



BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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

- I. Call to Order
- II. Public Comments
- III. Adoption of Agenda* Doc. #25-31
- IV. Approval of Minutes - June 25, 2025* Doc. #25-30
- V. Chairman's Report
- VI. 2026 Budget Planning Update - Jamar Parker & Brazos Price
- VII. Work Orders Report - Paul Kaplan
- VIII. Director's Reports Doc. #25-34
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 - 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

JUNE 25, 2025 - 4:00 P.M.



Members Present: Bolster, Paul
Denson, Damian J
Jordan, Linda
Joyner, D. Chip - via Zoom
Kaplan, Paul - via Zoom
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
Hall, Hirshel - Assistant County Attorney

Guests: Faldon, Sakeenah - Intern, County Attorney
Willis, Michelle - Library Foundation Board Member

Webinar Attendees: 3

Board Chair Nina Radakovich called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

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CALL TO ORDER

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: Good afternoon. This is the monthly meeting of the Fulton County Library System, and my name is Nina Radakovich, I'm Chair of this committee, and I hereby call this meeting to order. Are there any public comments?

PUBLIC COMMENTS

MRS. ZENOBIA CLAXTON: There are no public comments today.

ELECTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES OFFICERS**MOTION**

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: Okay. If you'll remember, we had an election in March to fill unexpired terms of unexpired officer positions, Chair and Vice Chair, and we made those acting so that we could align ourselves with the fiscal year and our bylaws. According to that, today is when we should elect officers. Last month, Chip suggested, and we followed the suggestion to go ahead and vote on a slate to say our slate consists of myself for Chair, Vice Chair, Beverly. So now, what's remaining to be done today is for someone to move that we adopt the slate.

MR. JOE PIONTEK: I move that we adopt the slate.

MR. PAUL BOLSTER: I'll second that.

MS. BEVERLY RICE: Thank you.

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: Any discussion?

TRUSTEES: (No responses.)

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: All in favor?

TRUSTEES: Aye.

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: All right, it passes. Thank you very much. As for the agenda, has everyone had a chance to look it over? Do I hear a motion to adopt the agenda?

25-26 ADOPTION OF AGENDA**MOTION**

MR. PAUL KAPLAN: 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: Motion passes. Thank you. Now, next we have the minutes from last month, May 28th. Has everyone had a chance to look at that?

25-25 APPROVAL OF MINUTES - MAY 28, 2025**MOTION**

MR. JOE PIONTEK: Yes.

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: Okay. Do I hear a motion?

MS. BEVERLY RICE: I'd like to make a motion that we accept the minutes from May 28, 2025.

MR. JOE PIONTEK: I second that.

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: Any discussion, errors, corrections?

TRUSTEES: (No responses.)

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: All right, thank you. All in favor?

TRUSTEES: Aye.

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: Motion passes. Mr. Kaplan.

MR. PAUL KAPLAN: Yes.

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: You're not feeling well today. Would you like to go first?

WORK ORDERS REPORT

MR. PAUL KAPLAN: Sure. I'll do it. No, I'll make it. I'll go. Are you ready? Okay. So the work orders reports from May, for the month of May, we had 200 work orders that came in -- I'm sorry, 160, and 80 percent of it was completed, so it was pretty strong. Again, we had a lot of HVAC in Central Library. We had plumbing, electrical and miscellaneous, which -- which amounts to a lot of things, furniture moving, alarm systems, security systems, garbage pickup, cleanup, all that goes into miscellaneous. There was a meeting, I believe, between our Director and the DREAM Team and their group. What they had decided to do with Central Library is to shut it down for week. What's going to happen in that week is that all the mechanical contractors who had anything to do with controls, boilers, anything to do with the mechanical system, they're going to recertify the whole building and try to find out what's going on. Besides, the water is already having a problem, falling apart. We have trouble with control all the time. We can't maintain air conditioning. We don't maintain heat during the winter. So they decided to just go recertify the whole building. So that's going to take place when the DREAM Teams finally get everybody together. It's a big coordination problem. You got to get everybody come in that week, all at the same time, and it's going to be difficult to do. But they'll get it done, and I think then they're going to talk to our Director and try to figure out which week it's going to be. They'll shut down the whole place for one week to recertify it and reopen it back up again. By the end of that, they should have a good idea what's going on, what the cost is going to be to make the repairs, because we can't continue to do this. The amount of money that we're spending on labor to make these repairs every single month adds up. Probably costs more than it does to replace everything that is up there. So we're -- they're just trying to get this thing done. Of course, it's the middle of a very hot summer, and most of the systems that the library has only allowed for up to 92 degrees. Anything over 92 they can't guarantee they could keep it cool. I do not know at this time -- some of the libraries must be having a problem. We really haven't had talked to anybody about it. Maybe our Director can put a little light to that. But we got to get this thing done. We got to get Central under control, and that's what we're going to do. So soon as we know what the week is, I guarantee you guys will have received an email

concerning it, and I'm also going to stick my nose in there too at the same time. So we'll see what we can do to get this thing under control. Any questions?

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: We do have some concerns, as you mentioned, with some other libraries as well, Mr. Kaplan, Central, of course, being the big one. But Fairburn, Roswell, Ocee, they've had consistent problems over the last two weeks with the HVAC. So it's running DREAM kind of thin, going here and there, but they are trying to work toward it and trying to figure out what's going on. But Central has just been phenomenally dismal in that regard, because we just can't keep it going. This morning, that was a bit of a downtime, and then they were able to see it on the remote, on the remote screen, and that made them aware, and they sent someone over. They got the chiller back going. So it's always that chiller, it seems. It's the chiller or the boiler, and so something's got to be done, and I think this idea of closing down will make a good difference in the long run. We -- they had asked us to let them know when we would be available, but we told them, let us know when they are available, and we will adjust our schedules accordingly. So as soon as we get those dates, we'll let everyone know as to when we're going to actually close the Central Library.

MR. PAUL KAPLAN: It's the only logical thing to do to get this thing under control. I can't see any other way around it. Too bad we do have to shut it down for a week, but if we do, we'll just have to get it done.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: Right.

MR. PAUL KAPLAN: So we'll just go from there and see what happens. By that time, by the end of that thing, you'll pretty much have a full report of what they find.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: Exactly.

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: Is there a particular fund that they're using to pay for the changes?

MR. PAUL KAPLAN: Particular -- say that again, I didn't hear you.

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: Is there a particular pot of money that they have to get the repair cost from?

MR. PAUL KAPLAN: If they do, they're hiding it. I don't know if there's pot of money. Well, we're at a point that we're just wasting money away by constantly going there and readjusting everything and we're eating up. But you know something, they're probably going to have to find it someplace.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: Right.

MR. PAUL KAPLAN: I don't know how they're going to find it, but they're going to have to do something. There must be some emergency money someplace.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: I think DREAM operates that way. It's not -- it's coming -- it's not coming from the library's budget.

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: So maybe there's a contingency fund for all types of building emergencies. But okay --

MR. JOE PIONTEK: They'll find money --

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: -- right now, everybody's aware of it, and they're working on trying to get closer to get that project done. All right, thank you very much. I think that is something, if anybody asks us a question, we need to be able to be able to answer, and now we've got the basic information. Anything else, Mr. Kaplan?

MR. PAUL KAPLAN: No, not at this point.

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: All right, thank you very much. Director's reports.

25-29 DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

LIBRARY SERVICES AND TRENDS

25-27 MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

25-28 MONTHLY USAGE SUMMARY

FCLS LOOK AHEAD EVENTS/PROGRAMS

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: Okay. Good afternoon, everybody, it's good to see everyone. The Director's report, as you have probably already maybe glossed over, included a lot of observances this month. The biggest thing that happened in May was the Cleveland Avenue Library reopened on Tuesday, May 6th. The branch had been closed for two and a half years due to the fire that took place that Fourth of July, two years ago, two and a half years ago, and we're just very excited about them being open again.

MR. PAUL BOLSTER: Which one was that?

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: Cleveland Avenue.

MR. PAUL BOLSTER: Cleveland Avenue.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: It has special place in my heart, because that's where I had my first professional librarianship position as a Children's Librarian there. So it's been renovated, and it's been reopened, and it's really doing well. You'll see numerous observances during the month of May. They were really a lot of things took place that month. One of the big, biggest things or two of the biggest things that took place were the Roswell Reads 20th Anniversary Celebration, as well as May marked the 40th Anniversary of the Friends of the Roswell Library. So that's really a monumental -- those are monumental milestones for those -- for that library and for those organizations. So we're very grateful to them. They do a lot of great work. They actually assist other library systems or other libraries, branches rather, with donating money to help during Summer Reading and other things. So they're a great group to work with, and it's been going on for over 40 years in one case and 20 years in the other, so that's wonderful. We had some great partnerships, as you'll note, the ones here in East Point hosted a two-day Entrepreneur's Boot Camp as well as the Fulton Films Department held an open casting call that 60 people attended, and they were able to get their head shots done free. So those are some of the things that we're partnering with and doing -- partnering with in the county and partnering outside the county. Then the biggest example of the partnership outside of the county is the one that the Central Library has ongoing right now with Goodwill of North Georgia, and that's the Boot Camp Workshop and Job Fair. We're seeing a lot of people come in and take advantage of the job fair and the training programs

and opportunities that are being presented by Goodwill. So that's been a partnership that we wanted to have for a long time, and we were finally able to secure it. As I mentioned a few moments ago, Summer Reading has kicked off, June 1st through August 1st, and we're looking very forward to, very much forward to increasing our numbers over the year, over the season. Last year, we did do just that with the numbers so that it does not adversely affect the state, because since we're the largest library system in the state of Georgia, if our Summer Reading numbers are low, it brings theirs down too. So we're constantly mindful of that and working very hard for the children, youth and young children as well as adults, for Summer Reading. So, Summer Reading does include adults, and so that's why it's very important that you read your One Book, One Read, to read it during the summer. Let it be, that item, let it be one of your favorites, we hope, or one of your - that you pay -- one of those that you pay attention to during this period of time, because it's very important. Any questions about the Director's report?

MS. LINDA JORDAN: I just have a question on the title. I like the title, Color My World, in partnership with Microsoft. Can you remind us of how we developed that partnership with Microsoft?

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: Well, Microsoft kind of kicked in little bit later. You know, overall, we take our theme from ALA for Summer Reading, but Microsoft has kicked in some additional funding through the Best Buy Teen Tech Center, and that's how we're able to do some of these programs that we're doing with STEM and STEAM, and so that's what it has brought us to.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: Awesome.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: It's been a great partnership. They come in every day just about, and they're working with the children, particularly with the youth. The teens have just gravitated toward it, it's amazing. As you'll see, I think that's the cover.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: Yes.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: That's the cover of this agenda.

MR. JOE PIONTEK: I had noted that in Hoopla, you were going to cut back to five books instead of ten. Did you do that?

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: We're going to do it as of 7/1, no it'll be 7/15.

MR. JOE PIONTEK: I was just wondering if you --

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: We went before the --

MR. JOE PIONTEK: -- had a lot of -- little bit --

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: Yes, we went before the Board of Commissioners last week and asked for permission. We wanted them to be aware, because we know that people may not like it.

MR. JOE PIONTEK: Yes.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: They don't need to have people calling their offices and complaining without having any knowledge of it. So we made them aware that because of the cost of things --

MR. JOE PIONTEK: Yes.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: -- we're having to cut Hoopla from ten items to five items for checkout. But we think it'll work out okay. I mean, we think people will understand. The beauty of Hoopla and the reason it's taken off so well is because you can get things that are a little older in Hoopla, whereas if you're in Overdrive, you're going to get items that are much, much more current. So, people really do like it, but it ends up costing a lot. We're 17th in the nation of materials checked out that are Hoopla materials. So that's -- that's really something for a library system in the whole country, and we're 17. So that makes a huge difference, and we're spending quite a bit of money. So we just wanted to pull it back, and I think people just, maybe they read a little faster or watch a little faster than, they'll be able to go back and get another five.

MR. JOE PIONTEK: That would sound like a great idea so --

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: That's what we're hoping.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: But let me ask this, have you -- have we been able to advertise the fact that you can only get five as opposed --

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: We are starting to advertise that. It's going to be on our website and everything else, on our social media and all that. That was one of the big concerns that the Commission had.

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: Well, people can come to the library twice as many times.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: Right.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: Of course you can do it online.

MR. JOE PIONTEK: Those are online.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: It's online. You know, you can come in, but you -- it's online, so.

