



# **BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

## **MEETING INFORMATION PACKET**

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**FULTON COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM  
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NOVEMBER 19, 2025 - 4:00 P.M.  
AGENDA**

- I. Call to Order
- II. Public Comments
- III. Adoption of Agenda\* Doc. #25-53
- IV. Approval of Minutes - October 22, 2025\* Doc. #25-52
- V. Chairman's Report
- VI. Work Orders Report - Paul Kaplan
- VII. Director's Reports Doc. #25-56
  - Library Services and Trends
  - Monthly Financial Report Doc. #25-54
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  - FCLS Look Ahead Events/Programs
- VIII. Unfinished Business
  - A. Central Library - Update
  - B. AFPL Foundation M.O.U. - Update
  - C. Rental Policy - Discussion
- IX. New Business
  - A.
- X. Adjournment

\*Action is anticipated on this item

**Doc. #25-52**



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**BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**

**OCTOBER 22, 2025 - 4:00 P.M.**



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

Members Absent: Franklin, Candice

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: Dreiling, Erin, Foundation Executive Director  
Schierle, Kenneth, Major, Fulton County Police  
Smith, Maureen, Captain, Fulton County Police  
Weems, Kelvin, Lieutenant, Fulton County Police

Webinar Attendees: 4 attendees

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

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**CALL TO ORDER**

**CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH:** Good afternoon. This is the Fulton County Library System Board of Trustees monthly meeting. My name is Nina Radakovich, I'm the Chair. We do have a quorum. Do we have anybody here to make public comments?

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**MRS. ZENOBIA CLAXTON:** We do not.

**CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH:** Okay. Do I hear a motion that we adopt the agenda?

**25-46 ADOPTION OF AGENDA****MOTION**

**MR. PAUL KAPLAN:** I so move.

**MS. BEVERLY RICE:** Second.

**MR. JOE PIONTEK:** Second.

**CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH:** Any discussion?

**TRUSTEES:** No responses.

**CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH:** All in favor?

**TRUSTEES:** Aye.

**CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH:** Thank you. Next, we need to approve the minutes. Do I hear a motion?

**25-45 APPROVAL OF MINUTES - SEPTEMBER 24, 2025****MOTION**

**MS. BEVERLY RICE:** I'd like to make a motion that we approve the minutes from September 24, 2025.

**CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH:** Thank you.

**MR. PAUL KAPLAN:** I'll second it.

**CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH:** All in favor of approval of the minutes.

**TRUSTEES:** Aye.

**CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH:** Thank you. Now, we have Fulton County Security update from Major Schierle and Lieutenant Weems.

**FULTON COUNTY SECURITY UPDATE - MAJOR KENNETH SCHIERLE, CAPTAIN MAUREEN SMITH & LIEUTENANT KELVIN WEEMS**

**MAJOR KENNETH SCHIERLE:** I'll -- I would stand this way, but I don't want to hurt my back. Do you mind if I just sit here, so --

**MR. JOE PIONTEK:** Sure.

**MAJOR KENNETH SCHIERLE:** This -- and by the way, Captain Smith, she's over the Security Division. That's Lieutenant Weems, he's over the security operation for all of the libraries. So, he's based out of here, which is a really good thing, and he pretty much runs everything. I think I see a couple of new faces. Some of you have heard our initial security plan. We had some addition to it. So basically, there's 34 libraries, like we know, this is the base. We have -- I'm not going to get into how many guards are here, but it's a mixture of armed and unarmed guards. We have a Supervisor here for Allied Security also that oversees that. We're also -- we have a very large security account. As you know, there's over 125 county buildings, and you have an Account Manager, two Assistant Account Managers. We just decided recently to also move the Assistant Account Manager based out of this library, because it's such a large operation to really oversee it, along working with Lieutenant Weems, and he oversees all 34 libraries. Then we go after the other libraries, then we identify 14 additional libraries who have a little



more critical incidents that normally occur there. So, then we have 14 fixed armed guards at those 14. Then the additional ones, the additional libraries, we took Allied Security, all guards. We divided the remaining libraries, the North Sector, Central Sector, and Southern Sector, and they each have their own responsibility. They check those libraries every day, at least twice a day. Then if an incident comes up, you know, while they're in -- they'll response out to that library. Then our Security Division, as far as Police Officers, is very robust too. We had -- we use eight Police Officers that we've divided all 34 libraries, and each one kind of has their own little sector of libraries, so then they're also checking the libraries. They're also in close proximity if there's ever a critical incident that occurs. Then we've had some recent incidents where, unfortunately, in libraries it's always been a common crime of public indecency in libraries. But it's been an issue, I've been with the Police Department for 29 years, we've -- that's one of our main chargeable offenses in libraries. We had a pretty decent -- where we had a person with public indecency, our Police Officers got out there very fast. We had to fight the person and take them to jail. That was the most recent incident, I'm just giving an example of. But we've also have been very fortunate, they just started this, and it's next to the Atlanta City Jail, it's actually attached to it. It's called the Diversion Center. So, we now have the opportunity of helping some of the community that if it's -- if it's a minor crime, we could take them to the Diversion Center and actually get them help. There's 15 cities in Fulton County, and they recently in the last Board of Commissioner meeting did a big presentation on it. Atlanta Police was number one, because they obviously have the biggest Police Department by far. But we were second by far out of all the Police Departments in Fulton County by using -- take diverting people to the Diversion Center, actually get help over there. That, it's been really big benefit for us. That's about the most of my update. Our cameras are very -- are with the 34 libraries, our cameras, out of all the county facilities is the most complete. Now, we're -- we always find little areas that we have to add a camera here or there. But as far as, we have a very good security system and on the electronic end too. You all have anything you want to add?

**CAPTAIN MAUREEN SMITH:** I think you covered most of it.

**LIEUTENANT KELVIN WEEMS:** You mentioned the Account Manager being here, too.

**MAJOR KENNETH SCHIERLE:** Yes. Is that it then? Great, all right. Thanks. You all have any questions?

**MR. PAUL BOLSTER:** I have a comment.

**MAJOR KENNETH SCHIERLE:** Sure.

**MR. PAUL BOLSTER:** I was with my -- I was with my County Commissioner, Mo Ivory, last night at a public hearing. She was encouraging the police force to use the Diversion Center. It's underutilized right now, and the jail is over utilized. So especially there are a number people that get a Police Officer taking to the -- to the Fulton County Jail, and they'd be better off if they were taken to the Diversion Center. So, I hope you encourage the rest of the police force in the city to utilize the Diversion Center. It does seem appropriate for the people that are maybe disrupting the libraries.

**MAJOR KENNETH SCHIERLE:** Yes.

**MR. PAUL BOLSTER:** Appreciate the fact we're doing that.

**MAJOR KENNETH SCHIERLE:** Thanks. We're also trying to partner with our External Affairs Division in Fulton County because we've been such a high user of, we're going to put a video together so we can introduce it more to all the different Police Departments

on how easy it really is to utilize, and how it can really help people. So, we're trying to be as instrumental as we can in really pushing that, that forward.

**MR. PAUL BOLSTER:** She said last night that it's a six-minute timing dropping the -- dropping a person off that the staff is so underutilized, they're meeting the policeman right at the door and immediately taking charge of their case. So, it's really a huge resource right now in the community.

**MAJOR KENNETH SCHIERLE:** Yes, totally agree.

**MR. PAUL KAPLAN:** I got a question. So, I've been doing some checking with libraries across the country, different -- different libraries. Have you ever seen libraries where there's no door in the bathroom? In other words, there's not a clear line of sight, there's a -- there's a panel, a wall, whatever it is, having no door at all. In other words, it was a couple things, if there's something going on there, you certainly would hear the noise of it. Number two is, it's some of our -- of course, we're not building that way, our libraries, we would have to put a panel in there. You think something like that would help out? Also what about a camera that faces both, both washrooms and you can see people are going in and out?

**MAJOR KENNETH SCHIERLE:** Right. I'm not going to say I'm a hundred percent certain. But on all of our bathrooms, we do have it in the hallway, right?

**LIEUTENANT KELVIN WEEMS:** Yes. In this building we -- we have access that we can monitor the people who comes in and out of the restrooms. So definitely, that's what we have.

**MAJOR KENNETH SCHIERLE:** We'll check on the other 34, but I'm pretty certain on the majority of them that we do have the camera, you know, footage on that.

**MR. PAUL KAPLAN:** Right.

**MAJOR KENNETH SCHIERLE:** As far as the bathroom doors, the -- yes, that can -- are you talking about more like a cut where, you know -- I'm going to use if you go into a gym for an example, you know, you just walk in and then it --

**MR. PAUL KAPLAN:** You have to come -- right --

**MAJOR KENNETH SCHIERLE:** Come around --

**MR. PAUL KAPLAN:** If it's a clear line of sight, you can't remove the door. But if there's an obstruction there, in other words, if any way you can remove the door if you can't see straight it --

**MAJOR KENNETH SCHIERLE:** Right. No, I think that would be great idea.

**MR. PAUL KAPLAN:** Okay.

**MAJOR KENNETH SCHIERLE:** So, my guess, we'd have to get with --

**MR. PAUL KAPLAN:** It would make a -- it would make a change --

**MAJOR KENNETH SCHIERLE:** -- our DREAM Department -- yes, right.

**MR. PAUL KAPLAN:** Right, and also it'll cost some amount of money --

**MAJOR KENNETH SCHIERLE:** Right.

**MR. PAUL KAPLAN:** -- to get some changes. But I wonder if that would help out. Because it seems like a lot of our problems is in the bathrooms.

**MAJOR KENNETH SCHIERLE:** You're -- absolutely.

**MR. PAUL KAPLAN:** They come out of that bathroom, and they cause all kinds of problems. What about a panic button inside a washroom?

**MAJOR KENNETH SCHIERLE:** Panic button inside a washroom.

**MR. PAUL KAPLAN:** Especially in the women's bathroom.

**MAJOR KENNETH SCHIERLE:** Yes. I'm trying to think where you would put it. That could be --

**MR. PAUL KAPLAN:** It could be vandals. I mean, I could see somebody pushing button and running.

**MAJOR KENNETH SCHIERLE:** Yes.

**MR. PAUL KAPLAN:** Ah, just putting that out there.

**MAJOR KENNETH SCHIERLE:** We'll look into that. Have you seen that in any of -- on your research --

**MR. PAUL KAPLAN:** No.

**MAJOR KENNETH SCHIERLE:** -- the panic button?

**MR. PAUL KAPLAN:** No. It was talked about in some research. But that's as far as it went.

**MAJOR KENNETH SCHIERLE:** Okay. I'll look into that, and see --

**CAPTAIN MAUREEN SMITH:** The question would be where, and how would people know --

**MAJOR KENNETH SCHIERLE:** Yes, you almost would have to advertise --

**CAPTAIN MAUREEN SMITH:** Right.

**MAJOR KENNETH SCHIERLE:** -- for that. Then if we offer it in women's, we would have to offer it in male's too, in my opinion.

**MR. PAUL KAPLAN:** Yes, right.

**MAJOR KENNETH SCHIERLE:** Yes.

**MR. PAUL KAPLAN:** I'm just throwing that out there.

**MAJOR KENNETH SCHIERLE:** Yes.

**MR. PAUL KAPLAN:** Always trying to think different ways to do things.

**MAJOR KENNETH SCHIERLE:** Yes.

**MR. PAUL KAPLAN:** So, tell me, so if somebody comes out and he gets arrested there, you know, the indecent, you know, in a lot of instances, some of these gentlemen are very hard to approach. They're in that kind of position. That, you know, it's happens right away. I might have a Librarian that might be afraid to say anything, call the police, and not even ask anything, the name of the guy or anything like that case. It's a hard thing, it can happen right away, and the guy is out of there. I don't know how to handle something like that.

**MAJOR KENNETH SCHIERLE:** So, we actually go out and train the library staff on different scenarios.

**MR. PAUL KAPLAN:** Okay.

**MAJOR KENNETH SCHIERLE:** On something like that, you use public indecency as an example, right? On that, we wouldn't want them to approach them at all. Then we would either, if there was security on staff, we would notify --

**MR. PAUL KAPLAN:** Right.

**MAJOR KENNETH SCHIERLE:** -- security that there's not -- there's multiple -- so first, they would call 911, then they would call our Security Operations Center, which would also dispatch armed Security Guard, our Police Officer, and also the local jurisdiction. So, you would have multiple responses going, which is the plan that we've set up, which I thought was pretty good.

