of the other libraries as well that some of the equipment that we have, such as the equipment at the podiums, we didn't have all of the kinds of technology we thought we had or that it wasn't working or that staff did not how to use it. So we've been working very closely with IT. They been extremely responsive over the last, I'll say, at least four months, Glenn Melendez, who is the head of that department. They've just been extremely responsive in working with us for those issues. Then we've had a lot of situations where the Chairman of the Commission as well as the Commissioners, have asked to use spaces, particularly the fifth floor at Central. We've had to have IT staff present to make it possible for them to stream or to do things that we've not done before and didn't know how to do. So, they've been very responsive in IT, sending teams over for an entire day or an entire evening to make those things happen. So it's been really, really well received. It's just been a good time for us to work with them in a positive way. So I just want to make sure I let you all know that that's been happening and it's been very, very good for us.

CHAIRMAN D. CHIP JOYNER: Excellent.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: Any questions about any of those things?

**CHAIRMAN D. CHIP JOYNER:** No. Just there's so much good news. Is there any bad news that we need to know about?

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: Well, you don't want to hear any bad news. The bad news is probably censored to a point.

**CHAIRMAN D. CHIP JOYNER:** Okay, all right. Well, maybe offline, you know, I really need to hear it, you know. But --

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: No. Things are going well. Yeah, security is always a concern all over the system. So we're working with Chief Yates and with Captain Schierle. They have been extremely, just so easy to work and wonderful for these last six months or so. So, we're working through that. We're going to bring some more ideas to you. I'm going to form a couple of communities and we'll be bringing some things to you with regard to security and a few of the policies that we need to probably look at again or look at for the first time. So we'll keep you posted on that.

**CHAIRMAN D. CHIP JOYNER:** Okay, and if Mrs. Claxton, if she -- if you can make a note, maybe in new business, these things that the Executive Director want to bring to us if she's ready next week. Then we can add -- because we do need to review the dress code again. Is that one of those items?

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: Yes, it is.

MRS. ZENOBIA CLAXTON: Okay.

**CHAIRMAN D. CHIP JOYNER:** Then also would love to start hearing the ideas on how to use the capital that's available. So, security, and then, you know, is that something you can work on with the Police Department?

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: Yes.

CHAIRMAN D. CHIP JOYNER: Things that they recommend and --

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: Right. CHAIRMAN D. CHIP JOYNER: Okay.

**MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN:** The rental policy, we've got to get that in place so that you can look at it, and then we can take it to the Commission.

**CHAIRMAN D. CHIP JOYNER:** Okay. Then also the license, the pour license, correct? **MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN:** Yes. Well, right now that is what we're using as what we're telling people, they have to have a person who has a pour license. But we need to get that really solidified, so we'll have to get back to Mr. Batalon with it.

CHAIRMAN D. CHIP JOYNER: Okay.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: Because it's a significant need.

**MS. LINDA JORDAN:** Mr. Chairman, is that something that we can also add for the TAD an update, to know where we are?

**CHAIRMAN D. CHIP JOYNER:** Yeah, that'll be great. We can add these things together. And then also following the director's report, shortly and one of our last items is for the County Attorney to share an overview of the email that he sent to us. It'll just be kind of high level. But that will come up and we'll discuss that in a moment, Ms. Jordan, if that's okay.

**MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN:** So we do want revisit a few things that my Managers have brought to my attention with regard to the making sure that they're clear, that they have clarity with regard to the code of conduct. So we'll get all of that to you.

**CHAIRMAN D. CHIP JOYNER:** Okay, yes. I think this is a perfect time for that wish list. **MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN:** Oh, yes.

**CHAIRMAN D. CHIP JOYNER:** Because each Board member may have to, you know, speak with their Commissioners just to rally the right support to get this across the finish line. Okay. Now, is that the full report?

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: Yes.

**CHAIRMAN D. CHIP JOYNER:** Okay. All right. If you could work with Mrs. Claxton to make sure we have the list out in advance of the meeting, that'll be great.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: Certainly.

**CHAIRMAN D. CHIP JOYNER:** That'll be helpful. Thank you so much.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: You're welcome.

**CHAIRMAN D. CHIP JOYNER:** Any other comments from any other Board Members? Any other ideas or comments or questions? Okay, all right. Thank you, Mrs. Holloman for the director's report. We really appreciate it. So, moving on to the Foundation update. If Judge Nina can fill us in on that update that would be great.

#### AFPL FOUNDATION UPDATE - NINA RADAKOVICH

MRS. NINA RADAKOVICH: Yes. I will be brief on that. But before I mention that, I want to mention the Children's Book Festival, which was a few weeks ago. It was so nice, I just can't describe. But the only thing that wasn't perfect was that we didn't have any children there. I don't think the word got out because it's such a new thing. But it was just a totally positive thing. The children were transfixed. We had the Atlanta Opera there, ballet dancers informally striking poses and showing kids how to do the poses, the best face painter I've ever seen, puppets, and story reading, last but not least. Robb Pitts was there at the beginning and greeted everyone, opened it up. Natalie Hall came and read a couple of books. Mayor Dickens came and read a couple of books and he was really, really impressive. He seemed very at home at our library and I would love to see him back. I think the more interaction we can get between public officials, appointed, or elected, the better off we are. I think we're going to be better off dealing with money issues with the library if we could build relationships, which is -- brings me to the heart of what I think, hopefully we can do. The Strategic Plan is moving along. We have our three subgroups working on goals in those areas. It just seems that all of these things are going to come up, library things that we want the Commissioners to know about. Some of us have closer relationships with our appointing Commissioners than others. I think we need to do things to increase those connections. Because it's the way everything gets done. is relationships. I think we have a great opportunity right now, with the Strategic Plan coming up, to reinforce or forge new relationships with the Board of Commissioners and the Foundation Board. So at some point, and this is something Robb Pitts suggested three years ago or just before COVID, he said he would sponsor a reception for the Foundation, the Trustees, and the Commission Members in his office some evening with no big agenda, just an opportunity for us to get to know each other better. So I think we could do that. We also need to take advantage of our special occasions to get together and invite other Board Members. When the Strategic Plan goes to the Board of Commissioners, we might use that as a celebration of the library. Similarly, we've been talking about defining responsibilities of the Foundation and the library, and in the form of a MOU, or memorandum of understanding. A lot of libraries have that, and it alleviates confusion and clarifies relationships and roles. That would be an occasion that we could use with the Board of Commissioners to say, look, we're really organizing ourselves in the way we work together, and we want you to know how we're doing it and we want you to buy into it. Chip was asking me who approves it and in what order. I was looking at our minutes, Ms. Greenway, the consultant, was asked that question. She said, it would first be brought to the attention of the County Administration, and then the County Commissioners. But it would come to us first, as the Trustees, as closest to the actual library stuff. It may go informally to administration before it goes to us, but whatever. I think the important thing is, it's a significant thing and we want to share it with all officials.