MR. PAUL BOLSTER: Do you -- how do we go about creating the budget for the Library System? And I would think that the county is probably starting their next year's budget process now. Could you talk a little bit about how that budget process works? How do we request additional funds, and --

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: Well, it usually starts around August, in earnest, and then we go through basically toward the end of the year and into January, February before it's approved. We asked for what we call enhancements, and at times we're able to get them, but most times we don't. It's probably going to be a pretty tough year to get enhancements. So, every now and then we're able to do so. About three years ago, I was able to get \$1 million for print materials. I asked for it, and we got it. That doesn't happen often. We're about at the point where we need to ask for it again. So, you know, we put something out there always. This time it's probably going to have more to do with some technology items, but because we've got things failing like our Automated Materials Handling Systems and things like that, which we are going to get out of TAD funds. But it makes -- it's hard to know what will be acceptable, because everyone is trying to jump into position to get additional funding. Of course, we come behind a lot of people that are

mandated by the courts, mandated by law, and are mandated in the course by law. So therefore, it makes it a little bit more difficult when you're up against those things that are required by law and legal and federal and all that and statewide, to make a case for some of the things that we want. But we are -- we always ask, and so we're working toward that right now. So that our Financial Systems Manager is able to go ahead and input those items that we're asking for. But we don't ever hold out a whole lot of hope that it's going to happen, because budget stays and hovers around, around 31 million a year to somewhere maybe 32, maybe close to 33 million, not much more than that.

MR. PAUL BOLSTER: Do you have some numbers on what -- how we as a county match up against other counties or other states by population? Like, what is the -- what is the investment per population?

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: Well, it's a per capita account --

MR. PAUL BOLSTER: Pardon?

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: Yes, we do. There's actually a document that has all that type of thing. I don't -- I can't quote it all now, but we can get some of the information for you. We don't match up extremely well. Others are spending a lot more money than we do per capita. So but I'll have them get them this week's for you.

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: I know that it may be updated, but the Strategic Plan had that chart.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: It did, it does. Outdated now, though, but there are lots of library systems that do -- that are similar in our size, but are budgeted a lot differently. We get compared a lot to Charlotte Mecklenburg, Hennepin County. We get compared in some ways, to Seattle Public, but we're basically a different animal than that. But yes, so those are some of the ones that we're putting up against, primarily Charlotte Mecklenburg.

MR. PAUL BOLSTER: It'd be nice to know kind of the dollars per capita that the county invests in libraries, and be able to compare that to what other communities invest in libraries.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: Right. We'll get those numbers.

MR. PAUL BOLSTER: Yes.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: Get -- send them out to you all.

MR. PAUL BOLSTER: Be a good advocacy tool to let the Commissioners know if we're not up to at least the national average per capita.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: Okay.

MR. JOE PIONTEK: Then you deal with --

MS. LINDA JORDAN: That's a great point. I agree with that. That's a good point.

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: You can ask Erin if you don't have it handy --

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: Right.

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: -- I know she probably does.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: Then that way we can advocate for what we think, you know, they can help us with moving forward. I agree with that, Paul.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: Okay. We'll get those --

MR. PAUL BOLSTER: Okay.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: -- to you.

MR. PAUL BOLSTER: Will we, at the next Board meeting, sort of have a discussion of the enhancements we're likely to -- to ask them --

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: We're still working on them.

MR. PAUL BOLSTER: Okay.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: They're still being developed. But we'll let you know.

MR. PAUL BOLSTER: So at least we could talk to our Commissioners about those enhancements and see whether they can help us out in this budget process.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: Okay.

MR. PAUL BOLSTER: Because I think probably now is the time to be talking to them, talking to the Commissioners about budget, as opposed to later, when all the money's gotten divided up.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: Sometimes we get very lucky on, on the actual day that they're voting, that they're voting something for us. That's happened to us several times, so yes, so it can be done.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: So I have a question. So can we go before the Commissioners for that? Do we need Board Members to show up to -- and to talk our Commissioners first, and then to show up to help us move the needle to get what we're asking for?

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: Well, normally, we don't make those presentations in person, we do it through the process that we have for submitting it. There's an online process that we send everything through. So we'll let you know if that develops, that we're allowed to come before them with it. But most of the times we don't. It's the Sheriff or maybe the courts that might get to come before them.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: Right.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: But not usually us.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: Okay.

MR. PAUL BOLSTER: They do have a budget hearing; Commissioners have a budget hearing --

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: They do have budget hearings.

MR. PAUL BOLSTER: -- at some point.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: Yes.

MR. PAUL BOLSTER: But that's usually kind of too late to influence much of anything usually.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: More than likely, it's a little bit too late.

MR. PAUL BOLSTER: Yes.

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: It's a long process.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: It is.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: But as individuals, we can go before our Commissioners that appointed us to say, these are the things that we are --

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: Oh, sure.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: So that's something we should, you know, think about and say, hey, we're looking at this, can you help with that? Then they can make the decisions amongst themselves.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: Exactly.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: Am I right?

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: Exactly.

MR. PAUL BOLSTER: Be a squeaky wheel, because that tends to get the grease.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: That's true.

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: We wouldn't be the only one.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: Right.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: Right. No, there are lot of people out there trying hard.

MR. PAUL BOLSTER: Lot of squeaking going on.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: Any other questions on all that? Okay. Going forward, Madam Chair? Monthly financial report, do you all have any questions? We're down to \$16 million remaining in our overall budget. So, we are -- we're keeping in pace. We are doing a lot interviewing, so we expect to fill our vacancies. We tend to carry 30 to 34 vacancies on a regular basis, which is not an ideal thing. But we hire people, people retire. We hire people, people leave. We sometimes hire people, then two weeks later, they're gone because they found a better job, because they were already looking for it. So, we get a lot of things. So you gain one, you lose one, and that's kind of how we hover around. We're trying to work toward not letting that happen as much. We've gone back to more in-person as well. We found that sometimes the online interviews are on, you know, Zoom and Teams don't quite serve us as well as the old-fashioned in-person interviews. So we're moving back to some more of that, particularly for the professional level positions.

MR. PAUL BOLSTER: Is there a certain time of the year then when all the hiring is done, and then you get them filled, and then people leave, and then that creates sort of a cycle of the staffing issues?

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: Well, the staffing issues really get to be problematic when we get around latter part of October, because then you can't, you're not able to hire, and you don't -- you're not able to start again until January. So that becomes a bit problematic to go, like, two to three months without being able to fill those positions as you would want to. We're on what's called staggered hiring, which is working out a little bit better than it used to. We have certain dates that we try to lean toward as to when we're going to do it -- get our interviews completed and have offers made. That's working out. This year, it seems to be working out a little bit better. I can't exactly say why, but maybe because

we really made more of a concerted effort to put those dates down and let them be iron clad, so that we're not letting anything interfere, vacations or anything as to why we can't get them done. So that's coming along very well, but we've got Youth Services Librarians, we've had recently Library Associates, and we're still working on others. So we're very conscious of that number. Those numbers are 31 to 34 vacancies at any given time.

MR. PAUL BOLSTER: I'm still a little confused here. Evidently, the County Manager has an HR person, and they do all the HR work for the libraries. To what extent do you have or does the Library System have input in that? Are you part of the interview process? Or how does that work?

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: Okay. We have all of the departments that are under Shared Services have what's called HR liaisons. They handle primarily our timekeeping and all that type of thing. Then there's a department, an HR department, that reports to -- well, the Manager, the Director there, reports to the County Manager, and he has hundreds of people, and some of them are assigned to various departments. So we have specific ones assigned to us. We work with them for various aspects of HR, and it may have to do with timekeeping. I may have something that I need to talk to them about with regard to a disciplinary action. So those are the people we contact. We used to have our own HR department in this library, in Central. Then when they went Shared Services that went away. We used to have our own IT department, but under Shared Services, it went away. So we don't have that anymore. So that's, that's the way it works.

MR. PAUL BOLSTER: So do you -- does your staff get a chance to interview the people --

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: Yes, we -- our Administrators interview on a consistent basis whenever have openings. I primarily now only interview at the higher professional levels, like right now, I'll be -- I'll soon start interviewing for a Deputy Director, so I will serve on that panel. But I don't normally serve on many panels anymore. But we have a Library Manager position open. I will serve on that one, because that's an administrative level position. But we have all of our other Administrators serve on the various position interview teams.

MR. PAUL BOLSTER: I hope --

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: It's usually at least, it has to be at least three people --

MR. PAUL BOLSTER: Okay.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: -- on the team.

MR. PAUL BOLSTER: Three people from the library?

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: Or from wherever they may come. Most of the times, library staff members, other Library Administrators. But we can choose someone from somewhere in the county. If I wanted a HR staff member to serve on the panel from the county level, they can come do that.

MR. PAUL BOLSTER: Well, I hope you're going to get some good Children's Librarians. You know my interest in that.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: We work real hard, that's the hardest one to fill. Yes, that's one of the hardest ones. We get them, and then they don't quite work out. What they're teaching, it appears, in these schools now, library, career level positions studies, seems to be more technology. So the old-fashioned Youth Services Librarian is very hard to come by. And so what we're beginning to think about is setting up some sort of training program for Children's Librarians, because it's just not being taught in schools anymore. They can't do a story time, some of them.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: So that brings me to a question about the Georgia schools are now going to have students learn how to do cursive writing.

MR. DAMIAN J. DENSON: I saw that.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: What are your thoughts on that? Because I think, I agree.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: My thoughts? I have direct experience with that. My little niece, when she was little, was having problems with cursive writing, and the problem was that she needed to have a Nerf ball to strengthen her muscles in her hands. So, I never even knew you needed that. Now, they're not even teaching cursive writing, so we don't even know about the children who may need that Nerf ball, that's just one example. But I think the children need cursive writing. I mean, personally --

MR. JOE PIONTEK: Of course, they do.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: I do too.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: -- that's just my own personal opinion --

MS. LINDA JORDAN: Me too.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: -- anybody's listening.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: Yes.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: Because, I mean, how are you going to sign, you know, documents --

MS. LINDA JORDAN: Right.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: -- and things like that, if you don't have it? Or maybe that's no longer needed. I don't know, everything's in DocuSign now, I guess. So maybe it doesn't matter. But it's just an interesting trend.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: I agree with it. It's coming back that means, state -- it's mandated in the state of Georgia now, right?

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: Yes.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: Going forward.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: That it comes back?

MS. LINDA JORDAN: Yes.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: Okay. I was wondering why they took it away, but they took it away.

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: In a personal note, you know, you don't want to print a personal note to someone.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: Right.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: Right.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: So I don't know. I don't know why they made that decision, but I'm glad they've switched it back. I didn't know they had.

MR. JOE PIONTEK: It'll be a secret language that we can write in, and then the children won't know what we're writing.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: That could happen. I hope not, though. Anyway, as we move forward to the monthly usage summary, we still are having issues with programming for teens and programming for children, particularly, it seems to have really gone, you know, held steady with the adult programming. But we're still working on what's happening with that. We know it's directly affected by not having the Youth Services Librarians that we really need and with the skill level that we really need them to have. So we're working to address that on a regular basis. In fact, I've talked to HR about that just recently this week. So that's another challenge or another opportunity for us to try and make a difference. Any questions on the monthly usage summary?

MR. PAUL BOLSTER: Do you think maybe these numbers are down because they'll come up in the summertime, because the kids are more likely to be using the library in the summertime?

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: I think they'll come up. Now, May is kind of an interesting month, and school's out, going out, getting out, graduations and all sorts of things. So sometimes those things do tend, we think, to affect it, but once they get into summer reading, it usually propels it upward. So I'm hoping that's what's going to happen, June, July and first day of August, and we'll see that increase when we do the numbers or check the numbers.

MR. JOE PIONTEK: Did you say Hoopla was \$2 a user?

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: Yes.

MR. JOE PIONTEK: We have 40,000 users?

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: Yes. Now, it adds up.

MR. JOE PIONTEK: Sure does.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: Anyway, now, we're at the look ahead. It's -- we're just continuing to hold steady with what we've been doing. Programming is up or will be up during this time period, usually. Because people are responding to our ads and our information, our promos regarding Summer Reading, they really are. Now that the One Book, One Read is out, we were really, really wanting to get that out early, so that it would be a good part of the Adult Summer Reading Program. So, we're doing a lot of things, and we've got a lot of information out. There's a lot of advertising going out. There's a lot of social media work going out. Claudia Strange and her PR and Marketing Team are doing a really good job of that. We also -- if you get a chance to look, you know, we're on FGTV. We do have our continual program called the Library Access. We have the Library Access News, got our news booklet so you see that. So we're doing as much as we can think to do to get the word out. When we have any kind of program, we've got

flyers -- we've got flyers out. We've got informational materials out so that people can know what we're doing and when we're doing it. The Auburn Avenue Research Library continues to function well. They've got a lot of programming going there. We've got book talks that are coming up. We're just really grateful for the opportunity for the staff to really spread their wings. Last month was an example that report of how they've been spreading their wings. So I'm glad you all were -- liked that presentation. It takes a lot to put it together, so I can't always get it done, because that's a lot of information, but it was really helpful, even for me. Any questions about any of that right now?

MR. PAUL BOLSTER: I might have missed this, a lot going on, the book talks, where -- and where's the listing on that? That's individual libraries -- and I guess my -- to serve my team up, is there a book talk coming on this Summer Read --

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: Yes. Do you have the -- it's October? I don't know the exact date right off, but this book is the book, the new One Book, One Read book, Good Dirt, by this young lady, and it's interesting. I was prepared not to like it, of what I had read. But then I do like it. I read, like I said, I read over 100 pages over the weekend, and I was just like, really, this is kind of cool. So it's -- you just have to think of what you -- what you think of it. But I think she's telling a story that's uniquely hers to tell, but it's fiction, of course, based on loosely, I think, based on some historical fiction. But it's a good book. Yes?

