



BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MEETING INFORMATION PACKET

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**FULTON COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
JUNE 24, 2026 - 4:00 P.M.
AGENDA**

- I. Call to Order
- II. Public Comments
- III. Adoption of Agenda* Doc. #26-28
- IV. Approval of Minutes - May 27, 2026* Doc. #26-27
- V. Financial Manager - Jamar Parker - Update
- VI. Chairman's Report
- VII. Work Orders Report - Paul Kaplan
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 - A. Central Library - Update
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 - C. AFPL Foundation M.O.U. - Update
- X. New Business
 - A. Election of Board of Trustees Officers*
- XI. Adjournment

*Action is anticipated on this item

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**FULTON
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**FULTON COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
MAY 27, 2026 – 4:00 P.M.**



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

Members Absent: Franklin, Candice
 Piontek, Joe

Also In Attendance: Holloman, Gayle H. – Executive Director
 Claxton, Zenobia – Assistant to the Director's Office
 Hall, Hirshel, Assistant County Attorney

Guests: Gilliam, Teryn, Deputy Director
 Small, Dr. Cheryl, Deputy Director

Webinar Attendees: 2

Board Chair Nina Radakovich called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

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CALL TO ORDER

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: This is the Fulton County Library System Board of Trustees meeting, it's May 27, 2026, at 4:00 p.m. My name is Nina Radakovich, and I'm calling this meeting to order. Do we have any public comments?

PUBLIC COMMENTS

MRS. ZENOBIA CLAXTON: Good afternoon. We do not have any public comments. Thank you.

26-23 ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: We have the agenda from -- for today. Do I hear a motion to adopt the agenda?

MS. BEVERLY RICE: So moved.

MR. D. CHIP JOYNER: Second.

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: All in favor?

TRUSTEES: Aye.

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: Thank you. The agenda is adopted.

26-22 APPROVAL OF MINUTES - APRIL 22, 2026

MOTION

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: Next, do I hear a motion for approval of the minutes from April 22nd?

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

MS. BEVERLY RICE: Second.

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: All in favor?

TRUSTEES: Aye.

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: Thank you very much. We're going to start off today with some of our veterans. We're looking forward to this. First, we've got Deputy Director Teryn Gilliam.

FCLS DEPUTY DIRECTOR - MS. TERYN GILLIAM - UPDATE

MS. TERYN GILLIAM: Yes, okay. Hello everyone, good afternoon.

MS. BEVERLY RICE: Good afternoon.

MS. TERYN GILLIAM: Today, I'm just going to talk to you briefly about One Book, One Read. First, I have books for everyone. This is your copy, because of course, we would love for you to participate and attend the event.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: Teryn is Deputy Director for Adult Services and Community Engagement.

MS. TERYN GILLIAM: I did forget to introduce myself, right.

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

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: Perfect timing on this.

MS. TERYN GILLIAM: Thank you. Okay, do we have anyone that's not here that I can leave a copy with you? How many.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: Leave it with Zenobia.

MRS. ZENOBIA CLAXTON: Two.

MS. TERYN GILLIAM: Two, okay. All right. Of course, this year's One Book, One Read, is on September 19th at 11:00 a.m. at the Central Library. I have a copy of our Reader's Guide for you as well, and that information is on the last page with the date, QR code to RSVP. Information about all of our branches that will be hosting their own One Book, One Read events. Each branch will do a One Book, One Read Book Talk, which then

culminates to the huge one on September 19th. So, we have a combination of one virtual at Central and the rest are in person, so we have some options. This year's book, as you can see, is *The Last One at the Wedding*, by Jason Rekulak. We're excited to have him this year. He's excited to come. He's from North Carolina, so we're looking forward to a great conversation. The book has a little twist to it, so it's an interesting topic, and we know that it will be a lot of Q&A. I hope that you guys will enjoy the book, and like I said, we hope that you can attend on the 19th.

MR. PAUL BOLSTER: The individual libraries, he's not there at the individual libraries -

MS. TERYN GILLIAM: No, no, we're trying to get the community engaged. They have their own Book Talks to get everyone reading the book for the summer. He will be here for the one on the 19th.

MR. PAUL BOLSTER: Okay.

MS. TERYN GILLIAM: So, we give them the opportunity, too, for those who can't make it. But we will have a livestream for the event on the 19th as well, so people can still see it if they can't attend. With that being said, do you have any questions about One Book, One Read?

MS. BEVERLY RICE: Where do you sign up for it at?

MS. TERYN GILLIAM: We have a QR code.

MS. BEVERLY RICE: Okay, and I think you said that --

MS. TERYN GILLIAM: Now, if you go to our website, it's on there as well. There's an RSVP on our website --

MS. BEVERLY RICE: Okay.

MS. TERYN GILLIAM: -- where you just register.

MS. BEVERLY RICE: Thank you.

MS. TERYN GILLIAM: You're welcome. The link is on the main page. If you look to the right when you get to the main page, or -- and then further down, there's a space specifically for One Book, One Read.

MS. BEVERLY RICE: Okay, thank you.

MS. TERYN GILLIAM: Okay. You're welcome.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: Karyn is moderating, that's great.

MS. TERYN GILLIAM: Yes, Karyn Greer, yes, she is.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: Awesome.

MS. TERYN GILLIAM: Yes. All right now, if there aren't any questions, my colleague, Cheryl, Dr. Cheryl Small will talk about Summer Reading. But for the adult portion, I just want to mention something to you quickly about Summer Reading. We have adult prizes that we're going to give away at each location, goodie bags. We do this every year, but I want you all to have a copy of the flyer so you can see what we're giving away. Also, we will be giving away a grand prize, three, this year. We are fortunate that our Library Foundation has awarded us funding for three Beats Headsets for grand-prize winners. What we're going to do this year, which is a twist, we just pulled names last year so any adult that was entered on Beanstack could win. But now, we just want to make sure we have one in the south, one in the north, and one centrally. So, we have three devices that we'll be giving away. So that's this --

MS. LINDA JORDAN: What's --

MS. TERYN GILLIAM: -- this information here.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: What's the criteria for them to win?

MS. TERYN GILLIAM: To read at least two books. On this flyer, you'll see we have a QR code as well. So, you can pull up all the information that will tell you the criteria.

MR. PAUL BOLSTER: The two books are from a certain list?

MS. TERYN GILLIAM: From Beanstack. No, not from a certain list. We just want you to read any two books of your choice, at least minimum.

