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FULTON COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

SEPTEMBER 24, 2025

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FULTON COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING SEPTEMBER 24, 2025 - 4:00 P.M. AGENDA

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X. Adjournment

^{*}Action is anticipated on this item

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FULTON COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING AUGUST 27, 2025 - 4:00 P.M.



Members Present: Bolster, Paul

Franklin, Candice Jordan, Linda Kaplan, Paul Piontek, Joe

Radakovich, Nina - Chair Rice, Beverly - Vice Chair

Members Absent: Joyner, D. Chip

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: Fenwick, Jovita - Social Services Program Manager

Jordan, Jalisa - Social Services Coordinator

Williams, Rady - Hearing - Appellant

Willis, Michelle - AFP Library Foundation

Webinar Attendees: 2

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, everyone. This is the monthly meeting of the Fulton County Library System Board of Trustees. My name is Nina Radakovich, I'm the Chair of the committee. We have a large agenda today, so we're going to try to move as quickly as we can. I'm calling the meeting to order. Do we have any public comments?

PUBLIC COMMENTS

MRS. ZENOBIA CLAXTON: We do not have any public comments. Good afternoon, everybody.

25-36 ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: As far as the agenda, I would ask that we approve it except for one change, and that is to have Michelle Willis from the Foundation make a presentation, very short presentation right after Gayle's. She has to leave early.

MR. JOE PIONTEK: Move to approve.

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: She has to be somewhere. So, do I hear a motion?

MR. JOE PIONTEK: Yes, move to approve that.

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: Second?

MS. BEVERLY RICE: Second.

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: All in favor?

TRUSTEES: Aye.

25-35 APPROVAL OF MINUTES - JULY 23, 2025

MOTION

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: Thank you. The minutes, do I hear a motion for approval of the minutes?

MS. BEVERLY RICE: So, moved.
MR. PAUL BOLSTER: Moved.

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: All in favor?

TRUSTEES: Aye.

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: Thank you very much. All right. Ms. Willis.

AFPL FOUNDATION M.O.U. - UPDATE - MICHELLE WILLIS

MS. MICHELLE WILLIS: Yes, ma'am. Awesome. Okay, well, thank you, guys again for having me. If you don't who know I am, my name is Michelle Taylor Willis, I'm the Vice Chair of the Foundation Board. It is our pleasure to come here every month in some form or fashion to give you a report and to stay collaborative, and so that you guys are certainly up to date and well-versed on what's happening on the Foundation side. So, just a couple of closing a couple loops. From the last meeting, I think we had some questions around Session, and what kind of representation there is during Session. What we've gotten is clarification from our advocacy partner, Pro-Bono Partnership at Atlanta. We are also going to talk more about this at our next advocacy meeting, which we've had to rescheduled, because a couple people got really sick. But at the end of the day, we can

have representation at Session as long as it -- as long as we're not lobbying for any one candidate, and it uses less than 10 percent of our organizational resources. So, I can't remember exactly who asked that guestion, but that should answer that. Any -- the next thing that came up at the last meeting was having talking points or a unified approach during Session. I think Erin said that it came up to her also when you were talking kind of about the budget. The answer is yes, we absolutely can have that, and we will be developing those talking points and kind of that unified mission during our next -- kind of as we move through fall and our advocacy meetings on the Foundation side. So as I -as we get that message, we'll make sure that we get that conveyed back to you guys in one of these meetings. Does that work? Okay, great. Okay, let me just give you guys some new updates. All right, so fundraising and philanthropy, we're certainly continuing to expand our private support. We got -- and public, but we got a \$5,000 loan, a grant from the Mary Allen Lindsey Branan Foundation to support community programming, kind of like One Book, One Read. We've got a \$2,350 grant from the -- Atlanta Women's Club to support Summer Reading. There's really good story about it in Library Access, about this relationship that we have with them. We got \$10,000 from the Dollar General Literacy Foundation for Adult Literacy programming, \$15,000 from the Sartain Lanier Family Foundation for Summer Reading, \$10,000 from the Scott Hutchins Family Foundation for arts programming. All of these grants are going to support library programming against the 2025 budget. Okay. That's good.

MR. JOE PIONTEK: That's awesome.

MS. MICHELLE WILLIS: Yes, it is, Yes, Yes. Erin has put in work. One Book, One Read 2025, you know, so we are planning for that. I can see that you guys are doing your own advertising and marketing for that, which is awesome. Please make sure you have the VIP reception on the calendar that is Saturday, October 25th at 10:15 a.m. All of you are certainly VIPs, you should be there. You can have your book signed by some light nosh. You'll be able to network with some of our large Foundation donors, partners, and board members before the actual program, which commences sharply at 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. On the community partnership side, we're continuing to work with local organizations, like the Alliance for Georgia Libraries. Our goal really is to elevate the role of libraries and the perception of that role, and advocate for strong public support. It's a nonpartisan, statewide collaborative, mainly made up of library staff, board members, supporters, and volunteers. Certainly, I think it'd be great if you guys could go and kind of check out what that alliance does. If you have any other questions we can talk about in another meeting, or maybe even you might want to pledge some support for that. Then we're certainly always grateful for the partnership and the growing collaboration between the Trustee Board and the Foundation Board. To that end, drum roll, I do have a tentative date for our -- Yes, see you like that, right?

MR. JOE PIONTEK: It sounds like a party.

MS. MICHELLE WILLIS: Listen, I like term party. We can get around calling it a party where you use the term fetch. That's what it is in French. December the 9th, yes, Tuesday, December the 9th, at 6:00 p.m. If you could hold that date for a year-end social and book swap, we're still, you know, figuring out where it is going to be. But we're about 75 percent on that date if that works for you guys. If there's any conflicts or anything, you can surely let us know. Oh, you can't be there.

MR. JOE PIONTEK: It's my one other board right now.

MS. MICHELLE WILLIS: Well, we just have to change the date.

MR. JOE PIONTEK: December is just difficult.

MS. MICHELLE WILLIS: December is very tough.

MR. JOE PIONTEK: Okay.

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: Go to both.

MR. JOE PIONTEK: Yes, well, they're just both at 6:00 p.m.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: Yes, just party hop.

MR. JOE PIONTEK: You all are all the way downtown.

MS. MICHELLE WILLIS: Just go there first and then come here, because this is where the real party is going to be.

MR. JOE PIONTEK: Well, there's is only about 15 minutes, so.

MS. MICHELLE WILLIS: There you go, see. All right, so that is it for me. Any questions, concerns?

MR. PAUL BOLSTER: I noticed that -- MS. MICHELLE WILLIS: Paul, right?

MR. PAUL BOLSTER: -- from the national advocacy effort, they were -- there was a curtain action requested to email to your Congress person and your Senator about the appropriations for the National Library Fund. Just wanted to remind everybody of that. We're in kind of a unique position, since we have one of the members of the Appropriations Committee that's going to be dealing with that, that's John Ossoff. So especially messages to him, since the Appropriations Committee is going to make decisions about what's in the -- in the federal appropriations. They're going to do that when they get back from their summer recess. So, it's kind of -- it's kind of pertinent right now.

MS. MICHELLE WILLIS: Sure. Ready just sitting there when I get back, right? Excellent. Okay, got it. Anybody else? Anything you need me to take back?

TRUSTEES: (No responses.)

MS. MICHELLE WILLIS: All good, okay. All right, well, I guess that's my time. Thank you, guys, so much.

MR. JOE PIONTEK: Thank you.

MS. MICHELLE WILLIS: I appreciate it. Let me know how we can help. **CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH:** Okay. We have Director Holloman next.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: Yes. You don't have a --

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: I don't have a report, no.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: Good afternoon, everybody. Good to see everyone. I just want to take the time to make you aware that we have our Social Services staff with us today. I think you've been wanting to hear from them for a while. We did have Mr. Mathis, but he has since resigned his position, so that's fine. We will be replacing him as soon as possible. But Ms. Fenwick, Jovita Fenwick and Mr. Jalisa Jordan are our Social Workers who are here to let you know just what Social Services is doing for the Library System and on the behalf of the people of Fulton County. So I'll turn it over to Ms. Fenwick and Ms. Jordan.

SOCIAL SERVICES UPDATE - JOVITA FENWICK & JALISA JORDAN

MS. JOVITA FENWICK: Good evening. As Ms. Gayle said, I'm Jovita Fenwick, the Program Manager for the Social Services Program here in the library. This is Jalisa Jordan, the Social Services Coordinator, here with me today. So, we're going to go over the program and do my best to give you as much information as we possibly can and still leave it open for Q and A at the end, okay? So, what I like to call it is the intersection of public libraries and social work, right? How did this come to, right? Next slide. So today we're going to talk about the program -- go back, the program's mission and vision, the program section within the program, the program's data and our community partnerships and how we do outreach from the program. Next slide. So, the program's mission, right? What are we doing? What is our mission and what's with our vision? Where do we see us taking this program, right? To be an interdisciplinary partnership that collects the This can be accomplished through library patrons with community agencies. interventions and community partnerships between social service agencies and the Fulton County Library System, and to provide awareness about the effectiveness of social services programs inside the library and provide training that will increase the staff's awareness of components of social services, mental illness, substance abuse, self-care, and trauma informed awareness. Next slide. So, within the Social Services team, as I said, I'm Jovita Fenwick, with the Program Manager. We are allowed two Social Service Coordinators. Currently have to Jalisa Jordan, who is working on her Master's MSW. right now. That's congratulations to her. She will be covering the Outreach Services, and then we will have another Social Services Coordinator who will be covering the Client Services. Next slide. So, the Outreach Services, what that really -- go back. What the Outreach Services include is resource fairs, right? Getting us to the resource fairs, getting us to the job fairs, getting us to back-to-school events, the Justice Symposiums for Reentry Symposiums, new partnerships, developments, that's all going to fall under Outreach Services, one of the Social Services Coordinators. The other Social Service Coordinator will conduct the assessments. When we sit with clients, we conduct something called bio-psychosocial spiritual assessment, right? That helps us to determine what the clients are going to need and how to best refer them to the community. They will also do the referral updates, because when we were sending them to the