MS. LINDA JORDAN: So I have a question about collaborations in that I know the President of the APS Board now, Erika Mitchell. How do we collaborate with APS in regarding students and trying to make sure they get library cards and whatnot? Also too, and I want to bring this up to Damian, because our -- the Mayor is about the Year of the Youth, and how can we kind of talk to him about encouraging those because they try to hire all these students during the summertime? How do we encourage him to talk to the students about signing up for a library card, Summer Reading, and all that? Just thoughts about collaborations.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: Yes, well, we collaborate all the time with APS, because we have a program where students use their student ID card, The Atlanta Public School students use their student ID cards --

MS. LINDA JORDAN: Right.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: -- as their library card. So they don't have to, you know, get into --

MS. LINDA JORDAN: So I'm saying, enhancing --

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: -- having a separate card.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: Okay.

MR. JOE PIONTEK: But Fulton County won't do that with you.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: Fulton County won't do it because we won't get rid of Hoopla, or we won't take certain aspects of Hoopla out. You're not able to do it, it's just

not possible. Then, of course, you bring in all kinds of other issues when you start, you know, censorship issues and things like that.

MR. JOE PIONTEK: Yes, of course.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: So that's why they won't do it. But APS has gravitated, from the beginning, they gravitated right to it. The kids are able to check out and bring back materials, get more materials using their student ID. So that's one great partnership. Our Librarians and our Managers go into the schools all during the year for various programs, for book talks, and things like that, on a consistent basis, and we encourage that. So that's one way that we do it. Then during the summer, they're doing all that type of work as well, and inviting them to the programs that are happening at -- in the libraries as well as taking them to on site if they're having summer camps or having daycare centers and things like that, we go into those.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: Okay. No, I was -- yes, I was just bringing it up because they have so many students that want to get some internships. I'm like, wow, all of these students, you know, how they encourage them, like, hey, library read when you're not working, da, da, da, da, so that's --

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: I'm sorry, we --

MS. LINDA JORDAN: -- why I brought it up.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: -- we don't do internships as such --

MS. LINDA JORDAN: No, no, I'm saying, the Mayor's office --

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: Right, right.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: -- the Year of the Youth, they do the internship --

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: Right, right.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: -- so I'm saying, it's a way to encourage students, okay, you have some downtime, won't you read or go to an event, you know what I'm saying?

MR. JOE PIONTEK: It's easy for them.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: That's what --

MR. JOE PIONTEK: It's easy for them, because they just use their student card.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: Right.

MR. JOE PIONTEK: Yes, they don't have to run around and get a library card.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: Yes. So I was just curious --

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: Right.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: -- about how we can enhance what we're doing, that's all.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: Right, right. Well, we're always open to any suggestions of what we can do to make it better. As I said, APS really gravitated toward that whole idea from the beginning.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: Okay, great. Thank you.

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: We also have a guest who is on her way. I'm not sure we timed it well. But Michelle Willis from the Foundation was going to give us a status report. I'm hoping that she will walk in.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

CENTRAL LIBRARY - UPDATE

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: Okay. Central Library update, you ready to move to unfinished business?

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: Yes.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: Okay. Central Library is, as we mentioned earlier, has been plagued with problems with regard to HVAC concerns. But we are doing a lot of staying in touch with DREAM. Our Business Maintenance Manager is here at 6:30 usually every morning, to let us know what's going on. Dr. Cheryl Small, who's the Central Library Administrator, is on top of it, and we're working very closely with DREAM every day, just about, as of what's going on with these -- with the AC. I mean, it's just unbearable because this building, of course you know, is concrete. So anytime it gets too hot or too cold, it's just miserable trying to get it back the other way.

MR. JOE PIONTEK: Yes.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: Because it takes so much time. We open at 10:00 a.m. and you start trying to heat or cool it at 8:00, it may not make it. So that's the problems that we have.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: So can I ask a question, because the temperature is going to be going up, like it's already at 90, 95. Are we having issues with the HVAC now? Are you --

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: We are. We have been over the last couple weeks. But they are planning -- right now, it's gotten better, so it feels pretty good in here. But we've had, over the last two weeks or so, much up and down. We had to close for three or four days because of the situation. So now, DREAM is proposing to have a week where they actually close us down, and they just check everything they can possibly check, make recommendations and figure out which way to go. Because it happens in the summer, and then it happens again with the boiler and all that in the fall and the winter. So they're just going to make a concerted effort to review everything.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: So, on the recommendation, who will decide upon whether or not we would be able to close down? Is it the Board, us, or is it -- is it going to be the Commissioners?

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: No. It has to be -- we have to let -- I have to make a recommendation based on the information DREAM gives us, then I make the recommendation to Dr. Roshell, to whom I also report --

MS. LINDA JORDAN: Okay.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: -- and then she will take it to the County Manager, who will take it to the Commission.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: Okay.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: So those -- that's the biggest things we've been dealing -- that's been bothering us here at Central. Otherwise, we don't have quite as many other

situations. We've had some trash situations and things like that, but we're working on that. That's basically where we are.

MR. PAUL BOLSTER: Can you give us a little update on the federal efforts that are going on with respect to the budget and libraries? Because I know I -- I got a request on the, I think through the Foundation. I'm a member of the National Advocacy Team. I was supposed to be writing a letter, because by the 18th of July, this, the last time for the Senate to look at the budget for next year. So, I'm a little -- I usually keep up with that kind of stuff, but I'm a little vague on exactly where we are on the federal budget efforts for the libraries.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: Well, the federal level was not as bad right now, as we thought it was going to be. In fact, in fact, it's my understanding that some monies were returned or allowed to be put back out there from the Institute of Museum and Library Services, IMLS, so that Georgia Public Library Service will still get the allocations they normally get, and then we get our money through Georgia Public Library Service, GPLS. So we get a lot of money from them for various things. So I think we're going to be okay for 2026. We don't know what's going to happen as we move forward and through that year and into and 2027, because right now, it looks like we're not going to be adversely affected.

MR. PAUL BOLSTER: Yes, this is sort of three different layers of that. There's the cuts that came in and then everybody challenged them in court, and I think the -- those cuts were not allowed to go through as a result of the court challenge that the Legislature, Congress had authorized those funds. Then there's the budget reconciliation bill, and that's going through, and on the House side, it was a zero amount for the libraries in the country, and that's now over in the Senate. Then with all that going on, there's still budget hearings about what the next budget --

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: Right.

MR. PAUL BOLSTER: -- is supposed to look like. So, there's actually three different elements. It's hard to keep track of, you know, what they're actually doing on this.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: Right. It's been hard to keep track. We do, the county has a legislative group that goes out through External Affairs, and they keep track of all those things. So and then as we hear about things, we talk to them and let them know. So it is hard to keep up with. So that's why we tend to rely on Georgia Public Library Service to keep us informed, because they've got all these 159 counties worth of libraries to deal with. So right now, I think we're okay, as I said, for next year. But it's going to be interesting to see what happens thereafter.

MR. PAUL BOLSTER: Do they, do the -- is the State Library group then, do they do a report that we could see, so we can --

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: They have various reports. Of course, they have an online presence. So, Georgia Public Library Service, and we could go --

MR. PAUL BOLSTER: Go, okay.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: -- there.

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: Michelle is on her way.

RENTAL POLICY - DISCUSSION

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: Okay. So I'll move to the rental policy discussion, which I'm sorry to say it again, I have no discussion because we have not pulled it together yet. We got so -- we, Cheryl, Dr. Cheryl Small and I served on that, on that committee for almost five years. It's been five years now, and it's an overall county committee, people from all over. We got all the way down about a year ago to how much we think every room should be, how much should be asked for every room's rental that will be a part of this policy. For us, it would be the auditorium at Alpharetta, it would be the auditorium at Auburn, and it would be our two auditoriums here, fifth floor and lower level basement. But it has not made it to the Commissioners. So until it gets brought before the Commission, we can't get a hearing on it and get them to adopt it or not. So that's where we are right now. It's being worked on, and with DREAM, I think he's got some more things that he needs to add or review before he takes it and moves it further. The last piece of it would be going to the Commissioners, and then we can get an okay, or tell us to go back and work on it some more, or just whatever.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: Question, you said -- did you say the auditorium as well?

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: Yes, the two -- the three auditoriums we have in this Library System.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: Then also, too, with the space upstairs, what about the parking? Like, if somebody wanted to rent it, have you guys considered the parking piece as well?

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: Well, the parking --

MS. LINDA JORDAN: Like, where would they park?

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: -- piece is a whole other matter. But right now, it's for the Event Center and for those auditoriums, is what it would be. But we just don't have any real direction yet, until they tell us what they want us to do, what they want us to go back on and review before we finalize it. So we're hoping it'll get done. We were hoping it would have gotten done before this year was over. It might very well make it there, but I just don't know.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: Another question, so as they're considering, would the entity have to have their own insurance? Because I'm in an organization where we have to get insurance to be able to have an event, or if people want to serve alcohol or something, have an alcohol license. Is that part of the discussion?

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: That's part of the discussion, and even now, if you have things here, you have to have a pour license. So, all that would be a part of the details. So we've talked about it throughout and they want it to be a countywide endeavor. So that's what's taking so long.

MR. PAUL BOLSTER: You would -- you would think it'd be a different kind of policy for a place like the library in terms of what its mission is, as opposed to a, you know, art

center somewhere or another -- it seems to me that each institution would end up with a different kind of purpose, and therefore maybe the rates of rental rates would be different.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: Well, they won't necessarily be the same. They'll --

MR. PAUL BOLSTER: Want to be the same --

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: -- be all -- we all were able to work on what we thought should be ours, should be directed to library or whatever other department. So they're not necessarily the same, but they're not to be so unaligned that we're competitive. So that's the thing, we don't want to be competitive against ourselves.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: So to that point, are we distinguished between a nonprofit trying to have an event here, and a for-profit group that might want to have anything here?

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: Well, that was part of the --

MS. LINDA JORDAN: -- pricing points?

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: -- discussion.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: Okay.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: That was a part -- those things were part of the discussion. But what I'm saying is we don't want to compete against each other, the other departments that have spaces that would be a part of this.

MR. PAUL BOLSTER: I can see why it's taken you several years to do that.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: It's taking a long time. But anyway, we'll get there at some point, I do hope. Any other questions about anything at this point?

MR. DAMIAN J. DENSON: I think the last time, because we've been talking about of years, confirmed that the revenue that would be generated would still go back to the county --

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: I knew somebody was going to say that.

MR. DAMIAN J. DENSON: So it's going to --

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: It will go into the general fund.

MR. DAMIAN J. DENSON: -- move a little --

MR. JOE PIONTEK: The general fund of the county?

MR. DAMIAN J. DENSON: Yes.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: It will go into the general fund. Any monies we collect for anything like that would go into the general fund.

MR. DAMIAN J. DENSON: Yes.

MR. JOE PIONTEK: Oh, my.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: We've tried many years and many, many years to ask to use certain funds, and they will not allow it. It goes into the general fund of the county.

MR. PAUL BOLSTER: So it seems to me that takes all the incentive away --

MR. JOE PIONTEK: Yes.

MR. PAUL BOLSTER: -- trying to get something like --

MS. LINDA JORDAN: Right, exactly.

MR. PAUL BOLSTER: -- organizing a program in your space. Why do it if you're not going to --

MR. JOE PIONTEK: Yes, all right.

MR. PAUL BOLSTER: -- contribute to your program?

MR. JOE PIONTEK: Well, they own (indiscernible) and the property, so.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: Yes, I can't answer it. I mean, it is --

MR. PAUL BOLSTER: Do the libraries charge the Board of Elections for the use of their space during an election?

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: Not that I've known.

MR. JOE PIONTEK: No.

MR. PAUL BOLSTER: No?

MR. JOE PIONTEK: No, they don't.

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: No, in fact, they give free labor.

MR. JOE PIONTEK: Yes, true. That's true.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: Volunteer service.

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: I mean, it makes sense if you think. They're county employees, and --

MR. DAMIAN J. DENSON: Yes.

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: -- they need employees to administer the voting, and it's hard to get temporary employees trained in a matter of weeks and scheduled, and you know, put in the right location, getting all the locations covered. That's -- that's got to be a big job, organizing the voting. There's always an election coming up.

MR. JOE PIONTEK: Always another election.

MR. PAUL BOLSTER: Now we have an election on the 15th for a statewide for one to two -- for one place is a Democratic primary in the Public Service Commission race.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: Well, we don't know it's going to happen, because it's been contested. It's a lawsuit going on, so it might happen, it might not.

MR. PAUL BOLSTER: The runoff?

MS. LINDA JORDAN: Yes, read it. It's something came up. Somebody questioned it. So they're saying it's a possibility that it might happen, it might not. I'm just saying. I follow stuff too. Yes, I'm just saying. But to your point, it's supposed to be. But it might, might not. Somebody sued --

MR. JOE PIONTEK: Declared victory and marched off the battlefield.