MR. PAUL BOLSTER: I got two books I'm reading right now.

MS. TERYN GILLIAM: Well, then you need to enroll.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: So how do --

MS. TERYN GILLIAM: You're the perfect, you're the perfect candidate.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: Just curious about how that works. So, once they read them, do they say, I read this one? How does it work?

MS. TERYN GILLIAM: They log on to Beanstack.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: Oh, Beanstack.

MS. TERYN GILLIAM: Yes. So, we can keep count, there's a QR code for Beanstack right on this flyer down here too --

MS. LINDA JORDAN: Okay.

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: Thank you.

MS. TERYN GILLIAM: All of our -- you're welcome. Our adults and children all, we encourage them to enroll on Beanstack. We choose winners from there for various prizes. They can get stickers, and they can also keep track of their own log. There we are.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: Thank you.

MS. TERYN GILLIAM: You're welcome. No, no, now, it's two different ones.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: Oh, two different, okay.

MS. TERYN GILLIAM: One is for the branch prize, and one is for the adult grand prize. Did I give you the same? Make sure. No, they're two different, okay. All right, any questions about that? Okay, so that's it that I have for you today. I just wanted to tell you about One Book, One Read. I just mentioned that to you briefly, because I know we're having a presentation with you at your next meeting, a full presentation. So, then I'll be able to get in depth into some of the things that I'm doing. But I just wanted to talk about One Book, One Read today. Yes.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: Question. I know I've missed a meeting or two. But I wanted to know about how we are marketing the Beanstack information to make sure people sign up for it? Because I -- I didn't even know anything about Beanstack.

DR. CHERYL SMALL: You want me to explain it?

MS. TERYN GILLIAM: Yes. It's on our website too, but Dr. Small will go in depth with you.

FCLS DEPUTY DIRECTOR - DR. CHERYL SMALL - UPDATE

DR. CHERYL SMALL: I'll tell you a bit about Beanstack.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: Okay.

DR. CHERYL SMALL: I think if you've -- you've heard about Summer Reading Programs over the years for all libraries. About, I'm going to say about ten years ago, about ten years ago, I went to the ALA Conference, and I actually got a chance to meet the developers of Beanstack. Beanstack is just an online platform for you to log your books. So, if you think about years ago in libraries in Summer Reading Programs, we had a folder. In the folder, you would log all your books. You still can do that; we still offer that option. But a lot of people wanted this online interaction with all the technology coming along. So that's how Beanstack came along. So as a Library System, we work with

Finance, and of course, paid for access to Beanstack for a long time. Now APS Schools and Fulton County Schools offer it, right, and we're all collaborating now. Fulton County Schools and APS Schools along with the Public Library, we all offer Beanstack. So, we can work together in a different way. So, when our Librarians from branches go to the schools and they say Beanstack, everybody's familiar, and all the kids can log on through their school or through the library. We can capture some of those statistics.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: Awesome.

MR. PAUL BOLSTER: So, it's --

MS. TERYN GILLIAM: It's also for validity purposes.

DR. CHERYL SMALL: Yes.

MS. TERYN GILLIAM: For one, we're tracking everything in one system, so it's easier for tracking. We pull, like I mentioned before, for prizes and things of that nature. So Beanstack is set up to track for you to get sort of awards at different tiers. So, it makes it easier when everything is input into the same system.

MR. PAUL BOLSTER: So, does it give you a little -- does it give you a list of all the books you've read?

MS. TERYN GILLIAM: Yes.

MR. PAUL BOLSTER: So that when you can't remember what the title was --

MS. TERYN GILLIAM: Yes.

MR. PAUL BOLSTER: -- you can go back and find it?

MS. TERYN GILLIAM: Yes.

DR. CHERYL SMALL: Exactly.

MR. PAUL BOLSTER: Now, I understand.

DR. CHERYL SMALL: Yes. At the end of summer, we look at all the stats to see how many per branch, you know, who's been the most successful branch with the highest number of readers, if you will. So, a part of my initiative, as Deputy Director with Youth Services, is to improve and elevate Youth Services programs, and also encourage Youth Services Librarians from one branch to the other, all 34 branches --

MR. PAUL BOLSTER: Is it just --

DR. CHERYL SMALL: -- towards participation and elevation of our numbers.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: Great.

MR. PAUL BOLSTER: Is it just the books you borrow from the branch?

DR. CHERYL SMALL: Oh, it can be anything.

MR. PAUL BOLSTER: Oh, all the books you read?

DR. CHERYL SMALL: All books, your personal books, your books you purchased, your books from your school, your books from the library, yes.

MR. PAUL BOLSTER: Okay.

DR. CHERYL SMALL: Anything that you are reading, even if it's an online book, you can put it in there because you've read it, yes. So, it's just a different level of accountability for libraries across the U.S. We're not the only one using Beanstack --

MS. LINDA JORDAN: Are you seeing --

DR. CHERYL SMALL: -- it's all of them.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: Are you seeing more participation with the schools and the APS and Fulton County, with the Beanstack, you're seeing more -- the reading books or reading increasing?

DR. CHERYL SMALL: Yes, because APS and Fulton County, Fulton County Schools didn't have it at first. We've had it for years.

MS. TERYN GILLIAM: Yes, they're familiar with it now --

DR. CHERYL SMALL: It was paid -- and because you had to -- you know, it was costly.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: Right.

DR. CHERYL SMALL: But now that they're involved, both school systems, and we're involved, we can work together collaboratively in a different way.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: Good.

DR. CHERYL SMALL: Promote literacy and reading as we should be doing.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: Right. Makes sense, thank you.

DR. CHERYL SMALL: Yes. So, I'll, if you have any other questions, any other questions about Beanstack, I'll go ahead and talk about just some of the initiatives I'm working on. For here at Central Library, of course, Summer Reading begins June 1st. On the 1st, we are kicking off here at Central with an adult author, Alexandra Elle, she wrote the book, The Company We Keep, and that's June 1st. So, we have the strong first week with Central and all of our other libraries, they're all celebrating by having some form of a kickoff. It doesn't have to be elaborate, but something that notes that summer has begun. This is the time for you to come into the library, check out your books, and prevent that reading gap, that summer lull of reading for young people as they have a good time. But they're being educated and entertained by our Summer Reading Programs, and all of the other edutainment programs we offer.

MS. BEVERLY RICE: What time is it Monday?

