



BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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**FULTON COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
APRIL 23, 2025 - 4:00 P.M.
AGENDA**

- I. Call to Order
- II. Public Comments
- III. Adoption of Agenda* Doc. #25-16
- IV. Approval of Minutes - March 26, 2025* Doc. #25-15
- V. AFPL Foundation Discussion - Jeff Steely
- VI. Chairman's Report
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- VIII. Director's Reports Doc. #25-19
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- IX. Unfinished Business
 - A. Central Library - Update
 - B. AFPL Foundation M.O.U. - Update
 - C. Rental Policy - Discussion
- X. New Business
 - A.
- XI. Adjournment

*Action is anticipated on this item

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FULTON COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

MARCH 26, 2025 – 4:00 P.M.



Members Present: Bolster, Paul
 Denson, Damian J
 Jordan, Linda - (via Zoom)
 Joyner, D. Chip
 Kaplan, Paul
 Piontek, Joe
 Radakovich, Nina - Chair
 Rice, Beverly - Vice Chair

Members Absent: None

Also In Attendance: Holloman, Gayle H. - Executive Director
 Clary, Audrey - Assistant to the Director's Office
 Claxton, Zenobia - Assistant to the Director's Office
 Culler, Jennifer - Supervising County Attorney
 Hall, Hirshel - Assistant County Attorney

Guests: Willis, Michelle - AFPL Foundation Board, Vice Chair

Webinar Attendees: 2 Attendees

Board Chair Nina Radakovich called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

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CALL TO ORDER

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: Good afternoon, everyone.

TRUSTEES: Good afternoon.

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: This is the monthly meeting of the Fulton County Library System Board of Trustees. My name is Nina Radakovich, I'm Vice Chair. I'm calling this meeting to order, and the first item on our agenda is the Election of Board of Trustees Officers. Does anybody have a motion?

ELECTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES OFFICERS**MOTION**

MR. PAUL KAPLAN: I have a motion that our Trustee, Nina Radakovich, become Chairman of the Board.

MR. JOE PIONTEK: I second that.

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: Is there any discussion?

TRUSTEES: (No responses.)

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: All right, all in favor?

TRUSTEES: Aye.

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: All right. Thank you. The motion carries. Thank you very much. The second vacancy, or the vacancy that we now have, is for Vice Chair. Do I hear a motion on that?

MR. D. CHIP JOYNER: Motion to nominate Ms. Beverly Rice as Vice Chair for the Trustees.

MR. JOE PIONTEK: Second that.

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: Any discussion?

TRUSTEES: (No responses.)

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: All in favor?

TRUSTEES: Aye.

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: Thank you. Well, congratulations.

MS. BEVERLY RICE: Congratulations to you.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: Congratulations.

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: Thank you. Do we have any public comments today?

PUBLIC COMMENTS

MRS. ZENOBIA CLAXTON: We do not have any public comments.

25-11 ADOPTION OF AGENDA**MOTION**

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: Now, we have an agenda here, we need to adopt and there's -- we're going to have someone from the Foundation come to give an update, Michelle Willis. So, if she comes, would it be possible to take her after the item that we're discussing, so she doesn't have to stay for the whole time? I believe she's coming. If not, we'll see her next month. In that case, do I hear a motion to adopt the agenda as it is?

MR. PAUL KAPLAN: I so move.

MR. D. CHIP JOYNER: Second.

MS. BEVERLY RICE: Second.

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: Any discussion?

TRUSTEES: (No responses.)

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: All in favor?

TRUSTEES: Aye.

MR. PAUL BOLSTER: -- maybe you could help me understand, there's some issues that I'd like us to discuss, but they are not -- I don't necessarily know whether they can be on the agenda or not.

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: Most things can be on the agenda, and what is the nature of what we want to discuss?

MR. PAUL BOLSTER: Well, this legislation that's in front of the Georgia General Assembly that affects libraries and their criminal liability, and I'd like at some point to see whether or not the Board would want to discuss that and make any recommendations, maybe to the county regarding that legislation.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: I have -- I saw your email, and I have a few things to offer today to present about that fact, the SB74 and about IMLS situation with federal government and funding.

MR. JOE PIONTEK: Could we potentially do it in new business?

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: I think it would go with Gayle's reports. She addresses --

MR. JOE PIONTEK: Okay.

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: -- almost everything that's going on. It will fit in there.

MR. JOE PIONTEK: Fantastic.

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: If we had someone from outside to discuss that, maybe we would need to add them to the agenda. But I think our Executive Director can give you as much information as we can get from the county, okay?

MR. PAUL BOLSTER: Sure.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: Would legal -- would legal know? Would the attorney know anything about it?

MS. JENNIFER CULLER: About the --

MS. LINDA JORDAN: SB, yes.

MS. JENNIFER CULLER: Yes, we are aware of it, you know, we stand ready to help you prepare anything you may want to prepare of your opinions about it or -- or if you have questions about it. But you know, our role is not to offer an opinion.

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: Okay, thank you. So, I believe the Executive Director is prepared to discuss that.

MR. PAUL BOLSTER: Okay, that's terrific.

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: So, in light of that, is there a motion to adopt the agenda?

MR. JOE PIONTEK: So, moved.

MS. BEVERLY RICE: Second.

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: Any discussion?

TRUSTEES: (No responses.)

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: All in favor?

TRUSTEES: Aye.

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: Perfect timing. You do need a minute to catch your breath, or are you ready to go ahead now?

MS. MICHELLE WILLIS: Oh no, I'm ready to -- I'm good, I can go.

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: This is Michelle Willis from the Library Foundation.

AFPL FOUNDATION UPDATE - MICHELLE WILLIS

MS. MICHELLE WILLIS: Hey, how are you, guys? Hi. All right. Well, I'm Michelle Taylor Willis. I am the Vice Chair of the Library Foundation Board. Thank you, guys, so much for having me here. Let me just make sure I'm following my agenda. All right, so basically, you guys understand that we are a nonprofit organization. Let me just step up here so that I have a better view. So, we're a nonprofit organization. Our main goal is just to advocate for and support and to get people to use and come in and take advantage of all the services of your library. We don't -- you know, we're concerned -- we're not -- I don't want to say not concerned. But we're not trying to impede on programming. Our job is to support the programming. You tell us what the programming is, we go out and make sure that you can execute upon that. We just had a couple of great initiatives come out. The VR Immersive Horizons Project that was just -- I think that was last week. Was that last week?

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: It was last week.

MS. MICHELLE WILLIS: All of the days and weeks are running together these few years, so to speak. I was actually there with the Commission -- the Board of Commissioners, most of the Board showed up. It was a beautiful event. I actually tried the glasses, and so that was, you know, those are great initiatives that we love to support. I was at the unveiling for the Charly Palmer Library Card, the commissioned card that was --

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: Auburn.

MS. MICHELLE WILLIS: -- that was not last week.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: Auburn Avenue.

MS. MICHELLE WILLIS: Auburn Avenue Library --

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: Two weeks ago.

MS. MICHELLE WILLIS: That was back in February, I think.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: Two or three weeks.

MS. MICHELLE WILLIS: Okay, yes. So, I was there, and that was great. I mean, we just love being able to support all of those causes and all of those initiatives. Next Tuesday is April 1st, right? That's Library Giving Day, and National Library Week is the 7th through 11th, so the week following that. So, both of those dates are really great for our Spring Fundraising Campaign. We had a really good end-of-year fundraising, and so

we're going to kick off the spring fundraising. Again, the Spring Fundraising Campaign, so we're anticipating some really good response from that. So, in terms of advocacy, we are kind of watching a couple of things. Our Advocacy Committee on which I serve, is chaired by Aisha Greenlee. But our Co-chair, Chip Joyner, and Chip is -- there you are. I'm like, I think I saw him earlier. So, there's a couple pieces of legislation that we're actually, we're watching. The first is the federal funding of the Institute of Library and Museum Services. You probably know, but there was just the EO that is going to reduce the funding for that. So, if that happens, then obviously all the libraries across the country will be affected, and certainly that could affect us as well. So, we're certainly kind of keeping a watch on that, and seeing what we can do, and seeing what we can do to, you know, counteract some of that. Then there's SB, Bill 74, SB74 that is going to -- you -- are you guys, I'm sure familiar, right? So that's going to remove exemption of all librarians from criminal prosecution for quote/unquote, distribution of material, harmful -- materials harmful to minors. So, there's processes and procedures that are in place to kind of protect that. Our Executive Director, who I believe you all know, Erin Dreiling, yes, who's doing amazing work on behalf of the Foundation. She is really working with the advocate Advocacy Committee our committee, Chip, and a lot of our meetings that we're having are being used to kind of encourage people to get out and find ways that we can make sure that we're protecting and insulating our librarians from policies and pieces of legislation. So, if it does continue to move forward, we'll have to do probably a little bit of a larger call for action. I don't know, and I'm sure on the Board, we don't know exactly what that looks like, but will be something. Let me pause there. Do you guys have any questions about --

MR. PAUL BOLSTER: The status of the bill now?

MS. MICHELLE WILLIS: I saw this last week. It's in the House, and it's being discussed by the judiciary --

MR. PAUL BOLSTER: But -- so, okay, it's in this -- I think it's six days left of the Session, or something like that. So, in case we --(indiscernible, simultaneous speakers) --

MS. MICHELLE WILLIS: Yes.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: Yes, they're about to go into -- pretty soon.

MS. BEVERLY RICE: April --

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: But I'll speak some about all of that.

MR. PAUL BOLSTER: Okay, good.

MS. MICHELLE WILLIS: Any other questions for me? Anything you'd like me to take back to the Foundation, questions, concerns? Sorry, I'm still tongue tied. I worked, hosted 14 months, all Saturday and Sunday. I think I still haven't got my tongue back in order from talking incessantly. But anything else I could take back, or you'd like to have discussion around or something upon which we should be ruminating on the Foundation side of things?

MR. D. CHIP JOYNER: We appreciate the Foundation being here. It means a lot when someone from the Foundation can come and share updates. There's a different perspective you have.

MS. MICHELLE WILLIS: Sure.

MR. D. CHIP JOYNER: In the last few years, we've seen a much closer, more constructive relationship between the Board of Trustees here and the Foundation, and this is really helpful, I think for myself and definitely for all of us on the Board.

MS. MICHELLE WILLIS: Awesome. Absolutely, yes, I mean, we want to make sure that there's this -- there is a very, you know, a certain delineation of duty, but also a very strong collaborative effort that happened between the Board of Trustees and between us. I mean, we are your backbone. We want to be the back. So, you guys let us know what we need, and we will go on.

MR. PAUL BOLSTER: So, you communicate --

MS. MICHELLE WILLIS: What's your name?

MR. PAUL BOLSTER: You communicate directly --

MS. MICHELLE WILLIS: What's your name, sir?

MR. PAUL BOLSTER: Paul Bolster.

MS. MICHELLE WILLIS: Oh, okay.

MR. PAUL BOLSTER: I'm new, so --

MS. MICHELLE WILLIS: Yes, I think I remember when your name came to this -- nice to see you.

MR. PAUL BOLSTER: You communicate directly to the members of legislature, and you communicate to the members of Congress about the federal issues? You actually, you know, contact them and give a position to them?

MS. MICHELLE WILLIS: So, I don't necessarily. Erin might do some of that, and then our Advocacy Board members might actually. But we, most of our communication is done through the Board of Trustees. But I can find out and get some more information, but that's how I understood. We speak to members of the Board of Commissioners, but not necessarily, you know, on the House floor or anything like that, on the Senate floor.

MR. PAUL BOLSTER: Just -- I'll wait -- I'll wait until the next discussion.

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: Do you have any idea how much federal money comes to Fulton Library System?

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: I do.

MS. MICHELLE WILLIS: Yes. Yes, that just came through at a meeting, and I don't -- I don't recall the exact number, but I can get it for you. Or Gayle can tell you later in your meeting.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: It's almost a million dollars.

MR. D. CHIP JOYNER: Is there any update on the progress of the memorandum between the Trustees and the Foundation?

MS. MICHELLE WILLIS: Yes, we are working on -- I can tell you that for sure, although, Paul, I can't answer your question specifically, but I can tell you that we are working on that actively. Yes. I actually have my hands in that a little bit, so I'm working on it. I have not made any complete strides yet on it, but it is on my radar, and -- yes.

MR. D. CHIP JOYNER: Would it be too much trouble to ask for --

MS. MICHELLE WILLIS: Yes. I'm sorry.

MR. D. CHIP JOYNER: -- email saying that it's still being, still under review, that I could share with one of the Commissioners? It's kind of an outstanding deliverable --

MS. MICHELLE WILLIS: It is.

MR. D. CHIP JOYNER: -- requested.

MS. MICHELLE WILLIS: Yes, I know. I'm just -- so just for context, I've been on the Board a year. I joined the Board in January of 2023, and I just took over as Vice Chair at the top of this fiscal back in January. So, I've just been -- I've just kind of come up to date as I joined the advocate -- Advocacy Committee on. I knew that we, you know, that this MOU was kind of out there, but I didn't have as much detail to it as I've gotten just in the last weeks. So, since we have some relationship there with the BOC, you know, I know that it's very much outstanding, like a very long time. So, it is certainly -- in fact, I actually sent a -- sent a communication about it yesterday, so I can ask Erin. I don't want to speak out of turn, but I can certainly ask Erin if she could send something to say that, hey, like, yes, one of our -- or our Advocacy -- Advocacy Committee, our Board Members are kind of working to get this remedy. But it is, I guess, something that has to happen -- that is happening. I would agree, and it is a point of priority. That may -- I don't know that that answered your -- I'm not talking around it, I mean, I am, like, it's a point of priority, I'm on it, and so --

MR. D. CHIP JOYNER: Great. We can just have -- so the member just knows that --

MS. MICHELLE WILLIS: It's being --

MR. D. CHIP JOYNER: -- it's still under review?

MS. MICHELLE WILLIS: Yes. I can relay that back to Erin. Will that work? Okay, yes.

MR. D. CHIP JOYNER: That can go to all members of the --

MS. MICHELLE WILLIS: Sure. Yes, I'll make sure I send communication upon that -- about that upon my return to it.

MR. D. CHIP JOYNER: Okay, thank you.

MS. MICHELLE WILLIS: Yes. Anything -- I'm not operating state of (indiscernible), I promise. I will make sure that I get that back. Anything else?

MR. PAUL KAPLAN: I really -- I really think this Board should really consider having a joint meeting together, Foundation and this Board of Trustees. Because I don't know everybody on that Foundation, of course, maybe, like all of us, get together and we all have concerns, and they have concerns, and we talk about it. I think we should get something together next three to four months; however we want to do it, have it in the building here and talk, just talk out open with what their concerns are, what our concerns

are. The only way to have a communication, I think, what we used to do in (indiscernible) always have joint meetings about once a year. It was nice, it worked out really well. It's just something for the Board to consider.

MS. MICHELLE WILLIS: I have no reason to believe that anyone would be -- anyone from our Foundation Board would be adverse to that.

MR. JOE PIONTEK: Yes, that's a great idea.