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: I have a question. Was the Children's Book Festival pushed to the fall?

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: No. We have decided not to have Children's Book Festival at this time.

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: There are few things going on.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: Yes, there are few things going on. Then there were -- we just need to restructure it, and then bring it back. So, Erin and I talked about, Erin

Dreiling -- Erin Dreiling and I, she's the Executive Director of the Foundation. We've talked about it, but we're not sure in what iteration it needs to reemerge. So we'll keep you posted.

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: When did you get back?

MR. JOE PIONTEK: Two weeks ago?

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: How was it?

MR. JOE PIONTEK: Fantastic.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: Where'd you go?

MR. JOE PIONTEK: Thailand for six weeks.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: Six?

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: Six weeks?

MR. JOE PIONTEK: Yes, it's crazy.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: My goodness. I want to be like you when I grow up.

MR. JOE PIONTEK: My brother and I were tied to each other's hips the whole time. It was just great. He came down from China, and I came over, and we just, we hung together the whole time.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: Six weeks.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: That's nice.

MR. JOE PIONTEK: I'll tell you, the best thing was jet skiing around the islands, because the islands look like, you know that movie Avatar where they -- okay, that's what it looks like.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: Oh, my goodness.

MR. JOE PIONTEK: You jet ski around those things. So, really cool. Although four hours on a jet ski is not for a 60-year-old.

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: Mr. Joyner has a comment or a question.

MR. D. CHIP JOYNER: Yes. With regards to the rental space, it's not possible for a company or entity to -- to sublease or have a lease for Central Library and just be responsible for the rentals and take it off the -- take it off the county's hands as far as management of the rental space just for central? Is that at all possible?

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: Well, I guess, sir, I suppose some, almost everything is possible. I don't think they'd be favorable to that, though, because the whole idea is that we're a library system, and try to operate cohesively in that way. But it might be a point of order, you know, to think about and --

MR. D. CHIP JOYNER: Okay. Maybe a tenant can guarantee a certain amount to the county, and then just take off some of the responsibilities from the county, but still gets some guaranteed revenue.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: But then they would have to go to Risk Management to look at insurance. Like, I know in, you know, projects you might have -- need bonding insurance. They're going to need some kind of guarantee -- they're going to need some kind of insurance in case something goes down, they claim they can get this revenue. This just

-- because I'm in finance, I'm just saying that is what the Risk Management department is going to have to look at; am I right?

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: Yes. They would have --

MR. D. CHIP JOYNER: Yes, that's -- it's, I mean like with anything else in -- in public space, like in the airport, you have -- you have bonding and insurance requirements. But maybe it's something where a separate entity or private enterprise can really grow the space and make it -- make it more accessible, more hours to more people.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: That would have to come before the Board of Commissioners, correct?

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: Oh, yes.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: So it's something that, Chip, you might want to bring up to your Commissioner and see if it's a thought that could be brought up to the Board.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: Yes, that's an interesting proposition. I mean, they don't like to not do things that don't generate things that go into -- the money that would go into the general fund. I mean, we've tried throughout the years, and I've been here over 30 years, so I don't know. I mean, they may be willing to change it, but it's a hard road to go through that. But it might be -- but now you do know that the county self-insures, so I'm not so sure how that fits in that.

MR. D. CHIP JOYNER: Okay. Because maybe even a private enterprise might give 10 percent of sales to the Foundation.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: That's a good --

MS. LINDA JORDAN: Good point.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: It's a thought. Yes, it could definitely be considered and as anything could and see what they think.

MR. JOE PIONTEK: Nina?

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: Oh, I'm sorry.

MR. JOE PIONTEK: It's okay.

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: I'm texting with our next speaker. She says traffic is awful.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: Yes, it probably is this time of day.

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: But she hasn't given up yet.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: Do you want her to call in?

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: I'm sorry?

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: Do you want her to call in on Zoom?

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: She's in the car.

MR. JOE PIONTEK: The connector was crazy.

MR. PAUL BOLSTER: The date for the speaker of the -- and the book, the author and the book.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: Oh, the One Book, One Read?

MR. PAUL BOLSTER: Yes.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: It's October what?

MRS. AUDREY CLARY: 25th.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: October 25th. It was in August, so that's why I have --

MR. PAUL BOLSTER: Okay.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: -- brain warp. October 25th. I think it's at 11:00 in the morning. We have to check the time. But we'll send -- we'll send out the information to you.

MR. PAUL BOLSTER: Okay.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: So that you'll know. The important thing is to read the book.

MR. JOE PIONTEK: Read the book.

MR. PAUL BOLSTER: I'll do that.

MR. JOE PIONTEK: You have a deadline.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: Read the book, and we have great discussions when we have these One Book, One Reads. This would --

MR. PAUL BOLSTER: My wife is --

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: -- be the fifth one?

MR. PAUL BOLSTER: My wife is in three different book clubs, and so --

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: Oh, wow.

MR. PAUL BOLSTER: I try to keep up with her and --

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: I don't know how she manages that.

MR. PAUL BOLSTER: -- she reads, and I read some of my own. Anyway --

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: I don't know how she manages.

MR. PAUL BOLSTER: Reading a lot of books. Unfortunately, they all stack up in the bedroom, and there's no space.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: Oh, I know. I have so many books, it's incredible.

MR. PAUL BOLSTER: Yes.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: It's just amazing. But I love them. That's my happy place.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: Thanks for the shirts.

MRS. AUDREY CLARY: She can call in. What's the code to --

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: You're right. I just told her that.

MR. PAUL BOLSTER: What have y'all been reading lately? That's a good question.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: That's a great question.

MS. BEVERLY RICE: Is it one of those books?

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: Oh, yes, I was about to give you -- me Damian will give it to them. Thank you.

MR. DAMIAN J. DENSON: Thank you, appreciate that.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: You're welcome, Mr. Denson.

(Indiscernible, simultaneous speakers.)

MR. JOE PIONTEK: It's great.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: Mr. Kaplan and Mr. Joyner, we've got to get your books to you.

MR. PAUL KAPLAN: All right.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: I like the cover, it's pretty.

MS. BEVERLY RICE: I think it's supposed to storm.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: Oh, it is really cute.

MS. BEVERLY RICE: It's supposed to be a really bad rain today.

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: All right. She says, I can call in Zoom. That will be great. I'm about five minutes out, I to –

(indiscernible, simultaneous speakers).

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: Can she not park in the garage?

TRUSTEES: (Simultaneous speakers.)

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: How about we adjourn, Joe. Joe?

MR. JOE PIONTEK: Yes, ma'am.

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: I'm thinking we should adjourn --

MR. JOE PIONTEK: Okay. Do it next month?

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: -- wait a few minutes, or wait until next month. Yes, let's talk about that.

MR. JOE PIONTEK: Okay.

MEETING TEMPORARY ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: But do I hear a motion to adjourn?

MS. LINDA JORDAN: So moved.

MS. BEVERLY RICE: Second.

MR. JOE PIONTEK: We'll do it next month.

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: All in favor?

MS. LINDA JORDAN: All in favor, aye, aye.

MR. JOE PIONTEK: I've been stuck on the connector before.

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: All right. Motion passes.

(Whereupon, the Board of Trustees meeting adjourned 4:53 p.m. to 5:01 p.m.)

MEETING BACK IN SESSION

MOTION

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: Okay. Let's go back on the record.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: So I move that we go back into session, to the meeting.

MR. JOE PIONTEK: Second.

MS. BEVERLY RICE: Second.

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: All in favor?

TRUSTEES: Aye.

LIBRARY FOUNDATION UPDATE - MICHELLE WILLIS

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: All right, we're back in action now. All right, Michelle, I'm sorry that you've had to do this. It's so unpredictable.

MS. MICHELLE WILLIS: No, no, no. It's my pleasure. I don't mind at all. I just didn't know I was on kid duty today, and I got the notice about two and a half, three hours ago, so it just through a little bit of monkey wrench in my day. But it's totally fine.

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: Well, tell us all the good news.

MS. MICHELLE WILLIS: Yes, so we have actually some really cool updates. The first thing is the partnership agreement, we have a draft policy. I am actually -- yes, I'm very excited about that, and I hope you guys are as well. Fun fact, I'm actually pulling in front of the library right now. But anyway, but we are -- we've gone through the committee and our legal aficionados have been very diligent in drafting something that meets what we believe Commissioner Arrington and the BOC would like to see. So I am actually going to be, as soon as we, the Board has, you know, said that they're fine with me to kind of move forward, then I'll be able to meet with Commissioner Arrington and present him with some of talking points from this policy and why we decided to, you know, to move forward this way, as opposed to, you know, you know, creating a huge, full-scale legal document, and all those things. So the goal, I believe, my commitment to the Board of Trustees when I first came a few months ago towards beginning of the year, was that by the end of the year, this will not be something we're talking about anymore. By the end of the year, we will have a partnership agreement in place, and we can move past this. So we are very much on track to do that. We might be a little ahead of schedule, but I don't want to misspeak. But yes, we are definitely working and not just talking right through this. So, I'll pause there and see if there's any questions. Okay, great. The next thing is the advocacy update. You know, it's obviously pretty quiet, I mean, this summer. So there's not a lot of activity, obviously going on legislatively. But our Advocacy Committee is hard at work putting together a couple of things that will help establish, kind of what we need to do as a board, how we -- how they need to move as an Advocacy Committee, so that we can do our best to advocate for the Library System without crossing any lines and making sure that we stay in our lane. I believe Erin talked to you guys a little bit about the Action Network last, last month, when she was there and gave her updates. So, you know, I think one of the things we'd love to see happen is, you know, some collaboration between the Board of Trustees and the Library Foundation and the Action Network. So if you have any interest in that, please do let me know.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: I have a question, Michelle.

MS. MICHELLE WILLIS: Next -- yes.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: So during the Session, this year was over there a couple times to different events, and then I ran into a group, they were doing something for the library. So is it a way for us to know when the Library Advocacy Group is going to be over there with the State Legislature to, if we over there, to show up, you know, as a Board Member?

Do you have certain dates that you guys go over there, or do they go over there? I'm not sure.

MS. MICHELLE WILLIS: You know, we don't like, technically go over there. I know that -- I know that there's been some, you know, I know unofficially, you know, we've gone over to the capitol and done some things, but not, obviously, in any kind of official capacity, and that's actually what the Advocacy Committee, or one of the things they're kind of putting together, in terms of what that looks like, again, to make sure that we don't cross any lines and we stay in our lanes, but we certainly do advocate, you know, with some, I guess, legislative intent, so to speak. But when we do, I mean, I'm sure absolutely, we could get that information over --

MS. LINDA JORDAN: Well, maybe I should ask Gayle, Madam Exec Director, this question, like, because they do Library Day at the capitol, do we --

MS. MICHELLE WILLIS: Yes.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: We do not normally. What happens is we get represented by our External Affairs partners, Jessica Corbitt and her team, and they go over usually. Every now and then, we get invited to go. This time we did have a couple of people that this last time. But normally, that's how it's handled.

MS. MICHELLE WILLIS: When and if we do, I can certainly let, you know, let Erin know. Of course, to let Aisha know, because she is the Chair of the Advocacy Committee, so she would be the point -- she'd be running point on that. So I can definitely, you know, pass that along and -- and whatever that does look like, I can make sure that there's some collaboration there for sure if that works. Does that -- does that work?

MS. BEVERLY RICE: Actually, what happened this past Session, I think we got the message sort of late, but Erin did send us an email concerning that, and it was the day that they were actually getting ready to vote on the policies for the library. They ended up, from my understanding, I think, suspending that vote. So -- but there were, you know, people there, more so from other smaller --

MS. LINDA JORDAN: Right.

MS. BEVERLY RICE: -- counties too, yes, so --

MS. LINDA JORDAN: I was over there that day for another event, and that's when I happened to --

MS. BEVERLY RICE: Right, yes, they were --

MS. LINDA JORDAN: -- library, I'm like --

MS. BEVERLY RICE: It was quite a few from other counties.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: Right.

MS. BEVERLY RICE: But we got the message very late.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: Okay. That's good to know. Just being that some of us know the Legislators, I mean, if there's anything we can do, just to say, hey, we are with Fulton County Library.

MS. BEVERLY RICE: There was a letter also that they asked us to write are state reps and so, yes, we are in communication.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: Thank you.

MS. MICHELLE WILLIS: Yes, and I think -- if I'm misspeaking, I'll retract the statement. But I do think that we got the message late that we were going to -- that we could go, if I'm remembering, my memory serves me correctly I think we didn't have a lot of notice on it.

MS. BEVERLY RICE: Right.

MS. MICHELLE WILLIS: That's likely why you didn't have a lot of notice on it. But again, I can double check that out. But I seem to recall there being -- there not being a lot of time to really have much prep for it.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: Thank you.