community partners, we have to know what the referrals look like, right? Do you want birth certificates, ID cards, how long that process is going to be, so that'll be their responsibility. Follow-ups and the ATSW, we'll go over that. That is the Ask the Social Worker Sessions, one of the biggest intakes for our clients. It's throughout the system, and we'll talk about what that is. Then Branch Pop-up Visits, if we're close to here, and Metro calls and says, hey we have a client, we'll do a branch pop-up. Go over there and sit with the client, see what they need, do an assessment, and come back over her to Central. Next slide. So, our program stats, so this pro -- I got here in 2023, and Jalisa got here at the end of 2023. In 2023, we were able to see 256 clients for housing, identification, reunification, which is bus tickets back home, which we have a community partner that gives us bus tickets to get our clients back home. Now, you'll notice the big increase in eight -- in 2024, because we had the whole year. When we launched in 2023 that was just July to the end of the year. So, in 2024, we were able to see almost 900 clients through our Ask the Social Services Sessions. And you'll see that our biggest one, of course, is the need for housing, right? So, we'll talk about how we do the housing, how we identify housing, and if they're eligible for housing here in the Metro Atlanta, Fulton County area. 2025, our current stats are 470 because that only takes us to July, right? We don't have the remaining data for the remaining of the year. So, by the end of the year, of course, that's going to increase. But right now, our biggest number of seeing clients, we're up to seeing about 900 clients just with Jalisa and myself. So having another person on there will help us to increase, to see more people coming through the library system. Next slide. So, this is our community financial support, right? We see our biggest year, of course, that we were here, we had the whole year. 2023, which is seven months of data, we received \$614 from our community partners. The biggest one was identification. We use Central Advocacy Outreach and Crossroads to help us get birth certificates, ID cards, and motor vehicle reports, which they need for housing, employment and to obtain their driver's license, right? So, in 2024, we received about \$11,393 from our community support, which is really holding the program down. The majority of it came from reunification. You get a lot of people that move into the area, but unfortunately, we can't make provide everyone bus tickets back home, right? So, we partner with, we'll talk about them later, Atlanta Downtown Improvement District ADID, which is one of our biggest community partners, gave us about \$9,600 for bus tickets back home last year. So right now, for 2025, we're \$4,018 in for commute funding from the community. So, our biggest needs, of course, is identification, getting our clients document ready for housing and employment, reunification and Uber rides, right? Sometimes we get clients that come in and want to go to a substance abuse program, and we can send them to a substance abuse program from here to Morrow. Again, one of our community partners will fund and get us at Uber ride to send our clients to where they need to go for substance abuse. Next slide. So, these are our MARTA passes, which we issue here, Jalisa and I. We got this funding from here within the library. So,

as you know, transportation can be the biggest barrier for so many people, right? So, to help alleviate that barrier, in 2024 we began issuing MARTA passes to clients that could, through email, show us that they have an upcoming job interview, a job orientation. Without that, we do not give them a bus pass. So, when they show us that, we will give them a round-trip ticket to get to the job interview, job orientation, and back. Once they get the job, we would then cover their two weeks to get their first paycheck, right? So, they'll come in, go to work for seven days, come back, get another seven-day pass. So, by -- within that two weeks, they can get their first paycheck and start paying for their own MARTA. But we do it seven days at a time to make sure they're not quitting within that time frame, right? So 2024, we -- \$3,335, and halfway through the year for 2025, we're at \$1,552.50. So, this has been a great asset to our clients, getting them employed, which also leads to housing, right? Through employment, we get housing. So, the process, let's really talk about what the process looks like, right? How do we get these clients, right? Why do social work in the libraries? For one, libraries are considered safe and clean for everybody, right? So, everybody comes to the library. We provide space, resources, programming, and everybody can come in here. Most of the time when we ask people, why did you come to the library, and they'll just tell you, I had nowhere else to go, right? You'd be surprised what comes to the front desk of them 34 libraries, right? So, we spend a lot of time in the community to do our best to be ahead of what's coming in that door of these 34 libraries. Here at the library, we can meet people where they are, whether they're homeless, whether it's reunification, whether it is domestic violence, whether it's homeless youth, runaway youth, we get to meet everybody here at the library. So, the referral process? What does the referral process look like here in the library? So of course, because we have 34 branches that means there's 34 front desks, right? So of course, the library staff are going to be the first people to notice the cause and concerns in these libraries. So, whatever that happens, we get phone calls all day from the front desk of these libraries, so we have to be mindful what's coming up. Through that, they'll call us. We also get community referrals. We get a lot of community partners that will call us and say, hey, we're looking for Johnny Joe, is he there? We're looking for Sarah, is she there? We'll walk around and more than likely, they're in the library, right? So, we get a lot of community referrals that also want to refer their clients here, right? So, it's like, hey, can we help you? Can we send you this person? So, from there, you go over to meet with the -- with the client, make appointments with client at other branches. If we need to, like I said, we can do a pop-up visit at another branch, right? We might be sitting, both of us may be sitting here. If it's somebody who get a phone call at Auburn, it's like, hey, can you come and do an assessment, this guy is sitting outside? We'll go and do an assessment at Auburn, just a branch pop-up visit, as long as it's somewhere close that we can pop up to. We'll, again, do the -- conduct an assessment, what I -- we call social work, the bio-psychosocial, spiritual, the biology of a person, the psychology of a person, the social demographics of the person, and the spirituality of the person. Once we just take that basic assessment through that, we can determine what that client needs and how to make the best referral for that client. Then we jump from there, down to make referrals to the community partners, right? So based off of what the client has told us and what we -- sometimes they're not intentionally telling us, but just through our assessment, we can kind of get a little bit more information that they didn't want to disclose to make the best referral. If we call what we found a lot of community partners, they already have a Social Worker at Grady. They already have a Social Worker at Salvation Army. They already got a salvage -- a Social Worker at Gateway. It's just like, hey, Stephanie, I got Johnny here. They're like, oh, I'm looking for Johnny, right? So, it's easy that we don't have to double dip and do the work, but then we can send them back to Sarah or wherever their Social Worker is, so they can pick up with them and follow through with them. Client normally follows up the walk in, and sometimes the client will -- we'll meet him at Central, but we'll follow up at Peachtree. We'll be at Peachtree doing another assessment, and we're like, well, you're a Peachtree person, you know, what are you doing here? They'll pop in and say they want to see their Social Worker, at any front desk, I want to see your Social Worker. So, they'll -- we'll get phone calls from branches, and it's like, hey, he said, you're his Social Worker, are you here? We'll just be able to talk to him that way. So, then we will continue to contact the community partners, just the relationships that we've built with them to say, hey, did Sarah come in, did Joe come in, did John come in? What is his status? Is there anything else that you need us to do? It's just an easy way for us to follow through with our clients. Any questions on that? Okay, so this leads us to our Ask the Social Worker Session. When I first got here, I was getting a lot of phone calls from all the branches, and I just needed to find a way to be at all the branches for as many people that I could. That's where the Ask the Social Worker Session came from. So, the Ask the Social Worker is requested by the Branch Manager. We, a Social Worker, one of us, just pop up at the branch, set our little tablecloths out, we come with our laptop. We conduct assessments throughout the system, and we get all kind of requests through the library. In 2023 when we first started, we saw eight sessions. We saw eight branches. In 2024, we've been able to see 89 branch visits throughout the year. That was just Jalisa and I, running, having fun. In 2025 so far, and we're not even at the end of the year, we've already seen 80 branch visits through our Ask the Social Worker Sessions. The Branch Manager will put this on the Bibliocommons as an event page, so our community knows. So, through that, they're able to show up and say, hey, there's supposed to be a Social Worker here today, she's from here, 10:00 to 5:00, 10:00 to 4:00, and we were able to see them through that. So, this was Jalisa -- what's that, Palmetto?

MS. JALISA JORDAN: Wolf Creek.

MS. JOVITA FENWICK: Wolf Creek. They have a senior group, and they wanted a Social Worker to come and sit in their senior group. So, Jalisa went and sat out there with their senior group. This is me at Ocee, and most of the time when we go, we will sit up front, weather permitting, because when it's cold, you know, the doors are there, so

we've got to go somewhere else. But they'll also have a side room in case we need confidentiality, right? We have to be mindful of HIPPA, right? So, when somebody come in, domestic violence or anything like that, we also have a study room available where we can take them to protect their privacy, so they're not out in the open talking about their private issues. Next slide. So, these are some of our common service requests, right? So transient families, transient families are those that have moved into the area, right? Moved in, not sure what to do, where to go. We get a lot of those that are new to the area and just need somebody to help them navigate the system, and we will help carry them through the system. You got MARTA passes, rental assistance, eviction assistance, most of this also is on our web page. So go on the FULCO Library web page, there is a social services tab, under that tab is employment, housing, reentry services, veteran services, senior services, dementia care, all of that is listed on our web page. Document ready, again, is our biggest thing, birth certificates, ID cards for housing and employment on there. Domestic violence, immigration services, through these what we have also noticed is that there are three different service levels in the system for us. We have those that are up north then, of course, we have Metro Atlanta, which is more case management, showers, homelessness, ID cards. Then you got down south, which is more single parents and grandparents raising children. That's how we've been able to navigate the system to help us determine the level of care that we're going to need on the branches that we go to. Next slide. Now, these are our community, some of our community partners. We have about 35 community partners in every community meeting, whether it's on the weekend, whether it's in the evening, whether it's early in the morning, there's one of us Library Social Workers there. Atlanta Downtown Improvement District, Frontline Response helps us with a lot of sex trafficking. We do get a lot of sex trafficking victims walking into the front doors of the library system to be able to have a resource to refer them to is great. PAD, which is another one, we just toured their Diversion Center, which is Downtown, connected to the ACDC Jail. Central Advocacy, again, is a birth certificate, ID card. Hope Thru Soap, we'll talk about them later. Midtown Assistance helps us a lot with rental assistance and eviction assistance. Then, of course, Department of Veteran Affairs, we have those that are coming and conduct their assessments through our library branches. Next slide. So, we're going to highlight some of our biggest community partners. As you know, we have a partnership with Helping Mamas Diaper Bank, right? So, we were approved for six lives -- for six branches. Right now, we have two, we have Hapeville, and we have Fairburn, which gives out free diapers, free wipes, and free period products throughout our library system. In 2024, we were able to assist 92 70 families that's when we first launched our Helping Mamas Diaper Program. In 2025, we have been, so far, been able to assist 970 families through our Helping Mamas Program. What this allows a family to do is offset their financial, right? With everything being so expensive, they can now take their diapers, the money for diapers, wipes, and period products, and spend it for gas and groceries, whatever they need to do. But we are being

able to offset that experience by offering free diapers, wipes, and period products through our libraries. Yes, ma'am.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: So, question, so if you -- like, I'm involved in a number of organizations that sometimes we do events like, we'll say, hey, bring diaper and whatnot. Do you have timing of when you guys are doing things that you can sign -- that we can sign -- be involved with you? How does that work, as far as, do you have something? I'm just thinking out loud, because I'm in an organization that we do a lot of this kind of stuff. **MS. JOVITA FENWICK:** Yes.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: So how do you guys -- do you have certain times of the year that you try to do an event where you have people to say, come, bring diapers, wipes and all of that, period products?

MS. JOVITA FENWICK: This is great, we get this a lot. We get this a lot. We get a lot of community partners that want to partner with the library. So, most of the time, because we see so many branches and so many libraries -- so many communities, whatever you're trying to do, we now know the demographic of that branch, and we'll say, hey, you might be a better fit for Dogwood. Then we'll contact Dogwood and say, do you have any resource fairs coming up? Do you have a health fair coming up? But if not, can we launch one for you? So, when we launch in you, you're just not launching by yourself. We have immigration service there. We might come out with PADV with you there. So, we're trying to make it not just you're trying to launch or do an event but make it a whole health resource fair. So, we do have a lot of community partners that reach out to us that want to use the library system or something like that.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: Okay. Thank you.