DR. CHERYL SMALL: The Monday is going to -- well, we're going to start early with activities for adults on the first floor around 2:00 o'clock --

MS. BEVERLY RICE: Okay.

DR. CHERYL SMALL: -- for adults. The author is an adult author, of course, she'll start at 5:00 o'clock. So that program will go on to probably, with book signing and all that, probably about 7:00 o'clock. Of course, we're giving away -- what are we giving away? We're giving away 75 copies of the book. So, the first 75 people in attendance will receive a copy of the book. That's for, traditionally, you've attended some of the programs that we've done here at Central. We work with the Library Foundation and Mrs. Holloman to get funding to purchase books to give away.

MS. BEVERLY RICE: I just want to be the first one here.

DR. CHERYL SMALL: All right, all right, all right. I'll put a place marker, number one, for you. So, June 3rd and 4th, which are Wednesday and Thursday of that, of next week, we'll also have our Best Buy Teen Techs Center Geek Squad Academy. So that's a big do -- a big to-do. Every year we have the Geek Squad Academy. I think last year, we invited 50 kids, and of course, we got more than that that showed up and wanted to participate. So, this year, 100 kids are invited. They signed up, registration and all. They'll be here on Wednesday and Thursday, so we did two days instead of one. All this is funded by the Best Buy Foundation. So that's on the fifth floor.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: What were they -- what are they going to teach them? Are they going to talk AI and all that?

DR. CHERYL SMALL: All, all kinds of technology, anything you can imagine, coding. They're going to do a little bit of Esports, they'll do 3D printing, they'll do a bit of record -- a bit of some of the elements we have over there in our space, recording, creating movies and media. So, a lot of different items they'll do. So, they'll move around from class to class all day long for two days.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: Great.

DR. CHERYL SMALL: Then on Friday, next Friday, June 5th, we will have our kickoff for the young people, for the little people. So, we'll have story time and face painting, and a lot of fun activities for kids. It'll start at 11:00 o'clock. So, I guess, I'll talk just briefly about systemwide, what it is that I am doing. This year, we decided to relaunch our Summer Reading Showcase. So many, many, many years ago, probably about 20 years ago, at one time, we had all of our vendors come together and they performed. They put on a showcase for all of our Youth Services Librarians. So, there you get a chance to see them in full form, whether you had been a Librarian or not, we have a lot of new people in the system. So, I thought this would be a great idea to galvanize them, put them all together, and they came in to see what the performers are offering. So that gave us a way to also negotiate pricing in a different way and use our money more effectively. So those were monies from, again, the County in combination with the Foundation. So, all of these branches actually received two to three, or sometimes more depending on the price of the vendors, we were able to negotiate the pricing. So, each branch has two to three programs that are funded by the Foundation in combination with the County. So -- so this was just a way in which I decided to work in conjunction with Finance to improve our invoice management. So, we have myself and our Youth Services Coordinator handling all of the scheduling, so that we prevent overbooking or overpricing. So, it was just a way for us to negotiate discounts and better manage our Youth Services Programming. Then the last thing I'll talk about is Georgia Reads for America 250, and I'll give everybody a bookmark. So, the Georgia Reads for American 250, of course, in celebration of America 250, this is Georgia Reads, which is a part of the Governor's Office on Literacy. We are celebrating it by having -- you need one for your two people. We are celebrating this by having book lists of -- available on our website, promoting America 250, books that are all about this celebration. But also, we're creating a Beanstack challenge. So, we talked about Beanstack earlier. Beanstack is not only for Summer Reading, but it's for any, any reading challenge that the Library System adopts or thinks about or wants to create, so that we can also use the Beanstack and get our money's worth, but also use it to elevate literacy on every, every library initiative that we possibly can. So, this would be a Beanstack Challenge. People can sign up. There's a QR code there, you can sign up and see all the wonderful activities. You'll actually get a certificate for participation, and you're able to get Beanstack Rewards for the number of books that you read. In addition to that, we also have a Commemorative Library Card, and I didn't bring it with me. But there will be a Commemorative Library Card in celebration of this beginning, of course, with the celebration of our independence, July 4th. So, the library card will launch on July 1. So, you can come to the library, and maybe before you leave, I can give everybody one so you can see it. I just need to find it. The Commemorative Library Cards, if you already have a library card, you can come back to the library, update your card if you want a 250 card if you like. But that's just one other incentive that Georgia Reads actually initiated in celebration of America 250 --

MR. PAUL BOLSTER: So this, the books that are on this list, it was selected by the Governor, some Governor's committee or the --

DR. CHERYL SMALL: The -- at the library.

MR. PAUL BOLSTER: Pardon?

DR. CHERYL SMALL: At the library.

MR. PAUL BOLSTER: At the library?

DR. CHERYL SMALL: Yes.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: So for the challenge, you would need to read those books?

DR. CHERYL SMALL: You can read those books, or any books that you have --

MS. LINDA JORDAN: Okay.

DR. CHERYL SMALL: -- that are, of course, related. You can --

MS. LINDA JORDAN: I'm into AI, so I'm trying to read every AI book that I can get, so.

DR. CHERYL SMALL: **Yes.** So in Beanstack, again, you log your books, the books we've suggested, or any books that you may have.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: Okay.

DR. CHERYL SMALL: You can log it and get credit for it.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: Thank you.

DR. CHERYL SMALL: So just another Beanstack Challenge in celebration of America 250.

MS. TERYN GILLIAM: Do you want to mention the Constitution that's going out to -- the copy?

DR. CHERYL SMALL: **The** copy, yes. Teryn's department, Youth Services -- I mean, I'm sorry, Adult Services, ordered copies of the Constitution that's being -- you can pick it up at any of your local branches, all 34 branches. I'm not sure how many, but yes, yes.

MS. TERYN GILLIAM: But it's enough that's been spread out amongst all of the branches.

DR. CHERYL SMALL: They're available --

MS. TERYN GILLIAM: -- so you get a copy --

DR. CHERYL SMALL: They're available.

MR. D. CHIP JOYNER: The pocket sized?

MS. TERYN GILLIAM: Yes.

DR. CHERYL SMALL: The pocket -- yes. They're available at all of the libraries, so you can pick up a copy. Then I'll -- let's see what I'll close with. I'll just speak briefly about two major programs we had here at Central, again, funded by the Atlanta-Fulton Library Foundation. We had Deborah Roberts and Kenan Thompson; I think you guys heard about that probably. We had over 600 people in attendance. So, I say all that to say, as -- that even in this role as Deputy, responsible for Youth Services, I still have strategic responsibility for Central and Auburn and the Adult Signature Programs will continue as we move forward. Any questions for me?