We want the officials to get to know each other better. So hopefully, COVID won't keep us from doing that. But that's it. Does anybody have any questions about the Strategic Plan?

**MS. LINDA JORDAN:** So, Dr. Nina, hi, this thought just came to me. Have we thought about doing some kind of event, maybe an event we can do to have the County Commissioners and city of Atlanta come together, maybe a reception at Central? Just thinking out loud. Is that something you thinking, maybe we need to do something to bring everybody together, since we have the new building, new facilities are upgraded? Just thinking out loud. What do you think?

MRS. NINA RADAKOVICH: Well, great minds think alike. Yes, we have talked about that. But our timing seems to be off every time we plan it. We really wanted to do that when Isabel Wilkerson was here. Then we had to do hers virtually because of COVID. She -- we think she's coming back in the fall. We want to have a really good reception with her then. We had talked about having something in conjunction with the Children's Book Festival. But that, we couldn't pull it together. It just seems as circumstances change, our needs change, and so it's been hard to do that. But we really, really want to do exactly what you just said. It's just a matter of timing. But we might have to settle for something a little smaller, get Robb Pitts to help us, and have it be less formal.

**MS. LINDA JORDAN:** I'm willing to help on that with Commissioner Pitts, and -- with Chairman Pitts and with Mayor Dickens. So I'm willing to help with whatever we want to do to bring people together. So just put that down. I do think it's a great idea and thank you for your leadership and all you're doing.

MRS. NINA RADAKOVICH: Well, thank you for that offer. We will definitely take you up on that. Thank you. You're right, I didn't say the mayor, but if we could get him to come to a meeting with all of us that would be fantastic.

**CHAIRMAN D. CHIP JOYNER:** Excellent, excellent. Is that the full report? **MRS. NINA RADAKOVICH:** Yes.

**CHAIRMAN D. CHIP JOYNER:** Thank you so much. That's good information. The MOU, what would be the timing on that? Would that be following the Strategic Plan rollout?

MRS. NINA RADAKOVICH: It's probably going to go on a parallel track. It should be in the Strategic Plan; I would think that we should have one or that we should maintain one. I don't think the Strategic Plan would have to dictate, you know, the rules themselves. It would just say, we would have some document memorializing the relationship between the Foundation and the library.

**CHAIRMAN D. CHIP JOYNER:** Okay. I'd welcome that and you have -- you've seen -- is this something you would draft or something that maybe Ms. Kilberg has from her previous position?

**MRS. NINA RADAKOVICH:** She had -- we have several forms that we have been looking at. And they all share a lot of common features.

CHAIRMAN D. CHIP JOYNER: Okay.

**MRS. NINA RADAKOVICH:** So it shouldn't be a problem for somebody in house to come up with that. It's -- doesn't have to be very complicated.

**CHAIRMAN D. CHIP JOYNER:** Very good. Very good. All right. Well, thank you so much. All right. Unfinished business, Central Library update.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

#### **CENTRAL LIBRARY – UPDATE**

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: Well, I just want to add a little bit about the Central Library, and that is that, it is one of those places now that is on the radar of a whole lot of people, and they are wanting to use it. It stays booked all the time. It is amazing. We're getting people who are from the outside, but they're being brought to us through the Commissioners. Chairman Pitts is just over the moon about the Central Library and he's been here at least four times in the last month for various things. He was just here a few days ago. So, he's very much -- very much happy with the spaces. I was going to -- all the things that Judge Nina talked about would be in my May report about the activities here, because so much happened in May. But really it's just phenomenal the way the people have responded to these spaces here. They're, you know, they're, as we've talked about earlier about things going wrong and things needing to be taken care of. We still have that list of things, and Evan and All are working toward that. But for the most part, it has just worked out very well. We have learned about a lot of kinks that we had early on. So now we don't have those. We're able to make things work very smoothly. We recently had the Commissioners sponsor every year, a wonderful celebration of salutatorians and valedictorians from the schools in Fulton County, led by Commissioner Hausmann. They had a beautiful, beautiful evening for the young people, had over 80 people there. It was just a wonderful evening using the outdoor patio area and everything. People really enjoyed themselves. Commissioner Hausmann has been so supportive of that type of activity, as well as of course, she was the one who led the \$1 million ask that we had for the collection funding. So I just want to say that -- and Commissioner Hall is just always over the moon because this, of course, is in her district. But always over the moon about what we're doing here at Central. She uses it for several meetings, training classes, other events almost weekly. So that has been really a plus. So, we know that once we get this rental policy in place, there's going to be a lot more interest. So, we're just gearing up and trying to figure out ways to make sure we can support that. It's going to take an event staff and we realize that. From working with the Foundation and the various activities they've had recently, we realize the importance of an event staff. So we'll be talking to you more and more as needed when we get through that process. That's basically all I have about Central unless you have some questions.