MS. JOVITA FENWICK: Yes, ma'am. So, we're allowed -- the agreement is for six. But due to funding, we are only at two right now, and they alternate out. So, this was last month, the President for the funding and the Chief Operation of Helping Mamas, they wanted to see it in action, so we took them to Hapeville, right? So, to advocate for more money, we met with the Branch Manager the funding and the Chief Operating Helping Mamas to discuss that. Now, mostly if we do a big setup, they also bring a Social Worker from Emory and install car seats. So, they also give out free car seats if we do a big event. The Emory Social Worker will safely install the car seat into the car so when they pull off, not only are they getting diapers, wipes, and period products, but they can also get car seats out of the library system. This is Ms. Audrey, because she's always hanging out with us. This was the launch at Hapeville and the staff at Hapeville. Next. Atlanta Downtown Improvement, it's ADID. Some of our biggest community partners who truly, truly love the program who've been every step of the way with us since we got here. So ADID responds to nonemergency, noncriminal mental health, substance abuse concerns related to homelessness only in the 5-mile radius Downtown, right? So, we get requests, and we need a bus ticket home, we would have to get that person from Alpharetta back down here in order to get the services that ADID provides. Most of time we'll do that by

sending a bus ticket through the courier system, giving it to the Branch Manager, the client will come back with me and get the bus pass, and get them back down here. So, with ADID, annually, we do a community resource fair with over 25 community partners. Our last one served over 300 attendees. We have free haircuts, free showers, VA assessments, free STI and COVID testing. Grady PATH follow-ups, VA follow-ups, and the city of Atlanta just blocks off, two blocks, two or three blocks for us, and we just set up free food trucks, free haircuts, free showers, free clothes --

MS. LINDA JORDAN: What month -- what month was that or is that, or when --

MS. JOVITA FENWICK: September, October?

MS. JALISA JORDAN: Yes, usually, the last one was in October.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: Is there one scheduled for 2025?

MS. JOVITA FENWICK: Not yet. We were working on an employment fair for that one.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: Well, this is my mentee right here, Ms. Candice Franklin, and she is very -- so you guys know, we go way back. she's very good at doing and setting things up --

MS. JOVITA FENWICK: Nice.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: -- event planner. So, she and I can talk more about this. She's quiet, but I'm just putting it out there --

MS. JOVITA FENWICK: No, I see her, she's excited.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: Yes.

MS. JOVITA FENWICK: That's good, we like that. So, you'll see, we have free haircuts, pre-testing, Central Outreach, our biggest people. So that's us, ADID, Hope Thru Soap, Central Advocacy, Services for Homeless Youth out there. So, there was -- and we'll be there from 11:00 to 3:00 o'clock, and we're just out on the street, just letting people walk up, getting their coordinated entries. Gateway is there, getting their coordinated entry assessments done, so it's pretty much like a one-stop shop when we get our clients to come through these resource fairs. Next slide. Okay, love this one. Georgia Works is a new partnership with us. What Georgia Works is, is a -- their gain -- their whole goal is to take chronically homeless men and help them overcome their barriers, change them as human beings and make them productive and self-sufficient. The participants are housed and given employment for up to a year through Georgia -- Georgia Works. So, they conduct a monthly visit. Every time they get a new class, they bring them in through. We have a Librarian that goes over the library services, and Jalisa will go over the social services and do a tour of the Central Library and what all we have to offer. Majority of time, when they've graduated the program, they're back in here, you know, asking for help with employment, how to get, you know, housing. So, they graduate from the program, but because they already got a connection here, they come in here and just feel more connected, because they already have a familiar face. Next slide. ASO, Atlanta Symphony Orchestra reached out to us a couple months ago. They created a program that as long as the families are getting a state benefit from Georgia, they can get four free

tickets to expose inner-city kids to the symphony. So, they partner with us, and want to -- they would like, you know, how do we get this information out. But of course, right, through the libraries, right? So, they wanted to know how do we get this information out. So, we put them on the website. If you go on our website, there's so much information, because we have so many community partners that want to partner with the library. Most of the time when we go out to all these outreaches, we're like, hey, we're in the library, don't you want to partner with us? We're in the library. So, we bring so many people through the needs that we see going out and about into the library to try to expand the scope of the social services throughout the library. So that's another one that is useful. Go back to Hope -- now, Hope Thru Soap, love Hope Thru Soap. So, the community partners, this is what I was talking about. So, Hope Thru Soap provide mobile outreach and shower services, youth wraparound support services, and food pantry resources to individuals living in poverty, shelters and living un-housed. So, what happened was, Milton reached out and wanted to do something for the community. That -- Milton have a crochet club, was like, we want to do something for the community. So, through that, I reached out to Caleb, from Hope Thru Soap, the shower unit. So, Milton, fabulous. I love this. I get excited. Milton created a whole bunch of little, small bags, crochet bags, put bars of soap in there, and donated them to the mobile shower unit. We use them at our outreach event that served over 300 people. So, in addition to after they took the shower, because Hope Thru Soap will provide already that, they were then able to take these bars of soap in the little crochet bag, didn't have to take it out, but you can use it like a loofah, right? Fabulous idea. So that is actually the mobile unit, so there's three in there. So, when we do our outreach events, they give them a -- fresh clothes, a personal hygiene kit. When they take their clothes, they can go to Gateway and clean, wash their clothes right on a day that Gateway can wash their clothes, right? So that's community partners reaching out to us, like, I want to partner with the library, but I don't have an idea, right? Then it's just -- we had another one that we met at a networking event, and they wanted to do STEM. So, they came in and met, and ten minutes in, I said, you know what, let's just stop. We're not the best fit. We brought them up here to Best Buy, gave them to Vincent, and Vincent partnered with them and let them do a STEM event for young innercity kids here, right? But because we get to see so many libraries, we're now becoming aware of each branch has to offer and know who to refer the community partners to, which expands the services, social services within the library. Oh, and so Outreach, so Nicolas Rodriguez is the Branch Administrator of our Outreach. Every time Nick moves, we try to move with Nick, right? So, with -- this is how we started getting information out about the program, where people were like, how are they finding out about you? When this outreach truck moved, we moved with it, on a weekend, early in the morning, on Tuesdays, job fair back-to-school event. This is the Pride Fest, back-to-school events, Georgia State. I thought -- saw a Peter Pan, cutest little thing, right? So, I took a picture of him. So, whenever that van moves, in order to make sure people understand that

there's Social Workers in the library, because when we say it, they're like, there's Social Workers in the library, what do you do right? Then we get to brag on our program, right? Because we love talking about our program and what we're doing. But every time that Outreach van moves, I can guarantee you, there's a Social Worker in there with the branch, right? Okay, so this one is when we did almost like a Health Resource Fair at Hapeville. This was Hapeville, launching Helping Mamas. So, we just didn't just push Helping Mamas out there. We brought about four community partners with us and turned it into a whole Health Resource Fair. So, we brought Tahirih Justice Center, we use them for immigration services, right? So sometimes if we go out, we're not just there by our self, we'll take another community partner with us. So, they'll come and see a Social Worker, but they'll also see Peach State Healthcare, right? How -- what does your plan look like right now? Or they may see Partners Against Domestic Violence. We make sure that it's not just us showing up, but that we bring in the community partners with us that want to get into the library. That is Central Advocacy Outreach, which also helps with our ID, getting document ready, but they have an interview clothing closet only, just interview clothes. So, when we are getting them bus tickets and they come back and say, hey, I've got the job, now let me connect you to Sonya. Hey, Sonya, he's got a job, can we refer you over there? They can also buy the black pants and the black shoes that are needed for employment. So, every barrier that they come in here with, we are just on the phone all day trying to make sure we can get them successful, to get them employment, and to get housing and to get off the streets and become productive citizens here in Fulton County, all through the library, right? That's wonderful. So, this is when they launch the tiny house community? What is that thing called? Right down by the Greyhound bus station.

MS. JALISA JORDAN: Melody.

MS. JOVITA FENWICK: The Melody. So, when they launch it, this is what the inside of one looks like. Of course, there's a shower on it. But every time they launch any new housing, we're there. Assistance, subsidized housing, we're there. If it's in Fulton County, we have to be aware of what's being opened so we can find out what the referral process is. So, when we get 62 walking in here, they're just like, hey, they come in with their housing application. We sit with the 62-plus, do their housing application, scan it in for them, make sure they're put on the list, and then it's like, hey, you're going to have to follow up with this, right? But we don't just say, hey, go out and apply, right? Most of the housing applications we might already have on file. But we do our best with senior citizens to slow way, way down, because there's a lot of changes with the Medicare and the housing program that's going on. So, we do our best to slow way, way down for the seniors that's coming in, because that is also the biggest generation that grew up in the libraries, so they're the ones that's coming in. So that's just some of it. So, when people ask the magic question, you know, how are people finding you, right? We're always in the community, right? If there is a mobile van out there, I can guarantee you there's a

Social Worker on that mobile van, right? Understanding how you're building this program, we built this program based off of what we know from education, but then also listening to the clients. The clients built this program, right? The clients teach us how to build this program. They know the streets better than we do. They know the program better than we do. So, if we come in here and think we know everything, we're going to miss and be way behind. But the clients can come in and teach us how, now something's going on with SNAP. We have to let the clients come in and teach us what's going on with SNAP. We got a client yesterday, and he was like, oh, I finally got through with the first one, right? Because all the SNAP benefits are changing, but he finally got access to. For him to be one of the first ones that we got through, and like, okay, now come back and teach me. All right, Mr. Ricky, come back and teach me, right? So, this is how the program is being built, not just through me and Jalisa, but really through the hearts and the words of the clients is how we're building this program. So, the success rate is really not just through us, it's really through the clients and the word of the mouth of the clients. Honestly, because Ms. Gayle lets us run around Fulton County and be at every event that we possibly can. So, so some possible future initiatives, funding for additional Mama sites. If we can see 970 people with two branches, imagine what -- how many families we can help if we had the six branches, right? That would be amazing. Expanded services for our senior citizens, really just being aware of all the changes that are coming to Medicare and the 62-plus housing that's available in Fulton County, and understanding why they want to be in Fulton, and sometimes they might have to understand they got to move outside of Fulton if they want housing. Expanding service for young adults, we do end up with a lot of homeless youth young, a lot of, you know, young adults in the library, right? We need more programs for them. We do partner with Covenant House, but really, how can we get them best taken care of, not just here, but getting GEDs and getting training to make them successful as well. Then possibly getting funding here within us, so we don't have to keep referring clients out for getting document ready. But the birth certificate and ID cards, if we spent 2024, our biggest year, \$1,568, how can we do 50 clients here ourselves with maybe \$1,600, so we don't have to keep pushing the clients out. So, with that being said, I'm putting Jalisa up here with me, and we're ready for any questions. But that'll conclude presentation. Anybody have any questions?

MS. LINDA JORDAN: I have two questions --

MR. PAUL KAPLAN: What do you on your spare time? That's all I want to know.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: Right. Two questions, one for Madam Chair Nina, as far as the Foundation, what all can the Foundation look at with what she just said? Then with Ms. Holloman, as far as, like, when we do the open house, I think one's coming up with Peachtree, the library. Are they out there? Are they --

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: Yes.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: -- able to come? Okay, because I've been missing a couple of them. But Yes, just know this is a great service. But I want to ask Nina, what do you think from the Foundation standpoint that we can do to help them?

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: I'm, right now, I'm not an active board member, so I'm not clear on what they're doing right now. Michelle would know. But I just can't imagine there wouldn't be many points of contact. I haven't heard such an energetic presentation --

MS. LINDA JORDAN: I know, right?