MR. PAUL BOLSTER: So -- yes. My church used to be the precinct for downtown voting. We're now tearing most of it -- part of it down, and building a -- building an apartment building, and we'll have a meeting center there and that kind of stuff. But I wondered if there was any discussion about bringing the precinct here, because it seems to me for downtown voters, this would have been a great location and would have given the library some higher profile.

DR. CHERYL SMALL: I have no idea. No. Mrs. Holloman? I'm not aware of whether we were an option.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: No, we have not so far been an option.

MR. PAUL BOLSTER: Pardon?

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: We've not so far been an option for that.

MR. PAUL BOLSTER: Yes.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: It has not come up.

MR. PAUL BOLSTER: Well, the -- maybe you could say to the Board of Elections, they're the ones that set the precincts and places and all the management. Say, why don't you offer to come here? This seems to be perfect for downtown residents, and therefore they'd be (indiscernible) and for our church, many people came into the church, never been there before as a result. But it just seems to me a role that the library could play in a number of other places, I think there are voting precincts.

DR. CHERYL SMALL: Oh, definitely.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: Well, we have voting in our libraries.

MR. PAUL BOLSTER: Yes.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: We have advanced voting and regular voting in our other libraries --

MS. TERYN GILLIAM: A lot of it has to do with parking, easy accessibility.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: Right.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: Yes.

MS. TERYN GILLIAM: It's difficult for people to come to this location --

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: Park.

MS. TERYN GILLIAM: -- as far as parking is concerned. That's why we spread them out to other locations and make it easier for them to get in and out.

MR. D. CHIP JOYNER: That makes sense.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: Yes, that makes sense.

MR. PAUL BOLSTER: Yes, parking is always an issue.

DR. CHERYL SMALL: Yes, it is.

MR. PAUL BOLSTER: But could be a -- there is a precinct for downtown voters, and they could walk here, anyway.

MR. D. CHIP JOYNER: I've voted at Pryor Street a few times downtown.

MR. PAUL BOLSTER: Yes.

DR. CHERYL SMALL: Any questions for me? Otherwise, thank you.

TRUSTEES: Thank you.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: Well, they're going to come back in the future and give you some more in-depth details about what they're doing and plans forward -- going forward, as Ms. Gilliam already pointed out, and Dr. Small. Thank you all so much. They're doing monumental work, you all.

MS. BEVERLY RICE: Yes.

TRUSTEES: Great.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: The differences that it has made already, having the two of them in those roles.

MS. TERYN GILLIAM: Thank you.

MS. BEVERLY RICE: You all are doing an amazing job.

MS. TERYN GILLIAM: Thank you.

MS. BEVERLY RICE: Thank you all so much.

DR. CHERYL SMALL: Thank you.

MS. TERYN GILLIAM: Thank you.

DR. CHERYL SMALL: Thanks for your support.

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: Well, it's all good news, so we love hearing.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: Absolutely.

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: I don't have a report this month, so we can go to Paul Kaplan's work orders.

WORK ORDERS REPORT - PAUL KAPLAN

MR. PAUL KAPLAN: Okay, work orders for the month. Okay, this will be all for the month of April, we had -- try to get myself together, here. We had a total of 192 work orders. They completed about 81 percent of it, which was about 155 work orders were completed. The highest thing is the plumbing this time, and HVAC, electrical, and miscellaneous. So going over this list, and I got into more detail. Some (indiscernible) and I got a phone call into a few people, and I haven't heard anything back yet. What is -- what's going on at East Point? I have -- I have almost the entire East Point work orders are all plumbing, and some of them, there was one in here said the entire branch.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: We've had a lot of problems --

MR. PAUL KAPLAN: Do you have any idea what's -- what is going --

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: I don't know the exact wording of what's happening, but we've had a ton of issues with plumbing out there. So, they're working on it, they're working through it, I don't know if I'm -- I think there was a problem with the main line at one point, and then things would go out and then come back on. I really need to get more details. So, I could do that and get that to you. But yes, we've had a lot of issues there. We had a lot of leaks throughout the system lately --

MR. PAUL KAPLAN: Yes.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: -- the last week or two, because of all the rain and stuff. Then because, in some regards, there was not enough attention paid to what might have been going bad before it got so bad. That's what we've got to get more used to announcing, and sending in requests to have small things fixed before they become bigger things.

MR. PAUL KAPLAN: Then the question I have for you is that, okay, so I flagged it there because I saw all the reports. How do they get back to you or back to -- I know they go through the system, and they put in their work order, then it goes up to the next level, and so on and so forth. When I see this many in one month, is there a flag raised up saying, help?

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: Well, there is. I mean, what we do is, we work with DREAM. I stay in touch with Joe Davis and his staff, and we push it through. We push all of the -- but a lot of these things are happening on the weekends, they're happening right at 5:00 o'clock or 6:00 o'clock on a Friday, then you got to go through getting information through to someone on the weekend, trying to get someone out there. So those are some of the things that we've been experiencing over the last week and a half or so, and that's problematic. We've got other things like ceiling leaks and that then will do damage to something underneath it that was not expected. So, there's just been a lot of different things out at East Point, that's a whole unique situation that I'm not quite clear why they can't get it straightened out. But we stay in touch, I mean, at -- in the middle of the night, we're sending emails around, you know, what's going to happen.

MR. PAUL KAPLAN: Yes.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: They send people out in the early morning to try and stop what they can stop, and try to turn boilers on, and all kinds of things are off. We know, you know, we have our building maintenance person.

MR. PAUL KAPLAN: Right.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: He goes out, he stays involved and engaged with submitting work orders. I'm just not quite sure what else we can do. We do have a bad infrastructure in some of these libraries as far as in the streets.

MR. PAUL KAPLAN: Right.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: And when the streets get messed up with plumbing issues and all that, it seeps into the libraries, and that's been a problem for us lately. Because we've got potholes out there that have just torn apart and caused water to be rushing through. So, there are a lot of problems, there really are.

MR. PAUL KAPLAN: I have a call into Mr. Davis, too, and so I'm going to talk to him also, see what's happening with what his plumbers are finding out, what's going on over there.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: He was here about two weeks ago. He came by Central to take a look at some things.

MR. PAUL KAPLAN: Did he?