MS. MICHELLE WILLIS: Yes, I don't have any -- some of the Board is new. Like I said, I came on with a few new Board Members last -- in 2023, and then we just brought on four or five new Board Members that are very open too, and everybody is very collaborative. I can assure you that we all want to have a very productive, not just good, but a productive working relationship with the Board of Trustees so that we can all be operating parallel, in parallel, and we can do what we need to make sure that we're supportive. So, I'm happy to take that back. I don't see why there wouldn't be any reason that we would do that. What's your name?

MR. PAUL KAPLAN: I'm Paul, too, Paul Kaplan. Two Pauls here.

MS. MICHELLE WILLIS: Two Pauls?

MR. PAUL BOLSTER: Yes, two Pauls. Two Pauls.

MS. MICHELLE WILLIS: Crazy, it's like having two Michelles, trust me, it's a lot. I'll find out -- is there anything -- I know that MOU, I know that that is a pressing point. So, I'll make sure that gets back. Is anything, Paul, to your point, I know you mentioned concerns that you want me to, at least I can just have on the radar, like, hey guys, this is still a sticky point, or anything like that? I wish I had more -- like I said, I'm still kind of new, so a lot of these things are, you know, I'm still learning as well, but.

MR. PAUL KAPLAN: The Foundation has come a long way since I've been on the Board. I mean, they have really have come up with things. They've helped us up with programs now, and they have helped our Director greatly with some of the programs we get.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: Yes.

MR. PAUL KAPLAN: I think it's terrific, but I think a joint meeting with all of us, see each other, talk. We all have the same thing that we want to do, make this library the best. I think by getting both boards together is something should have.

MR. PAUL BOLSTER: Do you --

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: On a regular basis, even once a year.

MR. PAUL KAPLAN: Once a year.

MS. MICHELLE WILLIS: Once a year will be good.

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: Yes, even better.

MR. PAUL BOLSTER: Do you communicate your position on advocacy questions to the members of the Commission?

MS. MICHELLE WILLIS: I don't know.

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: That's a new committee, advocacy --

MS. MICHELLE WILLIS: Oh, you mean, our specific committee?

MR. PAUL BOLSTER: Right.

MS. MICHELLE WILLIS: This is fairly new, yes, and we have a new -- we have a new Chair, it's Aisha, who also is a new Board Member, because she came along, she was in my class in 2023. I can't believe I'm still saying, I think 2023 is still last year. But she came in with my class. So, she leading that along and Co-chairing it with Chip. So, we are to Nina's point, feeling our way, and you know, coming up with plans, and goals. It's a big piece, this advocacy piece is part of the Strategic Plan to make sure that we're more involved, we're up to date on what's happening with the Board of Commissioners in the political spectrum, all of those things. So, we are working on all of that. I don't know exactly what that's going to look like, you know, as we get it all set. The only the reason I'm that answering completely, your question is because I'm really -- I don't want to speak out of turn and say, we do something and we don't, or we will and we won't. And don't want, I mean, especially if we're kind of working with a better, new relationship. I don't want to, you know, I don't want to say the wrong thing.

MR. PAUL BOLSTER: Okay.

MS. MICHELLE WILLIS: But when I have the answer and I know exactly what it is, I'll make sure that it gets communicated.

MR. PAUL BOLSTER: Okay.

MS. MICHELLE WILLIS: If that works, Paul, number 1.

MR. PAUL BOLSTER: Thank you.

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: Thank you very much.

MR. JOE PIONTEK: Thank you.

MS. MICHELLE WILLIS: Oh, yes, I thought you were going to say something else. What's your name?

MR. JOE PIONTEK: Joe.

MS. MICHELLE WILLIS: Joe, right? Okay, thank you so much.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: Thanks Michelle.

MR. JOE PIONTEK: Thank you for coming by.

MS. MICHELLE WILLIS: Absolutely. I will say that's it's pleasure working with Director Holloman. She's -- you know, I know I still owe you lunch or coffee.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: Oh, please, no. Thank you for everything.

MS. MICHELLE WILLIS: Okay, absolutely. All right, I'll get this information, okay? Thank you.

TRUSTEES: Thank you.

25-10 APPROVAL OF MINUTES - FEBRUARY 26, 2025

MOTION

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: Okay. Next thing is adoption of the minutes from February. Do I hear a motion?

MR. PAUL KAPLAN: So, moved.

MR. D. CHIP JOYNER: Motion to approve the minutes.

MS. BEVERLY RICE: Second.

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: Any discussion?

TRUSTEES: (No responses.)

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: All in favor?

TRUSTEES: Aye.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: I abstain. I wasn't at the meeting.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: Thank you, Linda. Next thing is the Chairman's report. I have nothing this month. Work orders, Paul.

WORK ORDERS REPORT

MR. PAUL KAPLAN: Work orders. Okay, work orders for last month, we had 175 work orders. Over 79 percent of those was completed. Again, it's the highest, highest one is HVAC, we had about 53 reports of problems; electrical, 32; plumbing, 27; miscellaneous, which includes everything else that's covered under three major things. It's going well. I do understand, if I'm correct, Cleveland Avenue is going to open up shortly.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: Shortly.

MR. PAUL KAPLAN: Shortly. I think we finally got an occupancy on that.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: Yes, we finally got it --

MR. PAUL KAPLAN: Yes, so we're starting to fill the place up. I think a lot of people in that neighborhood is looking forward to having it open. Other than that, it's going along fine. I haven't had any really anything major that I know of. We have probably a bit of cold weather. But other than that, that's it. The next thing we'll be concerned about is air conditioning, so from one to the other.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: Yes.

MR. PAUL KAPLAN: I think anything above 85, we pretty much close it, close the library down, getting that hot. But anybody have any questions? Anybody gone to your local library and seen something that you think should be repaired, look into it and let me know? I certainly have the right people I can call.

MR. D. CHIP JOYNER: Question. Everything from new construction, everything's been completed? There was nothing, no loose ends from anything?

MR. PAUL KAPLAN: No. (Indiscernible). No, I know nothing that has loose end (indiscernible) nothing at all. You should be -- (indiscernible) it's been a long time since we've been. We're almost at a point we're going to go back to the first library and start doing some remolding. But that's going to come up. How many years --

MR. D. CHIP JOYNER: 2009 is when we first --

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: If I remember, it was in 2008.

MR. PAUL KAPLAN: 2008, right. No, you know, these things happen all the time --

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: \$265 million project.

MR. PAUL KAPLAN: Yes. You might start off in the beginning doing something, only thing we'd really do would be upgrades, basically in technology, should be. I think all the

security system is pretty much done. I think our guards and all that is working fairly well. There's always some problems. But other than that, I don't know of anything major that has happened.

MR. D. CHIP JOYNER: We used to every meeting, used to have computer issues, not hearing -- (indiscernible, simultaneous speakers) --

MR. PAUL KAPLAN: -- unless our Director has, but haven't heard any.

MR. JOE PIONTEK: Computer issues --

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: Well, that's off and on.

MR. PAUL KAPLAN: Off and on, nothing major.

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: Linda, do you have your hand raised? You have a comment.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: No. Mistake, sorry.

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: Thank you. Thank you, Paul. Now, we're ready for the Director's reports.

25-14 DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

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MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: Okay. Well, good afternoon, everybody. I have some information here, starting with the Dogwood Library. You know, we had some rain damage there, and so it reopened on yesterday, and we think that it -- I haven't heard, no problems with that. There were a few little things, but we were able to address them this morning. The Piedmont Avenue Library, staff returned to work there on Monday, and they're preparing the branch for reopening. Hopefully, we can get it reopened in the first few week here of April. So, we're looking forward to that. You'll be hearing about a reopening date soon. Peachtree Library is still in process of being renovated, and it's going along well. We've had issues with the delays with furniture, and so once those things are cured, we probably won't open until the end of April. We look forward to opening sometime in May, hopefully early May. So that's where we are with Peachtree. We have two libraries that we -- that you agreed and recommended be named by others. So, the naming of the East Park Library's actual celebration, we're trying to do it in mid-April. The same thing with the naming of the story time room at the Alpharetta Library. So, we're looking forward to East Point being called the Patsy Jo Hilliard Library at East Point, and the story time room at Alpharetta being called the Ben and Linda Statham Story Time Room at Alpharetta. So, we're very excited about both of those things. Ben and Linda, very much advocates of everything in the world, and particularly book sales, and working hard for Alpharetta Library support their programs and other things, and they've spent over 30 years doing that. It's amazing, the work that Ben and Linda have done. So, we're very excited to be able to offer that to them in appreciation. I won't talk

about that just yet. With regard to the things we brought up earlier, SB74, Senate Bill 74 states that librarians can be charged with offering materials to minors that are considered harmful. However, it's been determined by our legal department that it can be shown in every effort, and it also says in the -- in the documentation that every -- if every effort has been made to limit access to those materials, then the librarian may not be charged. So that was just one thing that we got through an opinion from our legal department, in that if can show just what they said here, then we don't know that we would have a problem if this goes through. As of yesterday, it was in hearing only, and a vote was not taken. So, it was what they call concluded. But as of right now, I have not heard anything updated. Our Director of Georgia Public Library Service, Julie Walker, sends out daily reports, sometimes two and three times a day about where we are in that process. So, we're kept abreast by the fact that they're there on site for all of the different legislative decisions that are being made that affect libraries. The -- any questions on that, other than what I've just said?

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: I have a question.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: Sure.

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: Do you separate books based on age or content or anything that certain books are banned in several places? Do you put them in a particular location?

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: Well, we have not in the past, made a conscious effort to do that. We have the children's collection separate. We have the teen collection separate, and we have the adult collection separate. There were times in years past before we renovated our libraries and so much more space that we would do -- we would file teen books with the adult books. A lot of that was done for what we call high-level, low-level readers, and so it wasn't for any other reason. Now, what is being kicked around in literature is the idea of -- first of all, the question becomes, who makes the decision as to what is deemed proper, and what's improper? But for those things that we know might cause a problem or that we know already on the banned books list and things like that, we can perhaps pull those and put them in the back room or something, or put them in a special area, or in some way, have a little list that we go pull ourselves from the designated spot that the staff may only know about. So, there are ways to do it, or you can do -- go back to, if we've got some space at some libraries that would be consistent that we could do that interfiling of some books with the adult collection. That becomes problematic because the libraries were not renovated or built that way. So, it makes it very difficult when you've expanded your collections, which is what we did in a lot of cases, and then to have to go back now and try to move those other books back into those existing adult collections. It would be a bit problematic with space. But I think that the bright side of it, if there's a bright side to the possibility of this, is that if we can show that we may show some due diligence in trying to address it. But the question still becomes,

who makes that decision, as to what's proper and what's not proper? So, I don't know, that's where the fault -- or the concern, in my opinion, really is going to come out.

MR. PAUL BOLSTER: I think if the person that -- the people that make this decision now will be the DA's office. The District Attorney will decide whether or not material not appropriate to minors, has been left open to minors. So, I question the whole procedural issue here in this Bill that you're making the law enforcement section of our county, which is supposed to be going after real criminals and criminal things, you're going to make them have a unit that is going to decide whether materials are fitting for minors and/or only should be available to adults. I think this is incredible slippery road that we're going down that leads to the division and the operational questions and try to divide the collection between minors and adults. I don't think there's any easy way to do that. So, I would be totally opposed to this legislation. I think it just puts us in a bad position, it's impossible to administer, and opens us up to continued campaigns by people who want to restrict the free speech and the free circulation of materials. I know I'm brand new to the Board and everything, but this is probably -- it's, I think, one of the most significant issues facing libraries today. I wish we, in our county, would take a position on it, and oppose the legislation rather than just, quote, monitor it. I've communicated that to my County Commissioner. I think the county has a responsibility to look at the operational issues that are involved in it, just like you referred to, how do you separate the collection between what's available to minors and what's available to adults? Then how do you administer that? Think about the administrative duties of that. Is that just done at the checkout desk, or is that done in the stacks? Are you creating a separate library and for the stacks related to minors, and then an open collection for adults? I just think the administrative issues involved in this are just, just mind boggling. I wish we'd fight it, myself.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: Well, we are -- we understand what you're saying, don't necessarily disagree. The problem is still going to be those things are outlined as the Bill continues to be discussed and/or gets all the way through the process, it's going to be very difficult to manage. It is not something that we look forward to at all, because we know the problems within that. Now, the Fulton County has its External Affairs Office, and that department handles the legislative events, legislative things that have to do with anything that have to do with the county, and so they are monitoring it. They know, it's on their radar. They know that Bill exists. So, they are actively watching it to see what is said or done about it and where it leaves us.

MR. PAUL BOLSTER: All right. My communication with my County Commissioner, Mo Ivory, I asked about this because I tend a little maybe over the unusual whisper in advocacy kind of issues. I've been that way all my life. She said that the process at the county is that the County Manager puts out a Bill to the departments for them to comment, and then they take those comments, and they decide what they should do in terms of the advocacy at the legislature. So, I think, to me, I understand the posture we're in is that

the county is asking us for an opinion or at least opening us up to giving an opinion on this legislation that would then direct what their advocacy efforts are.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: Well, as advocates of this Board, your advocacy capacity, as well as the Foundation can do that, and I have been asked, as the Director of this department, to give my thoughts about it. So, I gave it, but I have to give it to External Affairs, who then have to determine what they're going to do with it. So that's where we are right now. I have not made a formal speech or a formal statement to anyone other than to give them my thoughts on it. So, they're well aware of what's going on. But you in your positions, can, you know, offer up your opinions. That's just always possible. The public can do that.

MR. PAUL BOLSTER: Is that my position individually or this Board, should this Board -
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MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: Either way that you want to do it, I think; is that not correct?

MS. JENNIFER CULLER: Yes, the Board could, you could make a motion to -- for the entire Board to take a stand if you want to do that. An urging resolution, for example, to urge the county to take some sort of stand or position, or to have the Board voice an opinion to the county mass. Anything like that you choose to do, you can make that motion and take a vote.

MR. PAUL BOLSTER: Well, how do the other Board Members feel about this? I don't want to jump up here with a motion.

MS. BEVERLY RICE: Well, I just want to say, actually on the Library Foundation Board, we had two opportunities last week and this week. Last week, I think its kind of like died, you know, and we didn't get a chance to discuss it. But then on Tuesday, they had a discussion about the Bill. I think it was just a small discussion, like a roundtable discussion, and that was the Library Foundation at the State Capitol. So, I did not attend, but I think at any time there's a Bill being presented, you know, we can go and talk with whoever our State Representative or State Senator is, tell them how we feel about the Bill, and in our discussion with them, ask them if they would state how we feel about it also.

MR. PAUL BOLSTER: I've done that with my members.

MS. BEVERLY RICE: Okay, so --

MR. PAUL BOLSTER: My members know my feelings on this issue. My County Commissioner knows my feelings on the issue as well. So, I guess the question is whether we as a Board, collectively, would give advice on this Bill to our members the way the such -- the problems, I've looked at the committee members. I don't know one member --

MS. BEVERLY RICE: Right.

MR. PAUL BOLSTER: They don't live in my district; they don't live in my area. So, I don't know how much influence my members of the legislation might have on this

particular issue. But it should be a bipartisan issue and not be one that's subject to, you know, political, you know, grandstanding.