MS. MICHELLE WILLIS: Yes, absolutely. Then the next agenda item is the update on the collaborative meeting. I know that we are in discussion and trying to figure out exactly a time and date for two engagements before the end of the year, one to have a joint meeting, which I believe we're trying to have take place in the fall, and then maybe some type of social activity closer to the holidays or around the holidays. So we did hear you on that we're working on that, and we definitely want to make, you know, make that happen before the end of the year, if not both, at least one. But we'd like to do something more formally, obviously, as more as Board, and then too, something more socially, so we can, you know, have a good time together, right? We all want that, right? Yes, I know you guys are nodding your heads.

MR. JOE PIONTEK: Absolutely.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: Right, right, right.

MS. MICHELLE WILLIS: Then my final thing is, just for further, you know, engagement on both sides, you know, we do have a new website up. We'd love you guys to visit the website. I don't have it handy, the actual, the URL in front of me. But we -- I can make sure that you get it, but it's great. It's user friendly, easy for people to donate and to learn more about, you know, what we do with regards to advocacy and supporting the Library System, and then, you know, follow us on social, Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn, for a lot of the work that's being done. I imagine that as we do more advocacy work, and then really dive in this next fiscal year, you know, a lot of that information will be shared to keep people engaged and updated on what the Foundation is doing in the social -- social networking world. That's it from my side. I'll pause here. Do you guys have any questions or -- and yes, I can navigate my way to the garage. I'm actually sitting on Williams Street right now, but yes. But yes, any questions or anything?

MR. PAUL BOLSTER: Do you think that sometime in the fall we would have sort of a legislative agenda for libraries that the State Library Association or you as the nonprofit might -- might get together sometime before the Legislature meets?

MS. MICHELLE WILLIS: That's a great -- you know what, let me -- that's a great -- I'm going to try to guess and see who said that. Was that Paul?

MR. JOE PIONTEK: It was.

MR. PAUL BOLSTER: Yes.

MS. MICHELLE WILLIS: I'm so good at this, I'm not even trying. Okay, I'm -- let me make a note that's a great, great, great, great call out. Let me put this back to Erin and see what we can do. Then maybe we could talk about this at our next meeting. Certain -- definitely the Advocacy Committee to maybe have some discussion around that, because it's June. We're doing right now, right?

MR. JOE PIONTEK: Yes.

MS. MICHELLE WILLIS: Yes, okay, yes. So let me -- I'm going to take that back, and I should have some answer for you at our next -- at your next board --

MS. LINDA JORDAN: But the question --

MS. MICHELLE WILLIS: Is that good?

MS. LINDA JORDAN: But the question comes down to, when they go into Session, like, who's going to be put -- what's the name of the committee that the House members are on and the Senate members are on that deal with libraries? Then when are they appointed? Are they put on the committee, like, now or we know going forward? See those the questions we have to ask because, you know, they all going to show up. But the question is, who are on the committees that we're -- we're trying to advocate to. So we need to know that. That make sense.

MR. PAUL BOLSTER: Well, just it's very helpful --

MS. MICHELLE WILLIS: Yes, I'm writing it all down, yes. Yes.

MR. PAUL BOLSTER: It's very helpful to be able to meet with your Legislator that you vote for and tell them what your issues are sometime before the Session starts. They have a lot more time, and they're a lot more interested in maybe talking to you at that time than they are once everything gets started.

MR. JOE PIONTEK: Yes.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: No, I agree with that. But my thing is like, if I'm on an Appropriations Committee, you know what I'm saying? I'm like, and you talking to me about the library, now I might want, you know, I'm just saying we need to know who's on the Library Committees. What is the name of the Library Committees anyway? Like, who's on the committee? See my point? So we can talk to our Legislators, I agree with that, say, hey, we serve on the Fulton County Library Board, and we want to talk to you about this, but can you direct me to who I need to talk to about issues that deal with the library? Because I think that -- I mean, I've been in those spaces before. I need to know who to really talk to to move my needle forward. I'm in another space --

MR. JOE PIONTEK: Target --

MS. LINDA JORDAN: Yes, the targeted approach.

MR. PAUL BOLSTER: That's something we probably would rely on the State Association to know, they -- they know the people that they've had to deal with over the years. If we're new at this, they would be able to tell us --

MS. LINDA JORDAN: They should, I agree with that part, yes.

MR. PAUL BOLSTER: There are certain subcommittees on appropriations that maybe library things fall under.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: That makes sense.

MS. BEVERLY RICE: Education.

MS. MICHELLE WILLIS: Yes, and Erin actually might have that information. She's pretty on top of it, so she may know exactly who those people are. If she does, I'll make sure I get those that information. If she doesn't, she'll find out for sure.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: Right, but keep in mind too, though, that they change you know what I'm saying? Like, it might be some new folks on committee, so we need to know that part --

MS. MICHELLE WILLIS: Very true.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: -- because, you know --

MS. MICHELLE WILLIS: Very true, yes, very true. Yes, I'll definitely check in on that, and then check in to see how we can kind of get engaged before Session, and then how -- and then how we can get engaged, you know, collaboratively, before Session. Then if there's a way to meet -- if there's a way to meet with the leaders of the committee and all that stuff for -- before session. So I've got all that noted. Anything else?

MR. PAUL BOLSTER: Glad you're doing this.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: Yes.

MR. JOE PIONTEK: Thank you.

MS. MICHELLE WILLIS: No problem, yes, no problem at all. I'm so sorry, you know --

MR. JOE PIONTEK: No worries.

MS. MICHELLE WILLIS: -- I didn't get a chance to see all you guys. But I actually put my -- I'm headed back -- back home.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: Hope it won't take you as long to get home as it took for you to get over here.

MS. MICHELLE WILLIS: I know. You know what's funny is it's only 18 minutes to get home, which makes me happy and a little upset at the same time, but it's fine. But yes, I'm glad that I at least had a chance to engage. Thanks so much to Zenobia for calling and giving me this option, because I do want to make sure that -- that we, you know, keep our commitment, keeping you guys engaged, and us working collaboratively and being, you know, to partner, and as we kind of move both of our initiatives forward, with hopefully the same outcome.

MR. JOE PIONTEK: Awesome.

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: Okay. I think that does it.

MR. JOE PIONTEK: Okay. Thank you.

MR. DAMIAN J. DENSON: Thank you.

MS. MICHELLE WILLIS: All good? Okay, awesome. No problem. I'm available anytime. If you guys need me, feel free to email me, give me a ring. Whatever we can do to help, or whatever I can do to help, I'll do it.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: Thank you.

MR. JOE PIONTEK: Fantastic.

MS. MICHELLE WILLIS: You guys have a great rest of the day, okay?

TRUSTEES: You too, thank you.

MS. MICHELLE WILLIS: Talk soon, okay, bye, bye.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: Do I hear a motion for adjournment?

MR. JOE PIONTEK: Motion to adjourn the meeting.

MS. BEVERLY RICE: Second.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: Second.

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: Any discussion? All in favor?

TRUSTEES: Aye.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: Good meeting.

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: Thank you very much.

(Whereupon, the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees concluded at 5:14 p.m.)

Director's Report

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June 2025

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2025

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Saturday, August 10
9:00 AM-3:00 PM
800 Cherokee Ave SE, Atlanta, GA 30315

Stop by the Fulton County Library table to register for a library card and pick up a good book. Free admission to Zoo Atlanta will be available on a walk-up, first-come, first-served basis. Free parking will be provided at the Cherokee Avenue parking lot and the Grant Park Gateway facility on Boulevard.

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Tuesday, June 17
11:30 AM - 12:30 PM
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Wednesday, July 16
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM
47 Cleveland Ave SW,
Atlanta, GA 30315

VISIT THE BOOKMOBILE AT EAST ROSWELL LIBRARY

Tuesday, June 24
2:00 PM - 3:00 PM
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Roswell, GA 30076

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Wednesday, July 9
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM
2489 Perry Blvd NW
Atlanta, GA 30318

FULTON COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT - TOTAL LIBRARY

AS OF JUNE 30, 2025

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SERVICE	2025 BUDGET	2025 JUNE	2025 YTD	2025 YTD	2025 YTD	2025 YTD	BUDGET
TYPE	ALLOCATION	EXPENDITURES	EXPENDITURE	ENCUMBRANCES	COMMITTED	% COMMITTED	BALANCE
REG SALARY	15,877,775	1,165,808	8,259,315	-	8,259,315	52%	7,618,460
SALARIES-OVERTIME	12,000	533	533	-	533	4%	11,467
PART TIME SALARY	669,539	33,243	248,833	-	248,833	37%	420,706
BENEFITS	8,131,289	587,533	3,800,460	-	3,800,460	47%	4,330,829
BOOKS	3,217,607	336,723	1,458,001	1,410,688	2,868,689	89%	348,918
OFFICE EQUIP. REPAIR	66,057	6,008	32,373	37,822	70,195	106%	(4,138)
EQUIPMENT	145,061	1,153	94,286	3,474	97,760	67%	47,301
OFFICE FURNITURE	5,538	689	2,635	-	2,635	48%	2,903
PROFESSIONAL SERV	26,800	3,888	7,788	5,030	12,818	48%	13,982
COPIER MACHINE	175,000	22,545	110,689	-	110,689	63%	64,311
SUPPLIES	180,397	12,211	92,658	2,949	95,607	53%	84,790
COMPUTER HARDWARE	600,740	-	419,443	-	419,443	70%	181,297
RENT	293,224	12,040	142,718	143,779	286,497	98%	6,727
OTHER SERVICES	531,986	54,737	230,226	6,760	236,986	45%	295,000
TRAVEL/CONFERENCE	11,500	1,349	1,999	-	1,999	17%	9,501
HOPITALITY	44,643	1,141	8,915	-	8,915	20%	35,727
VEHICLE MAINTENANCE	30,511	6	3,816	-	3,816	13%	26,695
GENERAL INSURANCE	622,596	51,883	311,298	-	311,298	50%	311,298
ARTS-CFS	750	-	-	-	-	0%	750
CONTINGENCY	278,630	-	-	-	-	0%	278,630
TOTAL	30,921,643	2,291,489	15,225,987	1,610,502	16,836,489	54%	14,085,154

FULTON COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM
MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT - BY ORG TYPE

AS OF JUNE 30, 2025

ORGANIZATION	SERVICE	2025 BUDGET	2025 JUNE	2025 YTD	2025 YTD	2025 YTD	2025 YTD	BUDGET
TYPE	DESCRIPTION	ALLOCATION	EXPENDITURES	EXPENDITURE	ENCUMBRANCES	COMMITTED	% COMMITTED	BALANCE
PUBLIC SERVICE	REG SALARY	12,066,585.00	856,583.11	6,052,072.89	-	6,052,072.89	50%	6,014,512.11
	SALARIES-OVERTIME	5,000.00	-	-	-	-	0%	5,000.00
	PART TIME SALARY	669,539.00	33,243.16	248,833.48	-	248,833.48	37%	420,705.52
	BENEFITS	6,193,664.00	441,653.97	2,844,784.74	-	2,844,784.74	46%	3,348,879.26
	BOOKS	2,276,218.27	260,202.58	516,692.24	1,410,687.86	1,927,380.10	85%	348,838.17
	OFFICE EQUIP. REPAIR	66,057.00	6,008.25	32,373.06	37,822.09	70,195.15	106%	(4,138.15)
	EQUIPMENT	105,795.01	587.90	88,404.20	3,474.00	91,878.20	87%	13,916.81
	OFFICE FURNITURE	3,106.47	688.66	1,984.13	-	1,984.13	64%	1,122.34
	PROFESSIONAL SERV	20,000.00	3,888.12	7,788.12	4,765.02	12,553.14	63%	7,446.86
	COPIER MACHINE	175,000.00	22,544.57	110,688.83	-	110,688.83	63%	64,311.17
	SUPPLIES	68,411.75	7,961.20	26,379.18	-	26,379.18	39%	42,032.57
	RENT	293,224.00	12,040.00	142,717.77	143,779.37	286,497.14	98%	6,726.86
	OTHER SERVICES	218,401.12	16,829.84	105,566.19	192.50	105,758.69	48%	112,642.43
	HOSPITALITY EXPENSE	25,251.59	188.27	2,119.44	-	2,119.44	8%	23,132.15
	VEHICLE MAINTENANCE	2,000.00	-	-	-	-	0%	2,000.00
	GENERAL INSURANCE	404,826.00	33,735.50	202,413.00	-	202,413.00	50%	202,413.00
	ARTS-CFS	750.00	-	-	-	-	0%	750.00
Total		22,593,829.21	1,696,155.13	10,382,817.27	1,600,720.84	11,983,538.11	53%	10,610,291.10

FULTON COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM
MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT - BY ORG TYPE