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: So he -- he's aware. It's just that staying on top of it. Then it's not just us, they've got all these other buildings, and they're having the same types of concerns. They had a lot of water the other day at the -- at 141, and we had water in our basement that first day it rained so. In the basement level, we had water. We had all kinds of issues with it. So, it's been that way for almost everybody, even in the garage, it was full of water. That's because of what happened with, they say the streets -- the street cover were -- what do call that? Filled up with debris.

MR. PAUL KAPLAN: Yes, with debris, yeah, and then they flood.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: So they flood.

MR. PAUL KAPLAN: Okay, all right, as long as they're up on it, because that's the most -- that's what I said, there's a lot more plumbing, there are problems, and that was all East Point. So, okay, as long as you're aware of it, you know what's going on, I'll -- I also have a call for Mr. Davis, and maybe I'll take a ride out myself and see what's going on. Okay.

MR. D. CHIP JOYNER: The plumbing, does it make the restrooms unusable, or?

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: Yes, because, you know, the restrooms now are electronic, and so if the electricity goes out, they go out. If some water affects it in some negative way, that could be a problem, but it's usually the electricity going out.

MR. D. CHIP JOYNER: When the restrooms aren't working, do we have to close?

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: What we end up doing is we try to see how long it's going to be, so we get the ETA. If the ETA is not a good one, then we have to get permission to close. So that has happened as well, quite a bit lately, where they're out working in the streets because they're doing all this stuff to get ready, I guess, events, events that are going to happen. So that's causing us a problem. Sometimes they'll go out, they'll turn the water off while they're working, and don't think to come in and tell us they're about to turn the water off.

MR. PAUL KAPLAN: Right, no, they just --

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: That's a real problem.

MR. PAUL KAPLAN: Yes.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: Then sometimes it's because there's a problem that they turn the water off, so.

MR. PAUL KAPLAN: A lot of issues with them. The -- just so you know that, when these buildings were built, the underground plumbing at that point was, just to tell you, it's 4-inch pipe. They had toilets that flushed about 5 gallons each flush. Well, now, you know, we're down to 1.6 gallons. What's happening is, the water's going on, the debris is sitting at the bottom of the pipe because the water is so little, it doesn't push it out, so we start getting it dam, it dams itself up. Within a couple weeks, they're flooding. So they ride it

out, they get it cleaned up, we're right back again. So, this has been discussed in a couple of my plumbing engineering things. They're talking about all the new buildings that downgrade this piping underneath the ground. Instead of 4 inches, let's go back to 3 inches, so that even if you use a small flush of water, it will push it out. But to -- you can't retrofit these, these buildings. You couldn't afford it, and you're not going to break up just for plumbing. So, it's just something they have to deal with. But it's just caused an excessive amount at East Point, and we'll see what's going on. That's all you can do, but times have changed. It's a, you know, it's a -- it's modern technology.

MR. PAUL BOLSTER: You do one thing because of another reason, then you cause a problem somewhere else.

MR. PAUL KAPLAN: Right, exactly. As far as -- as far as electronic flush valves are concerned, and I don't know, they -- they do make electronic flush valves that you can override the system if the power fails. I don't know if they put in any of those in at all.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: I don't think so.

MR. PAUL KAPLAN: That's a new thing that's coming out now, because when power goes out, these go out. Well, now, people are using the bathroom, nothing happens, you can't move anything, and you get back into a problem again.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: Yes, that has happened quite a bit lately.

MR. PAUL KAPLAN: Yes, yes. So, I'd love to redo everything, but I can't do it. But anyway, we try to keep up with what we can do. That's -- that's it.

MR. D. CHIP JOYNER: Mr. Kaplan, are -- how are we prepared for the summers, the HVAC systems?

MR. PAUL KAPLAN: So far, I haven't heard too much about the air conditioning problems at this point. We are prepared for it, I would say probably, but there will be problems. Somewhere along, I would have to put some cool, cool air in there somehow, get those cool spots that we use. But they try to stay ahead of it, best they can. Like I said, that when the -- when they retrofitted all the buildings and fixed all the buildings, the cost to replace the entire boiler system was just on -- you couldn't afford it. So, they did controls, fixed the controls, put new controllers on it, and they do the best they can. That's all, we haven't changed the entire system into it, unless they want to get in a bond issue again. I don't think so. This time of the year, it would be -- and if it is, just so you know that they're also looking to redo the furniture. Just so you know, you know, the furniture has been used, you know, we renovated some years ago. Some of it is being, starting to be -- show wear. I know that -- whose job is running that?

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: Al Collins.

MR. PAUL KAPLAN: Al Collins is putting together a list of all furniture that needs to be replaced, and maybe they'll do a blanket work order to get them all done at one time. I don't know, but they need to be replaced. It starts to look a little shabby.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: Yes, that's what he's working on, and he's --

MR. PAUL KAPLAN: He's been working on it --

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: -- chairs that -- broken chairs, he's been working on it for a while.

MR. PAUL KAPLAN: Yes.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: They had to get a vendor and all that, so.

MR. D. CHIP JOYNER: Did that one light fixture ever get --

MR. PAUL KAPLAN: No. Some light fixtures, they don't make the bulbs. The bulbs are not made here, they're in another country, and you may have to retrofit something different from it.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: Yes, and some of them cost \$240 a bulb.

MR. PAUL KAPLAN: Oh, it's outrageous. It's outrageous, there's one in Roswell that, whoever came up with the idea, but I know who came up -- I just, I'm not saying the name. You can't -- you can't replace that bulb, it's impossible to replace it. It looks pretty, it looks nice for the first couple of years, and then what happens when light goes out? Unless you want to go to Sweden or France, someplace like that where it's made.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: Yes, that's -- that was interesting.

MR. PAUL KAPLAN: Yes, I thought so, too. If there's no other questions, I'll turn it over to the Chairman.

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: Okay, and I'll turn it over to the Director.