MS. BEVERLY RICE: But right now, that's not how it's going at the State Capitol. So even though it should be a bipartisan issue, you have, you know, people that have chosen sides there. So, you have, you know, one side, you know, deciding one way and the other side deciding another way. So, most people, you know, they're just going with the ones that, you know, that they're aligned with right now. So, it's really kind of difficult to make any changes from what I've seen. But normally the procedure is, anybody can go down to the State Capitol. All you have to do is fill out a card if you want to talk to your State Rep or your State Senator. They'll come out, you know, you talk to them about exactly what you want and what you're looking at and advocating for the Board, and they may choose to vote your way or may not. But right now, it's still in discussion.

MR. PAUL BOLSTER: You can't speak with anyone.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: Is it -- I have a question. Is it on the Senate side that moved over to the House? It was -- it's crossed over to the House, or it's on the House side and moved over to the Senate? Which side is on? The Senate side?

MR. PAUL BOLSTER: Through the Senate, and it's on the -- and it's up in a committee of the House. In that, its posture is that it could come out any day, and there's about six days left for it to get on the Rules Calendar and then come to the floor, so --

MS. BEVERLY RICE: Or it could possibly just die.

MR. PAUL BOLSTER: So, the people on that committee are the ones controlling issue.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: Because I do have some relations -- I mean, I know some people over there on both sides, but on House and the Senate side. So, whatever we decide, if we decide to come up with something and talking points, I can talk to people. I actually have a Zoom tomorrow with a couple of the Legislators, one on the Senate side, one on the House side. Then I also know the lobbyist for Fulton County as well too. So, whatever we decide, if we decide to do something, I'm willing to talk to them, the people that I know.

MS. BEVERLY RICE: Thank you, Linda.

MR. PAUL BOLSTER: So, I would say that there's some, there is some philosophical issues here that involve, you know, biggest issues in the country, which is freedom of speech, and what does that mean in the context of the library? But there's also this issue of operational questions. I think if we were to make any statement, the operational issues seem mind boggling to me, because I don't know how you go about implementing this, and the cost issues become substantial. If you're going to really separate materials from minors from material for adults, then you're going to have separate librarians. You're going have to set somebody controlling those, those circulation material. So -- so I would, you know, wish we would oppose that because of operational questions as well as philosophical questions and the cost questions related to how you'd implement this.

MR. D. CHIP JOYNER: You want to frame that into a motion for the Board to --

MR. PAUL BOLSTER: Pardon?

MR. D. CHIP JOYNER: Do you want to frame that into a motion for the Board to vote on?

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MR. PAUL BOLSTER: Well, I -- I'm hesitant to do that. Okay, oh, well, let's see what happens. I move that the Board recommend to the County Commissioners that we take the position opposing Senate Bill 74.

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: Is there a second?

MR. PAUL KAPLAN: I'll second it.

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: Any discussion?

MR. D. CHIP JOYNER: Do you want for operational reasons or anything like that?

MR. PAUL BOLSTER: Yes, I think that some of our reasoning would be the difficulty of the operational questions, the cost of administering this, and the allocation of criminal just -- criminal crime-fighting energies in the -- in the Prosecutor's Office just seem to be misdirected. To direct them at a hospital -- at a library system that is fully community based in us making this decision. So, they should be leaving this up to the local community libraries to decide how to deal with the bigger issues of how minors should be treated.

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: As far as the process of us making a decision, any type of decision, in the Constitution that created this Board, Section 5 of Article 3 says, Collective authorities: All decisions of the Board of Trustees shall be made by the Board and as a collective body. No individual member may make decisions or act for the Board unless specifically authorized to do so by a vote of a membership of the Board. That just makes clearer that, you know, you -- we can't go --

MR. PAUL BOLSTER: I hope I -- I hope I haven't violated that, because I did write to one of the members of that committee and said that I was a new member of the Board. I didn't say the Board had decided anything. But I gave her my opinion on the legislation.

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: I think that's fine. I think that when you sign your name, you don't say the Board says this --

MR. PAUL BOLSTER: Right.

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: But I -- it's encouraging that the Board can make a decision by a vote, and then publicize that decision and advocacy is in here, elsewhere, as far as our purpose for existence.

MR. D. CHIP JOYNER: So, if we were to rephrase the motion, there's already second, but however concise we want to make it, I'm supporting of that motion as well if we want to go to a vote.

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: Okay. Let's take a stab at it.

MR. JOE PIONTEK: The motion is to --

MR. PAUL BOLSTER: Ask the County --

MR. JOE PIONTEK: -- communicate with the Commissioners --

MR. PAUL BOLSTER: Ask the County Commission to oppose the legislation for the purpose of cost and organization and allocation of crime-fighting capacity within the county. The prosecutor would have to allocate people to make those decisions for us. I think under this legislation, the prosecutor becomes the arbiter.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: Can the -- I have a question. Can the first two parts cover what the last part? Does it have those two, operational and the other one, as opposed to the third one? Is the third one covered under operational? I'm just -- or did you need the third one to say it that way? Because I don't -- I'm just wondering if they might get confused on that third one.

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: Okay. I think I wrote the wrong thing. The third one is I have is First Amendment concerns. Is there something else?

MR. PAUL BOLSTER: Well, I don't think it has to really just be fought on that basis. I think that is an underlying issue that everybody understands.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: Okay.

MR. PAUL BOLSTER: Or a persuasive part is, how do you implement something. That's where I think this Board in the -- in the -- our library, would have to struggle with is how to implement something, and the cost connection with that, and the question of, you know, who decides? I'm not willing to give that to the prosecutor's office myself.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: Okay, understood.

MR. JOE PIONTEK: I didn't actually read through the whole Bill. I had discussed it with one of the Senators, and there's a -- the real problem is, as I would see it, is the wording of this, the material is deemed objectionable or deemed --

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: Well, I read it to you if you let me.

MR. JOE PIONTEK: Thank you.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: SB 0074, Harmful Materials to Minors; exemption for libraries and librarians from the provisions of Code Section 16-12-103; repeal Removes an exemption that previously protected libraries and librarians from the provisions of Code Section 16-12-103, which regulates the sale, loan or distribution of harmful materials to minors. The bill establishes that violations of this section will be classified as a misdemeanor of a high and aggravated nature when committed knowingly. It also introduces a defense for librarians who make a good faith effort to identify and remove harmful material from public access. The effective date would be July 1, 2025.

MR. JOE PIONTEK: So, without really having any board or basis for what harmful material to minors is, again, is the librarian to decide that?

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: Well, it says it's on us to prove, like, if they come to say you've been found guilty, we'd have to prove that we made a good-faith effort to offset whatever the complaint might be. So, it's not saying who's going to make all of those choices. It's not saying who's going to look at the book, who's going to oversee it, who's going to review it, who's going to make a decision that, you're wrong. Then we have to say, well, we did this, we put it on that side of the room.

MR. JOE PIONTEK: So, you can complain, or someone, one could complain about literally any book.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: Of course.

MR. D. CHIP JOYNER: Yes.

MR. JOE PIONTEK: Or anything that they found objectionable --

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: Exactly.

MR. JOE PIONTEK: -- and then the librarian would -- it would be, the onus would be on us to defend the librarian, for not keeping the book out of the child's hand?

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: Someone could do that. It may not be you all, but someone could come and say, you all didn't do a good faith, didn't do this with a good-faith effort. Or someone say, they did a good-faith effort because they did this, they did that. So, it's all interpretive, it sounds like to me. So, I mean, I don't know, because I'm not a lawyer --

MR. JOE PIONTEK: It's very subjective.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: -- but we have lawyers here.

MR. JOE PIONTEK: It's very subjective.

MR. D. CHIP JOYNER: What is harmful? What is good faith?

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: Yes, yes, that too.

MR. JOE PIONTEK: It's all subjective.

MR. PAUL BOLSTER: I think the current circumstances we're in, this has happened over tens and decades of, it's the librarians and local library boards have decided these questions. When they get pushback from their community, they decide different things. So, it's decided kind of on a community basis and professionalism of the library. You know, some libraries, some librarians, forced to make decisions, have resigned from their positions. So, there's -- there are lots of local issues. This takes it a step further, and we're talking criminal liability of an aggravated nature can be brought against an individual librarian as well as the library system. Now, I doubt that our Fulton County Prosecutor is going to do that. But I don't want to give them that power, and I don't want them to have -- be wasting their criminal crime-fighting ability to try to figure that out.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: I have a question. Would that put Mrs. Holloman in a disposition, I mean that people work up -- they work under her? Then, you know, somebody get, say, material, and then I say, well, they work for you, under you. Would that put her in a disposition?

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: It could. I think that's possible.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: Oh, yes, I think it's very possible. A lot of our librarians are very afraid right now, particularly those who do youth services work, they're very afraid of that. I used to go children's librarian and teen librarian. You make those decisions, and you make the best possible ones. We don't just make them off the cuff because of what we like.

MS. BEVERLY RICE: Right.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: We make -- we make them based on information that we have. We have professional literary sources that we look at, or review sources that we look at to make those decisions. So, it's not just out of the air. We support the classics, and people, you know, people have problems with the classics. I mean, they have problems with Cinderella. So, I mean, so you just never know, you know, what anybody's going to object to. So, we would just have to be able to show whatever good faith is that we've tried to make those things separate. I don't know how people do it. It's just like, as already been said by Mr. Bolster, who, how are you going to make those determinations.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: Right.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: Like, who's going to say, this one or that one, or --

MS. LINDA JORDAN: Right. Good point. Another point I want to raise, too is that, would that cause you have to look at insurance, being that something could happen to a librarian? Would the county have to increase the insurance coverage in case they have to go to court or something? I mean, I'm just thinking off the, off the cuff. But that's something I would be concerned about. What about insurance?

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: We got to get our own attorney?

MS. JENNIFER CULLER: We self-fund most of those items, so no, if there were --

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: Yes, the county self-insures.

MS. JENNIFER CULLER: Right.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: Okay.

MR. PAUL BOLSTER: I think the responsibility of this decision right now is with Gayle Holloman and all the librarians in our branches. As it is in small-town Georgia, it's on the librarian. I'd like it to keep it there. We hired qualified and professional people to do that. I don't want that decision made in the prosecutor's office.

MR. PAUL KAPLAN: What's happening in several libraries across the country, you must be reading about this, I certainly am. They're forming committees in some of these small towns. Laypeople come in there, they determine what the book should be, is it for children's? Is it for adults? A lot of times it's subjective, they take it, they don't like it, the librarians then get upset, and it's becoming a real bale of hens. More and more of these small libraries, whatever reason to form these small committees, and these committees go in there and they go through all the books, and they determine what's going to stay and what's going to go.

MR. JOE PIONTEK: So, there is a committee, there is some --

MR. PAUL KAPLAN: Oh, they get their own committee together.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: Committees within the committee --

MR. JOE PIONTEK: A local committee.

MR. PAUL BOLSTER: Local committee -- (simultaneous speakers) --

MR. PAUL KAPLAN: Local libraries --

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: No, they're not librarians. These are people in the community to form these groups.

MR. PAUL KAPLAN: Yes.

MR. JOE PIONTEK: Right.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: They want to come in and go through the collection, make a decision, this one or that one, this one or that one.

MR. PAUL BOLSTER: I have a little connection to Idaho, because my daughter works for the Library Commission there. They have a law similar to this, it's actually much more specific in terms of what the library has to do. Governor vetoed it one time, and they passed it again. It finally became law. There's one little library in their local library board that sued the state over this issue. It's a tiny little library in a small little town that's making this issue. But the copartners in that suit are all the biggest publishers in the United States. So, Houghton Mifflin and all those folks, they are -- they are now entered into that suit. I suspected that suit may end up deciding a lot of these issues finally for the Supreme Court. But this -- this business of making it criminal, it's just -- it just bothers me.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: Well, it bothers me. If one of my librarians gets charged, I'm going to get charged. You know, so that's just the way it'll be.

MR. PAUL KAPLAN: I think the first thing we should do is defeat this thing, work on getting that. Don't worry about the semantic or how we have to do this, but we have to stop it as best we can. Well, I don't know if our Commissioners, our personal Commissioners -- (indiscernible) --

MR. PAUL BOLSTER: I want our County Commissioners to fight this. That's what I'd like to do, and they're relying on us to tell them what to do on this Bill, I think. That's the way I understand it.

MR. D. CHIP JOYNER: Can we move forward with the motion on table?

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: Let me read the language here. This is just bare bones, but the nature of the scheduling of the General Assembly makes it very difficult to respond, because it's a rapid fire. This is -- this would be, and it could be a resolution or a motion or just sentences in an email. Fulton County Board of Trustees, Library System Board of Trustees hereby asks that the Board of Commissioners, Fulton County Board of Commissioners oppose SB74 because it puts librarians in danger of criminal prosecution for performing normal librarian duties, and because it would create horrendous operational issues, and make implementation of requirements difficult if not impossible, and because it raises First Amendment concerns. It's going to cover everything.

MR. D. CHIP JOYNER: That sounds like --

MR. JOE PIONTEK: That's wonderful.

MS. BEVERLY RICE: Yes.

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: I will just write this and send it to everybody, and you can do whatever you want with it. Let's vote that we all agree, I think we do, on this, and --

MR. JOE PIONTEK: Going to address our Commissioners with this.

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: -- if we -- we'll have made a decision, we could say the entire Board of Trustees agrees on this issue.

MR. D. CHIP JOYNER: Okay. I make a motion that we -- we agree and with the --

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: The language that I --

MR. D. CHIP JOYNER: -- forward to the Board of Commissioners.

MS. BEVERLY RICE: I second.

MR. PAUL BOLSTER: Second the language.

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: Any discussion?

TRUSTEES: (No responses.)

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: All in favor?

TRUSTEES: Aye.

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: Okay. I'm going to send this out and to Linda too and --

MR. PAUL BOLSTER: Could you note that it was unanimous?

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: Yes. In fact --

MR. JOE PIONTEK: Time is of the essence.

MR. PAUL BOLSTER: Thank you.

MR. JOE PIONTEK: We got four days.

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: -- I'm going out of town and -- (indiscernible, simultaneous speakers). But if I can't tonight, I'm going to do it, and I'll do it in such a way you can use it as it is, an email, could then forward it, or you can cut and paste and put it somewhere else. But yes, unanimous.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: Let me just say this. Is there a motion still on the floor?

MS. BEVERLY RICE: It passed.

MR. D. CHIP JOYNER: No, it passed.

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: We passed it. (indiscernible, simultaneous speakers) --

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: I just want it to be on -- go on record to say that, as the Library Director, and as a person who's worked in this library system for 31 years. I don't know of any librarian who ever gets up in the morning and decides that they're going to put materials out for children that are harmful. I don't think anyone has that attitude or that direction. Our goal is to make sure people want to read, that they have the opportunity to read and that they have a selection from which choose. Then when it comes to personal responsibility, we've always looked at it as the parent's responsibility. So that's just like not leaving your child alone in the library under a certain age. So, it all falls together. Now, and how the others look at it, I understand what they're saying to a point. But I don't know of any librarian whose goal is to bring harmful materials to children. That just isn't what we do, that's not what we were trained to do. So, I just wanted to make sure that we -- that I made that statement.