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: -- that I can remember. It was all fascinating. I mean, it was just sitting here thinking, I want to be her.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: That is what has made all the difference in having them here, the enthusiasm, the dedication, is absolutely amazing. They're both people persons. Jalisa is a little bit quieter, but there are people, they are for the people, and that makes a huge difference. So, I'm just excited. But Seattle Public Library started this about 15-20, years ago, and other library systems have followed. We decided that this was very much needed as we looked at our clientele, particularly here at Central and throughout Fulton County, it has just emerged, and you all have made such a huge difference. So, I want to thank you personally.

TRUSTEES: (Applause.)

MS. JALISA JORDAN: Yes, sir.

MR. PAUL BOLSTER: My downtown church has had a soup kitchen, Trinity United Methodist, for 30 years, something like that. We have about 250 people we're serving a meal to every Sunday. It'd be great if -- I'm going to pass your information on to the person that organizes that. We don't have as much outreach there as we should. People come, they get clothing, get food, but they don't get connected to anything else at that site. It'd be wonderful if you could help us get that little soup kitchen connected to the network.

MS. JALISA JORDAN: Yes, and it may be, we do have a food resource that we give to people that has a list of all the community agencies in the downtown area, and it's listed by day of the week. So, we have Monday, and Tuesday, where they can get a hot meal. So, yours might already be on there. I would just have to double check with the list. So, you -- as far as our clients knowing where to go, they might already have it, and yes, we can get connected for you to possibly give our information to them as well.

MR. PAUL BOLSTER: It's just that everybody's standing in line, getting ready to get into to get their ticket --

MS. JALISA JORDAN: Right.

MR. PAUL BOLSTER: -- to get their clothing, whatever. It's just a great opportunity for that interaction to happen with an outreach worker.

MS. JALISA JORDAN: Yes.

MR. PAUL BOLSTER: That's what I'm looking for.

MS. JALISA JORDAN: Okay. Like, someone to come there, is what you mean? You mean for an outreach worker to be there talking to them?

MR. PAUL BOLSTER: Yes. MS. JALISA JORDAN: Okay.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: You're willing to feed them, that's what you're saying?

MR. PAUL BOLSTER: Oh, Yes, of course.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: I mean, not, y'all. I'm talking about -- got it, Paul.

MS. BEVERLY RICE: I'd just like to say, libraries are certainly not what they used to be.

MR. JOE PIONTEK: Oh, no.

MS. BEVERLY RICE: I mean, they offer so many, many, many more services, and you all are doing an amazing job. The need is very, very great. I'm just happy to know that you're fulfilling that need.

MS. JOVITA FENWICK: Thank you.

MS. JALISA JORDAN: Anybody else have any questions?

MR. PAUL KAPLAN: You're just doing a terrific job. Well, to think about this, I'm surprised we didn't over the years, didn't do something like this years ago, but now we have it, and it really helps us out.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: Finally, (inaudible, simultaneous speakers).

MR. PAUL KAPLAN: I think it's terrific.

MS. JALISA JORDAN: Yes, thank you.

MS. CANDICE FRANKLIN: The numbers and the impact tell from the numbers from 2024, 2025. Like, I come from the fundraising and philanthropic space. That's what I do with my firm. But to be able to show impact like that, it helps, really, with going to your funders. Because especially, you know, you have your corporate -- your, you know, partners, your community partners, showing that kind of impact in your numbers really helps as you start to expand and go into your corporate partners, which is what you would hope to want to do, because that's where you're going to get those \$100,000 checks. But really tracking your impact numbers like that is amazing. You don't really see an upturn in impact that, but still not an upturn in staff.

MS. JALISA JORDAN: Yes.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: That is so true, to Candice point, because a lot of times how I used to be on the boards of the YWCA. I used to be the President years ago. The funders want to know, like you said, the numbers, okay, what -- so keep, we need to keep tracking those numbers, because that, it makes a difference. They'll say, well you, you know, I'll give you this but then keep let -- keep me posted on how the numbers are moving. So, to your point is well taken.

MS. CANDICE FRANKLIN: Good job.
MS. JALISA JORDAN: Thank you.
MS. JOVITA FENWICK: Thank you.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: Thank you.

MR. JOE PIONTEK: Thank you.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: Thank you, all. Great job.

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: Mr. Kaplan, are you ready on work orders?

WORK ORDERS REPORT - PAUL KAPLAN

MR. PAUL KAPLAN: Oh, sure.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: Madam President, excuse me, I might have to leave early. I have a client meeting, so I'll be here as long as I can.

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: You're not the only one.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: Okay, thank you.

MR. PAUL KAPLAN: So, the month of July, July 1st through the end of month, we had 240 work orders. There's a lot of work orders we're getting per month. It's really increasing. Again, they completed 82 percent of the total, so it was 196 out of 240 were completed. Breakdown still the same, HVAC is number one. Electrical, plumbing, and miscellaneous was like, 171 work orders for miscellaneous, covers an awful lot of things. I was unable to get a hold of Mr. Joe Davis to find out the recertification for the mechanical equipment at Central Library. Hasn't been completed at this point because they couldn't get anybody out there because of the heat. I don't know, I've been trying to reach him, and I have not been able to reach him. I don't know if our Director has talked to Mr. Davis at all.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: I talked to him yesterday about some other things that we were working on. But I think he's been in and out for, I don't know, vacation days or something.

MR. PAUL KAPLAN: Oh, okay. All right, well, I'll keep on trying to find him. The only thing I'm still concerned with is security. I still think that I'm at a point where I like -- who is the head of security? Do they have one supervisor, or is it --

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: Well, we have a -- we have, you know, contracted security.

MR. PAUL KAPLAN: Right.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: With Allied Security.

MR. PAUL KAPLAN: Correct.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: But we also have the Fulton County Police Department headed by Chief Yates.

MR. PAUL KAPLAN: Correct. Could they come to our meeting once in a while, just to kind of go over everything?

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: Oh, yes, you know, Captain Schierle when he was Captain Schierle, he's now, I think, Major Schierle, used come to --

MR. PAUL KAPLAN: He's a Major now? If he can come that would be great, and he can talk to the rest of the Board, and we can understand some of the things we have to go through. Cameras, we sure got a problem with cameras, I think at Central. So, I think

we need to send to talk to him and see what can be done. Other than that, is it any other questions on security?

MS. LINDA JORDAN: I just have a question. Like, when I was coming in --

MR. PAUL KAPLAN: Sure.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: -- earlier, like, outside, there were like, two guys arguing. I was wondering if the guys that are sitting at the security desk, if they check the outside sometimes?

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

MS. LINDA JORDAN: Because I had to say to them, you all – you all are in front of the library, you all – you can't do that.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: Well, the procedure should be that they are walking around the building, that someone's always doing it on the hour, and that they will see things like that happening and do just what you did, break it up, let them know it's not going to be tolerated. We are working very closely with security about things of that nature. They're a lot of things happening right now that are of concern.

MR. JOE PIONTEK: You must have used your big voice, because --

MS. LINDA JORDAN: I did.

MR. JOE PIONTEK: -- I wouldn't have done that.

MR. PAUL KAPLAN: We still have the policy that when a branch closes the end of the day, there's two people that go out together?

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: We encourage staff to always go out together.

MR. PAUL KAPLAN: Okay, all right.

MR. JOE PIONTEK: Good.

MR. PAUL KAPLAN: I think that's important.
MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: It is important.

MR. PAUL KAPLAN: Nowadays, people are kind of a little bit --

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: It's very important.

MR. PAUL KAPLAN: Okay. That's it, that's my report. CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: Library Director Reports.

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FCLS LOOK AHEAD EVENTS/PROGRAMS

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: The Library System staff have been extremely busy, finishing up Summer Reading, it went through August 1, so July was very busy for them. They had all kinds of programs that they were offering, craft programs and book programs, and just anything you can imagine from exercise classes to ESL classes. So never a dull moment in this library for many reasons. But lots of fun things happening, children enjoyed themselves reading. We had at least over 15,000 kids signed up for the

Summer Reading Program, which takes the numbers up for the state of Georgia as well. So that's a real good thing for us this year, and we were very excited about all of that. We still have a long way to go with getting programming back up for children, as well as actual participation coming in the doors. So, you'll notice that on some of the reports that some of the numbers are still not quite exactly what we'd like for them to be, but we're working towards some ideas that we think will make a difference. It's always good for us to track and to have, and then to track the numbers for those special-theme type programs. Like, in the month of July 1, of course, we celebrate Independence Day. So, programs built around themes seem to help to bring people in. So, we're trying to make sure that we track and get most of those, get those types of programs featured. So, we've got some work to do on that. When we come to our monthly financial report, we are on track. We have a remaining \$11.6 million to spend in the report, and so I think we're doing and tracking very well with our funding this year. Any questions or any of that so far? Our monthly usage, as I mentioned, has some room for improvement. But we're working toward making that happen. Any questions about any of those things?

MR. PAUL BOLSTER: I noticed that everything seems to be up, except youth.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: Right. That's -- Yes, that's what I was just commenting on. The youth, it's gotten a little bit better, but not as -- not where we'd like for it to be. And so we're trying to figure out exactly what's going on with that, because we are still having lots of programs and that type of thing. We did have some -- well, of course, the Peachtree Library has been closed, and some libraries are getting back in gear, like Cleveland Avenue, because it had been closed for so long, but it's reopened. So, they're trying to get back into the swing of things, M.L. King as well, to getting the people back out. So, if you've got three or four libraries that have been kind of offline for various reasons over a period of time, that has affected our yearly numbers to some extent. So, we figured that would happen. We don't know how we could have offset it any better than we have. But that has contributed to some of it.

MS. BEVERLY RICE: We just have a lot of competition now.

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

MS. BEVERLY RICE: With the -- they have -- you know, people are competing, they're involved in a lot of other activities, so everybody's kind of pulling them different ways.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: That's true. There are lots of things going on. Also, you know, school is a lot different than it was years ago, where, you know, kids now are involved in things that will propel them into college or propel them into careers and things like that. They are becoming influences and all that. They can make a lot of money doing that. So, they got all these outside influences and things that are grabbing their attention. So, I think we've got to find out how to meet the moment so we can be a part of some of that, you know? Some of us, I think, as we go through our positions, we think sort of like in the past, and we've got to come into the future and make -- make those kinds of programs, present those kinds of programs that will generate the teen's interest. Of

course, children are brought usually by their parents or other caregivers. So as Jalisa -- as Jovita was speaking, I was thinking about years ago, we had a real push on grandparents raising grandchildren, programs around that. So, I think that's something that we need to get back involved with, because that is a area that really brought a lot of attention, it brought a lot of people out to afternoon or evening programs. That becomes a little hard, because some people don't necessarily want to come out and when it gets dark and all when the seasons change. But I think we've got to offer a few more things like that. So, we're kicking around some ideas as the administrative team works together to try and offset some of the concerns that we have with the numbers.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: Mrs. Holloman, I have a question regarding and speaking about the future, I may have missed it -- missed this. But what are we doing in that AI, Chat GPT space, as far as courses that we could -- because me, I'm trying to learn it. I'm not trying to be left behind with that being said. So, to me, that could attract, you know, students, elderly and all that. So, what are we doing in that space to make sure people kind of get the gist of it, can take a class, get some certifications if possible?