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FCLS LOOK AHEAD EVENTS/PROGRAMS

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: Thank you. Good afternoon, everyone. Well, we've had a lot of things going on, as we just got through talking about some of them. But we're doing a great job, I think, in a lot of ways, because I think people are really responding to the Year of the Book. You see the list of programs that we're having, and all of that that are included. It has brought people together under a common umbrella. Although we are celebrating all the things we normally celebrate, whether it's Older Americans -- Older American's Month or Jewish American Heritage Day, or whatever it might be, we're still doing all those programs that we're known for. But it's under one umbrella, and it made staff who do adult or children's services a little bit more mindful of the things that they have at their disposal and how to put it together in a format that benefits everybody in the long run. So, you have got a lot of programs that we're doing, some in some months will be a little, maybe not as much as others, and others will be more than others. But it has really solidified them around the theme. So, we have got several little things going right now with various things, America 250, and all that, as you heard earlier. But it's really working, and I'm very excited that people are going, and it appears to be in one direction. So that's been a real good trend. You see our monthly financial reports. We are right at about \$20 million remaining to spend this year. So, we're trying to be real prudent with those dollars. Our monthly usage summary is showing that we are -- there's an uptick in some things. We're holding steady with a number of materials downloaded or streamed under the virtual circulation. The two years, last year and this year, seem to be right at - right up on each other, the same number, almost. We still have some concerns with people not coming in as much as we would like for them to with regard to programs for adults. So, we're still working real, real closely with the Managers to make sure that reading -- meeting those needs. We're trying to do some programming around intergenerational events that will bring all ages together. Because we do find that that makes a difference, particularly with young children, when they're able to interact with slightly older or older people in general. So, we did some work around that years ago, and we need to bring that back. So, we're concerned, we're looking at those numbers. And also, the number of people attending meetings and activities has kind of dropped.

We used to have a lot of groups like NPU's that would come and meet the branches and all that. That's not happening quite as much, I guess, because people are using Zoom. That's what we tend to find, they're using Zoom or Teams, and so they're not coming in to use our meeting rooms for that purpose anymore. But -- so that's been of interest to us. Do you have any questions about the usage summary or the financial report or any of those things?

TRUSTEES: (No responses.)

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: Well, our look ahead includes, of course, Summer Reading. Of course, in the long run, toward the end of Summer Reading would be the One Book, One Read, as you've already heard about. But I want to talk to you -- can I go to unfinished business?

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: Yes.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

CENTRAL LIBRARY - UPDATE

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: Wanted to let you know what we did have to take place this past week here at the Central Library as an update. We had, due to Chairman Pitts, we were brought into a partnership with the Taiwanese Consulate's Office. They wanted to -- this Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month, is what this is. So, we thought it was a good time for us to partner with them, and they have donated 280 books to the Library System on their culture and history. Those books were approved at the last BOC meeting last week. The titles feature Taiwanese culture and history, including cuisine, Mandarin, calligraphy, Mahjong, and for us, fortunately for us, the classes are going to be given to our public in those same subject areas for the remainder of this year. So, people will be able to sign up for Mahjong classes, Mandarin classes, it's just amazing. The kickoff for the event was held last Monday, the 18th. Then on the 21st, the screening of their movie, A Chip Odyssey, was shown. It tells the story of Taiwan's history as a leading manufacturer of semiconductors in the entire world. It was just a wonderful time for us to partner with a group of people that we were not as familiar with and who were not as familiar with our Library System, and they were just amazed. We had about 120 people on the kickoff on Monday. That was really something for a Monday morning. And then on Thursday night, we were concerned that we weren't sure what to think as far as the numbers would go, and we had people in all the seats. So, 330 seats were filled to see A Chip Odyssey about the semiconductors, and then others, we were standing room. So, it was just an amazing two days to get familiar with a group of people we didn't -- we weren't ourselves familiar with, and they with us. They want to come back; they want to do more things here. So anytime we're able to do those types of things, it opens us up to other opportunities and for people to know what we do. Various groups of people, not people who might not normally come downtown or people who might not normally know what's going on in these public libraries. So, I thought it was good. Chairman Pitts was just overjoyed with it, and we just really had a great time. We also got to sample something called Boba Tea, and it was a really good. I enjoyed it, and I had never had it before. So that was good, they made it on site. So, we just had a good time, it was nice.

MS. BEVERLY RICE: I'd just like to add, too, that it was a very nice program. The movie, of course, was very interesting, and it was just something different for me and for us. I hate I missed on Monday, but the night of the movie, I was very impressed with the attendance and everything. It was very nice, it really was.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: It was. It was just really a different type of, a different type of event.

MS. BEVERLY RICE: Right.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: It was just a way for people to learn things from each other. It was a pleasure working with the team for the Consulate's Office, because we had worked on this since December, and it had every iteration. It went back and forth, and this and that, the dates changed, and all the classes worked out. People are really wanting to take Mahjong. I was amazed at that, you know, that this really -- at Northeast Spruill Oaks, I think it is, or maybe it's Ocee, they have signed up already. The slate is already set, so they got all these people signed up already, and the classes won't start for another couple of weeks. So that was a real positive.

MS. BEVERLY RICE: In addition, the producer was there, and the director of --

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: Exactly.

MS. BEVERLY RICE: -- the film.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: Yes.

MS. BEVERLY RICE: They were both there, mingling around, talking, taking pictures, everything.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: Yes, it was really fantastic.

MS. BEVERLY RICE: Yes.

MR. PAUL BOLSTER: It would seem to me that might be an interesting topic to bring some academics to talk about the geopolitical issues that are involved. Because it's -- it's central to our relationship with China and the President's recent visit to China illustrated all that. The -- our relationship there is very much, so there's a lot -- if the group was being interested, some scholars to come in and talk about our foreign policy relationships with some folks from Emory or someplace like that.

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

MR. PAUL BOLSTER: It'd be very exciting, because it is front and center of our political relationships with China at the moment.

RENTAL POLICY - DISCUSSION

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: We'll keep that in mind. The -- so that's what's been going on here at Central. It was a wonderful time. Rental policy, there's been no discussion, nothing more has moved forward on it. The DREAM staff are working, I'm told, to get it on the agenda at some point. But right now, it's not on the agenda for the Board of Commissioners. I do want you to know that we do have a strategic plan in place now, and so I want to pass that out to you. We updated it, we know that what we did in 2021 was successful. You've got the evidence there to prove the numbers here, and so you'll see that as you look at it. We don't -- we know we're not out of it yet. So, this takes us through 2030.

MR. PAUL KAPLAN: Right.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: Will not change drastically until such time as we feel we have really met the moment in all of these areas.

TRUSTEES: Thank you.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: But please do know, it's been a lot of work, but the staff is really, really taking part in all of these things, and it has made a huge difference. But so, when you have some time, you can read over it. We won't go through the whole thing today. But it's basically what we had at first, and we've added to it. I think it's; I think it puts us in a good stead, I really do.