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: Thank you. Well, this is an upsetting topic, but we can do what we can do, and that's it. Think about who you might know in the legislature that you could forward this to, doesn't have to go just to the Board of Commission, but for sure, send it to your Commissioner.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: Can I continue? The next thing to talk about is IMLS, Institute of Museum and Library Services, and they have national funding that they do to all libraries in the United States. They fund Georgia Public Library Service, GPLS is what we normally call it, for things like Library Services and Technology Act, it's been called LSTA. We've received computers and other technology through those grants. We receive materials and resources that provide technology for all ages. It serves funding of collections, statewide databases, and interlibrary loan processes. You know that with interlibrary loans, we're able to borrow books. If we don't have a book in our collection and somebody wants it, and they do it, it's vice versa, but we do it for others. People can fill out the form. We can go to other, you know, universities, we can go to other libraries. We will we get that material for the person. Sometimes there's a charge, and most times there is not. So, we do all of the interchange, all of that's done through the funding that we get through IMLS. Last year, the funding that IMLS gave to Georgia Public Library Service was \$5,167,570. Of that, Georgia Public Library Service gave us for our technology and so forth \$826,528. So that would be money that we would fall short of if we did not have the support. So today, as of just this very day, US Senator Jack Reed sent a bipartisan letter to the Director of IMLS on behalf of the library community. So, we're hoping that that will be a point of discussion that it was bipartisan, and that the support is there to not take away that funding. Because that's a lot of money, and that's how we get a lot of things done. So those listed grants make us able to do the things we do with computers and technology in particular, because those things are so expensive. So, I just wanted you to have that information as well. His name is Senator Jack Reed, R-e-e-d.

MR. PAUL BOLSTER: You get money for children's programs through that grant?

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: We get grants through Georgia Public Library Service, but also some things like summer reading programs, all of those things as well.

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: Okay. Are we to unfinished business?

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

CENTRAL LIBRARY - UPDATE

AFPL FOUNDATION M.O.U. - UPDATE

RENTAL POLICY - DISCUSSION

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: Well, if you don't have any -- did you have any questions on our financial reports or usage summary?

MR. JOE PIONTEK: I think those are --

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: Okay. Unfinished business, Central Library. It's not a lot going on differently here, but we just know that a lot of programming is going on at Central and some concerns about our pressure washing of this building. So, you may have -- we may have remarked to a couple of you about that over the last few months, and so they are starting up again next month, starting April 1. Was trying to get a new

contract to make that happen, so that it's cleaned up a little bit better. So that's one real concern that I have here at Central.

MR. JOE PIONTEK: This building?

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: This building, yes, on the outside, only on the outside.

MR. JOE PIONTEK: It's easier than painting it.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: I think that's much easier than painting it. So, I just want you to know that that is being reviewed and worked toward. You want to talk about the MOU at this point?

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: I don't know any more than Michelle.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: Okay.

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: But I hope to get that --

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: Okay.

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: -- moving soon.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: Our rental policy discussion, there has not been a recent discussion, except that I did find out that they are moving very much toward trying to get this before the BOC. The libraries that would be a part of, it's a policy for the entire county facilities. Our three facilities would be Central, Auburn Avenue Research Library and the Alpharetta Library. That's because those three have auditoriums and other places that someone might be interested in leasing or renting. So, at this stage, that's where we are. They're trying to finalize it, and they think it's going to take another week or two before they're able to get into the point where they can submit it to the BOC. They would have to decide on just what those things would be. I've been working on that committee now for four years, almost five. It's taken a lot of time to bring it together, because there are a lot of parts and pieces to it. You're talking about a lot of facilities that the county owns that have the ability to allow people to rent the spaces. As I said, we only have three. But you want -- they want the uniformity to it. They also want to be able to put it so that you can go online, hopefully, and schedule it. So that's a big to-do, and so it takes a lot of parts and pieces. So, I did find out that we're moving a little bit closer. So hopefully we'll have it before the year ends. Any questions on any of that?

MR. PAUL KAPLAN: The vacant space downstairs, anything happened with that yet? The vacant area we have on the first floor here.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: Nothing's going forward with that yet. The seventh-floor work is still underway, for Health and Human Services. You all probably know about that. I think you remember that there are spaces, there are departments that are going on the seventh floor here in this building. So that work is still very much in progress. You don't hear it very often; it's going on quite well. As far as I know, things just moving along. That's all of my reports, Madam Chair.

MR. PAUL BOLSTER: Let me see if I interpret the data here a little bit. I look at the monthly summary, and I -- I thought it was interesting that the number of computer sessions that are access to office that that has gone up. We've done 71 percent of what

we did last year already. So, assuming that's one of the biggest uses, evidently, that is expanding. Then when you look at the circulation of books, it's going down. So, it does show the shifting that's happening in the services that the library provides. I think you can see it on these annual things. Then I was curious about the decline in usage. I think I'm seeing these numbers right for children's programs and teen programs, whereas adult programs, has -- has, it's actually, you know, doing quite well, it's actually -- have it's almost -- almost as many utilizations as -- as existed all last year already. So, the adult programming seems to be expanding, whereas young people, children's program seems to be lagging.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: Well, one --

MR. JOE PIONTEK: Is that --

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: I'm sorry?

MR. JOE PIONTEK: I'm sorry, go ahead.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: A couple things that are affected that I am, first of all, teens are the hardest group to bring in to get involved in anything. Children's programming is difficult to get librarians who want to do children's work. So, we're in the process of hiring. We've got about eight positions to fill that's for librarian, children's librarians. That's always kind of a rotating situation when people come in and come out. You either love it or you don't. You have to give yourself a chance to understand how to do that work or you don't. I have to give my story about that. When I started with the county, I was a volunteer. When I finally got my MLS, I was a children's library. When I interviewed for the job, someone told me it was coming up. I was adamant, I don't want to do children's work. I'm not a children's, I'm a reference librarian. I went to Cleveland Avenue; I accepted the job because I needed a job. I accepted that job at Cleveland Avenue, and I was a children's librarian there almost four years. I had to come out of myself and learn how to be childlike again. A lot of people are not like that, they're not willing to do that. But I knew I needed a job, so I learned how to be a children's librarian. I think I was a pretty good one, and I loved it, and I stayed there that time until I went to Northeast Spruill Oaks. It was very rewarding career for me. But it's not something that you can just do if you don't want to do it. So, it becomes a little bit more difficult. Then we are, with regards to collections, we do need to refresh a lot of our collections that we're going to be asking for more funding so that we can buy more books. People have gotten to a point now where a lot of them no longer want to just go online to get books through our online services. They want to be able to walk into the library and get a bestseller when they walk out. A lot of times we don't have the funding to make that happen. There are some authors, if you buy that books, we might as well just say here, here's one for you, here's one for you, because they're going to take it and keep it. So, we know that. So, all those things are problematic for us in collection development. But we're addressing it. We do know that there's a lot of opportunities for us to get into those spaces and to do more programming. Going back to the training, going to the training of

librarians. Nowadays, a lot of our librarians who are coming out of school are technology driven. They're not taught how to do children's work. They're not taught how to do adult work, for that matter, they're technology oriented. So, you get these people who just don't know how to plan a program, and so they want to get someone to put the program on for them. We used to do our own programs. I did storytelling, I did all those things. I did craft programs myself. So now we have a lot of paid programming and that type. So, we're looking at that. My team and I, we have three meetings of last month, where we are reviewing just how we approach programming and services. So, I think you're going to see some -- some good responses out of it over the next few months. Because we're going to revise what we're doing in a lot of areas. You'll see those numbers when they change, and --

MR. PAUL BOLSTER: When you find a good children's librarian, put them in the East Atlanta Branch.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: That is -- that's one --

MR. PAUL BOLSTER: I talk to my neighbors. We're just booming in terms of kids that strolling up and down the streets, and the schools are all full and -- and there's no children's librarian there. So that was the number one thing people, when I told them I was on the Board, they said, well, get us a children's librarian.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: I know. I was the Branch Manager of the old East Atlanta Library, so I know that community.

MR. PAUL BOLSTER: Yes, that whole part of town has just completely changed.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: I know, it has, and I grew up in East Atlanta. So that whole thing has changed.

MS. BEVERLY RICE: One of the things I thought about when I looked at the decline in the numbers is that with school going on now, a lot of the children are involved, especially with it being spring, in after school activities. So now is the time, you know, the kids are playing soccer and they're playing baseball. They're playing a lot of different activities more now, whereas in the fall, you basically just had football, but now there are a lot more activities. You know, the kids are really staying at the school and participating in a lot of things. Even with the EOC, I saw where, I think APS is partnering with some of the libraries or doing something where they are working with kids with EOC, people are going into library. They're going -- getting ready to start doing that too with Milestone test. I'm sorry. So, a lot of kids are staying after school now.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: Yes.

MR. PAUL BOLSTER: This is comparing last year to this year.

MS. BEVERLY RICE: Yes.

MR. PAUL BOLSTER: So, it's year to date in both circumstances.

MS. BEVERLY RICE: A year, yes, I just looked at the decline, you know, as far as February, the decline for February, but, you know, last year.

MR. JOE PIONTEK: On the subject of the programs, didn't Nicolas come in and talk to us about, he was down a couple of people, permanent people that used to be on his staff.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: He's been down with some. Yes, all the Administrators have --

MR. JOE PIONTEK: Is that the eight people that you --

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: -- having to interview, yes. We had an interview to fill some of those. He has a lot of outreach work that he handles. So, they take the Bookmobile and go out --

MR. JOE PIONTEK: Yes.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: -- to different programs, and people love that. You get good numbers of people with those programs. But we're looking at, we know we've got to make some changes, and that's what we've been talking about. So, the numbers have been trending kind of down in one of the areas that have already been spoken about, and we see that ourselves, and we know we got to do something about it. In fact, we're looking at contract-for-hire work that we may do that now, and have people that we contract with, so that they come in and they do the programming. Maybe they're there on seven or eight libraries in a month, especially during summer reading, and they're going to be here, they're going to be there, and you know it ahead of time where they're going to be, so that we're not -- there's no missing on the opportunities to make these things happen. Then, of course, school visits, daycare visits and things like that, we're still encouraging and asking and telling our librarians to do that. Yes, it's a schedule you have to keep it, and you have to be extremely motivated and dedicated to do so and persistent. Then, you know, we did lose, there was a time when we could get into the schools a lot more than we can now. There were school buses that they had funding for. That doesn't happen anymore. So, they can't fund the buses to bring the kids here, so we have to go to them. And then now, sometimes you can't go to them because the principals have the schedule so set, so tight that you can't get in there to do the things we used to do. I would be there when the bell rang for the school day to start. Then they started changing it to where all you could do was drop off your information, and somebody at the school would read it over the loudspeaker. So, it started to change. Over the years, we've seen this evolution of things changing from the way things used to be 20 years ago or so. So, it's just very different. Then when you speak about kids being busy on Saturday morning, you know, you got ballet classes and soccer and all the things that Dr. Rice spoke about. You got all these things to take their activity -- to take their attention, and so it becomes difficult. Even our summer reading programs have become difficult to operate. The funding, we receive great funding from the Foundation. But it becomes problematic for us when we can't get the numbers in, and -- and that's what we're doing, and trying to figure out more and better ways to attract people. We're starting back up with Books for Babies, that's something that the Foundation funds also. So, we're going to be giving a bag of books,

particularly Goodnight Moon, to our mothers, expected mothers and to small kids. So, we think that'll help. Any other questions about that?

MR. PAUL BOLSTER: I have to tell you about this. But one of the things my daughter does up in Idaho is she's established libraries at laundries. Her Read to Me Program for Kids. They have a stack in the laundry. They put books in there, so mothers come in with their kids to do their laundry, can sit and read the book to them and leave them behind, hopefully they don't try to secure them or anything. But laundry is a nice place where little kids get to read books.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: That's cool. That's pretty cool.

NEW BUSINESS

APPEAL HEARING - DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATION

MOTION

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: Thank you. Now, we're to our last item, which is appeal hearing that we heard last month. We need to make a decision on that, and this is related to the ban issued to patron Edward Dudley on December 11, 2024. Pursuant to Section 7 of the Code of Conduct, this Board conducted an appeal hearing at the previous Board Meeting on February 26th. The Code of Conduct provides that this Board has 30 days after such hearing to issue a written recommendation to the Library Director, after which the Director has 14 days to issue a final decision. This Board carefully considered the evidence and statements provided at the February 26th ban appeal hearing, and we'll next open the floor for a motion that proposes that this Board recommend to either reverse, modify, or affirm the ban. After the proper introduction of such a motion, the members of this Board will be permitted, but are not required to engage in discussion prior to taking the vote on a motion. The floor is now open.

MR. JOE PIONTEK: I'd like to move that the Board recommend to modify the permanent ban to Edward Dudley by shortening it to 180 days versus having a permanent ban.

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: Is there a second?

MS. LINDA JORDAN: I second that to discuss.

MR. PAUL BOLSTER: I guess I -- I would only -- I think that modifying the ban is appropriate here, because there's some things that look like a confrontation in the video in following the Librarian around, but I don't think he did much. I'd sort of change it, but sometimes they say time served. I don't know how long it's been --

MR. JOE PIONTEK: I don't know that either.

MR. PAUL BOLSTER: -- that he's been banned, but maybe whatever that number is, let him come back to the library.

MR. JOE PIONTEK: I simply felt that he was taking in a probably misguided way, or not misguided, but in a way that I might do this to say that the door was dirty. I know that that was what precipitated all this, and I would just hate to see -- it looks like he's a real library lover. I would hate to see him banned permanently from our libraries. That's why I made the motion.

MR. PAUL BOLSTER: Yes, I agree with what you're thinking on that. I don't know what 120 days --

MR. JOE PIONTEK: 100 days, six months.

MR. PAUL BOLSTER: So when would that be? When did this incident occur?

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: December 11th.

MR. HIRSHEL HALL: It was December 11th, he was banned, so it'll be about June, mid-June. If it is the intent is 180 days from date of the ban, it would be about mid-June. But that would be --

MR. JOE PIONTEK: That's my intent.

MR. PAUL BOLSTER: The date of the confrontation?

MR. JOE PIONTEK: Yes.

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: I'm concerned that there might be some capacity issue here because of the repeated reference to dirty windows, it just seemed like a cognitive issue possibly.

MR. PAUL BOLSTER: I do think that he, I don't know that it's not quite stalking, but he clearly follows the librarian around with his camera and stuff. Obviously, we need to do some education on our librarians. Part of their education, they have to accept being filmed. Not to let somebody else based on -- I think it's a worry a little bit about countersuit might happen from his point of view, of violating his First Amendment rights. I see this ending up settlement or further litigation.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: So, I have a question. Can he be put on probation, and have certain criteria that he has to abide by?

MR. PAUL BOLSTER: I think -- I think that's currently laid out in the behavior you have to have at the library. I don't think there's any -- that seems to be all very reasonable to me. I read all that, all those provisions, and they should be able to control the environment around the libraries through those provisions. You know, it's hard for me to see exactly what he violated in those provisions.

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: I'm looking at this like you, Mr. Bolster. It looks like a time-served type of case if it were in court. But he's -- he does use the library, and I think he has suffered by not being able to use the library --

MR. PAUL BOLSTER: Right.