CHAIRMAN D. CHIP JOYNER: Questions from any Board Members?

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: I will say that all the Commissions were at that event for the students. Everyone was able to make it except Commissioner Morris, who had, I believe, another engagement. But they were all present and that was really something to have them all here at one time. That was really great.

CHAIRMAN D. CHIP JOYNER: Excellent, excellent. Very good, very good. Thank you, Mrs. Holloman. Okay. The County Attorney, thank you so much for your email. I'm not sure if everyone had a chance to review it in advance of the meeting. But we've heard some comments from Mr. Davis about TAD. But if you can kind of give us an overview.

MR. PETER BATALON: Sure.

**CHAIRMAN D. CHIP JOYNER:** -- of kind of where we are and. You've heard where the conversation has gone and you can kind of put that in context. Also, if you can let us know when or if these funds expire.

#### **TAD FUND DISCUSSION**

**MR. PETER BATALON:** Right. So first of all, let me just kind of lay out the agreement. So these TAD funds are specific to the Atlanta Beltline TAD. So part of the Atlanta Beltline TAD, part of the agreement for Fulton County to participate with the Atlanta Development Authority's creation of this Beltline TAD was this section, Section G of the intergovernmental agreement. What, in that section the Beltline TADS were to pledge \$27 million throughout the life of the TAD to the library TAD funds that the library was to use. So right now, I think we're currently in year -- so it's 20 years' worth of payments of \$1,350,000, starting from December -- starting from December 31st, 2011. So, every year we're supposed to receive \$1,350,000. I think Sharon Whitmore had stated at one Board of Commissioners meeting recently that there's about 13 to 14 million worth of payments that are still to be expected throughout the life of this TAD. So there's more money that's coming. What is not clear under the agreement is whether these funds expire, because the provision doesn't state either way, what happens if the money is not used. But I can track down some more information to find if -- I just didn't see anything in my research on that. But so, the question I think I got at the last -- or the two questions I got at the last meeting were, how can these funds be spent? Also, what authority is there over those funds? That's generally the two questions that I understood. Mr. Davis was speaking earlier about how the funds were to be -- I mean, how can we spend those funds. What he was mentioning is capital improvement projects or capital type of expenses, and that is correct. That's what my email sort of outlined. There are two sources of how TAD funds are to be spent. One is the state law, which is very broad. It can be used for anything related to TAD or any kind of redevelopment costs. So it doesn't really -- the redevelopment law -- the Georgia Redevelopment Powers Law is not intended to be a limitation in a sense. So the state doesn't really have that many restrictions on it. But the restrictions for this Beltline TAD are all from the agreement that I mentioned earlier. That limited to the language states that it's prohibited to use -- you're not to use it for operational expenses. So I think, from based on my research on what the term operational is used, I mean, the plain language, operational is to me is, day-today expenses. You can't use it for office supplies. As far as fixtures, I believe -- I'm of the opinion that those are not operational. Like, for instance, the light fixtures. If it's -- I mean, and Mr. Davis had stated as well that the light fixtures are considered a capital expense. I think based on what I found is that under accounting principles, a capital expense is anything that you would -- that has a future benefit. Like, if you're purchasing something and it's expended within that year, then that's generally, you know, and something you have to reorder year-to-year. That's generally an operation expensive. But if it's an item that it's expected to last longer than a year, then -- and you would take the depreciation of that item, then that would be a capital expense. So I think with Mr. Davis that we have this broad category of uses for the library to use for these funds to be used as far as capital expenses. As long as we don't get into the area of, is this a regular expense that we're spending this money on, I think that we should, as far as the needs for the library goes, we should be fine. But -- so that was the -- in my email was just kind of outlining the difference between capital and operational expenses. The second question is about how -- what authority, what decision-making authority is out there for those funds should be used? Now, the intergovernmental agreement states these payments are to be invested in library construction projects system wide, as determined

by the library facilities master plan or as may be recommended by the system's Board of Trustees. The way I read that and the way I interpret that is that there are two ways that an expense can be approved and those funds can be used for those expenses. One is that the Board of Commissioners votes on it and it's part of the master library facilities master plan, or that this Body presents a recommendation to the Board of Commissioners and the Board of Commissioners approves it. What I -- speaking to my colleagues in the office, what we thought would be a better, a good way to facilitate this process is if at this next -- at the next meeting, or if a specially-called meeting, if you add an action item with all the list of items and then vote on it, then that could -- I mean, in addition to what Mr. Davis was saying is if you have any needs that you want to present, he can bring it up to the Board of Commissioners in alternative ways for this, for the Board of Trustees to also present a recommendation to the Board of Commissioners after it's been voted on. So, if there are a list of items that need be used so long as they're not operational, they can be presented to the Board of Commissioners and can be voted on pretty quickly. So that's what my email was generally speaking to, is that for determining, like, how to spend that money. I mean, who gets to decide what to -- how to spend that money. The Board of Commissioners makes the final approval, but it's either through the recommendation of the Board of Trustees or if it's part of the masters, the library facilities master plan.

**CHAIRMAN D. CHIP JOYNER:** Excellent, excellent. Thank you so much. I'm sure we're going to have a few more questions next week. But I think you definitely outlined it well and we really appreciate that email to give us some background and context. Again, next, the next meeting, Director Holloman, we'd love to see the list and we can all start putting our heads around the strategy for making sure these funds are used appropriately and before they expire. Once we understand if that happens, okay. All right.

**MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN:** Right. That's the thing I'm always concerned about. Do they expire, you know, what happens with that? So --

CHAIRMAN D. CHIP JOYNER: Yes.

**MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN:** But you said you would like to have a wish list of things that need to be done, need to be taken care of? Right. So we can pull that together.

**CHAIRMAN D. CHIP JOYNER:** Yes, and even aspirational things. If you want to expand the library. Just, we'd love to see the whole thing.

**MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN:** Oh, we can give some aspirational stuff. That's, you know, that's that pie-in-the-sky stuff.

CHAIRMAN D. CHIP JOYNER: Right, right.

**MR. PETER BATALON:** I imagine is if there is an expiration date, it's not anytime soon, because we're only in year 11 or 12 or 13 of the 20-year payment plan.

CHAIRMAN D. CHIP JOYNER: Okay.

MR. PETER BATALON: So there's expected to be more funds coming in.

**CHAIRMAN D. CHIP JOYNER:** Okay, thank you. Are there any more questions for the County Attorney? Any additional questions on the TAD? Mrs. Holloman.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: I do want to thank Mr. Batalon also, publicly, because he is one that is always available. He will do everything he can to research whatever crazy questions we come up with, or not so crazy. We're always trying to get the, okay, for an event somewhere, or to get some mural painted. He's always the one going back and forth to make sure he gives us the right information so we could do that. So, thank you

so much, Mr. Batalon, I appreciate that. I don't know how many more benches we can put at Roswell, but --

**CHAIRMAN D. CHIP JOYNER:** Great. Well, thank you, that's good to hear. That's good to hear. Okay. Last item, new business. Any items in new business? Okay. All right. Well, hearing none, is there a motion to adjourn? I see Mr. Kaplan's –

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

#### **MOTION**

MR. PAUL KAPLAN: I so move. I had my mouth moving.

**CHAIRMAN D. CHIP JOYNER:** Okay. There's a motion to adjourn by Mr. Kaplan. Is there a second?

MRS. MARJORIE KIMBROUGH: I second.

MRS. NINA RADAKOVICH: Second.

**CHAIRMAN D. CHIP JOYNER:** Seconded by Judge Nina and Dr. Kimbrough. So, all those in favor say, aye.

TRUSTEES: Aye.

**CHAIRMAN D. CHIP JOYNER:** Any nay? The meeting is adjourned. Thank you so much. I try to keep it close to 5:00. You know, we went over seven minutes.

MR. PAUL KAPLAN: We're doing all right.

**CHAIRMAN D. CHIP JOYNER:** But I think we got some really good information here, you know, so --

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: We did.

**CHAIRMAN D. CHIP JOYNER:** I really like this pattern of having persons from different departments come and speak and educate the Board about what they're doing and hope we can continue to do that.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: Yes.

CHAIRMAN D. CHIP JOYNER: All right.

**MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN:** I want you to meet my administrative team. So I hope that when we start meeting in person again, I would really like for them to be present.

**CHAIRMAN D. CHIP JOYNER:** That'll be great.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: If you all will allow. If you would allow that.

CHAIRMAN D. CHIP JOYNER: Oh, absolutely, absolutely. It's team effort. All right.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: It is. Thank you.

(Whereupon, the Regular Virtual Board of Trustees Meeting concluded at 5:08 p.m.)

#### **Director's Report**

Gayle H. Holloman, Executive Director

#### May 2022

The month of May was filled with numerous activities at libraries throughout the System.

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At the top of the list was the Children's Book Festival, held at the Central Library on Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup>. The event was sponsored by the Atlanta-Fulton Public Library Foundation with its partnership sponsor PNC Bank and others. Fulton County Commission Chairman Robb Pitts, along with Ms. Lori Kilberg, Chair of the Foundation welcomed everyone to the festivities. Mayor Andre Dickens held a children's book read aloud, followed by a reading by Commissioner Natalie Hall, of District 4.

The Central Library's Plaza, lobby, and Event Center were alive with music; food; storytelling; a mini performance of "Pirates of Penzance" by members of the Atlanta Opera; and much, much more. There were talks presented by authors of books for teens and by internationally known writer and illustrator, Carmen Agra Deedy. There was something for patrons of all ages to enjoy. Everyone declared it a success and loved the beautiful decorations.

May also saw the observance of National Mental Health Month and Get Caught Reading Month. Patrons of all ages loved Free Comic Book Day and were delighted to receive comics to take home with them.

#### **Great Partnership Offering**

The Georgia Public Library Service (GPLS) announced a new partnership with the Alliance Theatre to provide a pass for free tickets to certain performances. The Community Ticket Pass is available at all public libraries statewide; when checked out just like a book. Patrons visit the Alliance website, and utilize the pass to receive up to four free tickets to performances on either the Coca-Cola or Hertz Stage.

#### Value of Library Service

Since March of this year, staff at the Northwest Library at Scotts Crossing shared the story of the Armstrong children who set a goal to read one million words each by their birthdays. The library staff was happy to provide terrific books to support their endeavor. It is great to announce that the son, age 6, and daughter, age 9, reached their goals, reading over two million words. The Armstrong family was so appreciative of the support given by the library staff that they presented a card of appreciation to the Northwest staff. Congratulations to them for their wonderful achievement!