AS OF JUNE 30, 2025

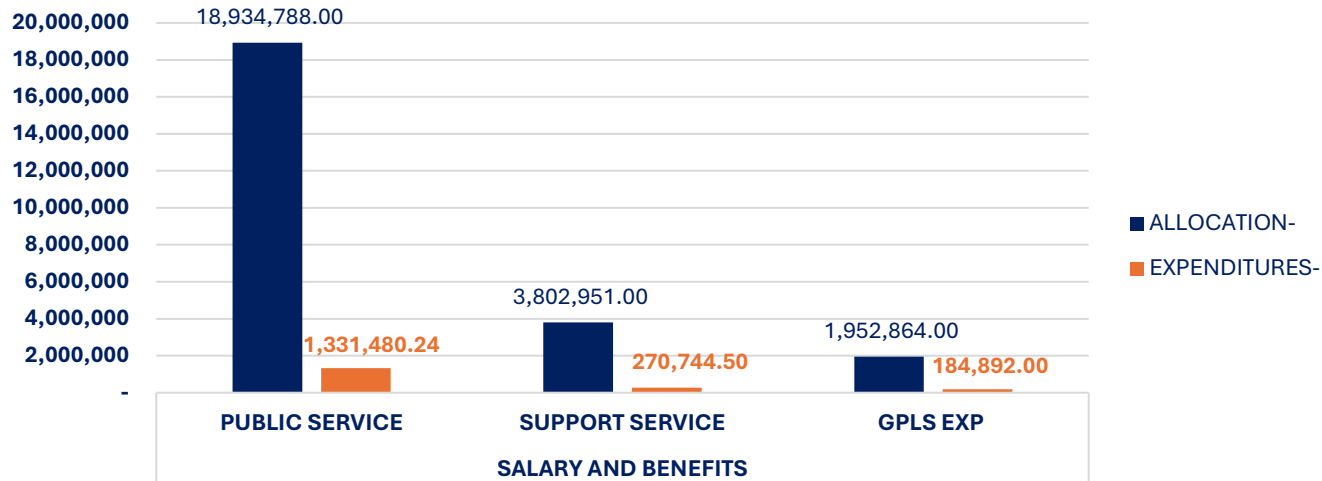
ORGANIZATION	SERVICE	2025 BUDGET	2025 JUNE	2025 YTD	2025 YTD	2025 YTD	2025 YTD	BUDGET
TYPE	DESCRIPTION	ALLOCATION	EXPENDITURES	EXPENDITURE	ENCUMBRANCES	COMMITTED	% COMMITTED	BALANCE
SUPPORT SERVICE	REG SALARY	2,503,605.00	180,243.57	1,305,150.86	-	1,305,150.86	52%	1,198,454.14
	SALARIES-OVERTIME	7,000.00	532.62	532.62	-	532.62	8%	6,467.38
	BENEFITS	1,292,346.00	89,968.31	597,472.57	-	597,472.57	46%	694,873.43
	EQUIPMENT	39,265.85	565.16	5,882.04	-	5,882.04	15%	33,383.81
	OFFICE FURNITURE	2,431.96	-	651.24	-	651.24	27%	1,780.72
	PROFESSIONAL SERV	6,800.00	-	-	264.72	264.72	4%	6,535.28
	SUPPLIES	111,984.99	4,249.39	66,278.59	2,948.93	69,227.52	62%	42,757.47
	COMPUTER HARDWARE	600,740.00	-	419,443.02	-	419,443.02	70%	181,296.98
	OTHER SERVICES	313,585.07	37,907.28	124,659.84	6,567.33	131,227.17	42%	182,357.90
	TRAVEL/CONFERENCE	11,500.00	1,349.00	1,999.00	-	1,999.00	17%	9,501.00
	HOPITALITY	19,390.92	952.83	6,795.65	-	6,795.65	35%	12,595.27
	VEHICLE MAINTENANCE	28,511.00	5.75	3,815.65	-	3,815.65	13%	24,695.35
	GENERAL INSURANCE	217,770.00	18,147.50	108,885.00	-	108,885.00	50%	108,885.00
	CONTINGENCY	278,630.00	-	-	-	-	0%	278,630.00
Total		5,433,560.79	333,921.41	2,641,566.08	9,780.98	2,651,347.06	49%	2,782,213.73

FULTON COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM
MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT - BY ORG TYPE

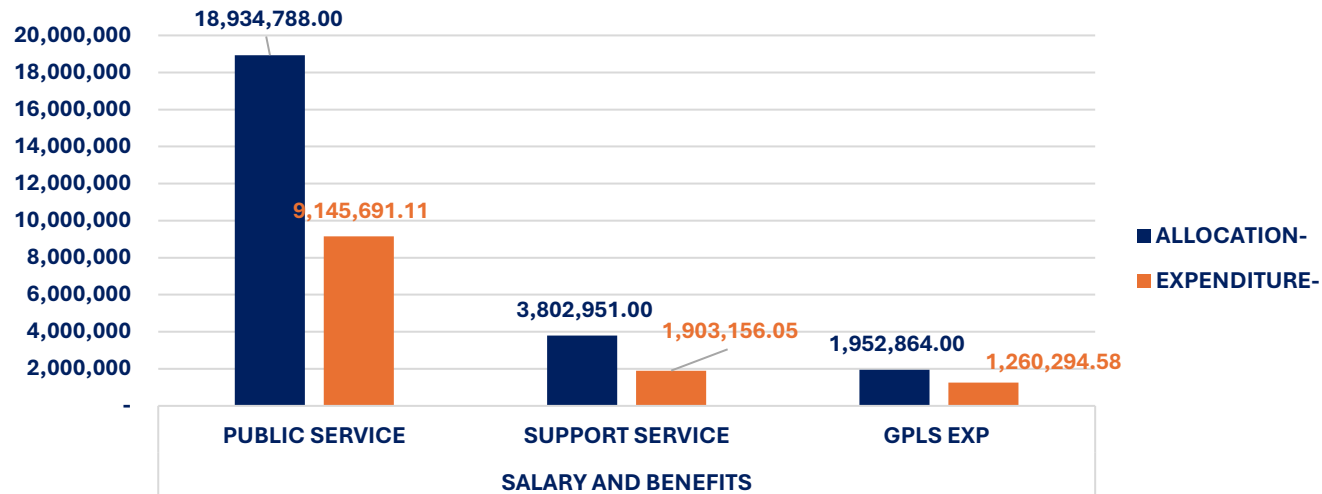
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TYPE	DESCRIPTION	ALLOCATION	EXPENDITURES	EXPENDITURE	ENCUMBRANCES	COMMITTED	% COMMITTED	BALANCE
GPLS EXPENDITURES	REG SALARY	1,307,585.00	128,981.40	902,091.57	-	902,091.57	69%	405,493.43
	BENEFITS	645,279.00	55,910.60	358,203.01	-	358,203.01	56%	287,075.99
	BOOKS	941,389.00	76,520.70	941,309.04	-	941,309.04	100%	79.96
Total		2,894,253.00	261,412.70	2,201,603.62	-	2,201,603.62	76%	692,649.38

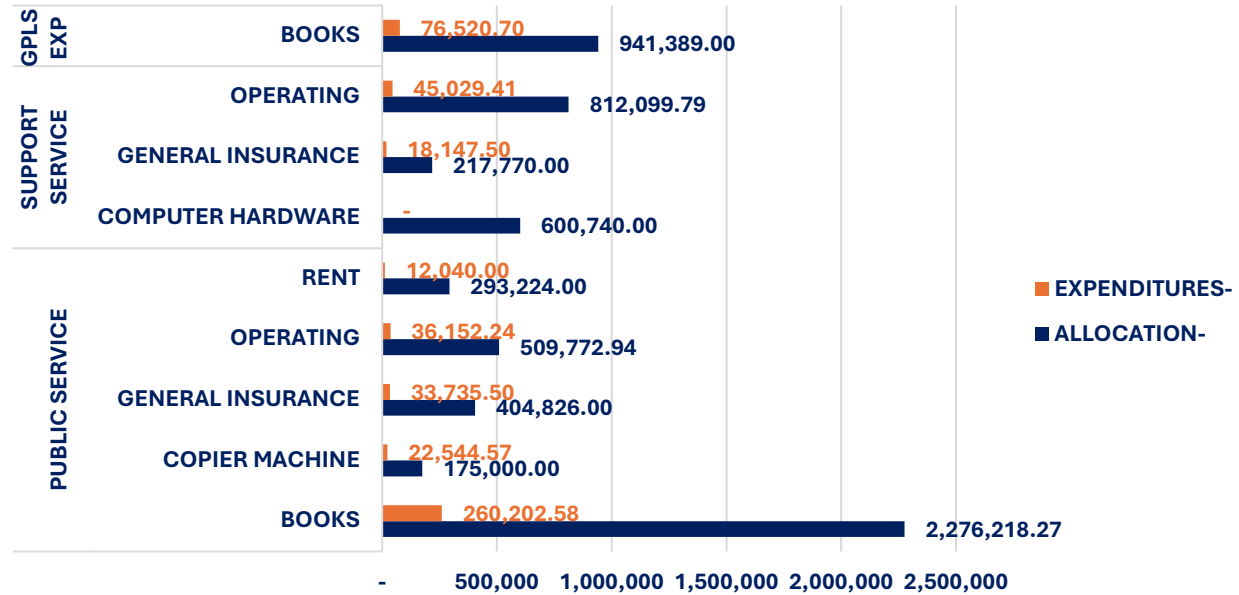
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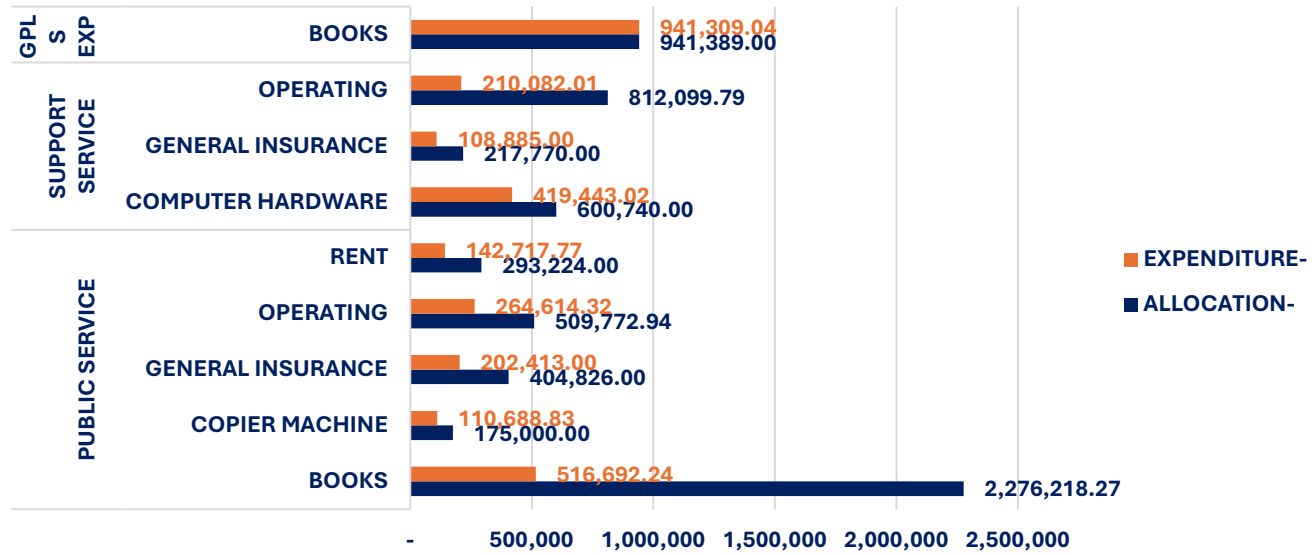
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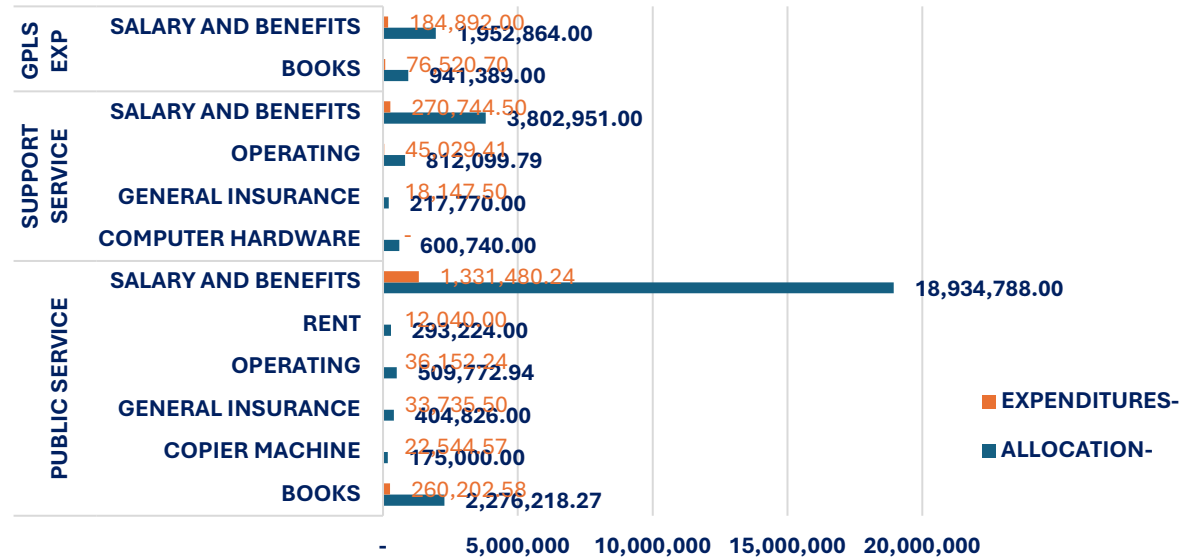
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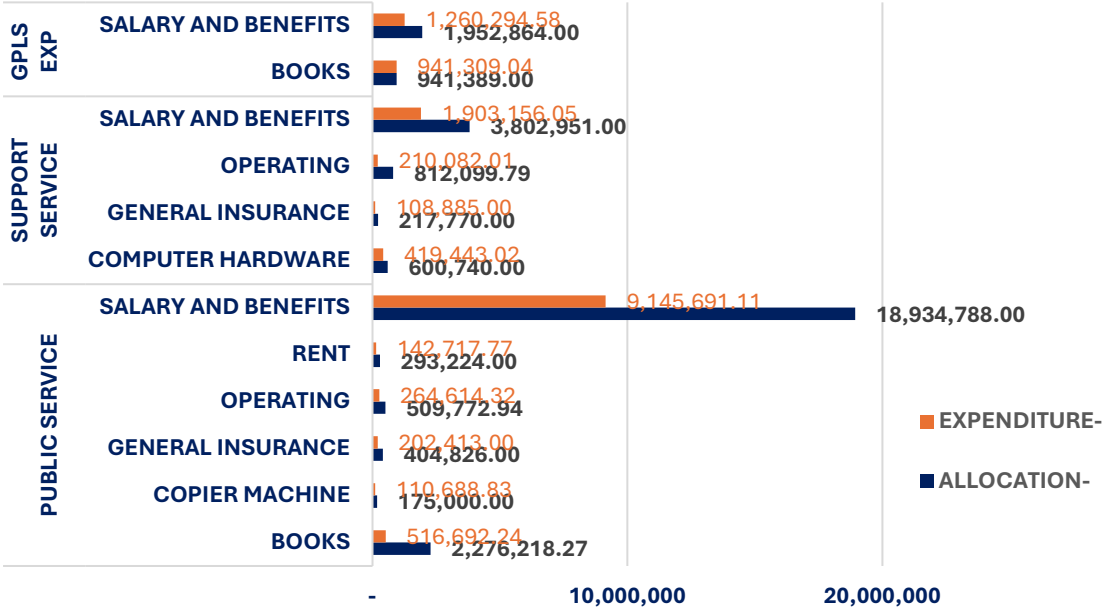
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JUNE TOTAL EXPENSES BY PROGRAM