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: -- during this period of time.

MR. PAUL BOLSTER: So, December through March would be to --

MR. JOE PIONTEK: 90 days. My -- I would be amenable to adjust the motion.

MR. PAUL BOLSTER: Okay, great. Like, maybe make it 90 days --

MR. JOE PIONTEK: 90 days, right. Because it was arbitrary when I said 180. It felt like it had been 180 days.

MS. BEVERLY RICE: My question is, is a possible for him to be banned from that particular library, but he's able to go to any other library? Because as a female, I would feel a little intimidated by someone who followed me around the library, trying to take my

picture and being very aggressive. He may feel with just 90 days, or 180 days that, you know, that he won, and he can -- he's, you know, he can do that kind of thing. So, I would, you know, I agree that, you know, he probably needs to go to library, and it's okay. But maybe he should go to another library, and you know, let him proceed from there.

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: What does our code say about this --

MR. PAUL BOLSTER: Is he banned from all libraries?

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: It says, you know -- I can't remember.

MS. JENNIFER CULLER: There, it is possible to set to delineate a specific library, but that wasn't done. So, the ban was issued globally and permanently. But if you wanted to amend it for that, that would be an option that you would have.

MS. BEVERLY RICE: What do you think about that? You all work in the library, you know, you all have men coming in here all the time that perhaps, you may not know and never seen before, or even if you have seen them before, but at this point they become a little intimidating to you. I mean, would you want to continue to look at them and see them or assist them? Go ahead, I'm sorry.

MR. D. CHIP JOYNER: I would support banning him, continued ban, that particular library, but then, if there's another incident, that's it, no more, you're banned for life. The employees have to feel safe at all times.

MS. BEVERLY RICE: Yes, they do.

MR. D. CHIP JOYNER: That's part of our responsibility to make sure they feel safe serving the greater public. He -- we just can't, we can't tolerate this kind of behavior at all. So, I -- I'm okay if the Board wants to say time served, but I wouldn't want this person near that librarian again. -- because that person has a right to have a safe environment --

MR. JOE PIONTEK: I sure would --

MR. D. CHIP JOYNER: -- and this guy doesn't -- he didn't come off as having, you know, maybe being reasonable in all situations. So, I would just want to avoid that. But then again, if this is repeated behavior, then we reinstate the permanent ban.

MR. PAUL BOLSTER: Another incident, different story.

MR. PAUL KAPLAN: My question is to our Director. So, if we ban him from that library, but he can go to the other libraries, he can get his picture up. I mean, how, how do you tell the other libraries, we have a gentleman -- I don't know how you?

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: Well, the banning policy, we send out the information to the Managers anyway. So, there -- we ask them to, you know, pay attention and see if you see this person again. They're banned for whatever the period of time might be. So that's how it's worked since we've instituted. So, I guess we just sent a notice around, just as we've done in the past.

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: We have videos, you could show them --

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: Right. We sent them -- we send all of that with it when we do that.

MR. DAMIAN J. DENSON: Were those --

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: But is it okay to -- you said it is okay to ban from one -- one location, but not all the rest?

MS. JENNIFER CULLER: Yes.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: Okay.

MR. DAMIAN J. DENSON: For those staff who were filmed, what has happened subsequently? Are they aware that patrons can do that, or --

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: Yes, they are aware. We also covered this in our Staff Development Day --

MR. DAMIAN J. DENSON: Okay.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: -- in October of last year. So, I think that we got, still some more work to do, though --

MR. DAMIAN J. DENSON: Okay.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: -- to make sure that everybody's aware. We have to repeat it more often, I think, that we have to understand that these things will happen, and you can't respond in that way, and that your picture can be taken because we are public servants.

MR. DAMIAN J. DENSON: Okay, that's the point. Because it -- that happened on both ends.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: Right.

MR. DAMIAN J. DENSON: Because there was, you know, aggression on both sides depending on how you look at it. As long as it's happening to both parties, or all three parties, then it makes sense to me.

MR. PAUL KAPLAN: So, how's the motion read, where are we at?

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: I don't have -- (indiscernible, simultaneous speakers) --

MR. PAUL KAPLAN: I think Joe -- and you were going to modify it.

MR. JOE PIONTEK: Yes. I initially made a motion that I move that the Board recommend to modify the permanent ban issued to Edward Dudley on December 11th, by shortening it to 180 days. We subsequently discussed and I accepted an amendment to change that to 90 days, which would essentially be a time-served, but still maintaining the discipline of the library policies. Then further modify the motion that he be permanently banned from that particular branch where the altercation occurred.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: He did indicate that that's his home branch, so to speak.

MR. JOE PIONTEK: That's very unfortunate, too.

MS. BEVERLY RICE: Right.

MR. JOE PIONTEK: Yes, no, I understand.

MS. BEVERLY RICE: There would be an inconvenience for him, so he will know this is not what you do when you go to the library. I do agree with you that there was aggression on both sides, and he seemingly knew a portion of the law anyway.

MR. DAMIAN J. DENSON: Yes.

MS. BEVERLY RICE: He knew the law for them, but not for him, so --

MR. JOE PIONTEK: I can't see those two coming together, having --

MR. DAMIAN J. DENSON: I can't either.

MR. JOE PIONTEK: -- a nice pow-wow. Yes, so.

MR. DAMIAN J. DENSON: They all will remember each other.

MS. BEVERLY RICE: Yes.

MR. JOE PIONTEK: I think it's probably best that --

MS. BEVERLY RICE: Yes.

MR. JOE PIONTEK: -- not go with that particular library --

MS. BEVERLY RICE: Yes, it is. That's what I was saying.

MR. JOE PIONTEK: So that's a part of --

MR. D. CHIP JOYNER: But can we add that no further incidents.

MR. JOE PIONTEK: I think that the policy just stays in effect, and that we would certainly not be -- we certainly would not be willing to do this, especially in this particular person's case again.

MR. D. CHIP JOYNER: Is that to be included in --

MR. JOE PIONTEK: I don't that we have to --

MR. D. CHIP JOYNER: -- the original --

MR. JOE PIONTEK: I don't think that we have to say that the policy is -- is reinforced in. I hope that we've reinforced the policy by having this 90-day timeout, let's call it, and permanent ban from the library where they clearly have problems, both the personnel and the patron have problems with each other. So, let's just end that. Then moving forward, he's going to be expected to follow the policies of the library like everybody else.

MR. PAUL BOLSTER: Well, I think we ought to limit it to the 90-day ban. I don't know where this person lives or how or what his circumstances are and his ability to get to another library, that would worry me if you're banning him from his local library, which is most likely convenient for him to use. Then it does seem to me that we ought to have library staff that are able to deescalate a situation like that and create a -- create an understanding. I think it's only marginal that he has violated the behavioral rules that we've adopted. It's a questionable interpretation whether he shouldn't have followed her, he could have had a right to photograph her. We've established that, the attorney sent us that. He probably has a right to ask her her name. So, I don't know exactly how his behaviors was so egregious that he should be banned from his local library. Clearly, that gives an opportunity for Mr. Dudley and the Library Administrator to kind of do what people should do between each other, which is work out situations and work out relationships. If they're unable to do that, then that becomes a second incident might happen, and there the permanent ban might be appropriate. But under these facts, I don't see what he did this terribly bad, myself.

MR. DAMIAN J. DENSON: I thought there was additional aggression once security or police -- thought there was additional once police came. Wasn't there a blockage? Or am I confusing the incident --

MR. PAUL BOLSTER: I think he didn't leave.

MR. DAMIAN J. DENSON: -- because --

MR. PAUL BOLSTER: He didn't leave when he was told to leave.

MR. DAMIAN J. DENSON: Yes, something like that. I think then you start to --

MR. PAUL BOLSTER: Yes. But I saw -- what I saw in the video and what I read in evidence, the attorneys go over that evidence, it seemed to me that there were things on our side, on the library's side, that could have been done differently. That maybe there's some shared blame here, and under those circumstances, I -- I wouldn't want to see him banned from his local library at this point. Maybe he does something worse later.

MR. D. CHIP JOYNER: He can go to another library. He can go to another county. The library cannot --

MR. JOE PIONTEK: We want to validate her feelings. If she felt, she was been stalked --

MR. D. CHIP JOYNER: It simply was not his place to come in and complain about the glass being dirty and continue to badger a librarian about that. It's like, hey --

MR. PAUL BOLSTER: But those facts weren't in -- he didn't he said he --

MR. D. CHIP JOYNER: That was in the video.

MR. JOE PIONTEK: I watched it.

MR. PAUL BOLSTER: Twice, he said you didn't clean the door.

MR. D. CHIP JOYNER: Why I'm concerned, these things can escalate, you know, people who aren't all there out here. You know, you -- these things can really escalate very quickly. It's just best that he takes a pause from that library permanently. He can go someplace else, just my opinion.

MS. BEVERLY RICE: He wasn't there to evaluate the glass, whether or not it was dirty or, you know, whatever. I think at the front, when he went and knocked on the door, was knocking on the door. What's her name. What's -- you know, I think at that point that is very frightening. Because at that point, he was in their space. If his purpose was to be served in the library, he should have gone on over there to do what he was supposed to do. But when you go to the door and you're knocking on the door and want to know somebody's name, videoing someone that takes it to another level.

MR. PAUL BOLSTER: Well, as I say, I saw misbehaving, not necessarily misbehave, but the administration of this dialogue, it wasn't carried out very effectively by our librarian. He does have a right to film her. He does have a right to know what her name is.

MS. BEVERLY RICE: But it was his approach.

MR. JOE PIONTEK: They are being corrected; they are being constructive --

MS. BEVERLY RICE: They were females. I would have been frightened. I would have really, I would have --

MR. JOE PIONTEK: We don't want to invalidate her feelings.

MS. BEVERLY RICE: -- been terrified. Yes.

MR. JOE PIONTEK: If she felt that she was -- she was being threatened, and she was being --

MS. BEVERLY RICE: Because I think at one point, it was just a librarian, and then the other one, the manager came out. So, I would have felt threatened. I would have.

MR. PAUL BOLSTER: Well, then there was, it was other testimony that somebody came out of the library was in their parked car, and he came out, he walked around the person and talked with them. He did not touch the car. That person said, that librarian or library employee said they didn't feel threatened by him.

MS. BEVERLY RICE: Well, she may not have. I would have felt threatened.

MR. PAUL BOLSTER: I just think we're --

MS. BEVERLY RICE: That's okay, we can have different opinions.

MR. PAUL BOLSTER: -- on the edge -- we're on the edge of a First Amendment suit against the Library System.

MR. D. CHIP JOYNER: He still has the right to go to the library. He's got the right to go to another library. If that library were closed, he -- and he wanted to go to the library, he would just have to go to another library. We're just making this library closed to him. I just don't think the -- I -- there's a different call of duty from a librarian than a police officer. I just think this guy crossed the line, and I just want to err on the side of caution and safety for the personnel.

MR. DAMIAN J. DENSON: Because we have had incidences recently with other violations that are frightening. So, you know, we hired the social worker, and you know, these things keep occurring. So, I'm more in alignment with Chip and saying, we got to be more safe than sorry. I would add that, I recall an attempt to clean the window, and it wasn't good enough for him.

MR. JOE PIONTEK: Yes.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: So, is there an amendment to the motion? So, the motion, there's a motion on the floor. So, somebody trying to amend it?

MS. BEVERLY RICE: Just discussion.

MR. JOE PIONTEK: Just discussion, Linda.

MR. PAUL BOLSTER: What is the motion that's on the floor?

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: Joe's motion?

MR. JOE PIONTEK: Then I'll --

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: It's not --

MR. JOE PIONTEK: -- restate the motion, is to -- I'm doing it from memory. To modify the previous permanent ban recommended to a ban of 90 days --

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: December 11th.

MR. JOE PIONTEK: -- starting with December 11th. In addition, a permanent ban from the particular branch where the altercation occurred.

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: The permanent ban shall be in effect only at the Northwest Scotts Crossing Library.

MR. JOE PIONTEK: Thank you.

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: Now, that was seconded, wasn't it?

MR. JOE PIONTEK: The first motion was seconded, then I amended the motion.

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: Okay.

MS. BEVERLY RICE: Second.

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: Thank you.

MR. PAUL BOLSTER: Who seconded the motion?

MS. BEVERLY RICE: I second the motion.

MR. PAUL KAPLAN: Beverly.

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: Is it appropriate for us to attach a condition that if there's repeated behavior, that there would be a permanent ban, or is that too complicated?

MS. JENNIFER CULLER: The Code of Conduct already addresses --

MR. JOE PIONTEK: Addresses it.

MS. JENNIFER CULLER: -- it. Now, if there are repeated incidents, it could escalate the severity of the response. So, it wouldn't be necessary in order to escalate your response later. You could put that in there as a condition. But I don't know that it have any more effect than what your conduct already is.

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: Okay.

MR. D. CHIP JOYNER: But he should be aware that this could come if he --

MS. BEVERLY RICE: Right.

MR. D. CHIP JOYNER: -- if he has another incident.

MR. JOE PIONTEK: But the code is fairly tight, and I --

MR. D. CHIP JOYNER: But is he reading the code?

MR. JOE PIONTEK: -- hate to hold it up and say, we really mean it.

MS. BEVERLY RICE: This time, we really mean.

MR. DAMIAN J. DENSON: This time, right.

MS. BEVERLY RICE: This time, we mean it.

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: Okay. We're ready to vote, all discussion complete. All in favor?

TRUSTEES: Aye.

MR. PAUL BOLSTER: Opposed side.

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: Paul is opposed. Okay, thank you. Motion passes. All right. Motion to adjourn?

MS. JENNIFER CULLER: So again, that's the recommendation to your Library Director.

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: The Board of Trustees recommends that the ban be reduced to a ban of 90 days, starting on December 11, 2024, and going forward, the permanent ban shall be in effect only at the Northwest Scotts Crossing Library Branch. That motion carried. Do I hear a motion for adjournment?

ADJOURNMENT**MOTION**

MR. PAUL KAPLAN: So, moved.

MS. BEVERLY RICE: Second.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: Second.

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: All right. We're adjourned.

(Whereupon, the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees concluded at 5:35 p.m.)