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: Well, what we -- we've started kind of small, but we will be introducing it and talking more about it as a library system at our Staff Development Day, which is going to be in October, and that's always funded by, in a large part, by our Library Foundation. So, we're going to be talking more about Al. I'm very interested in it myself, and so we're developing a lot of things around it. These ladies here have been getting involved in it, to some extent, with one of the Commissioners. So, I think that it's -- it's kind of -- it's the kind of thing that people have been kind of afraid of it, but we've got to learn how to embrace it.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: Exactly.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: Because it's here and I don't think it's going to go away. So, we're looking --

MR. JOE PIONTEK: I use it every day, all day.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: -- at that and --

MS. LINDA JORDAN: Joe uses it every day, all day.

MS. CANDICE FRANKLIN: I do, too. I do, too.

MS. BEVERLY RICE: I use it, too.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: Joe.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: It is amazing. They've shown me some things I never would have thought.

MR. JOE PIONTEK: If you're just reforming a spreadsheet, I mean, there's things that you -- you know, how to do --

MS. LINDA JORDAN: So, these two use it every day, you might want to ask them --

MR. JOE PIONTEK: All day.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: -- can they teach a class.
MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: That's a good thing.

MR. JOE PIONTEK: You know, Google has a really great introductory course on that.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: Can you send it to all of us, so we'll know.

MR. JOE PIONTEK: I will send it. I will send it to the Board.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: All right, thank you.

MR. JOE PIONTEK: They got great courses on just picking up and how to write prompts and things like that.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: All right, I appreciate that.

MR. JOE PIONTEK: You got it.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: Because I'm a Georgia Tech Engineer, a hell of an Engineer, and excuse me -- that --

MR. JOE PIONTEK: That's where I started.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: Strike, strike that, but anyway. I don't know AI yet. I went to Clark and Georgia Tech. But yes, I'm -- Yes, so I need to make sure I'm on point, on top of things.

MR. JOE PIONTEK: Well, I went to Georgia Tech, but the rules were different back then when they let me in.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: That part.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: Well, I used to work at Georgia Tech and Architectural Library, so --

MS. CANDICE FRANKLIN: Oh, so you know --

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: -- it's pretty cool.

MR. JOE PIONTEK: You know exactly what I mean.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: Pretty cool place. But anyway, so that, that's where we are with those things. But that's a great thought, because the AI is, it's there and it's not going away, I don't think. So, we've got to figure out ways to not be afraid of it. so, we are -- we are getting on the page with that.

MS. BEVERLY RICE: I remember when people were afraid of computers, remember that?

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: True.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: Right.

MS. BEVERLY RICE: Now, we're all using computers.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: Depend on them.

MR. JOE PIONTEK: The internet was a bad thing.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: The internet was a bad -- right.

MS. BEVERLY RICE: Yes, so negative, right.

MR. JOE PIONTEK: This is just one more tool.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: Yep.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: Right. Do you want me to go to unfinished business?

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: Yes.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

CENTRAL LIBRARY - UPDATE

RENTAL POLICY - DISCUSSION

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: Okay. Central Library, of course, is doing a lot of wonderful things. We had a lot of exhibits, art exhibits on the first floor, and other programming going on. The Best Buy Teen Tech Center is continuing to just be phenomenal with the programs they offer to kids. It's been really fascinating. That's one way to get teens in. So, we found that niche. We found a way to get adults coming to programs because of the One Book, One Read and other book author visits, book talks and that type of thing. Now, we just got to figure out how to get the children back, because we don't know exactly what's happening with that, and I'm concerned about it, as an old Children's Librarian, I'm trying to figure out, what do we do? What do we need to do? It's got to get a little hook there somewhere, and we're trying to figure that out. So maybe we need characters, maybe we need something else, I'm not sure. But we're going to work on that and figure it out. Any questions on any of that?

MR. PAUL BOLSTER: Well, I want to thank you for doing a special program November the 1st on my new book.

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

MR. PAUL BOLSTER: Hopefully, we'll get a lot of young people out. The book is targeted towards young people. Hopefully, we get to get this in front of them. They'll get interested in environmental issues and advocacy issues, a whole variety of things that's in that story.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: I think you could very well do that.

MR. PAUL BOLSTER: I brought you a copy.
MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: Oh, thank you.

MS. BEVERLY RICE: Oh, wow.

MR. JOE PIONTEK: November 1st, what library you're doing that at?

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: It's going to be here.
MR. JOE PIONTEK: It's going to be here at Central?

MR. PAUL BOLSTER: It's going to be here at the Central Library.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: Central Library.
MR. JOE PIONTEK: Right on, I'll see you, Paul.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: Their Wild Island. I'm Vanna White today, y'all.

MR. PAUL BOLSTER: One of the things I'm thrilled about, the cover was done by a painter, high school student painter.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: Oh, wow.

MR. PAUL BOLSTER: Then the back cover was done by my daughter, so.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: Cool. That's all right. Thank you.

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: What time is the program?

MR. PAUL BOLSTER: November 1st.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: What time is it?

MR. PAUL BOLSTER: I'm not sure what time. It's --

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: You know what time it is, Zenobia? MR. PAUL BOLSTER: I think it's a Saturday, Saturday morning.

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: Yes.

MR. PAUL BOLSTER: They're still working on the schedule.

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: Okay. Well, when you --

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: We'll let you know. We need a flyer. You need to get a flyer out.

MS. BEVERLY RICE: Congratulations. **MR. PAUL BOLSTER:** Thank you.

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: M.O.U. Foundation, I promised I'd have something today, and I'm going to have to break that promise. I'm very sorry.

MR. JOE PIONTEK: It's okay.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: That's understandable.

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: You know, you think you're on to the next thing, and then something pushes you back. It just seems like there's so many things going on.

MR. JOE PIONTEK: Oh, I think you're making it up just to keep the schedule light.

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: Well, I'm not admitting it if that is --

MS. BEVERLY RICE: But we are working on it.
MR. JOE PIONTEK: Neither confirm or deny.
MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: Working on it.
CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: So, yes, hopefully --

MS. BEVERLY RICE: Yes, we are working on it.

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: Oh, good. Beverly says it's definitely making progress.

MS. BEVERLY RICE: Yes.

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: So, thank you.

MR. JOE PIONTEK: Excellent.

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: Thank you for your patience.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: Rental policy.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: The rental policy, I do have one thing to make you all aware of. We still have not gotten much further than what we've been over this last year or two that we've talked about it. But I do want you to be aware that Fulton County does not have any facilities that are managed by outside or external entities that they're not planning to go -- they did that, they're not planning to go back, is what I'm told. The last group that did it was the Benson Center, and now they're drawing out, they're getting out of that, out of that space. So, they're still working on the rental policy that we've talked about back and forth, with plans to very -- very soon, with plans to take it before the Board of Commissioners. So, I just wanted to make you aware of that as you make plans and talk about it. I certainly cannot advise you to do or not do whatever it is you decide to do. But I wanted you to be aware that that's where they are, and I was recently, you know,

made aware to be -- that's advised -- it's advisable that I make you aware of that. So, I'm just making you aware of that.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: So, I just want to add, I don't know if Candice had a chance to view the area, but we have a beautiful space, beautiful, you hear me, that can have -- you can host a number of people in it.

MS. CANDICE FRANKLIN: Yes, I got here -MS. LINDA JORDAN: Oh, you had the tour?
MS. CANDICE FRANKLIN: -- really early today.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: Okay.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: Took a trip --

MR. PAUL KAPLAN: She took the tour.

MS. CANDICE FRANKLIN: I took the tour, yes.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: A tour.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: But we can't use it, we can't rent it out, right, until --

MR. JOE PIONTEK: Are you with Commissioner Arrington?

MS. CANDICE FRANKLIN: No, city -- MS. LINDA JORDAN: City Mayor.

MR. JOE PIONTEK: Oh, so no Damian? MS. LINDA JORDAN: She took -- Yes.

MR. JOE PIONTEK: It'll be great.

MS. CANDICE FRANKLIN: Thank you.
MR. JOE PIONTEK: No. Love to have you.

MS. CANDICE FRANKLIN: Yes, I heard about -- but we -- I got you from them, they can't rent it out, is what you're saying, right?

MS. LINDA JORDAN: Right. Now, we're trying to figure out a policy --

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: They want it to be consistent with the policy throughout the County. So that we're not competing against ourselves, you know? If we had different, perhaps it would compete with what they're doing at the Atrium when it's a part of it. So, they're trying to make a consistent policy. It's been in the works now, we've been -- I've been on the committee for five years.

MS. CANDICE FRANKLIN: Wow.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: It still hasn't gotten quite where we needed to get, because of all the entities. We would have our Event Center, our Auditorium downstairs, the Auditorium and the Event Center, as well as Auburn Avenue Research Library's Auditorium would be a part of it. So, they want to put all that together and then have a unified policy. So that's basically where they are at this moment.

MS. CANDICE FRANKLIN: Because then they can go to the --

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: They've done a lot of work on that over these years.

MS. CANDICE FRANKLIN: Because then the revenue model can go to your bottom line, too.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: Yes, well, that's a whole other story. Money goes into the general fund.

MS. CANDICE FRANKLIN: It goes in the general fund.

MR. PAUL KAPLAN: It goes in the general fund.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: Currently.

MS. CANDICE FRANKLIN: Yes, I got you.

MR. JOE PIONTEK: Somebody else gets that money.

MS. CANDICE FRANKLIN: Good luck.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: Right.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: Well, it ends up trickling back to us, you know, in ways.

MS. CANDICE FRANKLIN: Yes. From someone that like -- again, I'm the philanthropic and event side. Before someone actually came to me and said, have you seen the facility at this library? Because I'm constantly looking for new places to do things. So it's very interesting that that came up because someone literally just said to me, oh, you should try to do this event there.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: Right.

MS. CANDICE FRANKLIN: But now I realize I can't, but --

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: Well, now, it --

MS. BEVERLY RICE: You -- go ahead.
MS. CANDICE FRANKLIN: Go ahead.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: We deal -- we work currently with our partners and with

Commissioners on programs and events --

MS. CANDICE FRANKLIN: Right.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: -- in that space. So, it's not to say, you can't do it.

MS. CANDICE FRANKLIN: It's just --

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: It won't cost anything right now --

MS. BEVERLY RICE: Right.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: -- until we get all of that work through.

MS. CANDICE FRANKLIN: All right got you. But it is a beautiful -- I did look around.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: Yes.

MS. CANDICE FRANKLIN: I can understand that.

MR. PAUL BOLSTER: It does seem that there's a difference between what we were proposing to have the Foundation operate the Event Space here, as opposed to an outside party. There's sort of semi us.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: Right. Well, I'm just telling you what it was --

MR. PAUL BOLSTER: Okay.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: -- whatever advisable. Because they've tried that, and all four -- all four of those senior centers had an arrangement similar to that. The only one now left is Benson, and they're coming out of it. It just no longer works, so --

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: So those were like \$2 lunches that they used to furnish per

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: That was part of what they did, yes.

MS. BEVERLY RICE: They're \$3 --

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: I'll bet their clients are not happy about that.

MS. BEVERLY RICE: Yes, they're \$3 now. MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: So anyway. MS. CANDICE FRANKLIN: Yes, thank you.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: That's where we are with that.

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: Okay. So that brings us to the ban appeal hearing of Rady

Williams.