## FULTON COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT - TOTAL LIBRARY

**AS OF MAY 31, 2022** 

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SERVICE	2022 BUDGET	MAY	2022 YTD	2022 YTD	2022 YTD	2022 YTD	BUDGET
TYPE	ALLOCATION	EXPENDITION	EXPENDITURE	<b>ENCUMBRANCES</b>	COMMITTED	% COMMITTED	BALANCE
REG SALARY	14,786,565	1,009,017	5,095,126	1	5,095,126	34%	9,691,439
PART TIME SALARY	466,312	16,967	82,453	1	82,453	18%	383,859
BENEFITS	7,941,453	520,799	2,643,042	ı	2,643,042	33%	5,298,411
BOOKS	3,761,909	192,060	1,093,831	891,741	1,985,572	53%	1,776,337
OFFICE EQUIP. REPAIR	23,930	3,120	3,120	12,716	15,836	66%	8,094
EQUIPMENT	32,104	-	55	31,087	31,142	97%	962
OFFICE FURNITURE	2,000	-	-	1	1	0%	2,000
PROFESSIONAL SERV	33,007	-	450	4,903	5,353	16%	27,654
COPIER MACHINE	226,000	20,974	79,785	-	79,785	35%	146,215
COPIER PAPER	1,000	-	-	1	1	0%	1,000
SUPPLIES	60,116	2,020	14,272	3,200	17,472	29%	42,644
COMPUTER HARDWARE	734,776	591,223	683,520	-	683,520	93%	51,256
RENT	230,246		71,588	139,344		92%	19,314
OTHER SERVICES	620,084	57,454	157,474	17,121	174,595	28%	445,489
TRAVEL	9,900	-	615	-	615	6%	9,285
HOPITALITY	10,000	-	-	-	-	0%	10,000
VEHICLE MAINTENANCE	22,850	154	2,176	-	2,176	10%	20,674
GENERAL INSURANCE	622,596	51,883	259,415		259,415	42%	363,181
TRAVEL CONFERENCE	10,000	4,607	6,963	-	6,963	70%	3,037
CONTINGENCY	323,610	-		-	-	0%	323,610
TOTAL	29,918,458	2,493,436	10,193,886	1,100,112	11,293,997	38%	18,624,461

## FULTON COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT - BY ORG TYPE

AS OF MAY 31,2022

ORGANIZATION	SERVICE	2022 BUDGET	MAY	2022 YTD	2022 YTD	2022 YTD	2022 YTD	2022 BUDGET
TYPE	DESCRIPTION	ALLOCATION	EXPENDITURES	<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>ENCUMBRANCES</b>	COMMITTED	% COMMITTED	BALANCE
PUBLIC SERVICE	REG SALARY	11,616,034	782,021	3,968,551	-	3,968,551	34%	7,647,483
	PART TIME SALARY	466,312	16,967	82,453	-	82,453	18%	383,859
	BENEFITS	6,342,755	407,601	2,079,125	-	2,079,125	33%	4,263,630
	BOOKS	3,261,909	192,060	1,093,831	891,741	1,985,572	61%	1,276,337
	OFFICE EQUIP. REPAIR	20,000	3,120	3,120	12,716	15,836	79%	4,164
	EQUIPMENT	10,500	-	55	10,240	10,295	98%	205
	OFFICE FURNITURE	2,000	-	-	-	-	0%	2,000
	PROFESSIONAL SERV	6,259	-	450	4,903	5,353	86%	906
	COPIER MACHINE	225,000	20,974	79,785	-	79,785	35%	145,215
	SUPPLIES	16,700	154	1,555	-	1,555	9%	15,145
	RENT	230,246	23,157	71,588	139,344	210,933	92%	19,314
	OTHER SERVICES	348,938	14,049	86,906	6,166	93,072	27%	255,866
	VEHICLE MAINTENANCE	3,000	104	104	-	104	3%	2,897
	GENERAL INSURANCE	404,826	33,736	168,678	-	168,678	42%	236,149
	TRAVEL CONFERENCE	10,000	4,607	6,963	-	6,963	70%	3,037
	CONTINGENCY	16,775	-	-	-	-	0%	16,775
Total		22,981,254	1,498,550	7,643,163	1,065,110	8,708,273	38%	14,272,981

## FULTON COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT - BY ORG TYPE

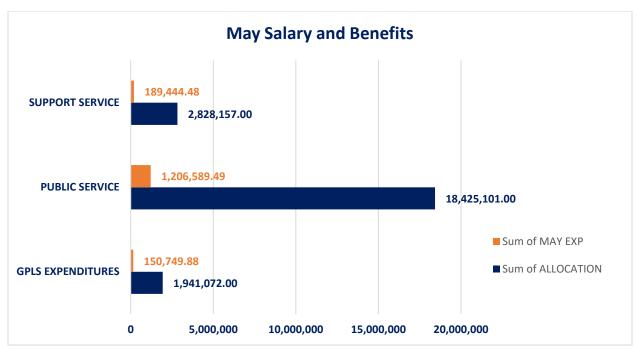
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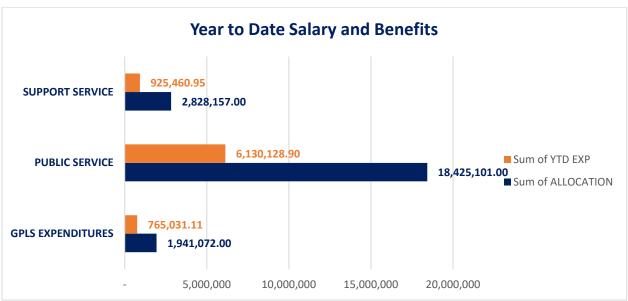
ORGANIZATION	SERVICE	2022 BUDGET	MAY	2022 YTD	2022 YTD	2022 YTD	2022 YTD	2022 BUDGET
TYPE	DESCRIPTION	ALLOCATION	EXPENDITURES	<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>ENCUMBRANCES</b>	COMMITTED	% COMMITTED	BALANCE
SUPPORT SERVICE	REG SALARY	1,842,057	123,267	600,389	-	600,389	33%	1,241,668
	BENEFITS	986,100	66,177	325,072	-	325,072	33%	661,028
	OFFICE EQUIP. REPAIR	3,930	-	-	-	-	0%	3,930
	EQUIPMENT	21,604	-	-	20,847	20,847	96%	757
	PROFESSIONAL SERV	26,748	-	-	-	-	0%	26,748
	COPIER MACHINE	1,000	-	-	-	-	0%	1,000
	COPIER PAPER	1,000	-	-	-	-	0%	1,000
	SUPPLIES	43,416	1,866	12,717	3,200	15,917	37%	27,499
	COMPUTER HARDWARE	734,776	591,223	683,520	-	683,520	93%	51,256
	OTHER SERVICES	271,146	43,406	70,568	10,955	81,523	30%	189,623
	TRAVEL	9,900	-	615	-	615	6%	9,285
	HOPITALITY	10,000	-	-	-	-	0%	10,000
	VEHICLE MAINTENANCE	19,850	50	2,073	-	2,073	10%	17,777
	GENERAL INSURANCE	217,770	18,148	90,738	-	90,738	42%	127,033
	CONTINGENCY	301,835	-	-	-	-	0%	301,835
Total		4,491,132	844,136	1,785,691	35,002	1,820,693	41%	2,670,439