**MR. PAUL KAPLAN:** I'm only saying this because I feel, and been on the Board almost ten years, and I'm starting to see, people are just crazy. Just, things are happening that you would never think about years ago.

**MAJOR KENNETH SCHIERLE:** Right.

**MR. PAUL KAPLAN:** I'm just worried about a real critical incident.

**MR. JOE PIONTEK:** The Director mentioned that last month.

**MR. PAUL KAPLAN:** So, it's just something that worries me.

**MAJOR KENNETH SCHIERLE:** Yes. We would never -- we do go out and train the library staff too. We, sometimes we'll set up a little scenario too, similar to what you're -- what you're speaking of.

**MR. PAUL KAPLAN:** Okay.

**MR. JOE PIONTEK:** Are you noticing that, that things are getting a little weird right, and --

**MAJOR KENNETH SCHIERLE:** Again, I've been here --

**MR. JOE PIONTEK:** Yes.

**MAJOR KENNETH SCHIERLE:** -- been with the Police almost --

**MR. JOE PIONTEK:** Per your experience --

**MAJOR KENNETH SCHIERLE:** -- 29 years, and it -- they've weird all along.

**MR. JOE PIONTEK:** Okay.

**MAJOR KENNETH SCHIERLE:** We've always had unexpected incidents of public indecency unfortunately. It's very odd, 29 years ago when I started, I'm like, what? Why are they doing this in the library? It's still a common occurrence, and you can't really predict that person that's going to come in and do that. Now, the good news is we have a better plan as far as banning -- banning the people that commit these crimes. Now, it's not just Mrs. Holloman, she also delegated to her Administrators that they could institute those bans on the people --

**MR. JOE PIONTEK:** Perfect.

**MAJOR KENNETH SCHIERLE:** -- that violated that. So, it's a lot easier now that we have that in place. We could -- and we know who they are, and --

**MR. JOE PIONTEK:** Gayle, I assume that's permanent ban, right?

**MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN:** In most cases, it's six months, one year, or permanent.

**MR. JOE PIONTEK:** Oh, well, I was just wondering. Public indecency?

**MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN:** Public indecency is permanent.

**MAJOR KENNETH SCHIERLE:** Permanent. We actually, when we are -- if we arrest the person or take him to jail, we're also in the process -- we serve them before they actually go into the jail. So -- because if they were never served the papers, then they, you know, can initially be served. So, we try -- we do everything at one time, so --

**MR. JOE PIONTEK:** Fantastic.

**MAJOR KENNETH SCHIERLE:** -- they don't pose a problem anymore.

**MR. JOE PIONTEK:** Thank you.

**MR. PAUL KAPLAN:** Now, I'll ask my Director, have you seen changes in the last five, ten years, what's happening in some of the libraries? Have you noticed?

**MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN:** The negative things?

**MR. PAUL KAPLAN:** Yes.

**MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN:** Oh, yes. It's just amazing. We have some things that we never even thought would take place, particularly in certain areas that never had

problems. Now, all of a sudden, every day, there's something. But the society has changed so much that people are just everywhere, and they're just doing all kinds of things that they think up. They don't want you to tell them anything. If they do the slightest thing and you say something to them, they go off the handle, you know? Watching porn, we're working with IT to try and find ways if can get the site that they can bar -- they can, you know, bar that site or ban that site from the computer --

**MR. JOE PIONTEK:** That's no longer a problem with Georgia then?

**MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN:** But it's a problem. It's still a problem for a lot of them. They somehow get around it. We've heard that they can send things to someone else and someone else can send it to their email, then they can still open it. So, we -- so IT can't necessarily get in on all of that unless we know the URL. So, it's been -- it's been kind of interesting about that, because there are lots of -- there's lots of software out there against it that the -- that the county puts on the computers. But still, people get into them. They get into those sites. They don't think anything of it. They're just sitting there like they're watching TV.

**MR. JOE PIONTEK:** Well, Georgia passed the -- passed a law, and they banned them in Georgia, those sites. So, they would have to have a VPN in order to get in there --

**MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN:** Somehow they're getting in.

**MR. JOE PIONTEK:** -- private network. Lord, they are creative.

**MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN:** They're a lot of people that are doing a lot of things.

**MS. LINDA JORDAN:** Director Holloman, do we have any issues? I know where I'm from, small town, we have people that might have some, in other words, they'll go into the restroom, the bathroom, restroom and change clothes and hold up the -- for hours? Do we have that?

**MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN:** Oh, yes. We have them doing all -- changing clothes, washing up, doing all kinds of things. It's amazing.

**MS. LINDA JORDAN:** How do we -- how do we deal with that? I mean, how -- how is that -- like, how you find out or the Librarian finds out that they've been in there long period of time?

**MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN:** Well, oftentimes, if they notice that they've been in there, they'll knock at the door, and try to, you know, ask what's going on? Do you need any help? Are you -- is anything wrong, and get their attention. But when you do that, sometimes they go off on you know, though. Then other times, they just know. You know, they come out, and you can see something's not right. -- or someone walks in and sees them, say, almost taking a bath in the sink. They'll come out and tell a staff member. The staff members then would let the Security Guard know. Security Guard then, you know, take over and look into the matter. So, it's all kinds of things going on. You'd be surprised.

**CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH:** Besides disorderly conduct, I mean public indecency, what -- what are the most common crimes, both in the library and in the neighborhood right here?

**MAJOR KENNETH SCHIERLE:** Well, disorderly conduct is one of them that you just named it. I'm going to let Lieutenant Weems, because he's --

**LIEUTENANT KELVIN WEEMS:** Yes, the majority of crimes we're basically seeing now is between masturbating, public indecency, or --

**CAPTAIN MAUREEN SMITH:** Refusing to leave.

**LIEUTENANT KELVIN WEEMS:** Yes, refusing to leave. Like, if someone's sleeping, you know, which is just a policy violation, but you know, when the Security Guard give you several, you know, warnings to wake up, you know? You know, a lot of them refuse to leave, or disorderly, loud music, talking loud, you know, being disruptive to other patrons. So, it's -- it's a whole lot that goes on, you know? Some like, like, we were discussing earlier about the diversion, the Diversion Center is something we use in lieu of going to jail. You know, sometimes, you know, a lot of these people have -- a lot of patrons have mental, you know, issues or whatever, and the jail really does not do anything for them. So, we're trying to utilize the Diversion Center that gives them help. You know, they can take a bath, they get cleaned up. They can offer them, you know, any, a lot of assistance in clothes, everything, so we're looking at that. But a lot of crimes, you know, or patrons fighting each other. So, yes --

**MS. LINDA JORDAN:** Are you seeing any stealing?

**LIEUTENANT KELVIN WEEMS:** Oh, yes. Oh, thank you, yes, yes. Yes, but a lot of patrons, what they'll do is they'll charge their phone and walk away. They'll come back and say, my phone's stolen. They'll tell you, oh, I was only gone a couple minutes. Then when we go back and look at camera, you were gone 45 minutes. Again, but if you lay something -- especially here, if you lay something down -- oh, my goodness. So yeah, theft. But it's mostly cellphones, they steal cellphones, definitely. Yes, they'll take a cellphone. When, you know, unfortunately -- fortunately, with our cameras and the way Allied Security, we're able to go back, look and see who did -- a lot of them who -- they'll steal it and leave and won't come back. But sometimes, we have people come back.

**MS. LINDA JORDAN:** So, with that being said, Director Holloman, do we have signs up that say about your personal articles or leave them at your --

**MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN:** No.

**MS. LINDA JORDAN:** -- own risk and all that?

**MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN:** We've decided over the years that the signage becomes a problem because it, after awhile, they don't watch -- they don't look at it. Because you get too much, and it's just -- it's just too much going on with all the signage. So, we don't really have signage as such, but they know, they know they're wrong. The other thing is that we have a lot of people in here and in other -- and the branches where they want to bring more than one bag. You're supposed to you -- the rule is, if your item can fit under your seat comfortably, but only one. They want to bring two or more, they -- they'll be huge. It doesn't matter who it is. It doesn't matter if it's unhoused or somebody in a Brooks Brothers suit, the theme still applies, the rule still applies. You get a lot of people arguing about that.

**MR. PAUL KAPLAN:** I really thank you guys for doing your work.

**MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN:** Oh, yes.

**MAJOR KENNETH SCHIERLE:** Thank you. I appreciate that.

**MR. PAUL KAPLAN:** I'm getting to appreciate it more and more since my granddaughter is doing it, so I'm now putting it all together. But --

**MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN:** It's been great having Officer Weems here with us every day. It makes huge difference, the Security Guards, as well as the Police being here, so we appreciate that.

**MR. JOE PIONTEK:** You walking people back to their cars, and things like that?

**LIEUTENANT KELVIN WEEMS:** Excuse me?

**MR. JOE PIONTEK:** You have to walk people back to their cars at night?

**LIEUTENANT KELVIN WEEMS:** People?

**MAJOR KENNETH SCHIERLE:** What do you mean?

**MR. JOE PIONTEK:** Our Director. I'm most worried about my Director.

**LIEUTENANT KELVIN WEEMS:** Yes. Oh, the garage. Yes, no, yes, security is around there. But I'm sorry, when you said people, I was thinking the patrons. I'm like, no, they don't have cars.

**MR. JOE PIONTEK:** No.

**MAJOR KENNETH SCHIERLE:** Not at this library, mostly.

**LIEUTENANT KELVIN WEEMS:** Oh, I apologize for that.

**MR. JOE PIONTEK:** No worries.

**MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN:** I try to -- I'll call and let them know if I'm going to stay later or something and things like that.

**MR. JOE PIONTEK:** That's good.

**MR. D. CHIP JOYNER:** Is there anything that we could --

**CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH:** Thank you very much.

**MR. D. CHIP JOYNER:** I'm sorry.

**CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH:** Go ahead.

**MR. D. CHIP JOYNER:** Is there anything we could do to help support what you guys do for the library?

**MAJOR KENNETH SCHIERLE:** There was a plan that I put out there, and Mrs. Holloman said it would take too much on the staff. I don't even though if it would -- I introduced this, it was a couple years back. Because all these crimes that are committed, it's more because people are -- it's almost, nobody knows who they are when they walk into a library. I know when I go to the gym, I scan my card. When I walk in, they know who I am. I don't even know if this is possible from a library standpoint, but to actually scan your library card. Now, I know then that comes into the question of the unhoused, then we're not welcoming the unhoused people. So, my solution at that was, well then offer a temporary library card that, you know, they fill out a basic form, and we're going on trust on that. Part of the -- part of the -- when you fill out the form, you know, there needs to be something there, if you lie on the form, if you give us false information, you'll be banned from the library. That'll be a part of -- but at least they know there's a little more ownership that we kind of know who you are when you go in. I -- to me, it's also good customer service because if you go a database on, if Lieutenant Weems likes -- and he likes that story, and you put that in a database. So then when you come into a library, even if it's, let's just say, Alpharetta Library, you go in, and like, hey, Mr. Weems, hey, we got this new history program coming up. So that was the way I was looking at it, and also to prevent some of the crime going on because it also shows a little more ownership. It also maybe will -- the unhoused, some of the unhoused people will feel a little more welcome like, wow, we actually have a temporary library card, you know, a the bit too. That was an idea I don't -- I know it's a big ask, but that to me, would, would solve a lot of the problems, just over the years that I would look at it, because it -- you know, but.

**MS. BEVERLY RICE:** It sounds like a really excellent idea. I don't know how it would work with it being a public library.

**MAJOR KENNETH SCHIERLE:** Right. That -- and that was the big issue.

**MS. BEVERLY RICE:** Yes, that's the only thing.

**MAJOR KENNETH SCHIERLE:** Yes.

**MS. BEVERLY RICE:** But at some point, I do believe that people will have to identify themselves to go everywhere.

**MAJOR KENNETH SCHIERLE:** Right.

**MS. BEVERLY RICE:** So, you know, maybe, you know, it's something that you could reconsider in the future.

**CAPTAIN MAUREEN SMITH:** It would help us in solving the crime when it happens. It would help --

**MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN:** The problem with that is, first of all, libraries have to be free and open to the public.

**MS. BEVERLY RICE:** Right.

**MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN:** Public libraries do. They do get courtesy cards, and then they forget where the card is. They don't have the number, so you constantly making them over, and that's right now. It would be a lot for staff to do to be able to make all these cards for people who are not going to keep up with them. Real library users keep up with their cards, so those people we don't usually have problems with. So that, that would be part of the problem, and we don't want to get ourselves in a position to where we're acting as though we're trying to keep people out.