MR. JOE PIONTEK: Is a new ban? CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: Yes.

MR. JOE PIONTEK: Okay.

NEW BUSINESS

HEARING

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: Is he here? Good. Mr. Williams, can you hear me? **MS. LINDA JORDAN:** While we're waiting, I have to excuse myself. I had a conflict at 5:30. Sorry about that.

MR. JOE PIONTEK: He's muted? His microphone is muted.

MR. RADY WILLIAMS: Can you hear me now?

TRUSTEES: Yes.

MR. RADY WILLIAMS: Okay, good. Let's get started. Is everybody there, present? Because I can't see you now. Okay, let's get started. Last year, September the 23, 2024. CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: Okay. Before -- Mr. Williams, I'm sorry. My name is Nina Radakovich, I'm Chair of this Board. And let me say a few words about the hearing before you get started if you don't mind. Is that okay?

MR. RADY WILLIAMS: Sure. Make it quick. Sure, sure.

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: I understand. This next agenda item is an appeal hearing related to the ban issued to Patron Rady Williams on August 5, 2025. This appeal hearing is governed by Section 7 of the Library's Code of Conduct. Pursuant to the Code of Conduct, this hearing is presided over by the Chair of the Library Board and shall conclude after a reasonable amount of time as determined by the Chair of the Library Board. The Code of Conduct also clarifies that this hearing is administrative in nature and that strict rules of evidence do not apply. The Code of Conduct permits the appellant, Rady Williams, to present documentary information and verbal statements for this Board's consideration. Before you start, Mr. Williams, I just want to call attention to the fact that the Board Members each have a copy of the incident report that was written on August 5, 2025, which involve the violations of the Code of Conduct, which resulted in the ban.

So, if you want to have that handy to refer to, Board Members, it's in your packet. All right, Mr. Williams, go ahead.

MR. RADY WILLIAMS: Well, I think it's a good idea for me to give the Board Members some information, but it's impossible for me to give it to them, because every time I show up at the library, I got full -- Fulton County Police Officers with guns telling me I got to get it off the premises. So, when I walked into Mrs. Gayle Holloman, I believe her name is, office, again, a man with a gun showed up at a library and told me I had to leave. So, every time I show up with this video to verify that everything, I'm telling you is the truth, I'm being escorted out with armed men, and they're not being friendly. I tried to set up an appointment to meet the Executive at the downtown location, and they constantly sending in people with guns. So, my only alternative solution is to inform the Fulton County Superior Court Judge in Northern District of Judge Magistrate Court that I'm being discriminated against. I've been -- my name has been slandered; deprivation has definitely happened. My First Amendment right is being denied, and for some reason, you're constantly asking me to give you something you don't want. So, you need to first figure out how you going to get this evidence from me, because I've been banned. Because when I went to the Chief Executive Office in August, she told me again, Mrs. Gayle, that she's going to be busy. She just come off of a week vacation before that. She had a training vacation. I've been trying to contact this lady for almost a year without any results. So, I think you need to get your act together, the Fulton County Library, to determine who's going to speak to me, and who's going to see this information. Your Lieutenant Calvin got all the videos from the body cam. They refused to give me the information from the body cam. So now, I got to go to a Judge to get the information from the body cam, and the Judge is going to get it, both of them, state and federal. Because they don't play this hide-and-seek games. So, I don't know how it is possible for you to now sit there say you don't know me, and we've been going through this trials and tribulations all -- almost a year now. Nobody knows me, but everybody knows me when I show up, everybody knows me. So, it starts something like this, last September. This is where it starts at, the 23rd of 2024, a false police report was filed because I told the staff they could not block the men's room, man laboratory because they claim the homeless people cause it stink. That's a violation of state and federal Constitution. You can't discriminate against homeless people because they stink.

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: Mr. Williams.

MR. RADY WILLIAMS: I don't stink.

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: Mr. Williams, now --

MR. RADY WILLIAMS: Second --

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: You're bringing up something from last year --

MR. RADY WILLIAMS: Yes, I know you're going to slow me up. I know you want to slow

me up. I need to get it out, not going to take much longer.

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: All right.

MR. RADY WILLIAMS: Now going back to from September 23, 2024 to May 29, 2025,

I've been talking to the Westend Branch -- CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: But we're not --

MR. RADY WILLIAMS: -- and they told me --

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: We're not here to discuss --

MR. RADY WILLIAMS: -- at that time --

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: -- that. We're here to discuss the more recent incident.

MR. RADY WILLIAMS: I understand. I'm getting to it, sir, getting to it. If you stop interrupting, I'll get right to it. I don't have -- I don't the video. You don't want to see the video. I got the videos. I got all the videos, all the encounters. So, after September incident, I went back to May, May 29, 2025, the same thing happened to me, but it was a six-month ban. It wasn't a 12-month. So, Sergeant Whitmore told me to come back the next day, I didn't. I waited until June, went back in June. They showed up with a 12-month. How can I get 12-month when I only been in there five minutes? They're 34 different branches. I'm at the other 34 branches, and I'm getting these threats from these individuals work at these 34 branches, telling me I cannot go into the library's study room but for two hours, and after that, I have to leave. That's the procedure that they executed on video, in violation of your policy. This August incident happened because I was trying to give you the information, and Mrs. Gayle Holloman was hiding in her office. She told me exact day she's going to be there. I told her exact day I was going to be there. She's hiding in her office, so I can't give you anything. So now, I'm hit with another one. This one is 12 months. I mean, you people are insane. You need to be stopped.

MR. JOE PIONTEK: Speak with respect, please.

MR. RADY WILLIAMS: No, that -- that is respect when you tell a United States citizen, you're doing a ban of 12 months, and there's no court procedures, nothing.

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: We're having a procedure now.

MR. RADY WILLIAMS: Now you --

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: This is your chance to be heard.

MR. RADY WILLIAMS: Oh, true, true.

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: But you're not --

MR. RADY WILLIAMS: It is my chance to be heard. But guess what, I can present no evidence to you because that's the way you designed it. So now I got to go to Fulton County Superior Court and tell the Judge with this transcript, you have designed my ability to defend myself in Fulton County, to just record proceedings. As soon as --

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: Do you have -- do you have any videos --

MR. RADY WILLIAMS: As soon as Lieutenant Calvin give you the information, you will understand everything I'm telling you. But I don't have time to go back and forth. You telling me, you only want to hear about August. No, this been going on since May 29th, and it happened last year, September 23rd. So, this been a serious liability against the taxpayers of Georgia. You not taking it serious at all because of the color of my skin.

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: Mr. Williams --

MR. RADY WILLIAMS: But you better take it -- you better take it serious.

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: We are taking it seriously. But you have to present your information in a matter that we can understand it. You're not giving specific dates for when things happened. You could show us --

MR. RADY WILLIAMS: I can't give you any --

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: -- the videos if you have them.

MR. RADY WILLIAMS: I can't give you any dates, ma'am. You're not coming to your office. I paid -- my tax dollars paid for you to have an office. When I go in the office at Central Library downtown, there's got to be somebody to talk to. There's nobody there to talk to when I get there, when R-a-d-y Williams get there, there's police waiting with a gun. How about that? How about the video of me showing you police with the guns? How about that? All the incidents from September 23, 2024, until August 2025, I'll show you police with guns.

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: Mr. Williams --

MR. RADY WILLIAMS: They not telling me to present new evidence, they telling me, get off the premises.

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: You have -- you have email capacity; is that right?

MR. RADY WILLIAMS: Miss, I'm saying this to be -- I'm saying this to be honest with you. I don't have time to be playing all these games. I got other -- I got a life to live. You want to play games with email and all that old stuff; I'm not going through that route. I'm talking to a human being. You want to see the evidence, I'll bring it to you tomorrow, tomorrow morning. If you want to see the videos, I'll bring it to you tomorrow morning. But if you don't set up a date that I can show you these videos to prove to my innocence, then I'll take it to Fulton County Superior Court and the Northern District of Georgia Magistrate Judge. I'll tell them exactly what you up to. I have no recourse. You keep --

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: You have used email to send several documents here. So, if you have further documents, submit those by email. We're not getting anywhere.

MR. RADY WILLIAMS: Oh, no, you -- yes, you right, we not getting anywhere. I been barred, I been banned from a government facility during normal operational hours. You want me to engage in this type of work that I have no way to do the work. I got to do work somewhere else. My tax dollar paid for Fulton County Library, they're 34 branches. I've been banned from every last one of them.

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: Mr. Williams --

MR. RADY WILLIAMS: Now, you need to decide it -- you need to decide which one of those branches I can sit down and give this information to one of your executives. If not, don't waste more of my time.

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: All right, so that's -- that's all you have to say at this point, right?

MR. RADY WILLIAMS: Name the person. Name the person. That's what I need to know. Name the person that's going to respect me as a taxpayer in Fulton County judicial court's jurisdiction, and don't give me anymore BS about I'm being rude to your -- to your staff, because your staff a bunch of liars. I got them on video, telling the lies. So, you decided which one I'm going to speak to, and which library, and then we can go from there. If not, I'll see you in Fulton County in the federal court.

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: All right. That person is here now. That person is me. I'm ready to hear you. I'm ready to be respectful. But if you're not going to be respectful, there's no point in going further. So, do you have another statement to make or not?

MR. RADY WILLIAMS: My last statement to you, ma'am, is that if you don't receive this information within 24 hours from me, I'm going to the Fulton County Magistrate Court and Northern District of Georgia Federal Court. That's Fulton County Superior Court and the Northern District of Georgia Magistrate Court, because I really don't have anymore time to be playing with y'all. Y'all going to play this little game, hide and see, I'm not playing. I got other things to do in my life.

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: All right.

MR. RADY WILLIAMS: Decide in 24 hours -- you can decide in 24 hours, which person I'm going to talk to. But I don't get no email from you, I'm taking it to the courts.

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: All right. Thank you very much. That concludes this hearing.

(Whereupon, the hearing concludes at 5:14 p.m.)

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

MR. JOE PIONTEK: Some problems solve themselves. Well done, Judge.

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: Does anybody have anything further about that hearing or anything else?

MR. JOE PIONTEK: No.

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: Do I hear a motion?

MR. JOE PIONTEK: I move that we adjourn.

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: Adjourn. We're adjourned.

MS. BEVERLY RICE: I second.

(Whereupon, the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees concluded at 5:15 p.m.)