GRAND TOTAL EXPENSES BY PROGRAM



Monthly Usage Summary - June 2025

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Activity and Description	2025	YTD	2024	YTD	YTD % +/-
Circulation					
Total number of items checked out of the library	212608	1139441	207800	1146761	-1%
Holds					
Number of requests by patrons	50,722	282447	50100	288297	-2%
Visits					
Number of people entering a library for any reason	227254	1134880	192864	1230827	-8%
Computer/Internet Usage					
Number of computer sessions (Internet access and office software)	75408	441837	70217	360225	23%
Number of hours of computer use	31,414	181093	27485	142173	27%
Web Page Visits					
Number of times people have visited the library's websites	1405462	7842706	1417144	7741404	1%
Web Visitors					
Number of people who visited the library's websites	206,391	1222378	242338	1294480	-6%
Virtual Circulation					
Number of materials downloaded or streamed	185345	1104515	163329	986812	12%
Virtual Circulation Users					
Number of people who downloaded or streamed	39396	233040	34313	211742	10%
Children's programs					
Library sponsored programs offered for children (birth - 12)	353	1684	281	1765	-5%
Number of people attending programs	11135	44294	10537	51401	-14%
Teen Programs					
Library sponsored programs offered for teens (13 - 17)	68	425	105	568	-25%
Number of people attending programs	959	4601	1438	6842	-33%
Adult Programs					
Library sponsored programs offered for adults (18 +)	426	2812	315	1865	51%
Number of people attending programs	4360	35093	3684	21330	65%
Programs - Total					
Library sponsored programs offered (includes all-ages not counted)	1009	5831	904	5215	12%
Number of people attending programs	21678	117827	23224	109778	7%
Meeting Rooms					
Non-library sponsored meetings or activities scheduled	445	2734	296	1917	43%
Number of people attending meetings or activities	5439	35933	5484	29417	22%

June 2025 Executive Write Up

There were some technical issues with the gates at Cascade. We have an active request with DREAM to resolve the issue. Once the issue is resolved, the visits for past months will be reported.

Technical issues with the gates at Auburn meant that some data from April and May was underreported. The missed visits for those months have been counted in the June data.

Peachtree library was closed to the public during the June reporting period.

Fulton County Library System Circulation Stats - June 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	434	551	48	0	1033	963	70	7.27%	5,618	6,058	-440	-7.26%
ADAMSVILLE/COLLIER HEIGHTS	457	665	81	0	1203	1230	-27	-2.20%	6,717	8,345	-1,628	-19.51%
ALPHARETTA	5873	15061	930	4	21868	23416	-1548	-6.61%	116,017	118,542	-2,525	-2.13%
BUCKHEAD	4739	7259	284	2	12284	10382	1902	18.32%	67,213	59,973	7,240	12.07%
CLEVELAND AVE	231	223	26	0	480	13	467	3592.31%	978	131	847	646.56%
COLLEGE PARK	495	878	60	0	1433	1978	-545	-27.55%	9,757	11,840	-2,083	-17.59%
DOGWOOD	230	285	35	0	550	871	-321	-36.85%	2,588	5,558	-2,970	-53.44%
EAST ATLANTA	2047	3713	177	4	5941	1912	4029	210.72%	35,512	31,595	3,917	12.40%
EAST POINT	644	383	75	0	1102	87	1015	1166.67%	4,896	766	4,130	539.16%
EAST ROSWELL	4990	9042	372	4	14408	14207	201	1.41%	75,207	74,450	757	1.02%
EVELYN G. LOWERY @ CASCADE	988	1289	136	0	2413	2363	50	2.12%	13,175	13,033	142	1.09%
FAIRBURN	815	1168	84	1	2068	1822	246	13.50%	10,235	9,597	638	6.65%
GLADYS S. DENNARD @ SOUTH FULTON	1209	2308	128	0	3645	3648	-3	-0.08%	17,654	18,445	-791	-4.29%
HAPEVILLE	616	879	67	3	1565	1988	-423	-21.28%	8,838	11,255	-2,417	-21.47%
JOAN P. GARNER @ PONCE DE LEON	5106	6308	396	8	11818	10954	864	7.89%	68,446	62,873	5,573	8.86%
KIRKWOOD	1676	4087	154	1	5918	7261	-1343	-18.50%	35,646	35,451	195	0.55%
LOUISE WATLEY @ SOUTHEAST ATLANTA	623	1113	171	0	1907	2163	-256	-11.84%	12,459	12,378	81	0.65%
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR	439	344	23	1	807	61	746	1222.95%	4,997	1,757	3,240	184.41%
MECHANICSVILLE	227	201	22	1	451	645	-194	-30.08%	2,693	3,947	-1,254	-31.77%
METROPOLITAN	1281	2874	79	1	4235	5040	-805	-15.97%	26,975	29,350	-2,375	-8.09%
MILTON	4441	11283	643	1	16368	18338	-1970	-10.74%	85,297	95,621	-10,324	-10.80%
NORTHEAST/SPRUILL OAKS	2961	8548	668	3	12180	11204	976	8.71%	63,245	62,403	842	1.35%
NORTHSIDE	3582	8011	442	4	12039	11526	513	4.45%	61,458	60,507	951	1.57%
NORTHWEST @ SCOTTS CROSSING	1227	2780	157	2	4166	3456	710	20.54%	22,954	20,119	2,835	14.09%
OCEE	5245	14025	1221	6	20497	20039	458	2.29%	108,683	105,726	2,957	2.80%
PALMETTO	491	970	92	0	1553	1659	-106	-6.39%	7,733	8,960	-1,227	-13.69%
PEACHTREE	348	204	18	0	570	4289	-3719	-86.71%	3,665	25,062	-21,397	-85.38%
ROSWELL	6013	10979	481	11	17484	16847	637	3.78%	90,654	87,628	3,026	3.45%
SANDY SPRINGS	6820	13514	608	4	20946	21066	-120	-0.57%	106,989	113,280	-6,291	-5.55%
WASHINGTON PARK	504	618	62	1	1185	1624	-439	-27.03%	6,959	8,463	-1,504	-17.77%
WEST END	500	829	45	0	1374	457	917	200.66%	8,773	7,405	1368	18.47%
WOLFCREEK	1487	3209	266	4	4966	3772	1194	31.65%	24,187	18,869	5,318	28.18%
BRANCHES TOTAL	66739	133601	8051	66	208457	205281	3176	1.55%	1,116,218	1,129,387	-13,169	-1.17%
CENTRAL	2233	1617	196	6	4052	2442	1610	65.93%	22,687	16,991	5,696	33.52%
OUTREACH SERVICES	0	0	0	0	0	1	-1	-1	9	12	-3	-25.00%
AUBURN AVENUE RESEARCH	95	4	0	0	99	76	23	30.26%	527	371	156	42.05%
SYSTEM TOTAL	69067	135222	8247	72	212608	207800	4808	2.31%	1,139,441	1,146,761	-7,320	-0.64%