**MS. BEVERLY RICE:** Right.

**MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN:** That's -- we'd be on the news for that, you all. I've told Captain Schierle that a couple of times. We would be on the 6:00 o'clock news all over the United States if we do that. So, it sounds like a good idea, but when you really think about it, with the -- what the library is supposed to be about as far as the public library, it's a whole difference -- it's a whole different story. Academic libraries, you got in -- you got an audience right there, built-in audience because they're students. But this is just very different. So, I brought that up a few times to staff, and to the Administrative Team and to a few folks at the county, and they were like, no, that's not going to be a good idea. So, it does sound good.

**MS. BEVERLY RICE:** Yes, it sounds good.

**MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN:** But it's just in actuality, it's not necessarily the thing to do.

**MAJOR KENNETH SCHIERLE:** We'll just keep on adding security.

**MR. D. CHIP JOYNER:** But for the data captured, that's really -- that's where everything is moving.

**MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN:** Yes, but they're not going to -- everybody is not going to give you the right information. They're going to give you lies. They're going to give you a false name. We just had someone today that had came through, and they wrote them up, banned them yesterday. Today, find out there was an assumed name and found out the real name somehow. I got to find out how they got the real name. But that was just today, yesterday and today, the person was going under an assumed name. So when they wrote her up, she gave this other name. Come to find out that wasn't her name at all. That doesn't usually happen when people give you an assumed name. Usually, you don't find out. But in this case, they did, so.

**LIEUTENANT KELVIN WEEMS:** Well, that person was arrested. When they got arrested, they found out the --

**MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN:** Oh, that's how they found out.



**MS. LINDA JORDAN:** Fingerprints?

**LIEUTENANT KELVIN WEEMS:** Yes, it -- yes, finger printer. We have a mobile fingerprint come out and we fingerprint the individual right there. Actually, they found out that she wanted out of Gwinnett County. So that's probably why she gave a false name, so. But she was arrested at Mechanicsville Library.

**MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN:** That's one of the libraries that have some issues sometimes. Well, anyway, we can revisit it, I guess.

**CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH:** Thank you very much.

**MR. JOE PIONTEK:** Thank you so much for coming in.

**CAPTAIN MAUREEN SMITH:** Thank you.

**MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN:** Thank you.

**MR. D. CHIP JOYNER:** Thank you.

**CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH:** Anytime when something comes up that you think we should hear about, please let us know, we would love to have you come back.

**CAPTAIN MAUREEN SMITH:** No problem.

**CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH:** Let us know.

**CAPTAIN MAUREEN SMITH:** Okay. Thank you. Thank you all for your support.

#### **LIBRARY FOUNDATION UPDATES – ERIN DREILING**

**CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH:** Okay, I don't have a report. We have with us, Erin Dreiling from the Foundation, and she's here to say, hi and just --

**MR. JOE PIONTEK:** Oh, goody.

**CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH:** -- let us know.

**MS. ERIN DREILING:** So, Michelle will be back next month with a more robust update. But I'm just here to say, hi, listen in, answer any questions. Also wanted to encourage you to go to One Book, One Read on Saturday. I know that was probably in some of the materials. But if you have time to make it up, we have VIP reception on the fifth floor at 10:00 before, so you can sneak in and get your book signed with less of a line, if that interests you. So, I know some of you can't make it, and some of you are already RSVP'd, but we'd love to have you join us, One Book, One Read. I'm super excited about the program. I know Gayle's team has worked really hard on this. One Book, One Read is such a shining star, so we're excited to be a part of, so. But that's what it is, but also just want to -- that's a, you know, hearing that presentation, that's a lot on top of running a library system. So, like, kudos to Gayle and your team.

**MS. LINDA JORDAN:** Right, exactly.

**MS. ERIN DREILING:** That's -- that's a lot.

**MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN:** You all just don't know the half of it.

**MS. ERIN DREILING:** Yes, I'm sure I don't. So just kudos to you all.

**MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN:** It's amazing.

**MS. ERIN DREILING:** But that's on top of everything else that running a library system takes. So, thank you.

**MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN:** Thank you.

**MR. PAUL BOLSTER:** Will the presentation on Saturday be recorded and available on the website?

**MS. ERIN DREILING:** Yes. I think it's going to be streamed on the Fulton County YouTube and Facebook pages.

**MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN:** Yes. Social media.

**MS. ERIN DREILING:** So live streamed, and then it should be available on YouTube after the fact. Yes.

**CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH:** Any questions for Erin?

**TRUSTEES:** (No responses.)

**CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH:** All right, thank you very much. Mr. Kaplan.

#### **WORK ORDERS REPORT - PAUL KAPLAN**

**MR. PAUL KAPLAN:** Work orders for the month of September, September 1<sup>st</sup> through September 30<sup>th</sup>, we had 182 work orders. Out of 182, 150 were completed, make it around over 82 percent with a completion rate. Nothing -- nothing outstanding, HVAC, it was about 19; plumbing was 37 problems; electrical, 22. But there was 94 miscellaneous, which includes everything. I always say that's landscaping, it's moving chairs, moving tables, garbage pickups, lawn service, rodent problems. I mean, it just -- and security alarms breaking down and stuff like that. So, like she said, there's a lot running a library, and all these things go along with it. This doesn't, the stuff doesn't get done, we have problems with the library, because right now they're keeping up with it. I had tried to get a hold of Joe Davis. I haven't been able to reach him. I wanted to see what was happening with --

**MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN:** He's got a lot going on.

**MR. PAUL KAPLAN:** -- with -- yes, he does. He has both phones off.

**MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN:** Yes, I tried to call him the other day and couldn't get him.

**MR. PAUL KAPLAN:** I can't get him either. For recertifying the Central Library. You know, we're in that season now it's heat, people are not as concerned. We usually don't get frozen out. Usually, we're pretty good, but we'll see what happens. But anybody have any questions? Otherwise, they're working along, they're getting --they're getting the work done.

**MR. D. CHIP JOYNER:** Question.

**MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN:** Well, we have a lot of plumbing issues as you mentioned.

**MR. PAUL KAPLAN:** Yes.

**MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN:** We had one today at Ocee, it was pretty massive. It started yesterday, so they're working on that, just don't know why it happened. So there are a lot of things that just pop up and we have no real reason. The last few days, last at least two days here, we've had problems with the chiller, or the chiller was off, but problems with the boiler. So, we were extremely cold, like 53 degrees on Monday, 68 on Tuesday, and so today it's been much better. But just those problems, and of course, the door problem downstairs, as you know, as you come into the building, as you come into the parking garage. So just things like that that just, we don't know when it's going to happen. We had a few elevator problems here over the last few days. Alpharetta had an elevator problem not too long ago. So, it's just things that occur, and you don't always know when.

**MR. PAUL KAPLAN:** This is not an unusual occurrence. If you were managing a complex, there's problems that come up, and it's like everyday problems. Problem we have with Central is we have to be recertified and find out what's happening, because there was way too many things happening with the HVAC system. Before, we couldn't get anybody in because they were so busy because of the heat that they couldn't come in to even help certify it. So, I'm trying to get a hold of Mr. Davis now to find out when we can be -- set this thing back up, because otherwise, we're going to run right back into the

problem again next summer. It disrupts everything, and then you have to shut the place down. When you shut it down, this thing's size, it's a big deal. So, we're trying to get a good handle on it, see what's happening.

**MR. JOE PIONTEK:** Did they ever do that hard reset over here?

**MR. PAUL KAPLAN:** No.

**MR. JOE PIONTEK:** No? Never got around to, huh?

**MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN:** The problem is once these buildings get overheated or too cold, it's hard to get them straightened out, especially the larger libraries.

**MR. PAUL KAPLAN:** You have to recover from this, it's very hard to recover, especially this size.

**MR. D. CHIP JOYNER:** Question.

**MR. PAUL KAPLAN:** Sure.

**MR. D. CHIP JOYNER:** Mr. Kaplan, thank you, one, for keeping up with this information every month. It's always been helpful. Now, with the last library having been opened, where we completed the bond project.

**MR. PAUL KAPLAN:** Yes.

**MR. D. CHIP JOYNER:** Out -- are there any outstanding issues from, from that budget or that project? For example, did we ever get the light bulbs replaced from -- from Central, but they didn't have the right light fixtures?

**MR. PAUL KAPLAN:** I actually have to ask. I have to ask Joe to find out. I don't know what they finally did with it, I'm not sure. But as far as any outstanding issues, no. But we talked about going back from square one and start going back and remodeling some of the libraries. Otherwise, you have to keep this up.

**MR. D. CHIP JOYNER:** Yes.

**MR. PAUL KAPLAN:** If you let it go too long, you're going to back into a major bond issue again.

**MR. D. CHIP JOYNER:** How does it work? How do they close it out? How do they close out?

**MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN:** Al Collins has the assignment to finalize all the paperwork and documentation and financials of the project. So, he's working on that. Once he gets it completed, then he's going to do an assessment or continue the assessments, he's been doing a few along the way, so that he can determine what needs to be done for the libraries that reopened. For instance, the Wolf Creek Library has some significant situations. So, what he's doing is asking -- we'll be asking the Managers to provide us with lists. He'll be going out and seeing what needs to be done, and then assessing them and prioritizing them. After he gets a dollar amount as to how much it's going to cost, so whatever funding is left, then he'll be able to use it for that, he's been told. Then he may have to ask, you know, for other funding depending upon the cost of everything. We've got upholstery needs, we've got broken chairs, we've got broken tables. The whole thing about it is that you don't want them to come in and just order something cheap or something that doesn't match up well. We want to go back to the same vendors if possible and get that same matching furniture so that you have a continuous look. So that's where he is now.

**MR. PAUL KAPLAN:** Mr. Collins is doing everything with libraries only, nothing else in the county.

**MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN:** No.

**MR. PAUL KAPLAN:** Just, he's assigned to the libraries, and that's what he's working on. It's the only way to work. You can't handle 34 of these libraries if you're just suddenly getting there one day and try to work on it. It doesn't work that way. The problem with the light bulbs are, you know, some of these fixtures, some of these light bulbs you've never seen before. They're not made here, they're overseas, or we go back with this stuff, and you can't get the bulbs. So, then you can't put a standard bulb in there. You have to change the whole fixture out completely.

**MR. D. CHIP JOYNER:** That seems --

**MR. PAUL KAPLAN:** It's just crazy.

**MR. D. CHIP JOYNER:** -- like part of -- you know, part of the project. We need operational --

**MR. PAUL KAPLAN:** Yes.

**MR. D. CHIP JOYNER:** -- light fixtures. Is -- would it be reasonable to, you know, and friendly to invite Mr. Collins back just to kind of tell us about the whole project, kind of give a recap summary? Something to be celebrated, but then also just kind of his view of the overall project to kind of close it out.

**MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN:** I think that will be great idea. I'm sure he'd love to do it. Yes, I could ask him.

**MR. PAUL KAPLAN:** Yes.

**MR. D. CHIP JOYNER:** Thank you.

**MR. PAUL KAPLAN:** He did a lot of work.

**MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN:** Over 15 years of it.

**MR. PAUL KAPLAN:** As these buildings came in and certain awards that we won for some of the libraries. I mean, he really did a great job. There was some, a lot of testy meetings at time, so --

**MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN:** Oh, yes.

**MR. PAUL KAPLAN:** -- that's all I can tell you about that. But it's a hard -- it's a hard project, and they're all design built, so.

**MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN:** Yes, that the main situation.

**MR. PAUL KAPLAN:** That was the problem we were having. I talked about that before that there maybe 34 different boilers in there and something like that.

**MR. D. CHIP JOYNER:** Wow.

**MR. PAUL KAPLAN:** So, it's a problem.

**MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN:** Yes.

**MR. D. CHIP JOYNER:** But this will also give us an opportunity to thank them.

**MR. PAUL KAPLAN:** Oh, yes.

**MR. D. CHIP JOYNER:** But also, to learn from what we could do better next time, if there's those things out there --

**MR. PAUL KAPLAN:** Yes. A lot of things he did want to do, but there really was no funding to replace some of these boilers. They were so costly, and they're trying to stay within the amount of money, and they just couldn't make it. So, they said, well, we'll just repair it. Well, now it's coming back to us, so.

**MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN:** That had a lot of opportunities for some things to be changed and improved on.