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FULTON COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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

SEPTEMBER 24, 2025

FULTON COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT - TOTAL LIBRARY

AS OF AUGUST 31, 2025

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SERVICE	2025 BUDGET	AUGUST	2025 YTD	2025 YTD	2025 YTD	2025 YTD	2025 BUDGET
DESCRIPTION	ALLOCATION	EXPENDITURES	EXPENDITURES	ENCUMBRANCES	COMMITTED	% COMMITTED	BALANCE
REG SALARY	15,877,775	1,205,772	10,642,018	-	10,642,018	67%	5,235,757
SALARIES-OVERTIME	12,000	676	1,780	-	1,780	15%	10,220
PART TIME SALARY	669,539	32,340	312,463	-	312,463	47%	357,076
BENEFITS	8,131,289	600,169	4,999,314	-	4,999,314	61%	3,131,975
BOOKS	3,476,148	124,517	2,349,997	1,001,612	3,351,609	96%	124,540
OFFICE EQUIP. REPAIR	66,057	-	37,385	42,810	80,195	121%	(14,138)
EQUIPMENT	125,061	10,336	106,722	-	106,722	85%	18,339
OFFICE FURNITURE	5,738	307	3,503	-	3,503	61%	2,236
PROFESSIONAL SERV	26,800	6,195	18,147	2,517	20,664	77%	6,136
COPIER MACHINE	174,000	23,164	133,853	-	133,853	77%	40,147
SUPPLIES	175,997	6,898	116,519	12,429	128,949	73%	47,048
COMPUTER HARDWARE	498,917	-	419,443	-	419,443	84%	79,474
RENT	284,956	12,040	166,798	119,699	286,497	101%	(1,541)
OTHER SERVICES	452,786	29,820	293,379	50,524	343,903	76%	108,883
TRAVEL/CONFERENCE	18,500	3,778	5,777	-	5,777	31%	12,723
HOPITALITY	44,643	114	11,011	-	11,011	25%	33,631
VEHICLE MAINTENANCE	7,211	556	4,372	-	4,372	61%	2,839
GENERAL INSURANCE	622,596	51,883	415,064	-	415,064	67%	207,532
CONTINGENCY	251,630	-	-	-	-	0%	251,630
TOTAL	30,921,643	2,108,566	20,037,546	1,229,591	21,267,137	69%	9,654,506

FULTON COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT - BY ORG TYPE

AS OF AUGUST 31, 2025

ORGANIZATION	SERVICE	2025 BUDGET	2025 AUGUST	2025 YTD	2025 YTD	2025 YTD	2025 YTD	BUDGET
TYPE	DESCRIPTION	ALLOCATION	EXPENDITURES	EXPENDITURES	ENCUMBRANCES	COMMITTED	% COMMITTED	BALANCE
PUBLIC SERVICE	REG SALARY	12,066,585	864,766	7,771,245	-	7,771,245	64%	4,295,340
	SALARIES-OVERTIME	5,000	87	87	-	87	2%	4,913
	PART TIME SALARY	669,539	32,340	312,463	44	312,507	47%	357,032
	BENEFITS	6,193,664	444,003	3,736,548	-	3,736,548	60%	2,457,116
	BOOKS	2,534,759	124,517	1,408,688	1,001,610	2,410,299	95%	124,461
	OFFICE EQUIP. REPAIR	66,057	-	37,385	42,810	80,195	121%	(14,138)
	EQUIPMENT	105,795	6,965	97,218	-	97,218	92%	8,577
	OFFICE FURNITURE	3,306	251	2,796	-	2,796	85%	511
	PROFESSIONAL SERV	22,000	6,195	18,147	2,252	20,399	93%	1,601
	COPIER MACHINE	174,000	23,164	133,853	-	133,853	77%	40,147
	SUPPLIES	65,012	1,784	36,345	-	36,345	56%	28,667
	RENT	284,956	12,040	166,798	119,699	286,497	101%	(1,541)
	OTHER SERVICES	205,201	20,303	140,397	1,915	142,312	69%	62,889
	HOSPITALITY EXPENSE	25,252	114	4,097	-	4,097	16%	21,154
	GENERAL INSURANCE	404,826	33,736	269,884	-	269,884	67%	134,942
Total		22,825,952	1,570,264	14,135,952	1,168,331	15,304,282	67%	7,521,670

FULTON COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT - BY ORG TYPE

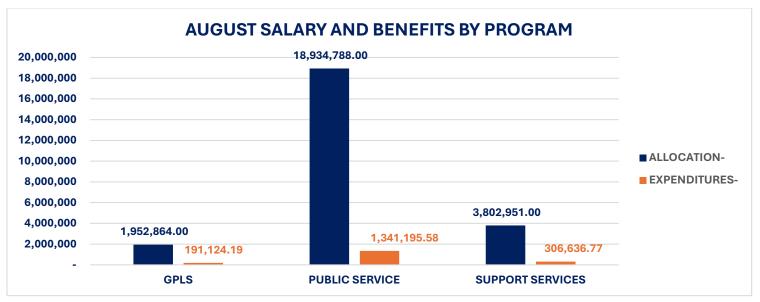
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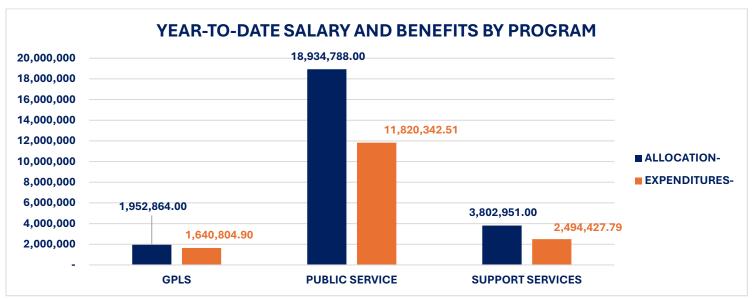
ORGANIZATION	SERVICE	2025 BUDGET	2025 AUGUST	2025 YTD	2025 YTD	2025 YTD	2025 YTD	BUDGET
TYPE	DESCRIPTION	ALLOCATION	EXPENDITURES	EXPENDITURES	ENCUMBRANCES	COMMITTED	% COMMITTED	BALANCE
SUPPORT SERVICES	REG SALARY	2,503,605	206,999	1,702,423	-	1,702,423	68%	801,182
	SALARIES-OVERTIME	7,000	590	1,693	-	1,693	24%	5,307
	BENEFITS	1,292,346	99,048	790,312	-	790,312	61%	502,034
	EQUIPMENT	19,266	3,371	9,503	-	9,503	49%	9,762
	OFFICE FURNITURE	2,432	56	707	-	707	29%	1,725
	PROFESSIONAL SERV	4,800	ı	-	265	265	6%	4,535
	SUPPLIES	110,985	5,114	80,174	12,429	92,604	83%	18,381
	COMPUTER HARDWARE	498,917	ı	419,443	-	419,443	84%	79,474
	OTHER SERVICES	247,585	9,517	152,981	48,609	201,591	81%	48,495
	TRAVEL/CONFERENCE	18,500	3,778	5,777	-	5,777	31%	12,723
	HOPITALITY	19,391	ı	6,914	-	6,914	36%	12,477
	VEHICLE MAINTENANCE	7,211	556	4,372	-	4,372	61%	2,839
	GENERAL INSURANCE	217,770	18,148	145,180	-	145,180	67%	72,590
	CONTINGENCY	251,630	-	-	-	-	0%	251,630
Total		5,201,438	347,178	3,319,481	61,303	3,380,784	65%	1,823,154

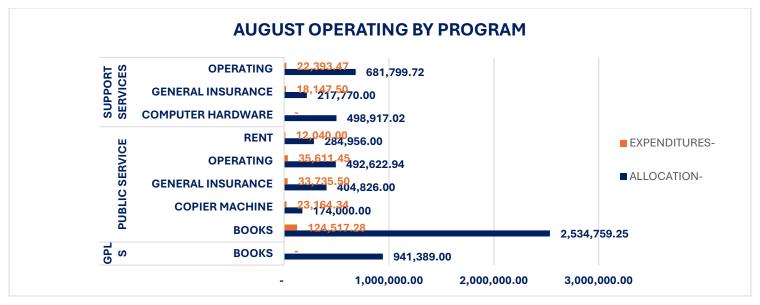
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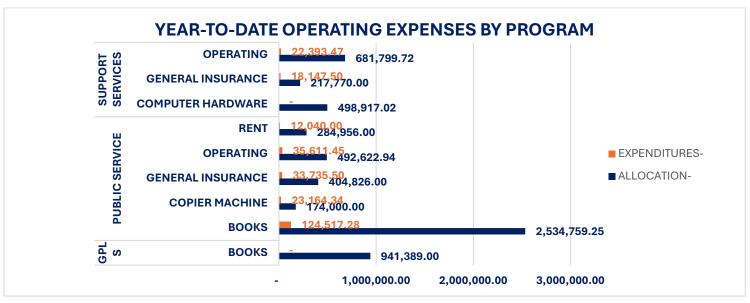
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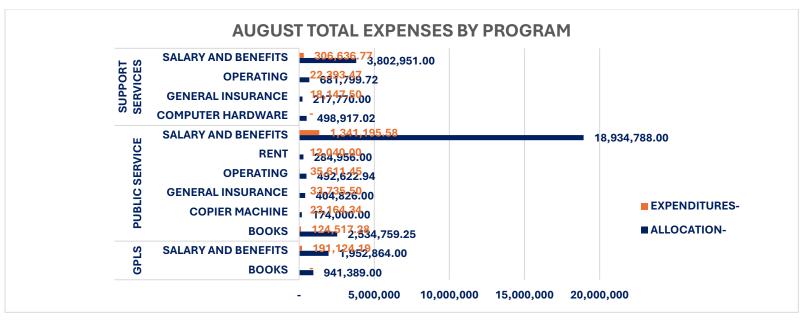
ORGANIZATION	SERVICE	2025 BUDGET	2025 AUGUST	2025 YTD	2025 YTD	2025 YTD	2025 YTD	BUDGET
TYPE	DESCRIPTION	ALLOCATION	EXPENDITURES	EXPENDITURES	ENCUMBRANCES	COMMITTED	% COMMITTED	BALANCE
6585	REG SALARY	1,307,585	134,007	1,168,351	-	1,168,351	89%	139,234
6585	BENEFITS	645,279	57,118	472,454	-	472,454	73%	172,825
6585	BOOKS	941,389	-	941,309	1	941,310	100%	79
6585 Total		2,894,253	191,124	2,582,114	1	2,582,115	89%	312,138

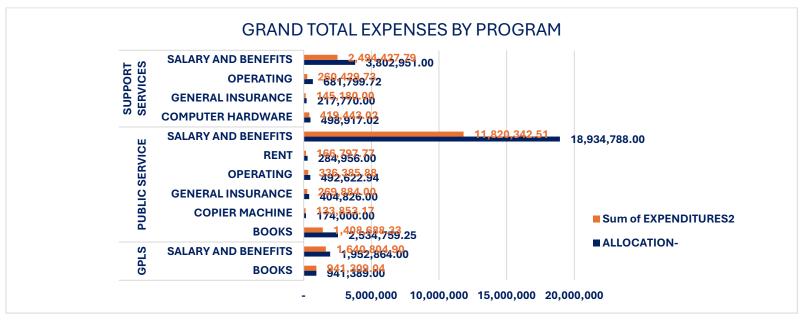












Monthly Usage Summa	ary - Au	gust 202	25		Doc. #25-43
Activity and Description	2025	YTD	2024	YTD	YTD % +/-
Circulation	202427	4567620	2075 45	4504050	4.0
Total number of items checked out of the library	203437	1567620	207545	1581850	-19
Holds					
Number of requests by patrons	49,909	381219	48903	387616	-2%
Visits					
Number of people entering a library for any reason	253648	1649280	245134	1735513	-5%
Computer/Internet Usage					
Number of computer sessions (Internet access and office softw	87242	620403	81562	521130	19%
Number of hours of computer use	36,053	255155	31739	204944	24%
Web Page Visits					
Number of times people have visited the library's websites	1380601	10648757	1320144	10469370	29
				1010011	
Web Visitors					
Number of people who visited the library's websites	226,553	1667302	222733	1746082	-5%
Virtual Circulation					
Number of materials downloaded or streamed	179372	1461224	164324	1319681	119
Virtual Circulation Users					
Number of people who downloaded or streamed	40470	313352	35577	282826	119
Number of people who downloaded of streamed	40470	313332	33377	202020	11/
Children's programs					
Library sponsored programs offered for children (birth - 12)	209	2292	190	2239	29
Number of people attending programs	6372	63893	5884	66393	-49
Teen Programs					
Library sponsored programs offered for teens (13 - 17)	52	569	94	782	-27%
Number of people attending programs	392	6523	1111	9350	
Adult Programs					
Library sponsored programs offered for adults (18 +)	427	3672	343	2546	449
Number of people attending programs	4912	45338	4038	29018	
Programs - Total					
Library sponsored programs offered (includes all-ages not coun	797	7719	824	7040	
Number of people attending programs	14373	158049	16940	149298	69
Meeting Rooms					
Non-library sponsored meetings or activities scheduled	483	3784	344	2633	449
Number of people attending meetings or activities	6399	49165	4692	40939	209

August 2025 Executive Write Up

Fairburn is reporting 0 library visits for August. There is a ticket in to address the issue.