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**FULTON COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

**VERBAL REPORT WILL BE PROVIDED AT THE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING.**

APRIL 23, 2025

FULTON COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT - TOTAL LIBRARY

AS OF MARCH 31, 2025

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SERVICE	2025 BUDGET	MARCH	2025 YTD	2025 YTD	2025 YTD	2025 YTD	BUDGET
TYPE	ALLOCATION	EXPENDITURES	EXPENDITURES	EXPENDITURES	COMMITTED	% COMMITTED	BALANCE
REGULAR SALARY	15,884,775	2,440,849	4,759,516	-	4,759,516	30%	11,125,259
SALARIES-OVERTIME	5,000	-	-	-	-	0%	5,000
PART TIME SALARY	676,539	67,213	139,317	-	139,317	21%	537,222
BENEFITS	8,124,289	969,420	2,139,469	-	2,139,469	26%	5,984,820
BOOKS	3,245,381	942,417	955,089	1,227,693	2,182,781	67%	1,062,600
OFFICE EQUIP. REPAIR	61,057	4,093	21,996	33,929	55,925	92%	5,132
EQUIPMENT	145,561	3,556	12,704	70,673	83,376	57%	62,185
OFFICE FURNITURE	5,538	181	1,909	-	1,909	34%	3,630
PROFESSIONAL SERV	26,800	2,950	3,550	251	3,801	14%	22,999
COPIER MACHINE	176,000	22,639	64,954	-	64,954	37%	111,046
SUPPLIES	166,847	8,422	49,892	1,305	51,197	31%	115,650
COMPUTER HARDWARE	639,600	-	-	14,306	14,306	2%	625,294
RENT	286,750	91,786	91,786	188,127	279,913	98%	6,837
OTHER SERVICES	488,876	54,188	111,936	12,945	124,881	26%	363,995
TRAVEL/CONFERENCE	11,500	-	-	-	-	0%	11,500
HOPITALITY	44,643	452	7,244	-	7,244	16%	37,398
VEHICLE MAINTENANCE	30,511	624	2,673	-	2,673	9%	27,838
GENERAL INSURANCE	622,596	51,883	155,649	-	155,649	25%	466,947
ARTS-CFS	750	-	-	-	-	0%	750
CONTINGENCY	278,630	-	-	-	-	0%	278,630
TOTAL	30,921,643	4,660,673	8,517,682	1,549,227	10,066,909	33%	20,854,734

FULTON COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM
MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT - BY ORG TYPE

AS OF MARCH 31, 2025

ORGANIZATION	SERVICE TYPE	2025 BUDGET	MARCH	2025 YTD	2025 YTD	2025 YTD	2025 YTD	BUDGET
TYPE	DESCRIPTION	ALLOCATION	EXPENDITURES	EXPENDITURES	ENCUMBRANCES	COMMITTED	% COMMITTED	BALANCE
PUBLIC SERVICE	REG SALARY	12,066,585	1,783,900	3,493,998	-	3,493,998	29%	8,572,587
	SALARIES-OVERTIME	5,000	-	-	-	-	0%	5,000
	PART TIME SALARY	676,539	67,213	139,317	-	139,317	21%	537,222
	BENEFITS	6,193,664	722,875	1,603,117	-	1,603,117	26%	4,590,547
	BOOKS	2,418,853	115,889	128,561	1,227,693	1,356,253	56%	1,062,600
	OFFICE EQUIP. REPAIR	61,057	4,093	21,996	33,929	55,925	92%	5,132
	EQUIPMENT	105,795	3,067	7,457	70,673	78,130	74%	27,665
	OFFICE FURNITURE	3,106	-	1,295	-	1,295	42%	1,811
	PROFESSIONAL SERV	20,000	2,950	3,550	251	3,801	19%	16,199
	COPIER MACHINE	175,000	22,639	64,954	-	64,954	37%	110,046
	SUPPLIES	58,412	624	13,147	-	13,147	23%	45,265
	RENT	286,750	91,786	91,786	188,127	279,913	98%	6,837
	OTHER SERVICES	216,641	17,673	48,555	10,188	58,743	27%	157,898
	HOSPITALITY EXPENSE	25,252	452	1,873	-	1,873	7%	23,378
	VEHICLE MAINTENANCE	2,000	-	-	-	-	0%	2,000
	GENERAL INSURANCE	404,826	33,736	101,207	-	101,207	25%	303,620
	ARTS-CFS	750	-	-	-	-	0%	750
TOTAL		22,720,230	2,866,897	5,720,813	1,530,859	7,251,672	32%	15,468,558

FULTON COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM
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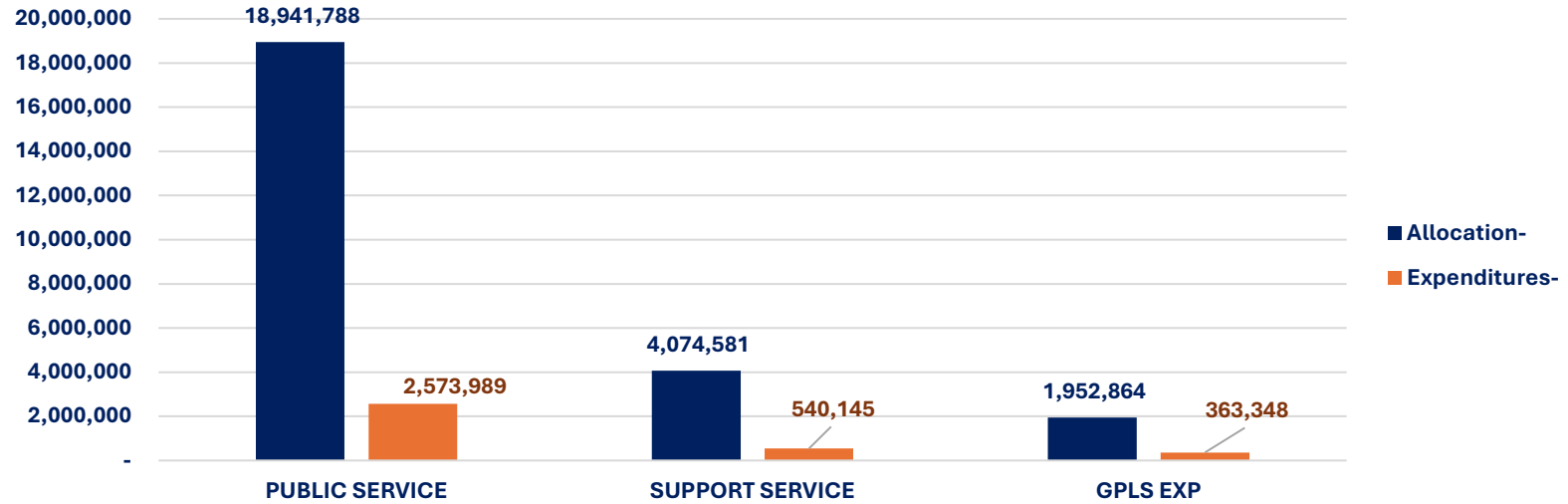
AS OF MARCH 31, 2025

ORGANIZATION	SERVICE TYPE	2025 BUDGET	MARCH	2025 YTD	2025 YTD	2025 YTD	2025 YTD	BUDGET
TYPE	DESCRIPTION	ALLOCATION	EXPENDITURES	EXPENDITURES	ENCUMBRANCES	COMMITTED	% COMMITTED	BALANCE
SUPPORT SERVICE	REG SALARY	2,503,605	385,838	747,432	-	747,432	30%	1,756,173
	BENEFITS	1,292,346	154,307	336,592	-	336,592	26%	955,754
	EQUIPMENT	39,766	489	5,247	-	5,247	13%	34,519
	OFFICE FURNITURE	2,432	181	613	-	613	25%	1,819
	PROFESSIONAL SERV	6,800	-	-	-	-	0%	6,800
	COPIER MACHINE	1,000	-	-	-	-	0%	1,000
	SUPPLIES	108,435	7,798	36,745	1,305	38,050	35%	70,385
	COMPUTER HARDWARE	639,600	-	-	14,306	14,306	2%	625,294
	OTHER SERVICES	272,235	36,515	63,381	2,757	66,138	24%	206,097
	TRAVEL/CONFERENCE	11,500	-	-	-	-	0%	11,500
	HOPITALITY	19,391	-	5,371	-	5,371	28%	14,020
	VEHICLE MAINTENANCE	28,511	624	2,673	-	2,673	9%	25,838
	GENERAL INSURANCE	217,770	18,148	54,443	-	54,443	25%	163,328
	CONTINGENCY	278,630	-	-	-	-	0%	278,630
TOTAL		5,422,021	603,900	1,252,496	18,368	1,270,864	23%	4,151,157

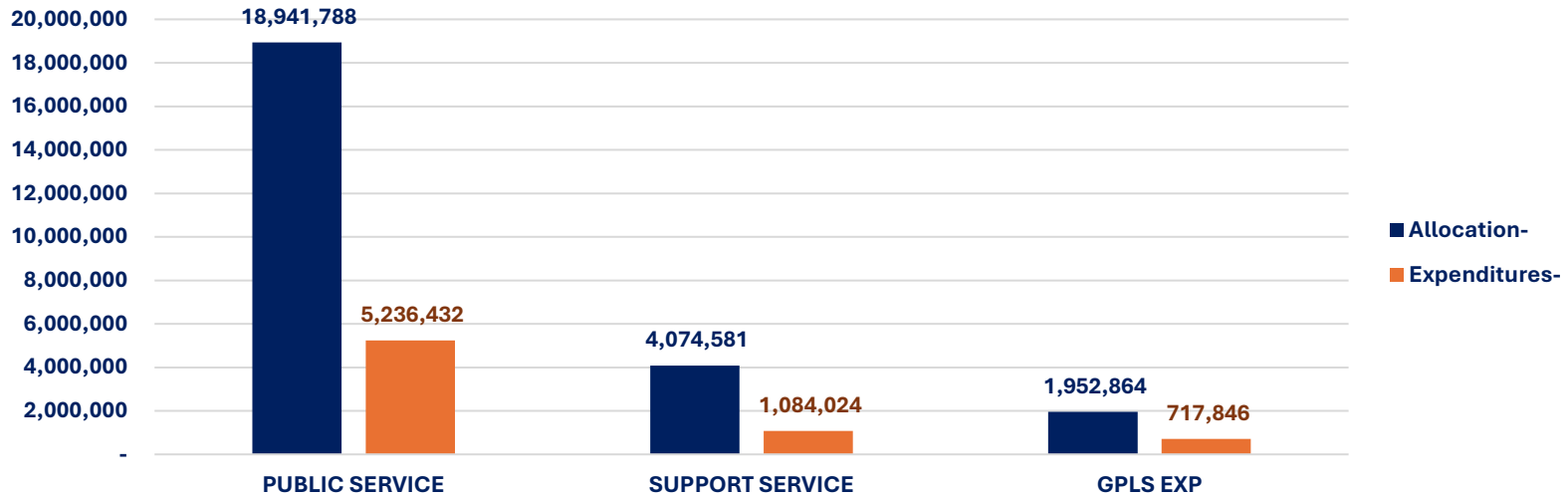
FULTON COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM
MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT - BY ORG TYPE
AS OF MARCH 31, 2025

ORGANIZATION	SERVICE TYPE	2025 BUDGET	MARCH	2025 YTD	2025 YTD	2025 YTD	2025 YTD	BUDGET
TYPE	DESCRIPTION	ALLOCATION	EXPENDITURES	EXPENDITURES	ENCUMBRANCES	COMMITTED	% COMMITTED	BALANCE
GPLS EXPENDITURES	REG SALARY	1,314,585	271,111	518,087	-	518,087	39%	796,498
	BENEFITS	638,279	92,238	199,759	-	199,759	31%	438,520
	BOOKS	826,528	826,528	826,528	-	826,528	100%	-
TOTAL		2,779,392	1,189,876	1,544,374	-	1,544,374	56%	1,235,018