**MR. PAUL KAPLAN:** That's it.

**CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH:** That's it? Okay, Director Holloman.

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**MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN:** Okay. Well, good afternoon, everyone, good to see you. We've had a lot of things going on as we try to go through the ending of the year. We've got the whole employee group working very much so to offer program to address for all ages, children, teenagers, and adults. Just wanted you to mention a couple things that I listed here. The Milton Library was named the best library in North Atlanta by Aspen Media for the fourth consecutive year. So, you got that information in your packet. We celebrated National Library Card Sign Up month, National Hispanic Heritage Month, even World Hobbit Day, which I didn't even know we had. So there are all kinds of classes, ESL, art classes, STEM and STEAM, Legos, yoga, pilates, line dancing, story time, AI programs. We had a wonderful AI session with an author on during Staff Development Day recently. People were very -- listening very attentively, and I was very glad that we could at least start talking about it more. You know there are a lot of people who do not kind of take to AI, but it's here.

**MR. JOE PIONTEK:** Oh, yes.

**MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN:** So, we want to make sure that our staff, being information brokers, really had an opportunity to hear from him and to get a copy of the book that he wrote, so that they can maybe have at least the knowledge of it. We're not asking for anyone to agree with anything, but it's here, so I don't know if it warrants our agreement. But that's what's been happening with that. We've partnering with others as Cooperative Extension partner for nutrition and health programs. Of course, we had to clubs throughout the system, where people are finishing or reading and talking about the One Book, One Read selection, Good Dirt by Charmaine Wilkerson. So if you all can come and you have friends and family who may want to come on Saturday, we'd love to have you because it's going to be, I think, a wonderful opportunity. We have a lot of interest in it, and a lot of people have signed up. I think it's going to be a great opportunity to listen and hear what she has to say about that particular book. Any questions on that?

**MS. BEVERLY RICE:** Director Holloman, I'd just like to add one thing here. Every Saturday from 10:00 to 12:00, I'm at the Adamsville/Collier Heights Library, working with adults, teaching adult literacy. I know we don't say much about it. I don't talk about it a lot, but we do have from anywhere from two to 10 adults that come every single Saturday, men and women. I work with students from 18 on up. Right now, the ones who come every Saturday, I have a young man that's 53 and one that's, I think he's 51 or -- and then I have another one that's actually 38. I work with them with books that I personally purchased. They are adult literacy books, and they're actually on from kindergarten, probably to second grade level, and so I'm working with them on sight words, vocabulary. We haven't gotten to comprehension yet because we're doing phonemic awareness and phonics. I'm saying this to say that if you know anyone who -- who need to build up their reading skills, please send them to the library. We do have recommendations from caseworkers from the courts, and they come. They do have to spend so much time in

the literacy program before they are released. So, it's a really good program. It's a sacrifice of my time that I make every single Saturday, so.

**MR. JOE PIONTEK:** Well, that's kind.

**MR. PAUL KAPLAN:** Great.

**MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN:** That's wonderful. I didn't realize that. But we will have to talk some more about that.

**MS. BEVERLY RICE:** Sure.

**MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN:** Yes. Get you signed up with literacy staff here. They're people who work on that here in the Central Library in particular.

**MS. BEVERLY RICE:** Okay.

**MR. D. CHIP JOYNER:** Director Holloman, is this a signed copy? Is that signature in the front here? Thank you.

**MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN:** You're welcome. The monthly financial reports are attached. Do you all have any questions? We're spending down a little over \$7 million remaining in the overall budget. So, we're -- and of course, you know, most of that goes to salaries and benefits. Monthly usage summary, we're still having some issues with teen programming that we're working on. So, we're going into a lot of the planning about that and having some meetings to figure out a way to build up our approach to youth services. A large part of that has to do with literacy as well. But we've got literacy problems, as Dr. Rice just mentioned, with all ages. It's not just children and teens. The teens are -- I just think, I may have mentioned before, I read an article a few weeks ago about, we always used think about third graders and eighth graders not being on reading level, and adults to some extent. But I read an article recently that talked about 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> graders are not reading on grade level. I was a little surprised at that. But so we're trying to come up with some ways to really better address those needs because we know that it's a -- it's a real problem. So, we will -- we will do what we can to try and engage that population to help them out.

**MS. BEVERLY RICE:** One of the things I thought about recently too with that is, we normally give incentives over the summer for reading. It may be a good idea to start doing that all the year. Perhaps we can get sponsors like Chick-fil-A to give, you know, maybe gift cards or something like that to continue the program throughout the year.

**MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN:** It's an excellent idea.

**CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH:** It's brilliant.

**MS. BEVERLY RICE:** I know we had -- you have someone that work with sponsorships, right, well in volunteer?

**MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN:** Well, all of them can.

**MS. BEVERLY RICE:** Okay, yeah.

**MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN:** The Managers and Administrators.

**MS. BEVERLY RICE:** Okay.

**MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN:** So that's an excellent idea, all year. Because we do put a big push on certain times of the year --

**MS. BEVERLY RICE:** Right.

**MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN:** -- but that would be great if we did it yearly, all year. Okay, thank you. The library closure report for the third quarter is attached. You will see that it really goes quite well along with the lines of what Mr. Kaplan was presenting about the problems we're having with different systems and what have you. That's what causes

us to close. We -- some things just get to be too much, and they have to -- they can't get parts, so we have to close to the part comes in because the damage was so extensive, or we have to wait on some piece of -- some type of some -- some element of the -- the work that it takes to fix the problem. We don't like to close. We have a -- we have a real protocol for that. We don't just close willy-nilly. I'm not allowed to just say, we're going to close. I have to make sure we make the case, that our DREAM staff are involved in that, in that decision, and that then I and DREAM take it to county leadership to make a decision and a call to say, you can close for these hours or for this day and for these days. So it's not a simple process. Sometimes we start as early as 5:30, 6:00 in the morning, discussing what has happened. But then we don't get to close until right before we're supposed to open, or we don't get to close until maybe noon or whatever. But it is well thought out, because we know how the public reacts to those closures. We try not to do them if we can help it. If there's another way for the public to enter the building and still get some of the needs or most of the needs met, then we won't close more than likely. But sometimes we have to do it, so we will. My final thing as far as the look ahead of programs, we've got some real exciting things that I'll be telling you about next month, starting in the new year. I'm still working with the team on that. I'm very excited. I think it's going to be a great opportunity for us to do some things in a different way that still fits our strategic plan, and that makes things, hopefully a little bit more exciting. So we'll talk about that some more. We're still working on it, is why I can't, you know, maybe make a presentation on it right now. But I think it would be a buy-in for staff. I think that we can hopefully get staff to really feel energized as never before if we do what we're planning on doing. So I've talked with the Foundation about some of it, because some of it involves them and funding. So we'll see how that pans out, as they say. So please come to the One Book, One Read. Go onto the unfinished?

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

#### **CENTRAL LIBRARY - UPDATE**

#### **AFPL FOUNDATION M.O.U. - UPDATE**

#### **RENTAL POLICY - DISCUSSION**

**MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN:** Okay. Central Library, of course, we've talked enough about the One Book, One Read, I think. But they're having some awesome programs here. We just had an artist come -- an artist program. We, you know, we have the artist in residence spaces downstairs on the first floor. Well, we had close to 300 people on the first floor about three weeks ago, where those artists all came, they showed their works, they made talks about the history of their art pieces, the type of mediums they work with, and their backgrounds. People were fascinated. It was amazing. So those are the types of things that we're finding people will gravitate toward. So, we're very excited for it. Then they went down and saw some of the exhibits down in the lower level basement auditorium area. So, we're doing a lot of things, and I think it's bringing people in. It's making them aware of the library. That's why we do what we do. It's not all -- I know we don't -- maybe, some people think we should push the books more. We're doing that along with it. That's bringing them in so that we can show them what we have for them to check out. We can tell them about other opportunities, like classes, like Career Online High School, ESL classes, and GED classes and things of that nature so that they will be able to feel that they could come here and be served with the things that they need. Of course, our Social Workers are doing magnificent work all throughout the library

system and meeting the needs of the public. So, I'm very excited about it, and I think we've got a great future ahead of us. I think that 2026, we want to embrace the fact that it is the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the United States. The World Cup will be here. So, we've got a lot of opportunities to do a lot of things and get involved in a lot of things. I just think we need to get into it and do it. So that's what we're feeling a lot of excitement, and I hope it will build.

**CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH:** Any questions?

**MR. D. CHIP JOYNER:** Question. Just an idea the Board talked about as far as linking calendars or having a library calendar that you could sync. Just wanted to send a reminder if that's something that we could continue to explore, because there's so many great programs. I would -- it would be great to have them auto populate into it.

**MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN:** Didn't we talk about doing that?

**MRS. AUDREY CLARY:** I did. I got the information from Brazos, but it's for Outlook calendar.

**MR. JOE PIONTEK:** Oh, yes.

**MRS. AUDREY CLARY:** I'm trying to see how to link it. He said, you have to have an RSS feeder.

**MR. JOE PIONTEK:** Yes.

**MRS. AUDREY CLARY:** You connect it to the RSS feeder on our website, and it should link your calendar.

**MR. D. CHIP JOYNER:** So, it could, right now, we can go there and --

**MRS. AUDREY CLARY:** Yes, but I --

**MR. D. CHIP JOYNER:** -- link with the Google calendar type --

**MRS. AUDREY CLARY:** Not the Google. That's what I'm trying to see how to link it to the Google. He sent me the one for the Outlook calendar.

**MR. D. CHIP JOYNER:** Okay.

**MRS. AUDREY CLARY:** So, I've been trying to research to figure out how to link it to the Google calendar.

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

**MRS. AUDREY CLARY:** So, I haven't forgotten about it. He sent me that e-mail when I reached out to him. So, I'm doing some research on the Google calendar.

**MR. D. CHIP JOYNER:** That's great. Yes, thank you.

**MR. JOE PIONTEK:** Wonderful. Thank you.

**CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH:** Next thing is the Foundation MOU document. Not much going on, but we are starting to get some legal assistance. So, I look forward to that. We're going to see, you know, what's within the realm of possibility and what isn't, so that we should have some information, certainly by the end of the year. It's our, almost our last chance. Anything on the rental policy?

**MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN:** Nothing on that yet. They're planning, DREAM staff are planning to still present it to the Board of Commissioners. We don't have a date yet. The plan had been to present it at the September meeting, but that didn't happen, so -- on the Commission. So, we're just waiting for that to take place and see what their thoughts are on it.

**CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH:** Okay. Yes.

**MR. D. CHIP JOYNER:** So, I have a scheduled appointment with my Commissioner. What's the best way to communicate the status of the MOU?



**CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH:** I would say, telephone.

**MR. D. CHIP JOYNER:** Is there a timeline, or is there a bottleneck anywhere? Is there a key sticking point that likely needs to be worked out with, perhaps one of the Commissioners can help?

**CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH:** I don't think we're that far yet.

**MR. D. CHIP JOYNER:** Okay.

**CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH:** Foundation has spoken with an attorney; he does pro bono and is very eager to get involved and help us. This will be good because we also have Hirshel here, who will be involved. So, we have Hirshel, who's heard us talk about it for a while. We have somebody new who has, you know, a different take on it because he hasn't been involved, you know. So, I'm hoping that we will have things to discuss. I don't know what to tell you, except what I just said.

**MR. D. CHIP JOYNER:** Okay.

**CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH:** But these things are going on in the next two weeks, you know, some discussions.

**MR. D. CHIP JOYNER:** Is there, perhaps for the next meeting, is there perhaps an email that could be shared just that it's still under review, or it could be like a status report? Could be -- just trying to be responsive to Commissioner and I just -- part of my responsibility is just to make sure we're still making an effort to move it forward as a deliverable.

**CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH:** Yes. I see no problem with a status report.

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

**CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH:** You're saying from me to you, right?

**MR. D. CHIP JOYNER:** Or just in your capacity as Chair or even from -- you know, and then also, it could come from the Foundation. It could come either way, just a status report.

**CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH:** Okay.

**MR. D. CHIP JOYNER:** That'll be helpful. Thank you.

**CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH:** Thank you.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **25-50 - 2026 FCLS BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING SCHEDULE**

#### **MOTION**

### **25-51 - 2026 FCLS HOLIDAY/CLOSING CALENDAR**

#### **MOTION**

**CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH:** Okay, next, we're back to the Board Trustees Meeting Schedule. I think the meetings are scheduled for November 19<sup>th</sup> and December 17<sup>th</sup>, which I think is what they were to begin with.