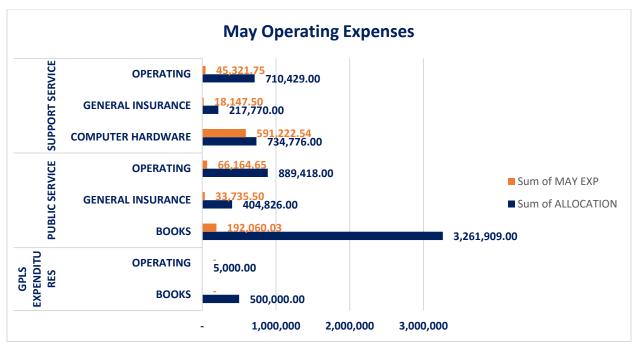
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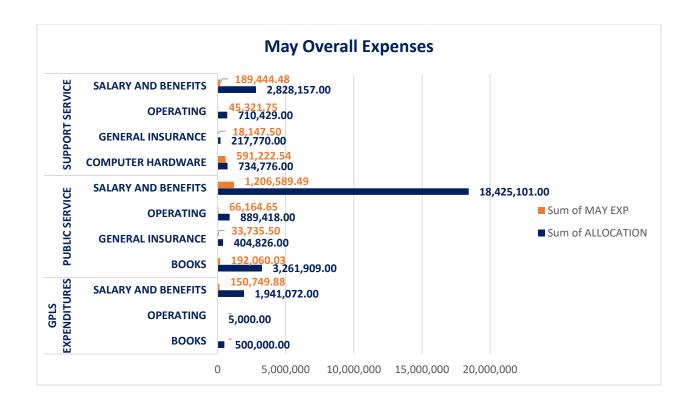
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TYPE	DESCRIPTION	ALLOCATION	<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>ENCUMBRANCES</b>	COMMITTED	% COMMITTED	BALANCE
GPLS EXPENDITURES	REG SALARY	1,328,474	103,729	526,186	-	526,186	40%	802,288
	BENEFITS	612,598	47,021	238,845	-	238,845	39%	373,753
	BOOKS	500,000	-	-	-	-	0%	500,000
	CONTINGENCY	5,000	-	-		-	0%	5,000
Total		2,446,072	150,750	765,031	-	765,031	31%	1,681,041