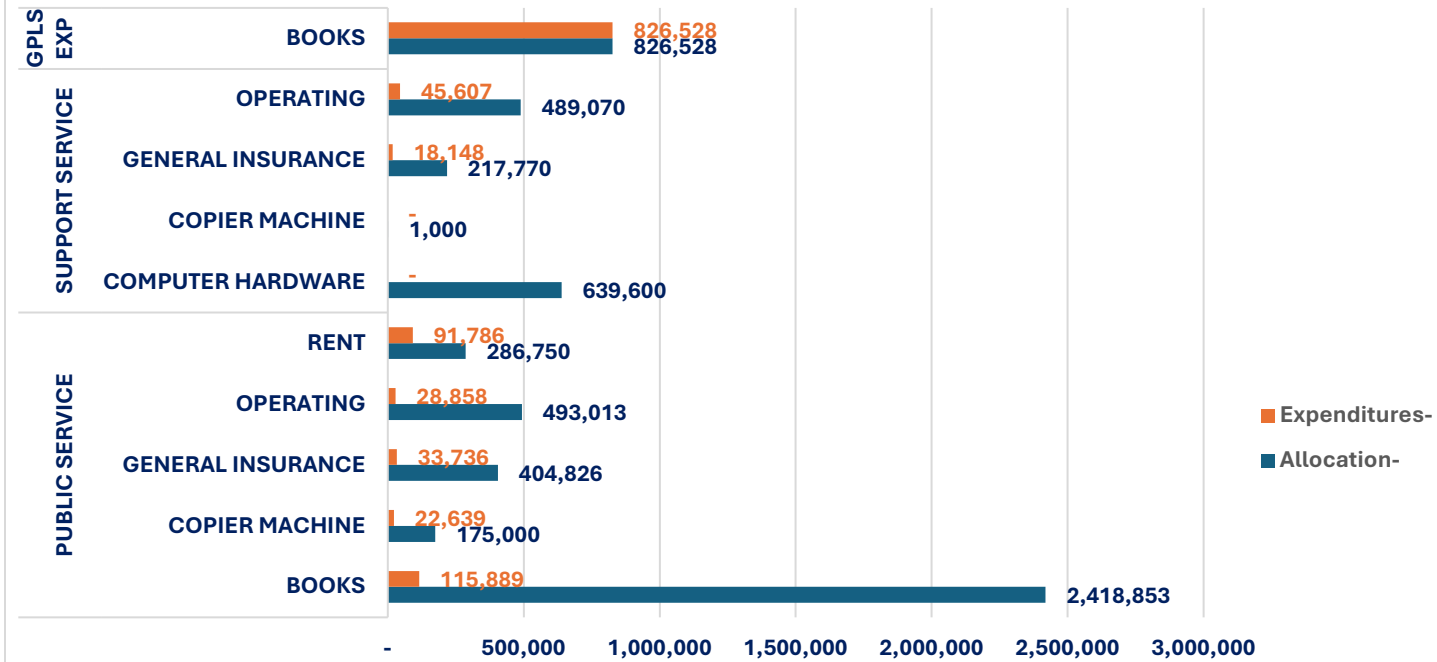
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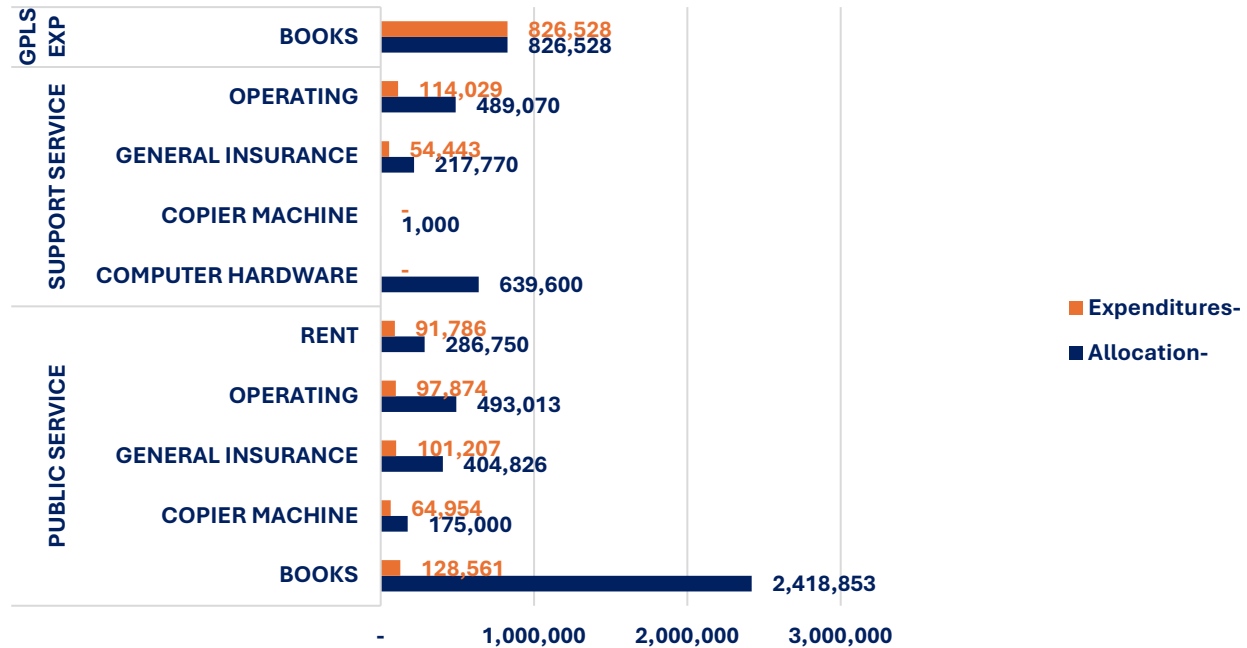
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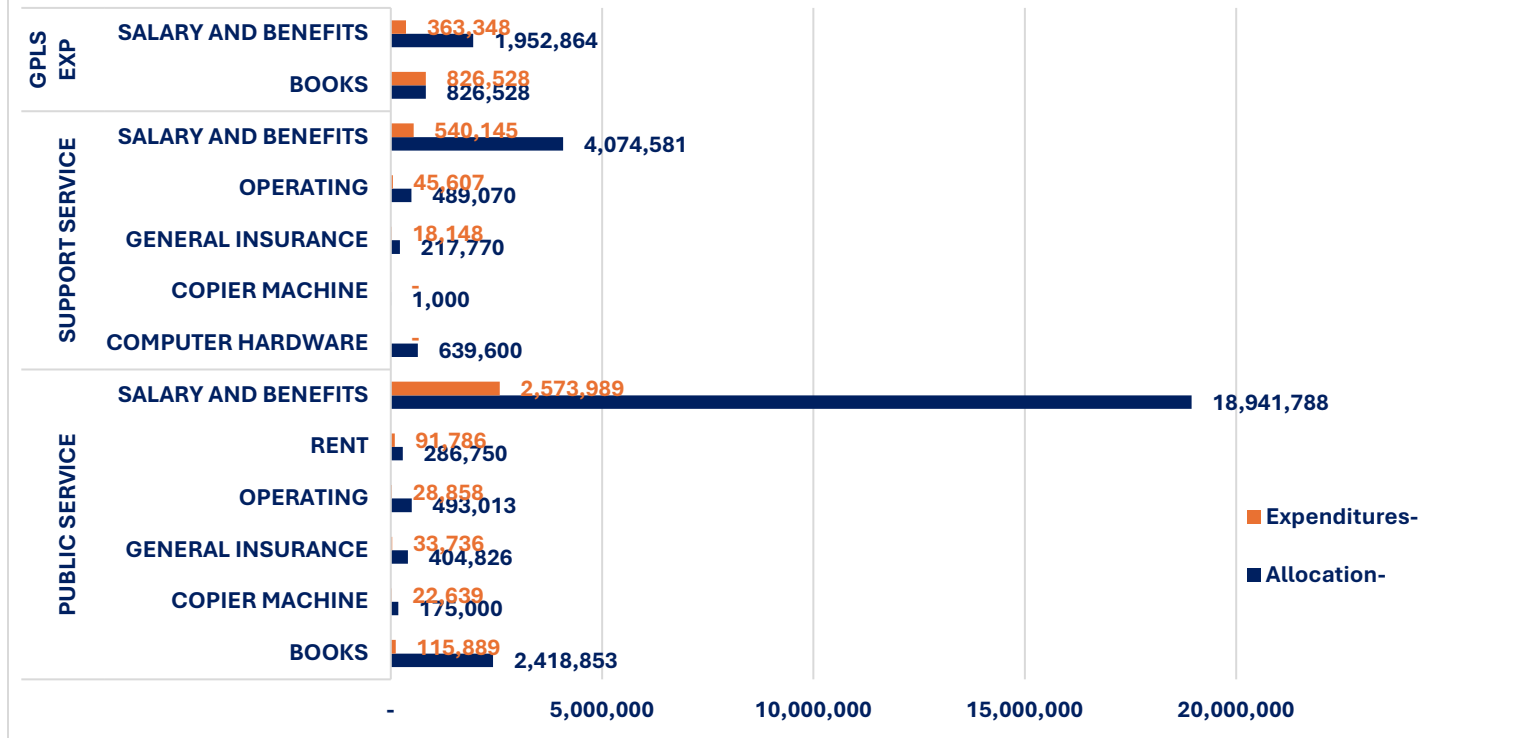
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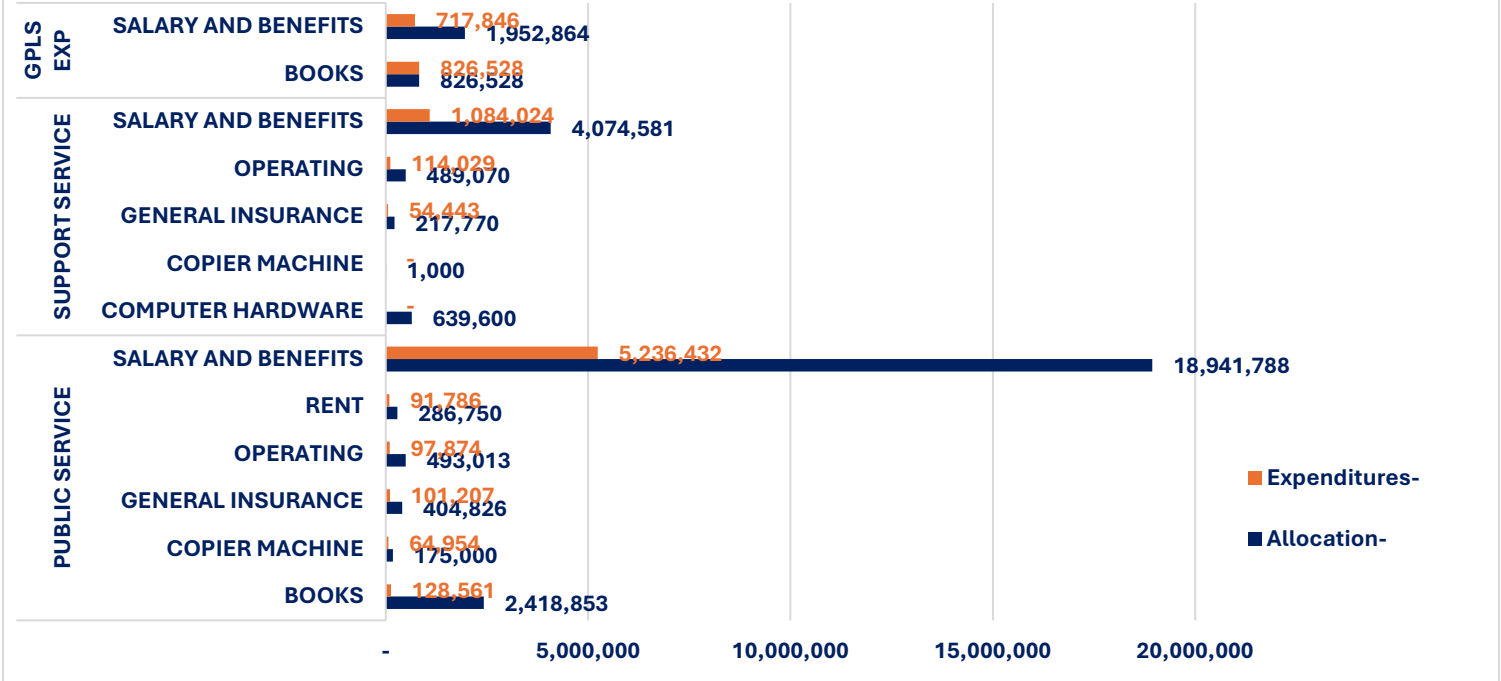
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March Total Expenses by Program



Year-To-Date Grand Total Expenses by Program



Monthly Usage Summary - March 2025

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Activity and Description	2025	YTD	2024	YTD	YTD % +/-
Circulation					
Total number of items checked out of the library	192908	542716	188556	565446	-4%
Holds					
Number of requests by patrons	46,423	138074	45166	142523	-3%
Visits					
Number of people entering a library for any reason	193382	511623	137366	442967	15%
Computer/Internet Usage					
Number of computer sessions (Internet access and office software)	78231	215063	66216	146257	47%
Number of hours of computer use	32,259	87259	25834	58003	50%
Web Page Visits					
Number of times people have visited the library's websites	1267810	3832733	1229434	3751235	2%
Web Visitors					
Number of people who visited the library's websites	199,513	604719	210570	612774	-1%
Virtual Circulation					
Number of materials downloaded or streamed	188810	550218	168291	500923	10%
Virtual Circulation Users					
Number of people who downloaded or streamed	39073	115958	36163	108650	7%
Children's programs					
Library sponsored programs offered for children (birth - 12)	300	756	361	937	-19%
Number of people attending programs	7523	18785	7384	20403	-8%
Teen Programs					
Library sponsored programs offered for teens (13 - 17)	98	201	94	262	-23%
Number of people attending programs	1249	2293	964	2942	-22%
Adult Programs					
Library sponsored programs offered for adults (18 +)	541	1384	362	907	53%
Number of people attending programs	8163	20732	3914	10298	101%
Programs - Total					
Library sponsored programs offered (includes all-ages not counted)	1098	2753	916	2544	8%
Number of people attending programs	22986	55371	14776	47901	16%
Meeting Rooms					
Non-library sponsored meetings or activities scheduled	472	1288	380	978	32%
Number of people attending meetings or activities	6332	17904	5317	14164	26%

March 2025 Executive Write Up

There were technical issues with the gates at Buckhead, Southeast and Dogwood. These issues have been reported to IT. Cleveland Avenue and Peachtree were closed to the public during the March reporting period.

We announced a new eResource, Palace Project, this month. Circulation numbers for this eBook and eAudiobook service will be included in next month's report.

Fulton County Library System Circulation Stats - March 2025

AGENCY NAME	ADULT	JUVENILE	Y/A	OTHER	Month- 2025 TOTAL	Month- 2024 TOTAL	INCREASE/ DECREASE	PERCENT CHANGE	YTD 2025 CIRC	YTD 2024 CIRC	INCREASE/ DECREASE	PERCENT CHANGE
ADAMS PARK	404	555	37	0	996	923	73	7.91%	2,831	3,024	-193	-6.38%
ADAMSVILLE/COLLIER HEIGHTS	561	644	64	0	1269	1350	-81	-6.00%	3,356	4,325	-969	-22.40%
ALPHARETTA	5807	12979	516	14	19316	18977	339	1.79%	53,415	56,367	-2,952	-5.24%
BUCKHEAD	4800	6420	236	11	11467	10120	1347	13.31%	32,486	30,147	2,339	7.76%
CLEVELAND AVE	10	6	1	0	17	16	1	6.25%	44	73	-29	-39.73%
COLLEGE PARK	665	1135	84	2	1886	1882	4	0.21%	5,390	5,869	-479	-8.16%
DOGWOOD	85	93	6	0	184	1042	-858	-82.34%	999	3,137	-2,138	-68.15%
EAST ATLANTA	2236	4072	139	1	6448	5953	495	8.32%	18,105	18,187	-82	-0.45%
EAST POINT	562	270	27	4	863	92	771	838.04%	1,836	458	1,378	300.87%
EAST ROSWELL	4636	7926	264	11	12837	11961	876	7.32%	35,252	36,166	-914	-2.53%
EVELYN G. LOWERY @ CASCADE	837	1127	129	0	2093	2307	-214	-9.28%	6,569	6,263	306	4.89%
FAIRBURN	756	813	49	0	1618	1531	87	5.68%	4,987	4,720	267	5.66%
GLADYS S. DENNARD @ SOUTH FULTON	1117	1666	131	1	2915	2991	-76	-2.54%	8,123	8,733	-610	-6.98%
HAPEVILLE	709	806	131	2	1648	1879	-231	-12.29%	4,480	5,645	-1,165	-20.64%
JOAN P. GARNER @ PONCE DE LEON	5351	6172	358	6	11887	10509	1378	13.11%	33,578	31,460	2,118	6.73%
KIRKWOOD	1888	4384	127	3	6402	5867	535	9.12%	18,187	16,681	1,506	9.03%
LOUISE WATLEY @ SOUTHEAST ATLANTA	705	1216	108	2	2031	2073	-42	-2.03%	6,357	6,251	106	1.70%
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR	435	471	12	2	920	229	691	301.75%	2,363	1,512	851	56.28%
MECHANICSVILLE	196	225	28	0	449	724	-275	-37.98%	1,403	2,118	-715	-33.76%
METROPOLITAN	1420	3539	133	3	5095	5243	-148	-2.82%	14,339	15,382	-1,043	-6.78%
MILTON	4137	9676	403	7	14223	15519	-1296	-8.35%	40,952	45,959	-5,007	-10.89%
NORTHEAST/SPRUILL OAKS	2855	7419	439	3	10716	10003	713	7.13%	29,741	30,358	-617	-2.03%
NORTHSIDE	3564	6052	276	6	9898	9696	202	2.08%	29,104	29,709	-605	-2.04%
NORTHWEST @ SCOTTS CROSSING	1447	2378	128	0	3953	3547	406	11.45%	10,671	11,240	-569	-5.06%
OCEE	4766	12561	782	13	18122	17059	1063	6.23%	51,792	51,093	699	1.37%
PALMETTO	430	850	34	0	1314	1547	-233	-15.06%	3,692	4,193	-501	-11.95%
PEACHTREE	451	200	18	0	669	4212	-3543	-84.12%	1,822	12,935	-11,113	-85.91%
ROSWELL	5487	8786	331	12	14616	13628	988	7.25%	41,733	41,689	44	0.11%
SANDY SPRINGS	6579	10735	463	13	17790	18371	-581	-3.16%	49,397	55,045	-5,648	-10.26%
WASHINGTON PARK	487	679	69	6	1241	1377	-136	-9.88%	3,438	3,867	-429	-11.09%
WEST END	566	950	70	0	1586	1440	146	10.14%	4,578	4,266	312	7.31%
WOLFCREEK	1258	2689	162	0	4109	3179	930	29.25%	10,986	9,424	1,562	16.57%
BRANCHES TOTAL	65207	117494	5755	122	188578	185247	3331	1.80%	532,006	556,296	-24,290	-4.37%
CENTRAL	2746	1296	197	9	4248	3266	982	30.07%	10,493	8,970	1,523	16.98%
OUTREACH SERVICES	2	0	0	0	2	3	-1	-0.33333333	7	9	-2	-22.22%
AUBURN AVENUE RESEARCH	80	0	0	0	80	40	40	100.00%	210	171	39	22.81%
SYSTEM TOTAL	68035	118790	5952	131	192908	188556	4352	2.31%	542,716	565,446	-22,730	-4.02%