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: It allows us to communicate with focus about the contents, I think.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: Exactly. So, the biggest thing we added was a fourth code, advanced operational efficiencies. That's what you'll see on page 3. So that has -

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: That's new.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: -- spurred us on to see, well, what can we do next, and where are we headed? What do we need to do? So, you'll see it, all that come together. And I think it's going to serve us well. And then, of course, we got our visit from our two Mascots, Dewey and Deci. Any questions?

TRUSTEES: (No responses.)

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: Well, thank you all so much.

MR. D. CHIP JOYNER: This is great, thank you.

AFPL FOUNDATION M.O.U - UPDATE

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: Okay, we have the Foundation's M.O.U. and I have no information on that. And under new business, we've got the Holiday Closing Calendar update.

NEW BUSINESS

25-51 2026 FCLS LIBRARY SYSTEM HOLIDAY/CLOSING CALENDAR - UPDATE

MOTION

NOMINATIONS FOR BOARD OF TRUSTEES OFFICERS

MOTION

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: I'll speak to that if you don't mind. Okay, what has happened is that we found that -- well, first of all, it gets to be kind of costly to have a Staff Development Day. So, what we've decided to do this year is not fund our traditional Staff Development Day, where staff would have the day off that you all have granted, and we would be close to the public. We'd be here, so that they're not working with the public, but they would be here at work at the Central Library, everyone would come downtown. We've done this for a number of years now, and we would have classes and all that. We had to pay for those, sometimes we had to pay for those people who were instructors and such. So, this time, we've decided that this year, we will forfeit all of that, and we work it -- we are working with our training department at the county level to put together some training modules that would be done virtually. They do it in IT all the time, and it comes to us on our computers to tell us if we need to take these classes by a certain date and time. They would be free, of course, for the staff. So that's what we're working on doing this year and probably into next year, and that will save some money and save some time. The staff would be able to remain at their locations, and they would be able to do it by a certain date at their leisure, so long as they meet the deadline. So that's where we are, so that's why we're asking or advising you that that date in October is no longer needed. So, we're asking you by virtue of this change to vote to delete that, that closure day.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: What date was it?

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: It was original -- what was it?

MRS. ZENOBIA CLAXTON: October 12th.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: October 12th. So, thank you for that. Do you have to vote on it?

MRS. ZENOBIA CLAXTON: Yes.

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: Vote on what, I'm sorry?

MRS. ZENOBIA CLAXTON: The motion to put us back in play on that day, October 12th; we will be open to the public on October 12th instead of being closed.

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: Okay, I understand. Would someone like to make a motion that we do it that way this year?

MS. LINDA JORDAN: So, I move that we will have the library open on October 12th, 2026.

MR. PAUL BOLSTER: No, I think they --

MS. LINDA JORDAN: Is that the right one? Okay, so we need a second.

MR. PAUL BOLSTER: Okay.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: Then we discuss.

MR. PAUL BOLSTER: So, we're actually approving this whole document here that's in our --

MS. LINDA JORDAN: No, we're doing the one piece first, because that was already put out there. Then we'll come back to this, correct? So right now -- am I right?

MR. PAUL BOLSTER: Well, that date's not on --

MRS. ZENOBIA CLAXTON: This is just an update.

MR. PAUL BOLSTER: -- this calendar.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: Right, but they're saying --

MRS. ZENOBIA CLAXTON: It's just an update to remove October 12th, so that's what you're voting on, to remove that day, and we will be open on October 12th.

MR. PAUL BOLSTER: Right.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: To the public.

MRS. ZENOBIA CLAXTON: To the public.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: Okay.

MRS. ZENOBIA CLAXTON: Everything else has been approved.

MR. D. CHIP JOYNER: Second.

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: All in favor?

MS. LINDA JORDAN: Well, is there anymore discuss --

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: Any discussion?

MR. PAUL BOLSTER: It says here, we reapprove the Library Board of Trustees today. That's what it says at the bottom. So, we're approving this whole list, is what we're approving, right?

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: No. We took out the date, October 12th. These are the days that we're closed. So now, you're just approving it to remove October 12th from this list of closing. I always put that at the bottom. Once you approve it, that's going to change and say, it was approved to update this calendar to remove October 12th.

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: It's already removed because that's --

MRS. ZENOBIA CLAXTON: It's already been removed.

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: Okay.

MR. PAUL BOLSTER: So, what, what I was thinking is what we were doing is approving this whole list, right? But you're saying that all these other dates were approved already?

MRS. ZENOBIA CLAXTON: Correct.

MR. PAUL BOLSTER: Okay.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: Yes, it included an October date, October 12th, and now we don't have anything in October as far as a leave that needs to be approved.

MR. PAUL BOLSTER: Okay.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: So, we're going --

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: Anymore discussion?

TRUSTEES: (No responses.)

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: Okay, we have a motion for -- all in favor?

TRUSTEES: Aye.

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: Motion passes. Is Hirshel here?

MS. BEVERLY RICE: He's online.

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: He is?

MR. PAUL KAPLAN: He's waving.

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: Oh, I see, okay. So, we have on the agenda nominations for Board of Trustees Officers. That would be Chair and Vice Chair.

MR. HIRSHEL HALL: Also, the Secretary, which may be held by a Board Member or the discretion of the Board by the Executive Director or another library employee, so there's three officers, there's the Chair, the Vice Chair, and the Secretary.

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: Okay. Dr. Holloman, you've been Secretary for as long as I can remember.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: I was Ex Officio.

MR. PAUL KAPLAN: Yes, Ex Officio, yeah.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: Yes, I did.

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: But that's the way it's always been, right?

MRS. ZENOBIA CLAXTON: Yes.

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: Okay. Hirshel, I was wondering if you could walk us through the process for what we do first and what we do this month and what we do next month and whatever, if it's different.

MR. HIRSHEL HALL: Sure, yes. So, the bylaws provide that the Board will elect officers during the regular June meeting, so that would be next month. So, it looks like there is an agenda item here to nominate prior to the election so that there will be, you know, I guess, there will be an option for the various Board Members to nominate different Board Members to be Chair, Vice Chair, or Secretary. Then at the June meeting, the Board could vote on who is nominated. But that is, Nina, as the Chairperson, you could also present -- you preside over the meeting currently, so you could, I don't think there's any strict rules about how to do this process. I -- but I think it is a fine process if you want, and it seems that that's what the intent is to nominate in the May meeting, and then at the June meeting, pursuant to the bylaws, that's when the Board will actually vote on who should be the Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary.