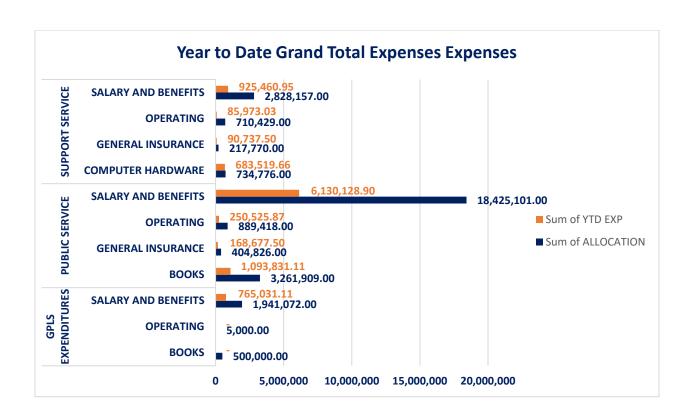










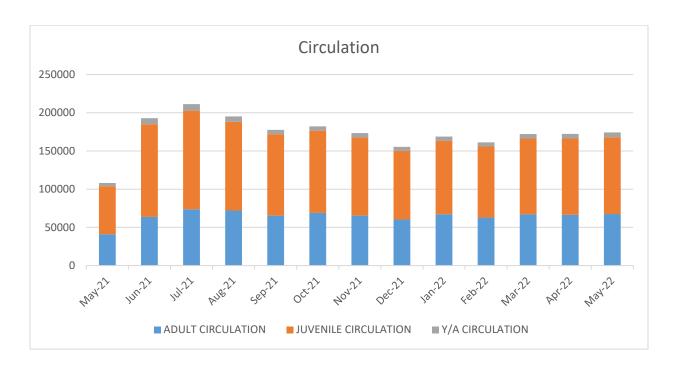


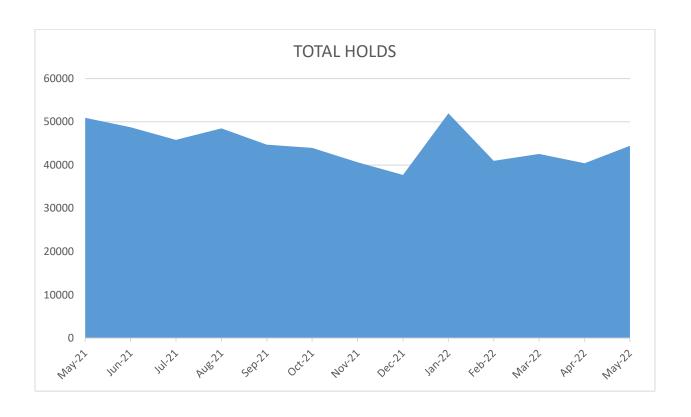
Monthly Usage Summary - May 2022							
	2022		2021				
Activity and Description	May	YTD	May	YTD	YTD % +/-		
Circulation							
Total number of items checked out of the library	174,363	849,432	108,181	448,223	90%		
Holds							
Number of requests by patrons	44,449	220,437	50,933	288,660	-24%		
Visits							
Number of people entering a library for any reason	178,851	763,966	41,750	41,750	1730%		
Computer/Internet Usage							
Number of computer sessions (Internet access and office software)	51,428	197,118	3,124	3,124	6210%		
Number of hours of computer use	20,837	87,489	1,222	1,222	7059%		
Web Page Visits							
Number of times people have visited the library's websites	875,685	4,331,549	721,770	3,714,218	17%		
Web Visitors							
Number of people who visited the library's websites	135,337	649,644	106,680	513,318	27%		
Virtual Circulation							
Number of materials downloaded or streamed	113,578	547,405	111,130	556,275	-2%		
Virtual Circulation Users							
Number of people who downloaded or streamed	23,791	115,077	23,635	120,129	-4%		
Children's programs							
Library sponsored programs offered for children (birth - 12)	258	1556	17	677	130%		
Number of people attending programs	7374	22218	2756	26423	-16%		
Teen Programs							
Library sponsored programs offered for teens (13 - 17)	38	185	17	150	23%		
Number of people attending programs	401	1226	2291	4400	-72%		
Adult Programs							
Library sponsored programs offered for adults (18 + )	204	1084	47	1159	-6%		
Number of people attending programs	1,392	11,221	3935	38757	-71%		
Programs - Total							
Library sponsored programs offered (includes all-ages not counted above)	616	3281	199	1234	166%		
Number of people attending programs	11,509	42,611	2,116	14479	194%		
Meeting Rooms							
Non-library sponsored meetings or activities scheduled	105	427	0	0	N/A		
Number of people attending meetings or activities	1,300	4,509	0	0	N/A		

	Fulton County Library System Circulation Stats - May 2022											
AGENCY NAME	ADULT	JUVENILE	Y/A	OTHER	Month-2022 TOTAL		INCREASE/ DECREASE		YTD 2022 CIRC		INCREASE/	PERCENT CHANGE
ADAMS PARK	337	443	10		790	399	391	97.99%	4,535	2,142	2,393	111.72%
ADAMSVILLE/COLLIER HEIGHTS	580	384	46	3	1,013	568	445	78.35%	4,822	2,439	2,383	97.70%
ALPHARETTA	5,826	12,678	678	11	19,193	12,464	6,729	53.99%	92,951	47,725	45,226	94.76%
BUCKHEAD	3,859	4,199	184	4	8,246	4,308	3,938	91.41%	41,406	19,919	21,487	107.87%
CLEVELAND AVE	434	319	50		803	3,239	-2,436	-75.21%	3,725	4,685	-960	-20.49%
COLLEGE PARK	447	713	21	5	1,186	595	591	99.33%	6,235	2,485	3,750	150.91%
DOGWOOD	474	564	100		1,138	357	781	218.77%	5,356	1,782	3,574	200.56%
EAST ATLANTA	1,921	3,069	159		5,149	3,172	1,977	62.33%	25,126	12,804	12,322	96.24%
EAST POINT	635	174	35	5	849	786	63	8.02%	4,048	4,667	-619	-13.26%
EAST ROSWELL	4,485	6,136	242	13	10,876	7,310	3,566	48.78%	53,692	33,645	20,047	59.58%
EVELYN G. LOWERY @ CASCADE	830	817	92		1,739	732	1,007	137.57%	8,646	3,379	5,267	155.87%
FAIRBURN	594	531	39	1	1,165	518	647	124.90%	5,551	2,644	2,907	109.95%
GLADYS S. DENNARD @ SOUTH FULTON	1,094	1,039	114		2,247	943	1,304	138.28%	11,500	3,994	7,506	187.93%
HAPEVILLE	332	370	37	2	741	616	125	20.29%	3,739	1,095	2,644	241.46%
JOAN P. GARNER @ PONCE DE LEON	4,273	4,465	219	25	8,982	5,843	3,139	53.72%	44,980	25,977	19,003	73.15%
KIRKWOOD	1,381	3,377	121	3	4,882	2,943	1,939	65.89%	24,056	12,027	12,029	100.02%
LOUISE WATLEY @ SOUTHEAST ATLANTA	468	1,163	23	2	1,656	1,202	454	37.77%	8,615	6,312	2,303	36.49%
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR	551	503	49		1,103	806	297	36.85%	5,895	4,158	1,737	41.77%
MECHANICSVILLE	277	180	39	3	499	304	195	64.14%	2,399	1,465	934	63.75%
METROPOLITAN	1,246	2,473	172	8	3,899	1,714	2,185	127.48%	19,216	8,742	10,474	119.81%
MILTON	4,425	10,140	567	11	15,143	10,261	4,882	47.58%	69,116	37,986	31,130	81.95%
NORTHEAST/SPRUILL OAKS	2,348	6,225	386	4	8,963	6,385	2,578	40.38%	43,476	22,568	20,908	92.64%
NORTHSIDE	2,916	4,463	323	2	7,704	2,301	5,403	234.81%	38,491	16,697	21,794	130.53%
NORTHWEST @ SCOTTS CROSSING	1,098	1,850	114	3	3,065	2,496	569	22.80%	15,593	8,585	7,008	81.63%
OCEE	4,495	10,180	731	4	15,410	10,187	5,223	51.27%	74,859	39,277	35,582	90.59%
PALMETTO	484	661	46		1,191	533	658	123.45%	5,341	2,821	2,520	89.33%
PEACHTREE	2,763	1,986	148	11	4,908	3,044	1,864	61.24%	23,969	19,143	4,826	25.21%
ROSWELL	5,594	7,942	398	11	13,945	8,971	4,974	55.45%	66,482	37,881	28,601	75.50%
SANDY SPRINGS	6,523	9,555	516	9	16,603	11,567	5,036	43.54%	81,845	44,205	37,640	85.15%
WASHINGTON PARK	375	540	60	2	977	702	275	39.17%	6,266	2,729	3,537	129.61%
WEST END	474	597	45		1,116	721	395	54.79%	6,036	3,885	2,151	55.37%
WOLFCREEK	1,827	1,967	262	4	4,060	1,648	2,412	146.36%	14,869	8,654	6,215	71.82%
BRANCHES TOTAL	63,366	99,703	6,026	146	169,241	107,635	61,606	57.24%	822,836	446,517	376,319	84.28%
CENTRAL	1,447	748	269	15	2,479	490	1,989	405.92%	15,646	1,608	14,038	873.01%
OUTREACH SERVICES	2				2	0		#DIV/0!	10	36	-26	-72.22%
AUBURN AVENUE RESEARCH	2,641				2,641	56	2,585	4616.07%	10,940	62		17545.16%
SYSTEM TOTAL	67,456	100,451	6,295	161	174,363	108,181	66,182	61.18%	849,432	448,223	401,209	89.51%