**MS. LINDA JORDAN:** I thought it was the schedule for the next, for 2026.

**MR. JOE PIONTEK:** That is the 19<sup>th</sup>.

**MRS. ZENOBIA CLAXTON:** So, it is for 2026.

**CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH:** Oh, okay. So which day in November is it?

**MR. JOE PIONTEK:** You're right.

**MRS. ZENOBIA CLAXTON:** This is for your future.

**MR. PAUL KAPLAN:** 2026.

**MRS. ZENOBIA CLAXTON:** This is 2026, January 1<sup>st</sup>, starting in January 2026 for the whole year. So, these are the meeting dates for each one you're meeting in 2026.

**MS. LINDA JORDAN:** That we need to vote on, right?

**MRS. ZENOBIA CLAXTON:** That you need to vote on. These are the fourth Wednesday of every month except for November and December because of the holiday is the third Wednesday.

**CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH:** So, I don't, I don't think I have the '26, the '26 dates.

**MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN:** Nina, you're talking about 2025 --

**CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH:** No.

**MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN:** -- or 2026?

**CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH:** '26.

**MS. LINDA JORDAN:** They're in the book.

**MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN:** They're in the book.

**MR. JOE PIONTEK:** In the back of the book.

**MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN:** In the back of your book.

**CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH:** I didn't bring.

**MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN:** Oh, okay. I thought that was it.

**MR. JOE PIONTEK:** Well, this will last.

**CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH:** It's on my kitchen table. I was using it this morning. So, it's December, it's --

**MR. D. CHIP JOYNER:** December 16<sup>th</sup>.

**CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH:** December 16<sup>th</sup>, November 18<sup>th</sup>. Do I hear a motion to approve these dates and the other dates on the document addressed to us from Director Holloman from October 17<sup>th</sup>, labeled Library Board of Trustees Meeting Schedule 2026?

**MR. D. CHIP JOYNER:** So, moved.

**MS. LINDA JORDAN:** Second it.

**CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH:** All in favor.

**TRUSTEES:** Aye.

**CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH:** Thank you. The other one is the Holiday Closing Calendar for 2026. Do I hear a motion on that?

**MS. LINDA JORDAN:** So, moved.

**MS. BEVERLY RICE:** Second.

**MR. D. CHIP JOYNER:** A question.

**CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH:** Yes.

**MR. D. CHIP JOYNER:** No, that's okay.

**CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH:** All in favor of this Holiday Closing Calendar for 2026?

**TRUSTEES:** Aye.

**MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN:** He had a -- you have question.

**MR. D. CHIP JOYNER:** Oh, I found it. I thought I was missing a holiday, but I see it.

**MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN:** Oh, okay.

**MR. D. CHIP JOYNER:** Thank you. Aye.

**MS. BEVERLY RICE:** I just want to mention, on December 9<sup>th</sup>, that's when the Board will meet with the Foundation --

**MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN:** Yes.

**MS. BEVERLY RICE:** -- for our holiday event, December 9<sup>th</sup>.

**MR. D. CHIP JOYNER:** That's for this year.

**MS. BEVERLY RICE:** Is that right?

**MR. JOE PIONTEK:** Yes.

**MR. D. CHIP JOYNER:** What are the hours?

**MR. JOE PIONTEK:** 6:00, 6:00 to 8:00.

**MR. D. CHIP JOYNER:** 6:00 to 8:00.

**CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH:** I've got 6:00 o'clock. Anybody who wants to get rid of some books, bring them, we'll have a book exchange.

**MR. D. CHIP JOYNER:** Really?

**CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH:** Yes.

**MS. BEVERLY RICE:** I don't have any books to get rid of. I love all my books.

**MR. D. CHIP JOYNER:** I might be able to bring a few boxes of books. So, I can --

**MS. BEVERLY RICE:** You could bring one for me, Chip.

**MR. D. CHIP JOYNER:** Quite possibly.

**CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH:** Whatever, whatever you want to bring or don't bring, it's not to add extra stress. If it makes you happy, bring books. If it doesn't make you happy, don't bring books. Feel free to take some. If there are any left, I'm sure there's a Friends Group that would come here and pick them up for their sale. So, whatever happens to it, it will be great.

**MR. D. CHIP JOYNER:** Great, thank you.

**CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH:** Do I hear a motion to adjourn?

**MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN:** Madam Chair, I have something to announce.

**CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH:** Yes.

**MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN:** It's new business, so that's why telling you. I'm happy to report that we have completed the interviews for the Deputy Director, and we'll be making an offer sometime soon. So, I just want you to know that process has been completed.

**MR. JOE PIONTEK:** Oh, wonderful.

**MR. D. CHIP JOYNER:** Great.

**MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN:** Soon, we should have the person in place, so.

**MR. JOE PIONTEK:** That's great.

**MS. BEVERLY RICE:** Great job. Congratulations.

**MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN:** It's been a long time coming.

**MR. D. CHIP JOYNER:** Took no time.

**MR. PAUL KAPLAN:** It's been a long time.

**MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN:** Say, what?

**MR. D. CHIP JOYNER:** It took no time.

**MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN:** Oh, yes, sure.

**MR. PAUL BOLSTER:** Before you adjourn, I wanted to thank the Central Library for giving me a chance to have the first author talk on my new novel, which is going to be on November the 1<sup>st</sup> at the Central Library, I think at 11:00 o'clock on that Saturday. I'm excited about the fact that I might get to talk to some teenagers. The book is targeted at middle grade, their reading levels as well as their experience in life. This story is about a 13-year-old that has to spend spring break with his grandfather on Tybee Island. So, the other thing is, it introduces the coastal environment to students. So, I'm anxious to see how some teenagers will respond to this book. I think it can be helpful in some -- some literacy programs. It's rated from the fourth grade reading level to the eighth-grade. So, it is targeted for that population. So anyway, I'm very excited that the Central Library has given me this opportunity on the 1<sup>st</sup>.

**MR. JOE PIONTEK:** Wonderful.

**MR. PAUL KAPLAN:** That's great.

**CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH:** What's the name of the book? The name --

**MR. PAUL BOLSTER:** Oh, the name of the book is Their Wild Island. So, it's about the wildness of little Tybee Marsh, where the characters go out and camp and have all kinds of adventures with dolphins and rescuing people, a variety of things. They also learn to be advocates. That's some advocacy connections, as you might expect from my -- my background. Anyway, I'm very excited, it'll be the first time I had a chance to talk to people about the book.

**MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN:** Okay.

**MR. D. CHIP JOYNER:** Great.

**CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH:** Thank you. That sounds exciting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION**

**MR. JOE PIONTEK:** That is cool. Well, then I move we adjourn.

**MS. LINDA JORDAN:** I second it.

**CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH:** All in favor?

**TRUSTEES:** Aye.

**CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH:** This meeting is adjourned. Thank you.

**(Whereupon the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees concluded at 5:05 p.m.)**

October 2025

### Special Events

- **Staff Development Day:** The themed Staff Development Day program, "A Celebration of Learning & Connection" was held on October 13<sup>th</sup> at the Central Library, led by the Central Library Administrator & PR & Marketing Team. An estimated 300 staff members gathered for a full day of inspiration, training, and engagement. The Keynote Speaker: Matt Britton, New York Times bestselling author, opened the day with a compelling talk on the history and future of artificial intelligence, highlighting both its promise and challenges. Each attendee received a copy of his latest book, *AI Generation*. Also, author, Mayra Cuevas shared her writing journey and introduced her new book *Mi Abuela Is a Bruja*, inspiring budding writers across the Library System. Additionally, breakout sessions were offered and staff participated in workshops on Human Resources, CPR, Customer Service, and interactive programming showcases designed to spark creativity and cross-departmental connections. It was a day of learning, and renewed energy for the work ahead.
- **Career Online High School: Celebrating New Graduates:** Staff are proud to share that the Career Online High School (COHS) program celebrated a major milestone this month with 10 successful graduates earning their accredited high school diplomas. This life-changing opportunity is made possible through the generous support of the Library Foundation and Truist Bank, whose sponsorship continues to open doors for adult learners across the community.
- **4<sup>th</sup> Annual One Book, One Read Program** was led by the Systemwide Programming Administrator and Team, on October 25<sup>th</sup> with over 250 attendees present for a discussion of the selected book, *Good Dirt* by Charmaine Wilkerson. The author led the discussion, and the event was moderated by local television news professional, Donna Lowry.

### Other Programs Held Systemwide

- STEM classes
- ESL classes
- GED Testing
- Chair Pilates classes
- Yoga classes
- Teen Tober
- Storytime Programs
- Art programs

- Puzzle Programs
- Line Dance classes
- Digital Learning classes

**Observances**

- National Hispanic Heritage Month
- Breast Cancer Awareness Month
- Diwali
- Halloween

# FULTON COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM

## MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT - TOTAL LIBRARY

AS OF OCTOBER 31, 2025

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SERVICE TYPE	2025 BUDGET ALLOCATION	SEPTEMBER EXPENDITURES	2025 YTD EXPENDITURES	2025 YTD ENCUMBRANCES	2025 YTD COMMITTED	2025 YTD % COMMITTED	BUDGET BALANCE
REG SALARY	16,309,656	1,225,654	1,860,740	-	13,726,464	3	2,583,192
SALARIES-OVERTIME	7,119	-	-	-	3,728	1	3,391
PART TIME SALARY	469,539	27,398	48,050	-	387,911	1	81,628
BENEFITS	7,904,289	606,838	812,826	-	6,418,979	2	1,485,310
BOOKS	3,707,278	427,544	92,010	757,791	3,627,343	2	79,935
OFFICE EQUIP. REPAIR	66,057	8,110	6,398	37,302	89,195	1	(23,138)
EQUIPMENT	123,511	11,304	511	-	118,536	2	4,974
OFFICE FURNITURE	8,083	3,023	883	-	7,409	2	675
PROFESSIONAL SERV	36,165	1,325	1,977	2,125	23,574	1	12,591
COPIER MACHINE	157,000	21,957		-	155,810	1	1,190
SUPPLIES	139,530	22,631	9,722	-	124,736	2	14,794
COMPUTER HARDWARE	498,917	-	79,474	-	498,917	1	-
RENT	217,832	22,218	24,049	60,106	216,799	1	1,033
OTHER SERVICES	588,717	36,817	43,537	56,029	510,271	2	78,446
TRAVEL/CONFERENCE	18,500	1,214	1,477	-	8,468	0	10,032
HOPITALITY	39,643	383	3,554	7,698	22,646	1	16,997
VEHICLE MAINTENANCE	7,211	-	-	-	4,372	1	2,839
GENERAL INSURANCE	622,596	51,883	51,883	-	518,830	2	103,766
CONTINGENCY	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>30,921,643</b>	<b>2,468,302</b>	<b>3,037,090</b>	<b>921,051</b>	<b>26,463,989</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>4,457,654</b>

# FULTON COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM

## MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT - BY ORG TYPE

AS OF OCTOBER 31, 2025

ORGANIZATION	SERVICE	DESC	2025 BUDGET	OCTOBER	2025 YTD	2025 YTD	2025 YTD	2025 YTD	BUDGET
TYPE	TYPE		ALLOCATION	EXPENDITURES	EXPENDITURES	ENCUMBRANCES	COMMITTED	% COMMITTED	BALANCE
PUBLIC SERVICE	REG SALARY	REG SALARY	\$ 12,066,585	\$ 1,338,334	\$ 9,993,983	\$ -	\$ 9,993,983	83%	\$ 2,072,602
	SALARIES-OVERTIME		\$ 119		\$ 87	\$ -	\$ 87	73%	\$ 32
	PART TIME SALARY	PART TIME SALARY	\$ 469,539	\$ 48,050	\$ 387,911	\$ -	\$ 387,911	83%	\$ 81,628
	BENEFITS		\$ 5,933,664	\$ 598,203	\$ 4,783,451	\$ -	\$ 4,783,451	81%	\$ 1,150,213
	BOOKS	BOOKS	\$ 2,765,889	\$ 92,010	\$ 1,928,243	\$ 757,790	\$ 2,686,033	97%	\$ 79,856
	OFFICE EQUIP. REPAIR	OFFICE EQUIP. REPAIR & MAINTENANCE	\$ 66,057	\$ 6,398	\$ 51,893	\$ 37,302	\$ 89,195	135%	\$ (23,138)
	EQUIPMENT		\$ 102,795	\$ 1,564	\$ 99,450	\$ -	\$ 99,450	97%	\$ 3,345
	OFFICE FURNITURE	OFFICE FURNITURE	\$ 4,751	\$ 785	\$ 4,364	\$ -	\$ 4,364	92%	\$ 387
	PROFESSIONAL SERV	PROFESSIONAL SERV	\$ 22,150	\$ 1,227	\$ 20,699	\$ 1,429	\$ 22,128	100%	\$ 22
	COPIER MACHINE	PHOTOCOPYING	\$ 157,000		\$ 155,810	\$ -	\$ 155,810	99%	\$ 1,190
	SUPPLIES		\$ 54,344	\$ 7,161	\$ 45,035	\$ -	\$ 45,035	83%	\$ 9,309
	RENT		\$ 217,832	\$ 24,049	\$ 156,693	\$ 60,106	\$ 216,799	100%	\$ 1,033
	OTHER SERVICES		\$ 310,298	\$ 21,852	\$ 249,403	\$ 23,799	\$ 273,203	88%	\$ 37,096
	HOSPITALITY	HOSPITALITY EXPENSE	\$ 20,252	\$ 2,397	\$ 6,785	\$ -	\$ 6,785	34%	\$ 13,467
	GENERAL INSURANCE	GENERAL INSURANCE/EXCESS INSURANCE/LITIGATION E	\$ 404,826	\$ 33,736	\$ 337,355	\$ -	\$ 337,355	83%	\$ 67,471
Total			\$ 22,596,101	\$ 2,175,764	\$ 18,221,162	\$ 880,426	\$ 19,101,588	85%	\$ 3,494,513