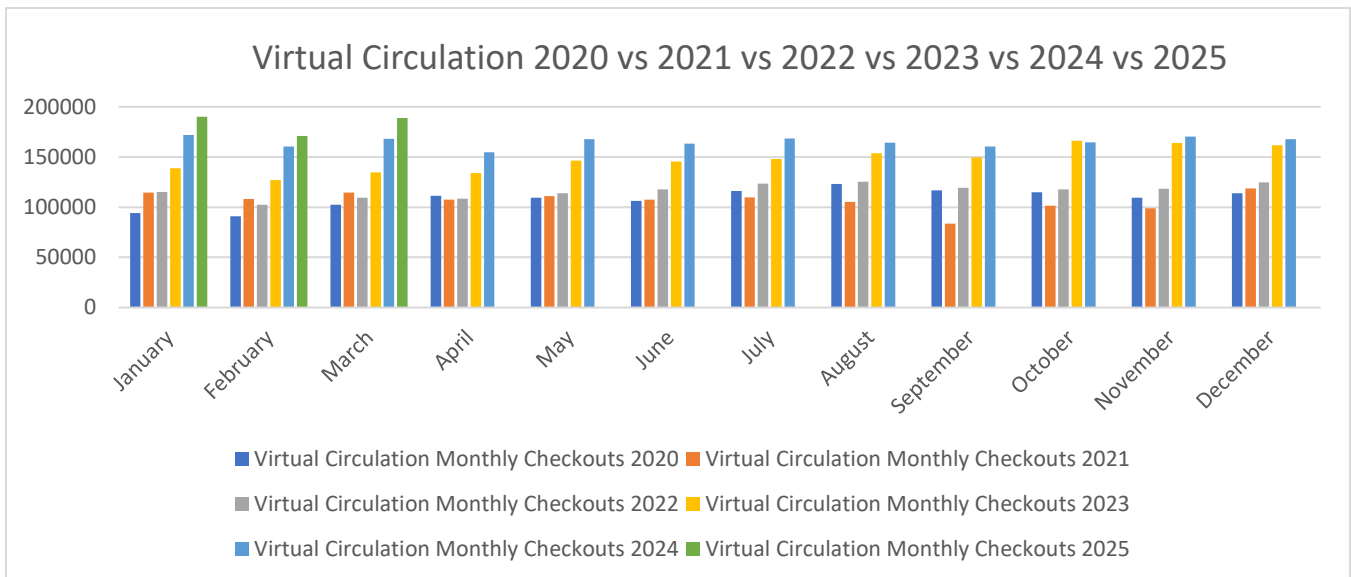
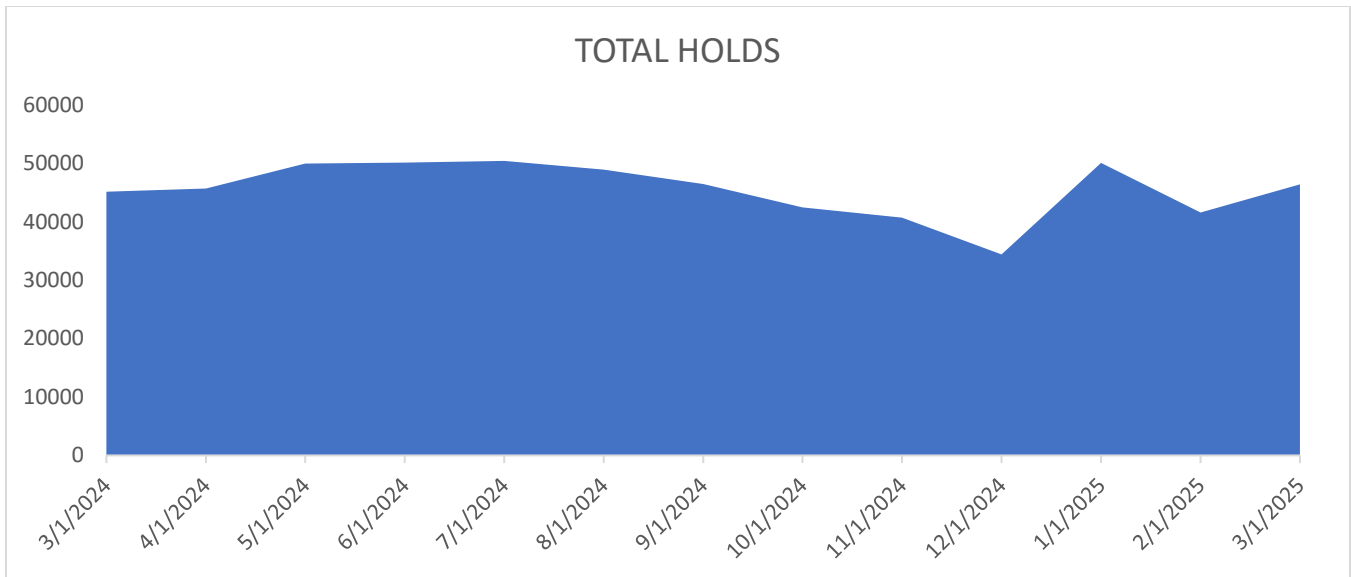
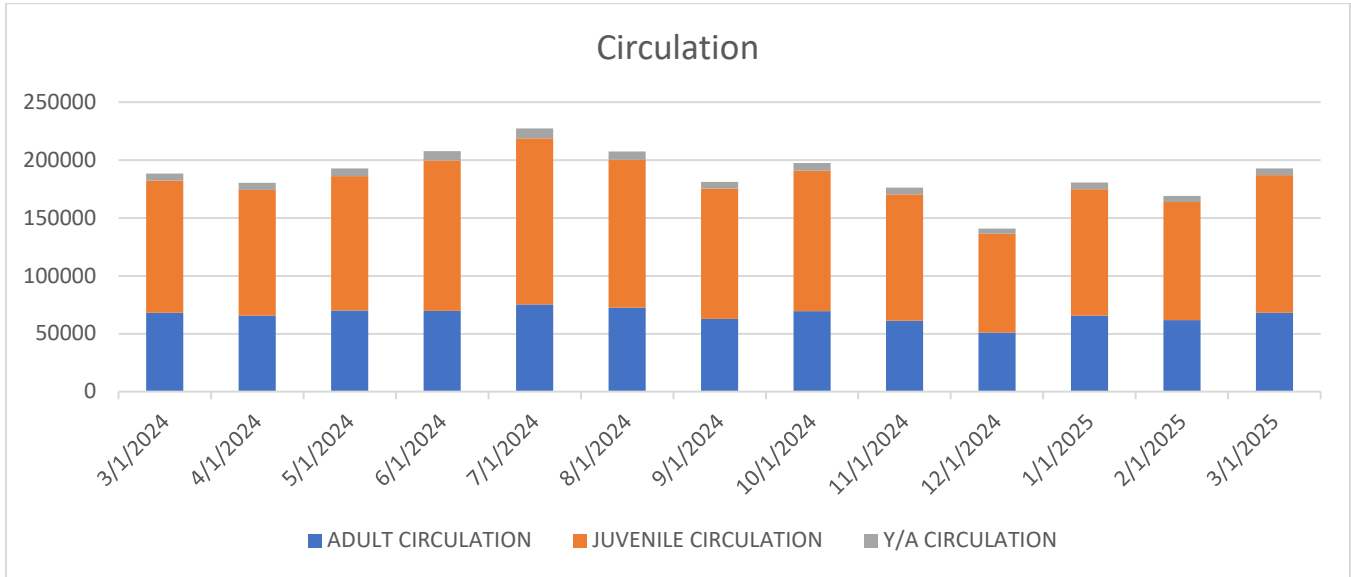
FULTON COUNTY SYSTEM STATS AT A GLANCE - March 2025

AGENCY NAME	TOTAL CIRCULATION	TOTAL REGISTRATIONS	COMPUTER USAGE	LIBRARY VISITS	NUMBER OF PROGRAMS	PROGRAM ATTENDANCE	NUMBER OF MEETINGS	MEETING ATTENDANCE	VOTER REGISTRATIONS
ADAMS PARK	996	96	2950	5,021	19	46	9	60	0
ADAMSVILLE/COLLIER HEIGHTS	1269	90	3740	4,608	57	173	3	45	1
ALPHARETTA	19,316	666	1407	4,414	37	1296	25	705	0
BUCKHEAD	11,467	679	3186	0	48	1203	35	519	1
CLEVELAND AVE	17	29	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
COLLEGE PARK	1,886	111	3297	5,172	16	254	3	30	0
DOGWOOD	184	39	131	0	0	0	0	0	0
EAST ATLANTA	6,448	340	2125	9767	12	130	7	247	0
EAST POINT	863	202	1429	4867	39	261	22	190	0
EAST ROSWELL	12,837	326	904	6,653	39	618	8	155	0
EVELYN G. LOWERY @ CASCADE	2,093	226	2733	1,449	68	897	45	305	0
FAIRBURN	1,618	193	983	3393	22	232	28	235	5
GLADYS S. DENNARD @ SOUTH FULTON	2,915	261	3299	2,935	44	634	12	82	2
HAPEVILLE	1,648	85	145	3797	16	281	28	382	2
JOAN P. LOWERY @ PONCE DE LEON	11,887	504	7102	7,536	13	178	2	3	0
KIRKWOOD	6,402	195	874	5,169	16	628	5	45	0
LOUISE WATLEY @ SOUTHEAST ATLANTA	2,031	96	2187	934	29	262	15	184	0
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR	920	103	503	1653	21	28	21	28	0
MECHANICSVILLE	449	51	1972	3,386	1	0	12	166	1
METROPOLITAN	5,095	174	4680	6,949	36	801	41	388	0
MILTON	14,223	352	523	7,243	86	1661	17	189	8
NORTHEAST/SPRUILL OAKS	10,716	254	377	5,216	52	1082	13	257	1
NORTHSIDE	9,898	296	576	6,141	20	1153	4	89	0
NORTHWEST @ SCOTTS CROSSING	3,953	155	2334	6,746	30	473	8	153	0
OCEE	18,122	458	710	11,180	36	806	4	318	0
PALMETTO	1,314	82	403	2,296	15	160	13	172	0
PEACHTREE	669	169	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ROSWELL	14,616	480	1741	11374	61	1524	19	229	0
SANDY SPRINGS	17,790	716	3019	18,648	69	2735	2	14	1
WASHINGTON PARK	1241	63	2622	4,728	11	96	5	59	1
WEST END	1,586	93	1901	5,119	32	230	11	176	0
WOLFCREEK	4,109	255	1256	5,512	44	557	23	541	0
BRANCHES TOTAL	188,578	7,839	59,109	161,906	989	18,399	440	5,966	23
CENTRAL	4,248	485	19029	30,168	82	1839	32	366	10
VIRTUAL PROGRAMS					4	216			
OUTREACH VIRTUAL PROGRAMS	2	27	0	0	8	1638	0	0	0
AUBURN AVENUE RESEARCH	80	11	93	1308	15	894	0	0	0
SYSTEM TOTAL	192,908	8,362	78,231	193,382	1098	22,986	472	6,332	33

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AGENCY NAME	TOTAL CIRCULATION	TOTAL REGISTRATIONS	COMPUTER USAGE	LIBRARY VISITS	NUMBER OF PROGRAMS	PROGRAM ATTENDANCE	NUMBER OF MEETINGS	MEETING ATTENDANCE	VOTER REGISTRATIONS
ADAMS PARK	2,831	292	8,198	13,025	23	52	18	156	0
ADAMSVILLE/COLLIER HEIGHTS	3,356	323	10,156	12,463	111	412	9	103	2
ALPHARETTA	53,415	1,984	4,053	16,975	105	2,944	63	1767	0
BUCKHEAD	32,486	2,282	7,755	14,536	126	3,347	87	1,842	1
CLEVELAND AVE	44	78	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
COLLEGE PARK	5,390	389	9,851	25,031	37	391	12	136	0
DOGWOOD	999	163	1,755	135	17	56	6	49	1
EAST ATLANTA	18,105	1040	4,951	9861	30	302	24	501	0
EAST POINT	1836	605	2680	10274	62	498	36	268	0
EAST ROSWELL	35,252	931	1,996	17,437	103	1,571	22	286	3
EVELYN G. LOWERY @ CASCADE	6,569	726	8,157	10,882	114	1,681	179	892	0
FAIRBURN	4,987	599	2,688	6238	50	790	60	404	19
GLADYS S. DENNARD @ SOUTH FULTON	8,123	709	8,721	7,881	141	1,813	30	257	5
HAPEVILLE	4,480	302	2,392	8,082	50	793	71	974	2
JOAN P. LOWERY @ PONCE DE LEON	33,578	1,692	18,832	20,356	41	536	8	63	0
KIRKWOOD	18,187	642	2,419	9,940	49	1,573	12	110	0
LOUISE WATLEY @ SOUTHEAST ATLANTA	6,357	272	6,392	6,326	79	478	41	404	0
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR	2363	339	1401	3,964	49	77	49	76	0
MECHANICSVILLE	1,403	149	6,334	9,109	4	12	24	423	2
METROPOLITAN	14,339	580	11,912	18,449	85	1,998	122	1212	0
MILTON	40,952	1123	1,463	19,112	219	4,035	47	640	11
NORTHEAST/SPRUILL OAKS	29,741	831	1,145	14,990	134	2,550	36	595	3
NORTHSIDE	29,104	900	1,628	17,617	59	3,144	22	312	0
NORTHWEST @ SCOTTS CROSSING	10,671	468	5,950	16,986	74	912	21	347	0
OCEE	51,792	1,433	1,706	30,726	85	1,947	19	527	0
PALMETTO	3,692	254	1164	2,514	56	659	33	584	0
PEACHTREE	1,822	530	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ROSWELL	41,733	1,524	4,510	14,006	167	3,754	46	676	0
SANDY SPRINGS	49,397	2,166	8,681	51,454	169	6,821	5	62	2
WASHINGTON PARK	3,438	177	6,894	12,720	34	280	13	185	4
WEST END	4,578	294	5,583	10,625	65	402	22	374	0
WOLFCREEK	10,986	650	3,275	13,328	93	1130	62	1,762	0
BRANCHES TOTAL	532,006	24,447	162,642	425,042	2,431	44,958	1199	15,987	55
CENTRAL	10,493	1,601	52,175	84,101	262	6,729	89	1,917	30
VIRTUAL PROGRAMS	0	0	0	0	10	567	0	0	0
OUTREACH VIRTUAL PROGRAMS	7	36	0	0	13	1,749	0	0	0
AUBURN AVENUE RESEARCH	210	28	246	2,480	37	1,368	0	0	0
SYSTEM TOTAL	542,716	26,112	215,063	511,623	2,753	55,371	1288	17,904	85

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