FULTON	COUNTY I	IBRARY SY	STEM STA	ATS AT	A GLAN	CE - May 2	2022		
AGENCY NAME	TOTAL CIRCULATION	TOTAL REGISTRATIONS	COMMPUTER USAGE	LIBRARY VISITS		PROGRAM ATTENDANCE	NUMBER OF MEETINGS	MEETING ATTENDANCE	VOTER REGISTRATION
ADAMS PARK	790	64	1,401	3,767	8	35			
ADAMSVILLE/COLLIER HEIGHTS	1,013	88	1,827	2,875	6	24	3	22	
ALPHARETTA	19,193	653	1,371	17,226	36	1,078	10	223	20
BUCKHEAD	8,246	511	1,676	6,797	54	92	3	18	
CLEVELAND AVE	803	46	656	1,842	0	0	5	120	
COLLEGE PARK	1,186	102	2,618	3,555	18	446			
DOGWOOD	1,138	40	806	584	34	232			
EAST ATLANTA	5,149	244	1,357	7,348	9	158	5	41	
EAST POINT	849	135	2,609	3,168	4	8	4	. 22	
EAST ROSWELL	10,876	291	755	10,489	27	256	6	23	3
EVELYN G. LOWERY @ CASCADE	1,739	178	1,481	4,451	15	186	11	100	
FAIRBURN	1,165	106	540	2,298	8	55	2	23	5
GLADYS S. DENNARD LIBRARY @ SOUTH FULTON	2,247	226	1,914	3,754	12	153	1	24	4
HAPEVILLE	741	41	1,589	2,379	0	0	6	60	
JOAN P. GARNER @ PONCE DE LEON	8,982	383	3,398	8,064	1	20			
KIRKWOOD	4,882	152	518	3,346	7	232	5	34	
LOUISE WATLEY LIBRARY @ SOUTHEAST ATLANTA	1,656	70	1,309	1,624	2	4	2	. 17	1
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR	1,103	78	776	1,129	4	29	1	6	
MECHANICSVILLE	499	43	875	1,447	2	49	3	35	
METROPOLITAN	3,899	141	2,205	4,560	16	515	2	45	
MILTON	15,143	406	157	5,263	34	572	3	16	4
NORTHEAST/SPRUILL OAKS	8,963	240	376	4,458	21	446	6	25	
NORTHSIDE	7,704	187	321	7,783	5	100			
NORTHWEST @ SCOTTS CROSSING	3,065	128	1,378	9,488	15	141	3	23	8
OCEE	15,410	362	556	7,770	18	171	1	46	
PALMETTO	1,191	61	319	290	54	215			12
PEACHTREE	4,908	298	1,198	984	8	54			
ROSWELL	13,945	514	1,159	8,638	45	599	5	33	8
SANDY SPRINGS	16,603	541	2,455	19,428	91	4,543	6	65	9
WASHINGTON PARK	977	31	1,465	3,181	6	121			8
WEST END	1,116	70	1,492	3,428	11	96	5	16	
WOLFCREEK	4,060	186	796			136	6	164	4
BRANCHES TOTAL	169,241	6,616	41,353	164,190	584	10,766	101	1,201	86
CENTRAL	2,479	323	10,075	12,524	9	147			
VIRTUAL PROGRAMS					12	156			
OUTREACH VIRTUAL PROGRAMS	2	4			2	190			
AUBURN AVENUE RESEARCH	2,641	2		2,137	9	250	4	. 99	
SYSTEM TOTAL	174,363	6,945	51,428	178,851	616	11,509	105	1,300	86

## May 2022 Executive Summary – Charts





January 2022 virtual circulation and virtual circulation users numbers were revised upward due to Hoopla.