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ORGANIZATION	SERVICE	DESC	2025 BUDGET	OCTOBER	2025 YTD	2025 YTD	2025 YTD	2025 YTD	BUDGET
TYPE	TYPE		ALLOCATION	EXPENDITURES	EXPENDITURES	ENCUMBRANCES	COMMITTED	% COMMITTED	BALANCE
SUPPORT SERVICE	REG SALARY	REG SALARY	\$ 2,573,605	\$ 316,951	\$ 2,223,007	\$ -	\$ 2,223,007	86%	\$ 350,598
	SALARIES-OVERTIME	SALARIES-OVERTIME	\$ 7,000	\$ -	\$ 3,641	\$ -	\$ 3,641	52%	\$ 3,359
	BENEFITS		\$ 1,256,546	\$ 134,543	\$ 1,024,581	\$ -	\$ 1,024,581	82%	\$ 231,965
*	EQUIPMENT		\$ 20,716	\$ (1,053)	\$ 19,087	\$ -	\$ 19,087	92%	\$ 1,629
	OFFICE FURNITURE	OFFICE FURNITURE	\$ 3,332	\$ 99	\$ 3,045	\$ -	\$ 3,045	91%	\$ 287
	PROFESSIONAL SERV	PROFESSIONAL SERV	\$ 14,015	\$ 750	\$ 750	\$ 696	\$ 1,446	10%	\$ 12,569
	SUPPLIES		\$ 85,186	\$ 2,561	\$ 79,701	\$ -	\$ 79,701	94%	\$ 5,485
	COMPUTER HARDWARE	COMPUTER HARDWARE MAINTENANCE	\$ 498,917	\$ 79,474	\$ 498,917	\$ -	\$ 498,917	100%	\$ -
	OTHER SERVICES		\$ 278,419	\$ 21,685	\$ 204,838	\$ 32,230	\$ 237,069	85%	\$ 41,350
	TRAVEL/CONFERENCE	TRAVEL/CONFERENCE	\$ 18,500	\$ 1,477	\$ 8,468	\$ -	\$ 8,468	46%	\$ 10,032
	HOSPITALITY	HOSPITALITY EXPENSE	\$ 19,391	\$ 1,157	\$ 8,164	\$ 7,698	\$ 15,861	82%	\$ 3,529
	VEHICLE MAINTENANCE	VEHICLE MAINTENANCE & REPAIRS	\$ 7,211	\$ -	\$ 4,372	\$ -	\$ 4,372	61%	\$ 2,839
	GENERAL INSURANCE	GENERAL INSURANCE/EXCESS INSURANCE/LITIGATION E	\$ 217,770	\$ 18,148	\$ 181,475	\$ -	\$ 181,475	83%	\$ 36,295
	CONTINGENCY	-			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0%	\$ -
Total			\$ 5,000,608	\$ 575,790	\$ 4,260,046	\$ 40,623	\$ 4,300,669	86%	\$ 699,938

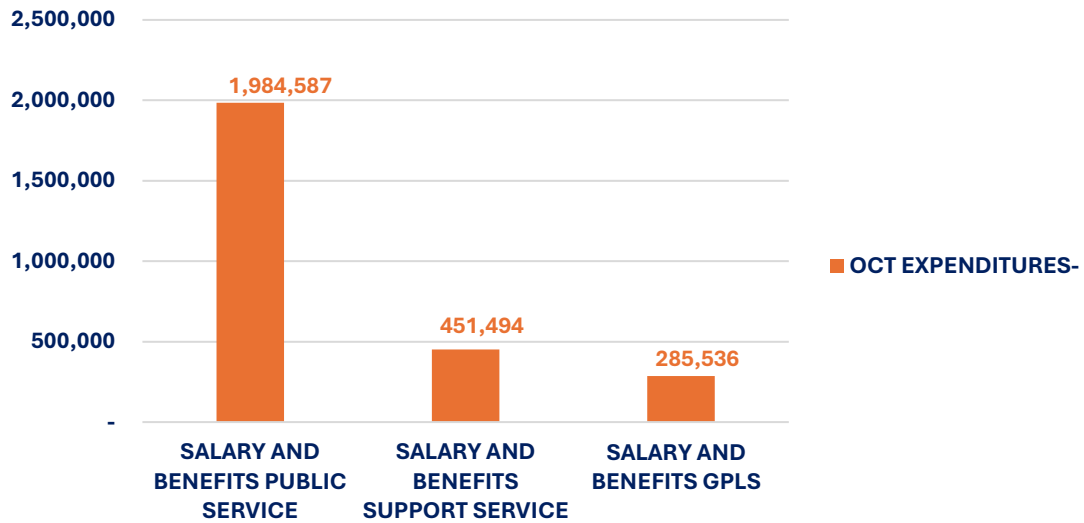
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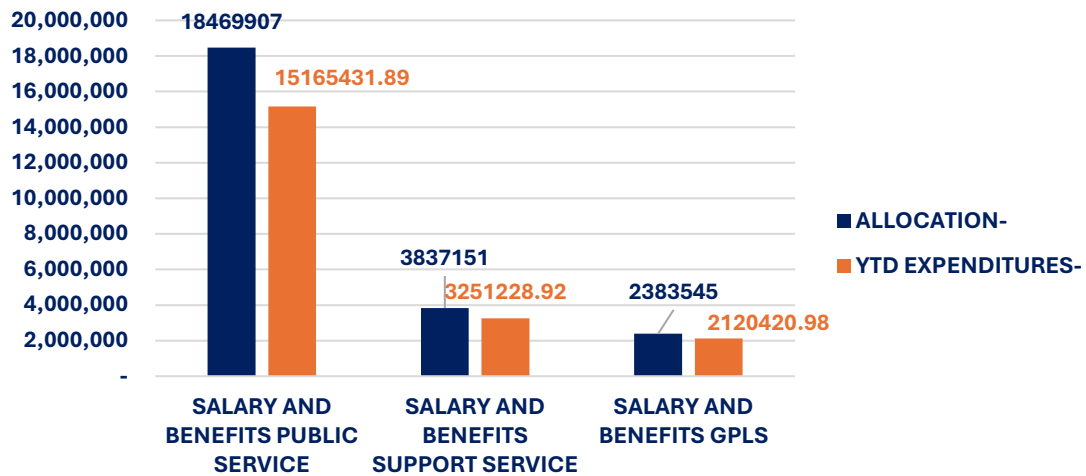
AS OF OCTOBER 31, 2025

ORGANIZATION	SERVICE	DESC	2025 BUDGET	OCTOBER	2025 YTD	2025 YTD	2025 YTD	2025 YTD	BUDGET
TYPE	TYPE		ALLOCATION	EXPENDITURES	EXPENDITURES	ENCUMBRANCES	COMMITTED	% COMMITTED	BALANCE
	REG SALARY	REG SALARY	\$ 1,669,466	\$ 205,455	\$ 1,509,474	\$ -	\$ 1,509,474	90%	\$ 159,992
EXPENDITURES	BENEFITS		\$ 714,079	\$ 80,081	\$ 610,947	\$ -	\$ 610,947	86%	\$ 103,132
	BOOKS	BOOKS	\$ 941,389		\$ 941,309	\$ 1	\$ 941,310	100%	\$ 79
Total			\$ 3,324,934	\$ 285,536	\$ 3,061,730	\$ 1	\$ 3,061,731	92%	\$ 263,203