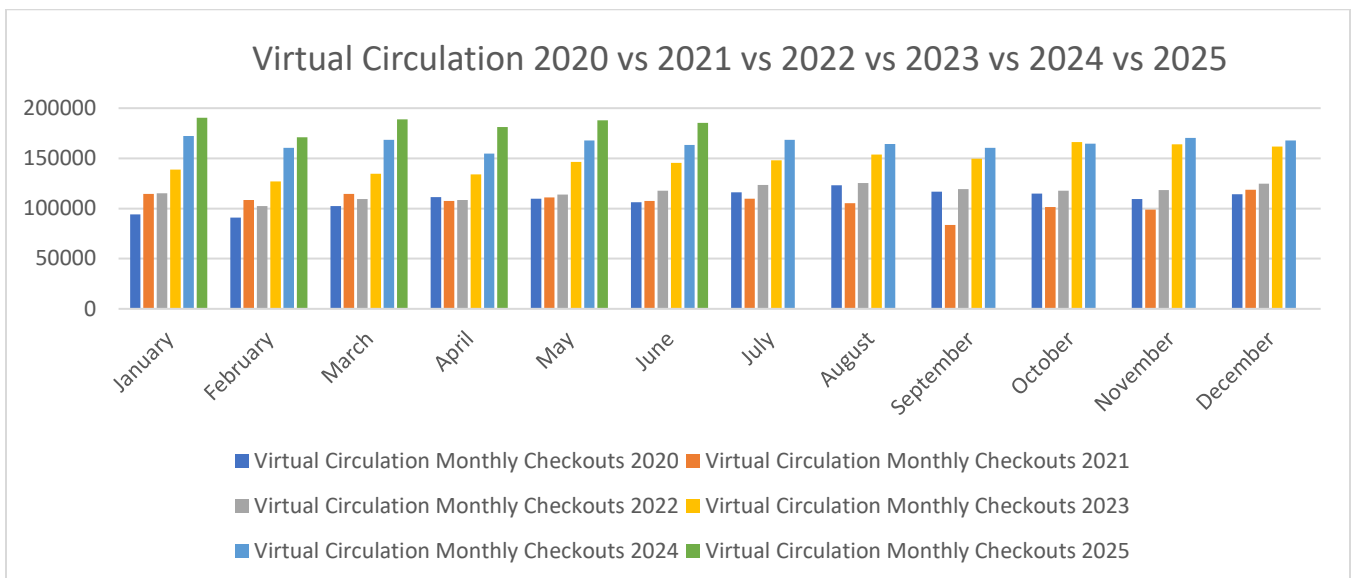
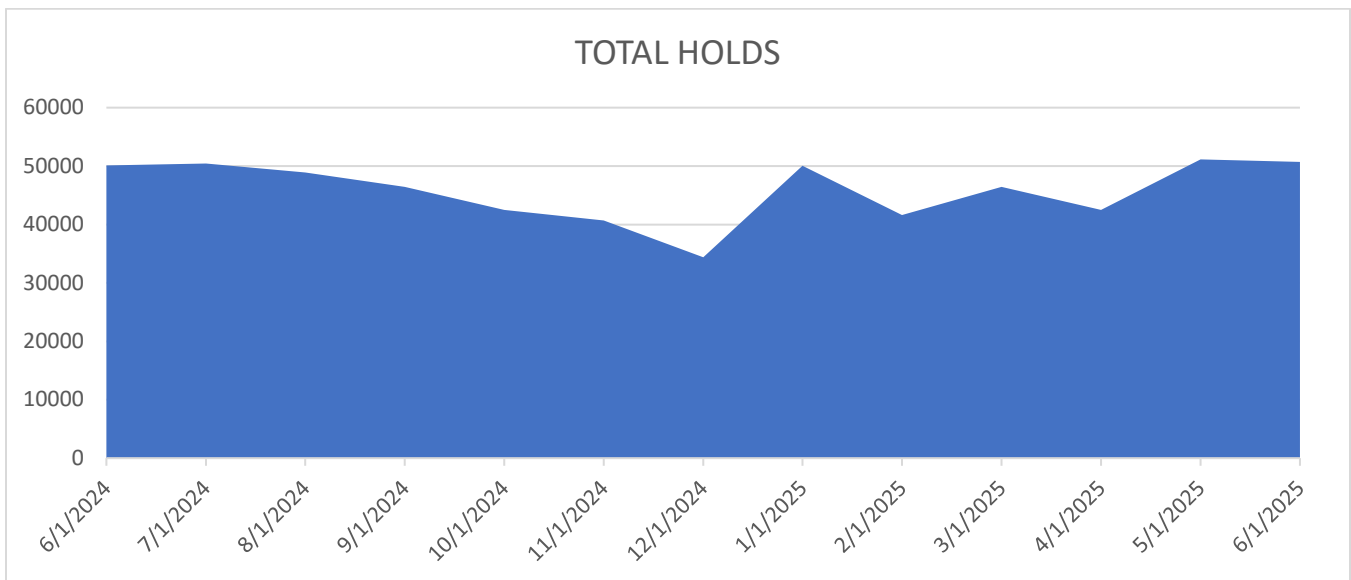
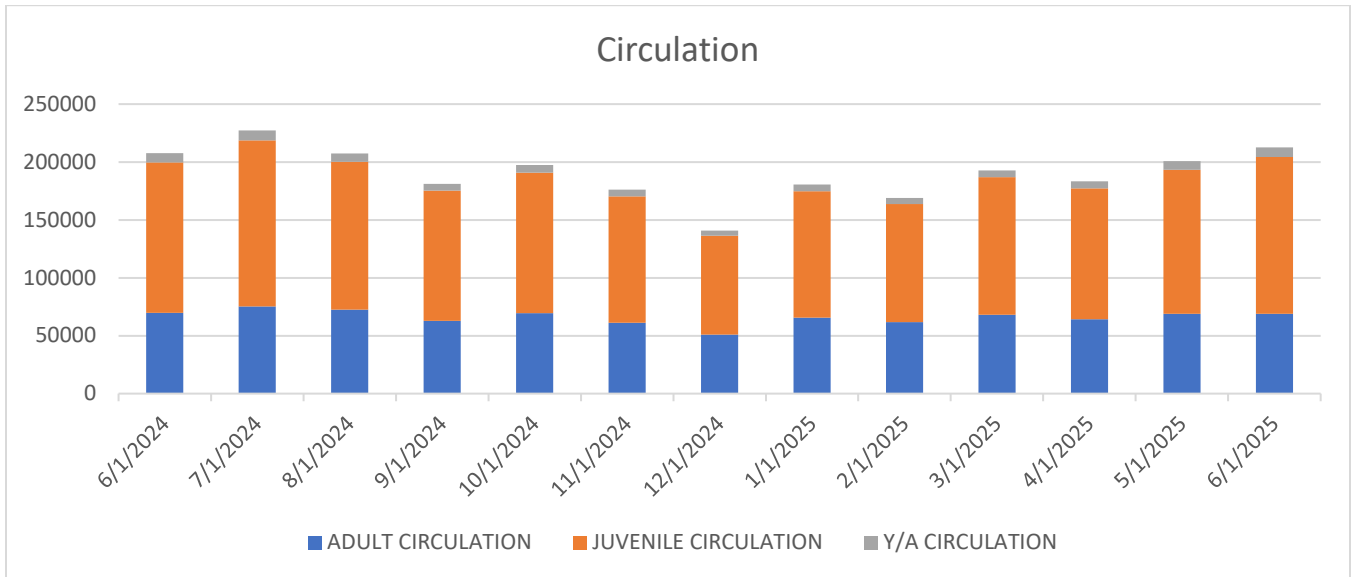
FULTON COUNTY SYSTEM STATS AT A GLANCE - June 2025

AGENCY NAME	TOTAL CIRCULATION	TOTAL REGISTRATIONS	COMPUTER USAGE	LIBRARY VISITS	NUMBER OF PROGRAMS	PROGRAM ATTENDANCE	NUMBER OF MEETINGS	MEETING ATTENDANCE	VOTER REGISTRATIONS
ADAMS PARK	1033	102	2472	5,199	41	267	10	84	0
ADAMSVILLE/COLLIER HEIGHTS	1203	129	3962	5,611	28	268	9	112	2
ALPHARETTA	21,868	961	881	10,420	41	2116	19	485	0
BUCKHEAD	12,284	780	2496	12,026	29	1254	32	1058	2
CLEVELAND AVE	480	58	344	2016	8	33	0	0	0
COLLEGE PARK	1,433	136	3523	5,393	12	313	3	40	0
DOGWOOD	550	58	1109	2,294	7	46	5	62	1
EAST ATLANTA	5,941	392	2154	10401	16	563	9	105	0
EAST POINT	1102	198	1787	6692	73	742	29	177	0
EAST ROSWELL	14,408	497	1047	8,145	52	1306	2	12	0
EVELYN G. LOWERY @ CASCADE	2,413	275	3736	0	32	846	58	232	0
FAIRBURN	2,068	255	981	3251	21	333	19	335	5
GLADYS S. DENNARD @ SOUTH FULTON	3,645	325	3272	4,537	55	1072	15	15	2
HAPEVILLE	1,565	94	1556	2425	32	491	24	294	1
JOAN P. LOWERY @ PONCE DE LEON	11,818	639	6430	7,736	10	98	0	0	0
KIRKWOOD	5,918	238	839	4,440	17	651	3	26	0
LOUISE WATLEY @ SOUTHEAST ATLANTA	1,907	87	2736	3897	28	197	6	6	0
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR	807	93	678	1227	25	51	26	53	0
MECHANICSVILLE	451	45	2740	2,894	13	6	10	261	1
METROPOLITAN	4,235	219	3790	6,388	17	379	39	276	0
MILTON	16,368	558	748	7,755	69	1371	9	109	3
NORTHEAST/SPRUILL OAKS	12,180	361	554	7,438	45	1267	9	95	1
NORTHSIDE	12,039	438	780	6,865	21	346	1	20	0
NORTHWEST @ SCOTTS CROSSING	4,166	194	2401	3,163	24	441	1	18	0
OCEE	20,497	751	852	13,321	29	814	2	8	0
PALMETTO	1,553	87	501	3,290	21	527	6	85	0
PEACHTREE	570	190	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ROSWELL	17,484	753	1748	13430	42	1691	8	63	0
SANDY SPRINGS	20,946	1039	3415	23,501	73	1615	3	50	6
WASHINGTON PARK	1185	62	2724	4,349	8	216	4	42	1
WEST END	1,374	118	1830	5,079	37	245	4	53	0
WOLFCREEK	4,966	297	1291	6,368	32	459	25	453	0
BRANCHES TOTAL	208,457	10,429	63,377	199,551	958	20,024	390	4,629	25
CENTRAL	4,052	454	11894	22,925	35	1176	55	810	5
VIRTUAL PROGRAMS					6	72			
OUTREACH VIRTUAL PROGRAMS	0	4	0	0	4	189	0	0	0
AUBURN AVENUE RESEARCH	99	6	137	4778	6	218	0	0	0
SYSTEM TOTAL	212,608	10,893	75,408	227,254	1009	21,679	445	5,439	30

FULTON COUNTY SYSTEM STATS AT A GLANCE - Q2 2025

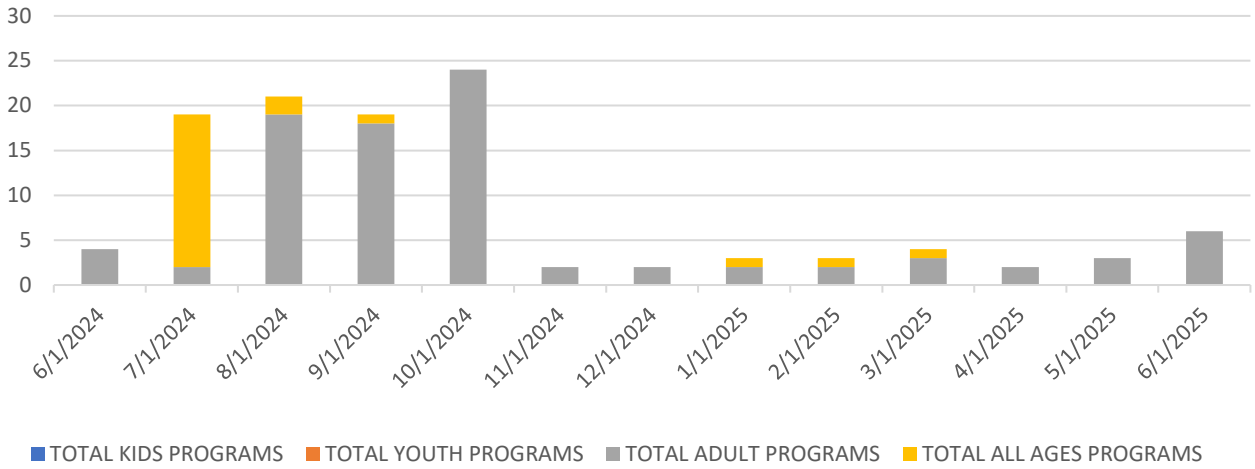
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ADAMS PARK	2,787	311	7,446	14,531	95	354	24	193	0
ADAMSVILLE/COLLIER HEIGHTS	3,361	290	10,553	14,986	153	595	19	215	5
ALPHARETTA	62,602	2,532	3,454	29,078	134	4,650	54	1561	0
BUCKHEAD	34,727	2,137	7,689	27,131	104	3,374	121	2,491	2
CLEVELAND AVE	934	151	668	4590	9	93	1	15	0
COLLEGE PARK	4,367	373	9,305	14,979	34	462	17	165	0
DOGWOOD	1,589	160	3,259	3,372	32	108	5	62	1
EAST ATLANTA	17,407	928	6,391	25470	44	786	26	413	0
EAST POINT	3060	577	4687	17559	163	1426	66	501	1
EAST ROSWELL	39,955	1202	3,153	20,437	121	2,274	11	84	2
EVELYN G. LOWERY @ CASCADE	6,606	678	9,227	3,628	83	1,432	201	1632	0
FAIRBURN	5,248	628	2,842	9114	68	910	69	748	18
GLADYS S. DENNARD @ SOUTH FULTON	9,531	816	9,862	14,072	141	2,429	90	617	8
HAPEVILLE	4,358	290	4,028	7,283	92	1183	60	637	6
JOAN P. LOWERY @ PONCE DE LEON	34,868	1,578	19,453	21,840	52	714	5	67	0
KIRKWOOD	17,459	637	2,332	14,119	55	1,590	13	96	0
LOUISE WATLEY @ SOUTHEAST ATLANTA	6,102	252	7,377	14,971	102	709	31	186	0
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR	2634	285	1613	4,322	67	172	70	183	0
MECHANICSVILLE	1,290	119	6,752	8,500	30	41	26	348	1
METROPOLITAN	12,636	584	11,822	15,695	78	1,561	122	1008	0
MILTON	44,345	1446	1,854	21,678	221	4,928	36	418	12
NORTHEAST/SPRUILL OAKS	33,504	968	1,540	19,087	140	3,265	35	440	4
NORTHSIDE	32,354	1170	2,444	20,215	68	2,531	11	196	0
NORTHWEST @ SCOTTS CROSSING	12,283	506	6,612	11,285	80	1,289	7	182	0
OCEE	56,891	1,857	2,426	35,985	97	2,397	11	80	0
PALMETTO	4,041	244	1258	7,923	67	991	32	601	0
PEACHTREE	1,843	532	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ROSWELL	48,921	1,971	5,840	38,796	158	4,529	34	585	0
SANDY SPRINGS	57,592	2,517	10,146	56,442	210	7,517	11	181	10
WASHINGTON PARK	3,521	203	8,309	13,030	30	624	15	203	11
WEST END	4,195	343	6,093	13,631	84	420	17	212	0
WOLFCREEK	13,201	690	3,477	13,588	77	1192	76	1,681	0
BRANCHES TOTAL	584,212	26,975	181,912	537,337	2,889	54,546	1316	16,001	81
CENTRAL	12,194	1,355	44,555	75,197	133	2,531	130	2,028	23
VIRTUAL PROGRAMS	0	0	0	0	11	130	0	0	0
OUTREACH VIRTUAL PROGRAMS	2	42	0	0	25	4,566	0	0	0
AUBURN AVENUE RESEARCH	317	27	307	10,723	20	684	0	0	0
SYSTEM TOTAL	596,725	28,399	226,774	623,257	3,078	62,457	1446	18,029	104

June 2025 Executive Summary – Charts



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

Virtual Programs



Virtual Program Attendance