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

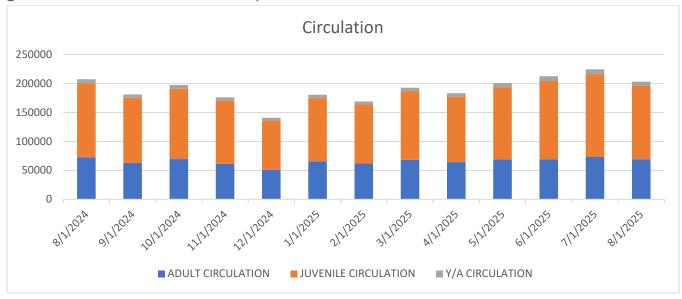
Fulton County Library System Circulation Stats - August 2025

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ACENCY NAME	ADULT	IIIVENII E	Y/A	OTHER		2024 TOTAL	INCREASE/ DECREASE	PERCENT	YTD 2025 CIRC	YTD 2024 CIRC	INCREASE/ DECREASE	
AGENCY NAME												
ADAMS PARK	353	432	21		807	875				7,841		_
ADAMSVILLE/COLLIER HEIGHTS	540	609	29			1371	-193	-14.08%	9,367	11,034	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	-15.11%
ALPHARETTA	5890	14258	668			20623	197	0.96%	159,389	163,958	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	-2.79%
BUCKHEAD	4762	6676	243		11683	12549	-866	-6.90%	91,819	84,177	7,642	9.08%
CLEVELAND AVE	295	276	36	0	607	28	579	2067.86%	2183	180	2,003	1112.78%
COLLEGE PARK	529	802	46	0	1377	2320	-943	-40.65%	12,716	16,362	-3,646	-22.28%
DOGWOOD	292	274	29	1	596	813	-217	-26.69%	3,608	7,306	-3,698	-50.62%
EAST ATLANTA	2235	3689	210	1	6135	4967	1168	23.52%	48,456	37,943	10,513	27.71%
EAST POINT	620	298	97	4	1019	139	880	633.09%	6,979	1,048	5,931	565.94%
EAST ROSWELL	4510	8830	312	10	13662	13293	369	2.78%	104,234	103,478	756	0.73%
EVELYN G. LOWERY @ CASCADE	1048	1302	115	0	2465	2600	-135	-5.19%	18,411	18,268	143	0.78%
FAIRBURN	665	984	63	0	1712	1747	-35	-2.00%	13,783	13,019	764	5.87%
GLADYS S. DENNARD @ SOUTH FULTON	1102	2071	147	0	3320	3548	-228	-6.43%	24,850	26,302	-1,452	-5.52%
HAPEVILLE	927	1015	174	0	2116	1937	179	9.24%	12,738	15,297	-2,559	-16.73%
JOAN P. GARNER @ PONCE DE LEON	5270	6525	377	1	12173	12643	-470	-3.72%	93,020	87,575	5,445	6.22%
KIRKWOOD	1952	4835	194	1	6982	7644	-662	-8.66%	49,344	52,509	-3,165	-6.03%
LOUISE WATLEY @ SOUTHEAST ATLANTA	565	906	108	0	1579	2300	-721	-31.35%	16,012	17,044	-1,032	-6.05%
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR	458	568	36	2	1064	105	959	913.33%	6,970	1,945	5,025	258.35%
MECHANICSVILLE	265	314	13	1	593	711	-118	-16.60%	3,830	5,357	-1,527	-28.50%
METROPOLITAN	1285	3090	104	1	4480	5102	-622	-12.19%	35,769	40,087	-4,318	-10.77%
MILTON	4217	9351	457	6	14031	15988	-1957	-12.24%	116,795	131,288	-14,493	-11.04%
NORTHEAST/SPRUILL OAKS	2963	7596	493	6	11058	11421	-363	-3.18%	87,787	86,477	1,310	1.51%
NORTHSIDE	3694	7555	305	6	11560	11419	141	1.23%	85,582	84,404	1,178	1.40%
NORTHWEST @ SCOTTS CROSSING	1231	2909	152	2	4294	2953	1341	45.41%	31,604	25,802	5,802	22.49%
OCEE	5009	12949	904	11	18873	19746	-873	-4.42%	149,064	146,857	2,207	1.50%
PALMETTO	441	1005	62	0	1508	1823	-315	-17.28%	10,820	12,657	-1,837	-14.51%
PEACHTREE	343	207	8	0	558	1537	-979	-63.70%	4,843	30,721	-25,878	-84.24%
ROSWELL	6198	10023	444	16	16681	16818	-137	-0.81%	125,213	123,465	1,748	1.42%
SANDY SPRINGS	6740	12130	522	10	19402	20977	-1575	-7.51%	148,527	157,473	-8,946	-5.68%
WASHINGTON PARK	422	598	87	0	1107	1492	-385	-25.80%	9,308	11,518	-2,210	-19.19%
WEST END	552	1008	71	0	1631	1276	355	27.82%	11,947	9,876	2071	20.97%
WOLFCREEK	1305	2633	238	3	4179	3681	498	13.53%	33,443	26,929	6,514	24.19%
BRANCHES TOTAL	66678	125718	6765	89	199250	204446	-5196	-2.54%	1,535,749	1,558,197	-22,448	-1.44%
CENTRAL	2401	1478	205	13	4097	2946	1151	39.07%	31,182	22,996	8,186	35.60%
OUTREACH SERVICES	1	0	0	0	1	3	-2	-0.66666667	11	23	-12	-52.17%
AUBURN AVENUE RESEARCH	88	0	1	0	89	150	-61	-40.67%	678	634	44	6.94%
SYSTEM TOTAL	69168	127196	6971	102	203437	207545	-4108	-1.98%	1,567,620	1,581,850	-14,230	-0.90%

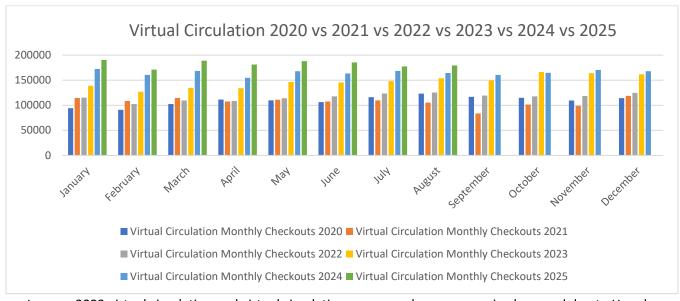
FULTON COUNTY SYSTEM STATS AT A GLANCE - August 2025

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AGENCY NAME	TOTAL CIRCULATION	TOTAL REGISTRATIONS	COMPUTER USAGE	LIBRARY VISITS	NUMBER OF PROGRAMS	PROGRAM ATTENDANCE	NUMBER OF MEETINGS	MEETING ATTENDANCE	VOTER REGISTRATIONS
ADAMS PARK	807	130	3186	4,796	26	106	6	77	0
ADAMSVILLE/COLLIER HEIGHTS	1178	115	4055	5,108	22	54	4	41	1
ALPHARETTA	20,820	913	1234	16,985	40	1002	14	206	0
BUCKHEAD	11,683	806	2605	10,447	26	765	17	417	0
CLEVELAND AVE	607	61	486	2952	6	37	9	110	0
COLLEGE PARK	1,377	114	3357	4,871	6	43	4	34	0
DOGWOOD	596	70	1305	3,098	19	76	4	68	2
EAST ATLANTA	6,135	355	2098	8182	11	88	7	68	0
EAST POINT	1019	196	1803	6854	34	425	28	386	0
EAST ROSWELL	13,662	371	811	6,270	31	365	4	37	3
EVELYN G. LOWERY @ CASCADE	2,465	274	3801	6,450	20	298	70	320	0
FAIRBURN	1,712	252	1036	0	10	74	21	205	5
GLADYS S. DENNARD @ SOUTH FULTON	3,320	336	2989	6,332	36	580	25	675	2
HAPEVILLE	2,116	116	1749	5740	12	127	25	157	2
JOAN P. LOWERY @ PONCE DE LEON	12,173	675	6940	7,772	18	203	1	2	0
KIRKWOOD	6,982	285	912	5,808	15	386	9	227	0
LOUISE WATLEY @ SOUTHEAST ATLANTA	1,579	106	2206	4936	27	177	13	157	0
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR	1064	108	656	1913	25	67	25	60	0
MECHANICSVILLE	593	65	2831	3,068	7	1	4	63	2
METROPOLITAN	4,480	241	3560	6,118	15	367	50	707	0
MILTON	14,031	556	675	6,732	52	844	10	92	6
NORTHEAST/SPRUILL OAKS	11,058	393	549	6,401	46	872	7	68	3
NORTHSIDE	11,560	482	809	7,707	22	1261	6	135	0
NORTHWEST @ SCOTTS CROSSING	4,294	161	2347	10,945	11	221	5	64	0
OCEE	18,873	688	760	11,566	16	344	5	45	0
PALMETTO	1,508	78	556	2,355	20	205	8	96	0
PEACHTREE	558	264	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ROSWELL	16,681	708	2112	12497	51	1335	14	124	0
SANDY SPRINGS	19,402	979	3879	21,614	67	2053	3	25	16
WASHINGTON PARK	1107	70	2737	4,579	5	45	8	89	2
WEST END	1,631	126	2160			72	2	15	0
WOLFCREEK	4,179	261	1152	5,733	17	157	44	983	0
BRANCHES TOTAL	199,250	10,355	65,356	212,997	732	12,650	452	5,753	44
CENTRAL	4,097	557	21763	33,807	36	501	31	646	16
VIRTUAL PROGRAMS					3	45			
OUTREACH VIRTUAL PROGRAMS	1	6	0	0	16	845	0	0	0
AUBURN AVENUE RESEARCH	89	2	123	6844	10	332	0	0	0
SYSTEM TOTAL	203,437	10,920	87,242	253,648	797	14,373	483	6,399	60

August 2025 Executive Summary – Charts







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