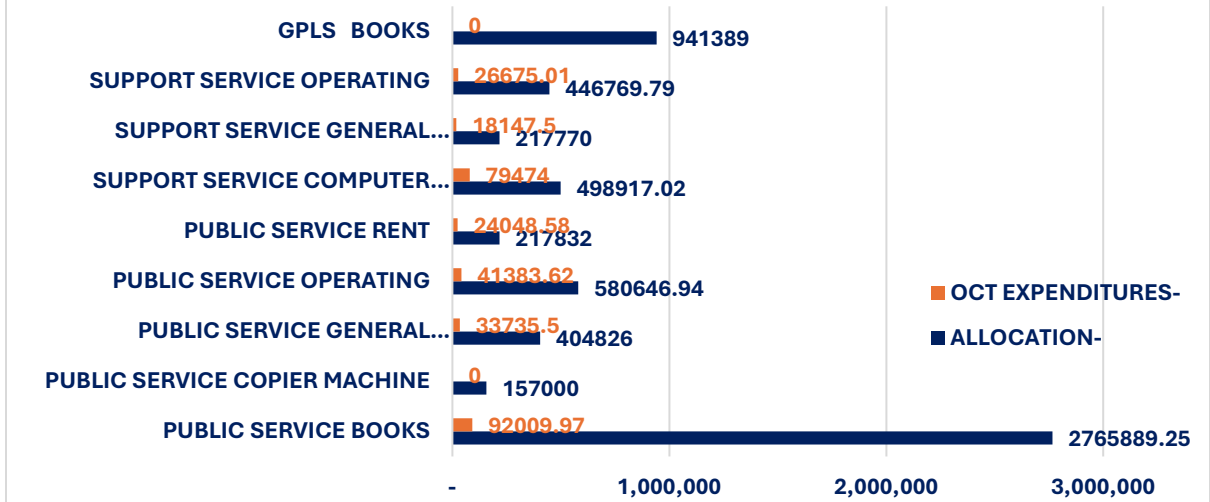
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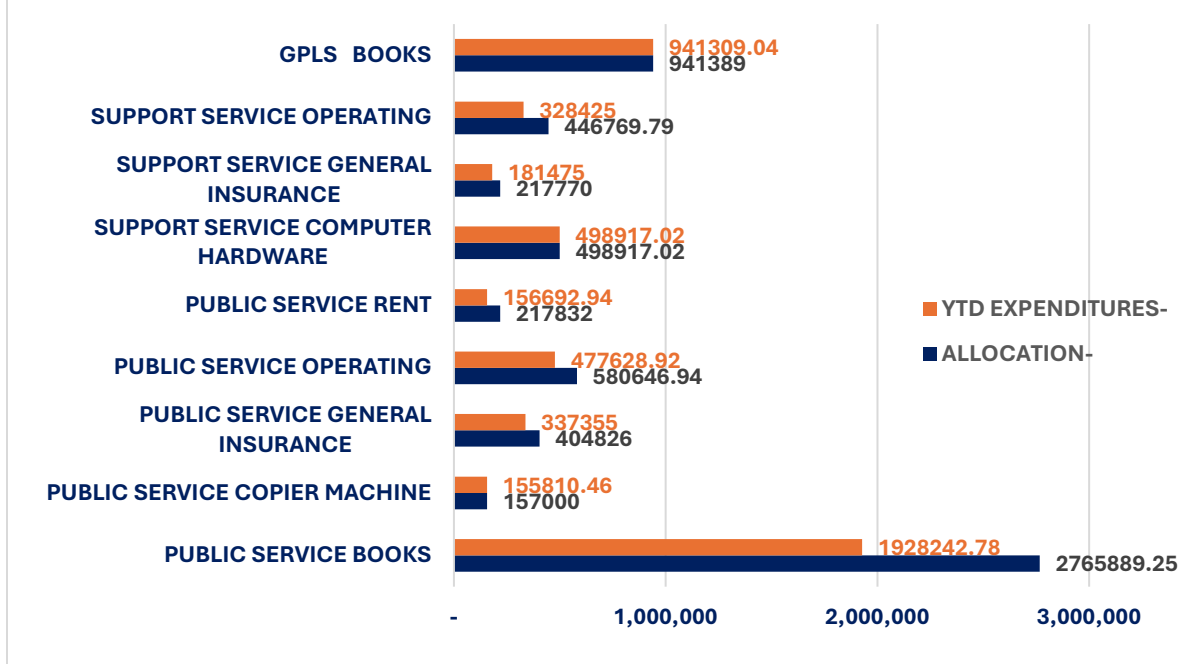
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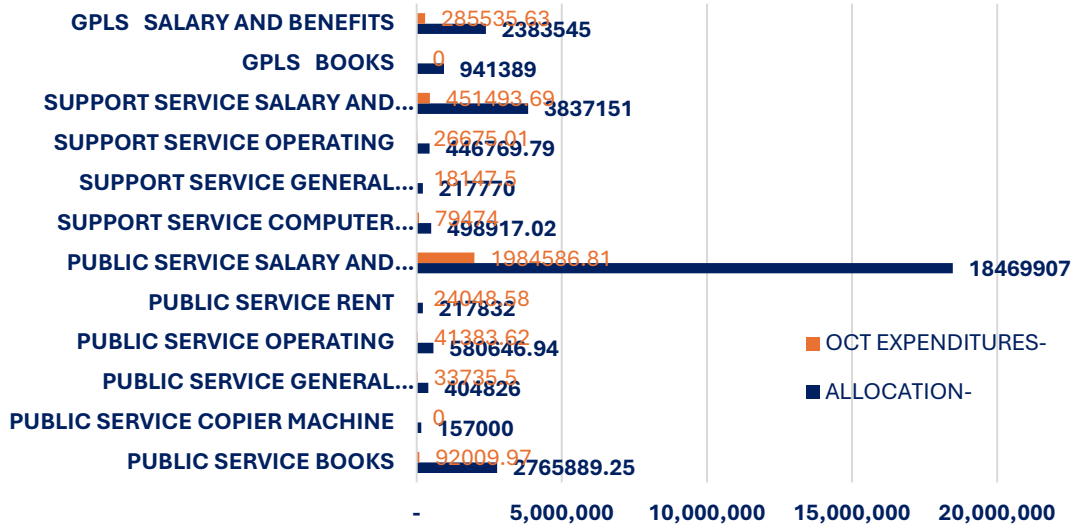
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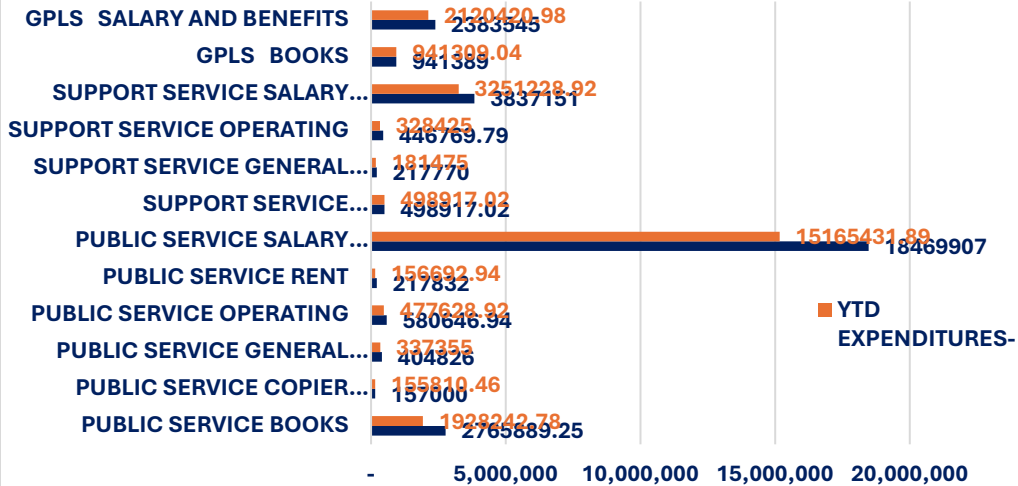
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## TOTAL EXPENSES BY PROGRAM



## GRAND TOTAL EXPENSES BY PROGRAM



# Monthly Usage Summary - October 2025

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Activity and Description	2025	YTD	2024	YTD	YTD % +/-
Circulation					
Total number of items checked out of the library	194096	1958557	197447	1960602	0%
Holds					
Number of requests by patrons	44,242	473746	42480	476558	-1%
Visits					
Number of people entering a library for any reason	259457	2150098	223749	2145705	0%
Computer/Internet Usage					
Number of computer sessions (Internet access and office software)	83929	789265	73625	665406	19%
Number of hours of computer use	37,524	328560	28509	261219	26%
Web Page Visits					
Number of times people have visited the library's websites	1285170	13242668	1243710	12908087	3%
Web Visitors					
Number of people who visited the library's websites	210,466	2093716	215779	2161833	-3%
Virtual Circulation					
Number of materials downloaded or streamed	181955	1820117	164741	1645004	11%
Virtual Circulation Users					
Number of people who downloaded or streamed	40422	394128	35725	354072	11%
Children's programs					
Library sponsored programs offered for children (birth - 12)	404	3038	340	2864	6%
Number of people attending programs	11290	83031	7021	79443	5%
Teen Programs					
Library sponsored programs offered for teens (13 - 17)	106	778	122	1017	-24%
Number of people attending programs	1010	9077	1473	11936	-24%
Adult Programs					
Library sponsored programs offered for adults (18 + )	521	4693	500	3407	38%
Number of people attending programs	5109	55794	9475	42328	32%
Programs - Total					
Library sponsored programs offered (includes all-ages not counted)	1192	10026	1099	9093	10%
Number of people attending programs	22537	200586	21849	187912	7%
Meeting Rooms					
Non-library sponsored meetings or activities scheduled	526	4772	245	3214	48%
Number of people attending meetings or activities	6775	60292	4361	50751	19%

## October 2025 Executive Write Up

Our book vendor, Baker & Taylor, ceased operations in September. All titles we had on order with them were canceled. As a result, the library added only 2230 books this month, compared to 6049 in October 2024.

The College Park branch is missing the gate PC used to count visits. A ticket has been filed with FCIT.

## Fulton County Library System Circulation Stats - October 2025

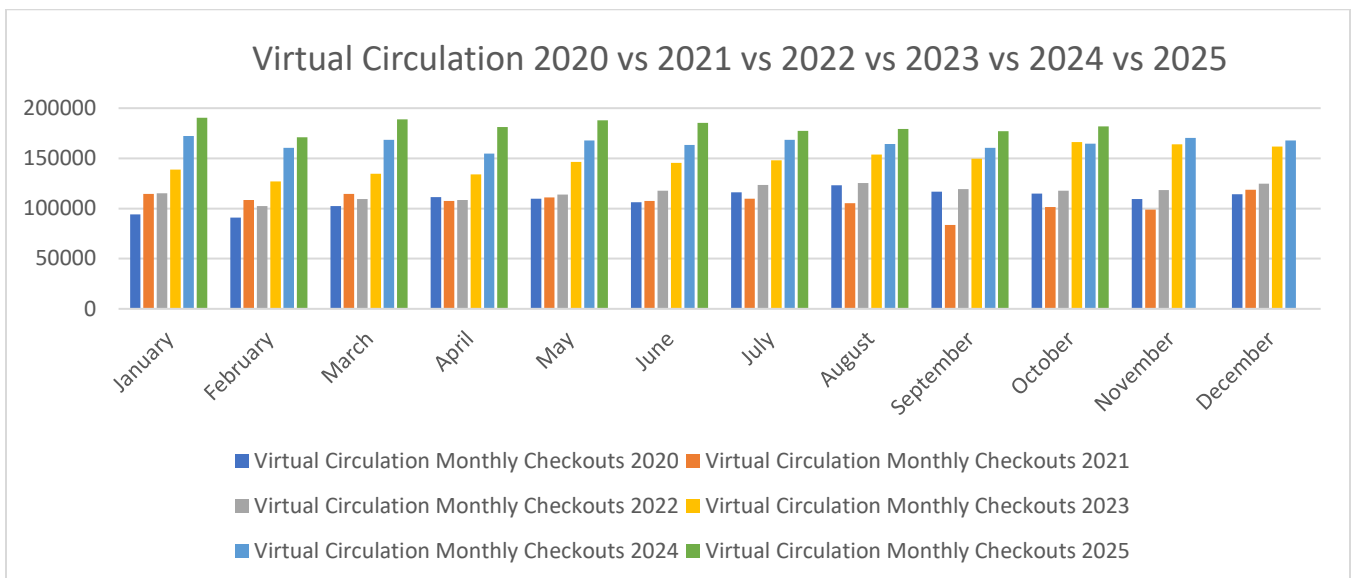
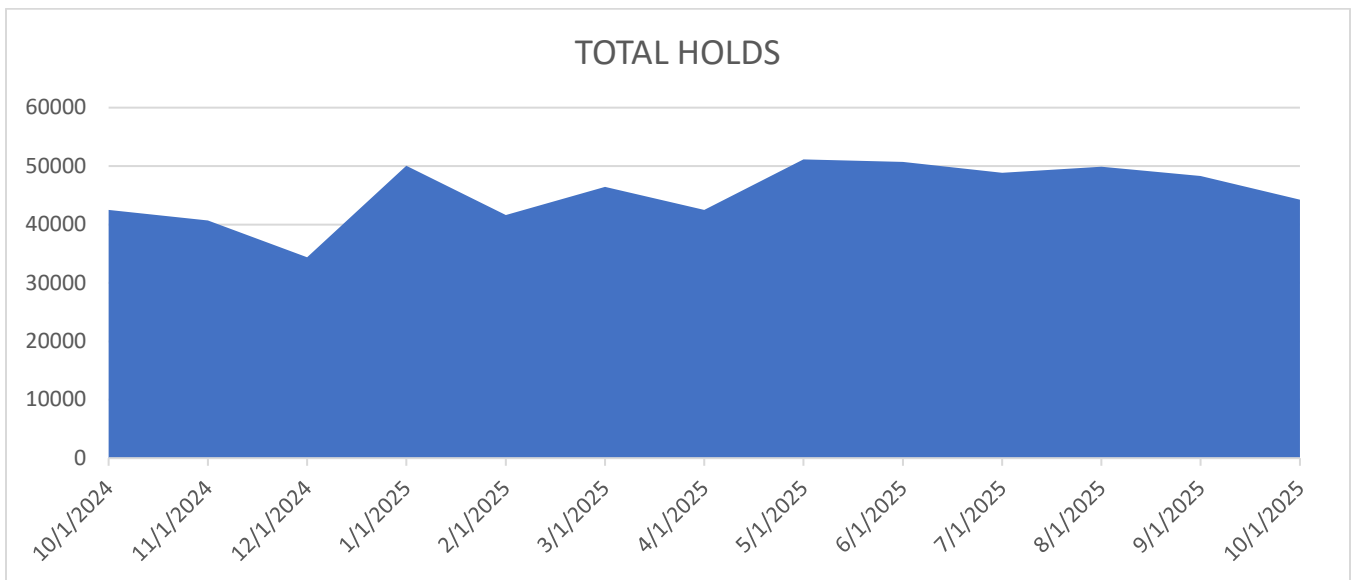
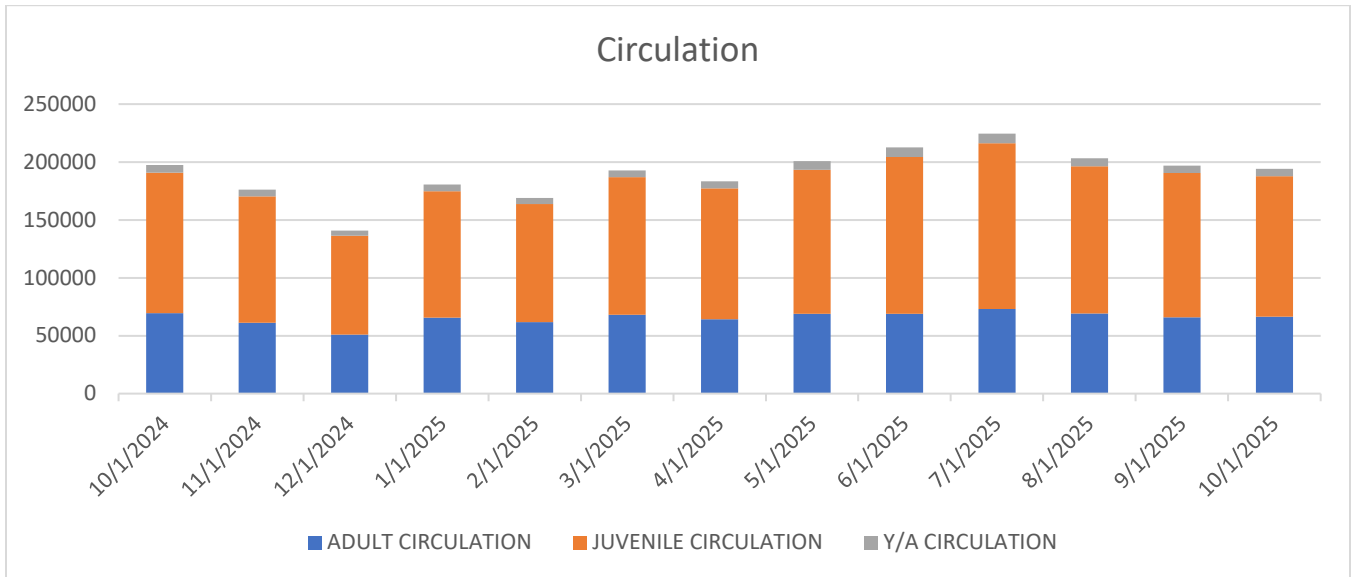
AGENCY NAME	ADULT	JUVENILE	Y/A	OTHER	Month- 2025 TOTAL	Month- 2024 TOTAL	INCREASE/ DECREASE	PERCENT CHANGE	YTD 2025 CIRC	YTD 2024 CIRC	INCREASE/ DECREASE	PERCENT CHANGE
ADAMS PARK	322	779	43	0	1144	988	156	15.79%	9,509	9,686	-177	-1.83%
ADAMSVILLE/COLLIER HEIGHTS	493	693	39	0	1225	1430	-205	-14.34%	12,001	13,695	-1,694	-12.37%
ALPHARETTA	5075	12766	588	10	18439	18944	-505	-2.67%	196,637	200,938	-4,301	-2.14%
BUCKHEAD	4375	5816	218	4	10413	11997	-1584	-13.20%	113,273	107,027	6,246	5.84%
CLEVELAND AVE	285	375	59	0	719	3	716	23866.67%	3579	207	3,372	1628.99%
COLLEGE PARK	609	996	50	0	1655	2079	-424	-20.39%	16,167	20,625	-4,458	-21.61%
DOGWOOD	330	362	80	2	774	716	58	8.10%	5,087	8,693	-3,606	-41.48%
EAST ATLANTA	2204	3800	212	8	6224	6090	134	2.20%	60,696	49,468	11,228	22.70%
EAST POINT	605	295	83	2	985	104	881	847.12%	8,926	1,254	7,672	611.80%
EAST ROSWELL	4405	8327	273	4	13009	12917	92	0.71%	130,063	127,988	2,075	1.62%
EVELYN G. LOWERY @ CASCADE	963	1264	104	1	2332	2657	-325	-12.23%	23,304	23,228	76	0.33%
FAIRBURN	637	1092	40	1	1770	1746	24	1.37%	17,564	16,605	959	5.78%
GLADYS S. DENNARD @ SOUTH FULTON	1245	2492	105	0	3842	3630	212	5.84%	32,419	33,351	-932	-2.79%
HAPEVILLE	992	1076	119	0	2187	1823	364	19.97%	16,917	19,017	-2,100	-11.04%
JOAN P. GARNER @ PONCE DE LEON	4898	5626	275	12	10811	12111	-1300	-10.73%	115,404	110,685	4,719	4.26%
KIRKWOOD	1704	4068	172	2	5946	6376	-430	-6.74%	61,716	64,935	-3,219	-4.96%
LOUISE WATLEY @ SOUTHEAST ATLANTA	707	1173	84	0	1964	2484	-520	-20.93%	19,703	21,787	-2,084	-9.57%
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR	477	489	33	3	1002	92	910	989.13%	8,832	2,149	6,683	310.98%
MECHANICSVILLE	262	279	12	0	553	739	-186	-25.17%	5,033	6,701	-1,668	-24.89%
METROPOLITAN	1342	3031	152	0	4525	5370	-845	-15.74%	44,750	50,239	-5,489	-10.93%
MILTON	4019	8787	421	7	13234	14676	-1442	-9.83%	143,828	159,641	-15,813	-9.91%
NORTHEAST/SPRUILL OAKS	2353	6626	425	8	9412	11002	-1590	-14.45%	107,278	106,938	340	0.32%
NORTHSIDE	3127	6677	285	2	10091	9498	593	6.24%	105,777	102,782	2,995	2.91%
NORTHWEST @ SCOTTS CROSSING	1131	2685	122	1	3939	4450	-511	-11.48%	39,697	33,634	6,063	18.03%
OCEE	4644	12426	640	5	17715	18287	-572	-3.13%	184,171	182,683	1,488	0.81%
PALMETTO	459	1224	32	0	1715	1666	49	2.94%	14,171	15,861	-1,690	-10.66%
PEACHTREE	1768	1633	89	7	3497	861	2636	306.16%	10,782	32,528	-21,746	-66.85%
ROSWELL	5600	9253	426	15	15294	15794	-500	-3.17%	156,018	153,832	2,186	1.42%
SANDY SPRINGS	6429	11009	487	11	17936	18233	-297	-1.63%	185,093	192,603	-7,510	-3.90%
WASHINGTON PARK	470	658	86	3	1217	1329	-112	-8.43%	11,764	13,969	-2,205	-15.78%
WEST END	533	1141	57	0	1731	1708	23	1.35%	15,378	13,037	2341	17.96%
WOLFCREEK	1519	2708	257	1	4485	4337	148	3.41%	42,447	34,609	7,838	22.65%
<b>BRANCHES TOTAL</b>	<b>63982</b>	<b>119626</b>	<b>6068</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>189785</b>	<b>194137</b>	<b>-4352</b>	<b>-2.24%</b>	<b>1,917,984</b>	<b>1,930,395</b>	<b>-12,411</b>	<b>-0.64%</b>
CENTRAL	2377	1601	234	12	4224	3239	985	30.41%	39,676	29,427	10,249	34.83%
OUTREACH SERVICES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	#DIV/0!	11	23	-12	-52.17%
AUBURN AVENUE RESEARCH	86	1	0	0	87	71	16	22.54%	886	757	129	17.04%
<b>SYSTEM TOTAL</b>	<b>66445</b>	<b>121228</b>	<b>6302</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>194096</b>	<b>197447</b>	<b>-3351</b>	<b>-1.70%</b>	<b>1,958,557</b>	<b>1,960,602</b>	<b>-2,045</b>	<b>-0.10%</b>



## FULTON COUNTY SYSTEM STATS AT A GLANCE - October 2025

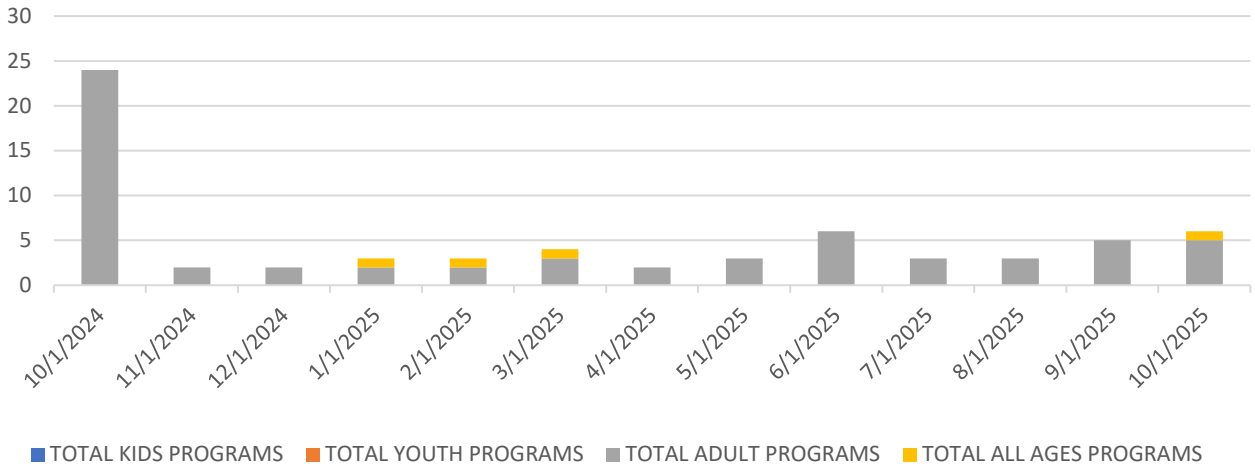
AGENCY NAME	TOTAL CIRCULATION	TOTAL REGISTRATIONS	COMPUTER USAGE	LIBRARY VISITS	NUMBER OF PROGRAMS	PROGRAM ATTENDANCE	NUMBER OF MEETINGS	MEETING ATTENDANCE	VOTER REGISTRATIONS
ADAMS PARK	1144	125	2866	8,199	45	201	15	43	0
ADAMSVILLE/COLLIER HEIGHTS	1225	113	4351	6,273	65	297	3	19	3
ALPHARETTA	18,439	724	775	9,786	47	1864	22	502	0
BUCKHEAD	10,413	792	2865	8,162	30	845	20	470	0
CLEVELAND AVE	719	62	547	3597	18	117	9	117	0
COLLEGE PARK	1,655	108	3223	0	20	164	8	67	0
DOGWOOD	774	104	1016	3,407	33	181	1	17	2
EAST ATLANTA	6,224	309	2090	8743	24	234	6	48	0
EAST POINT	985	275	1777	6516	54	567	31	275	1
EAST ROSWELL	13,009	513	934	12,283	49	1188	4	29	3
EVELYN G. LOWERY @ CASCADE	2,332	273	3125	7,475	30	453	39	1217	0
FAIRBURN	1,770	226	930	3319	14	149	38	465	5
GLADYS S. DENNARD @ SOUTH FULTON	3,842	477	1897	6,271	33	414	5	125	2
HAPEVILLE	2,187	85	1657	4518	31	433	27	279	2
JOAN P. LOWERY @ PONCE DE LEON	10,811	722	7692	10,914	18	106	0	0	0
KIRKWOOD	5,946	236	1083	3,800	22	650	7	41	0
LOUISE WATLEY @ SOUTHEAST ATLANTA	1,964	93	1545	5473	49	309	7	75	0
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR	1002	104	439	1835	38	132	38	132	0
MECHANICSVILLE	553	55	2904	3,014	6	0	2	35	2
METROPOLITAN	4,525	273	1510	6,606	28	681	78	854	0
MILTON	13,234	433	660	6,491	68	844	10	176	6
NORTHEAST/SPRUILL OAKS	9,412	266	416	5,873	49	897	11	118	1
NORTHSIDE	10,091	325	735	7,141	28	2009	28	57	0
NORTHWEST @ SCOTTS CROSSING	3,939	209	2367	11,055	28	302	0	0	0
OCEE	17,715	644	511	11,663	30	585	1	85	0
PALMETTO	1,715	122	562	3,023	15	176	4	87	0
PEACHTREE	3497	472	1153	4314	22	141	0	0	6
ROSWELL	15,294	699	1768	12206	61	1427	12	181	0
SANDY SPRINGS	17,936	1103	2873	25,661	72	2953	4	54	11
WASHINGTON PARK	1217	95	2593	4,375	11	69	4	37	3
WEST END	1,731	105	1771	4,897	25	108	9	218	0
WOLFCREEK	4,485	299	1419	7,582	40	310	21	402	1
<b>BRANCHES TOTAL</b>	<b>189,785</b>	<b>10,441</b>	<b>60,054</b>	<b>224,472</b>	<b>1103</b>	<b>18,806</b>	<b>464</b>	<b>6,225</b>	<b>48</b>
CENTRAL	4,224	717	23795	31,554	49	1249	62	550	7
VIRTUAL PROGRAMS					6	439			
OUTREACH VIRTUAL PROGRAMS	0	1	0	0	31	2043	0	0	0
AUBURN AVENUE RESEARCH	87	3	80	3431	3	0	0	0	0
<b>SYSTEM TOTAL</b>	<b>194,096</b>	<b>11,162</b>	<b>83,929</b>	<b>259,457</b>	<b>1192</b>	<b>22,537</b>	<b>526</b>	<b>6,775</b>	<b>55</b>

## October 2025 Executive Summary – Charts



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

### Virtual Programs



### Virtual Program Attendance