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: I think we actually did it the same way a year ago.

MS. BEVERLY RICE: Right.

MR. HIRSHEL HALL: I think that's right. I think that last year, there was a nomination for a slate, maybe it was to keep the current, whoever was currently -- and I think, and again, if I recall correctly, there was a need even previously, you know, halfway to, maybe there was a vacancy. That, because there was a vacancy of an officer, there was a nomination for Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary. Then in May of last year, there was a nomination just to keep that slate, and then in June, it was voted on. So it seems that this year, yes, it looks like you all have maintained that same process as last year, which is to nominate individuals to be officers during the May session, and then the -- in June, next month, the Board should vote on who should be Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary.

MR. PAUL BOLSTER: So, can I nominate Nina and Beverly to be Chair and Vice Chair?

MS. LINDA JORDAN: Can I second that?

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: Now, you could take more time if you --

MS. LINDA JORDAN: If you all are okay with it, I'm -- let's roll with it.

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: Hirshel, we could nominate ourselves, couldn't we?

MR. HIRSHEL HALL: Yes, I don't see why not. Are you -- again, as Presiding Officer, you could, I think you have discretion to set the process for nominations.

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: Okay. I think that's all I have. Because we could have a slate of names, or we could have individuals named, right?

MR. HIRSHEL HALL: I think there was a motion on the floor to nominate as a, it sounds like a slate of Chairperson a Vice Chairperson, and I don't know if I heard a nomination for a Secretary. But if that was just, I mean, perhaps the intent was to keep the Secretary the same as previously, being the Executive Director. If that's the only nomination, then that's the only nomination. Then at the June meeting next month, there could be a vote on whether to approve that nominated slate. I guess that could be one way to do it. But like I said, the rules aren't set in stone in the bylaws. So as Presiding Officer the Chairperson has some discretion about how to put together the nominations or whether it should be done as a slate, or whether there should be separate motions for nominating a Chair, Vice Chair, I think that is at your discretion.

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: All right, thank you.

MR. PAUL BOLSTER: Well, Madam Chair, would a motion to discontinue the nomination process to close the nomination process, would that be in order?

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: I think you could do that, or we could ask, generally, if anyone else had nominations, either way.

MR. PAUL BOLSTER: Okay.

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: But it might be nice for someone to nominate a Secretary.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: Is anybody interested? Because I'm not.

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: I -- who I had in mind, Director Holloman.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: Oh, I thought you meant from the Board. I agree with that nomination. I thought you meant from the Board.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: I have been --

MS. LINDA JORDAN: I concur.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: -- Secretary, but I never really did any secretary-ing.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: But the good thing is that denotes the --

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: Zenobia really does it.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: Yes.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: She's, my proxy.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: On her behalf, great job, though. So do I need to second that, the Chair --

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: Someone needs to -- okay, so Paul Bolster has nominated a slate of Chair, myself; Vice Chair, Beverly Rice; and Secretary, Dr. Holloman.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: So, I move that the nominations be closed on the said names. Right, because we just added the Secretary part?

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: Yes.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: So, we need a second to that motion.

MR. PAUL BOLSTER: Okay, I'll second the motion.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: Is there any more discussion?

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: Is there any discussion? Are there anymore nominations from the floor of individuals?

TRUSTEES: (No responses.)

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: All right. That was efficient.

MR. PAUL BOLSTER: We should vote on the motion.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: All in --

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: Then it will take action next month. It will become effective.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: Once we vote --

MR. PAUL BOLSTER: I thought it was, we should vote on the motion to close nominations?

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: Yes, okay. You seconded?

MS. LINDA JORDAN: I did.

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: All in favor of closing nominations?

TRUSTEES: Aye.

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: Any opposed?

TRUSTEES: (No responses.)

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: Okay. So now, let's vote on the main motion, right? Main motion is to put these people in these positions for a one-year term; is that correct?

MR. D. CHIP JOYNER: Now, is that supposed to take place at the June meeting?

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: The election today -- oh, no, the vote is in June, isn't it?

MR. PAUL BOLSTER: Yes.

MR. D. CHIP JOYNER: Yes, today's the nomination.

MR. PAUL KAPLAN: Yes, next month.

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: Okay.

MR. D. CHIP JOYNER: Then the vote is in June.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: But that is the slate that we've agreed upon, right? That's the slate, so come June, we'll vote on that slate, correct?

MR. PAUL BOLSTER: Right.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: Okay.

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: Yes.

MR. D. CHIP JOYNER: On the nominees.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: On the nominees, all right, understood.

MR. PAUL BOLSTER: I guess -- I guess in June, there still can be another nominee, maybe.

MR. PAUL KAPLAN: Yes.

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: Added people, yes, there could.

MR. PAUL BOLSTER: Is that right, Mr. Attorney?

MR. HIRSHEL HALL: Considering the fact that the nominations, the bylaws just provide that strictly the officers will be elected during the regular June meeting, I think it is fair to prescribe a certain time period with which to nominate people, who would then be, you know, I guess, eligible to be elected during the regular June meeting. As Presiding Officer, Chairperson called for nominations during this meeting, and then to entertain the motion to close nominations. So, sounds like -- it seems that that would restrict who is eligible to be elected at the June meeting, subject to perhaps, you know, the Chairperson opening up new nominations. But it, I guess that would fall back on the Chairperson having discretion, considering the bylaws are silent on the nomination process. I would fall back on the Chairperson having discretion on this scope of when nominations can be entertained. So again, yes, I will just defer to the Chairperson on that point.

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: Thank you. I think since we did it last year with a slate, we can do it this year and create a pattern for us or a process that we normally use. There's also a Robert's Rule about this, where if you have a slate with just one person per office on it, then you don't even need to vote, you can declare that those people in the offices by acclamation. But I think that's a little esoteric for us. So, I would say let's leave it at what these motions did today, which is to create a slate. We're not voting on the slate until June, in that our bylaws say vote annually in June. So, I think we ought to try to stick to that.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: I want to raise another point, too, if it's okay, Madam Chair.

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: Yes, go ahead.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: Within that one-year time frame, correct me if I'm wrong, Attorney. Keep in mind that all of us are subject to change because of the upcoming elections. We have Chairman being voted on, District 1, District 3, District 2, District 4, District 5. So, within that one-year time frame, some of us might not even be on the Board if somebody else is chosen, so keep that in mind, because --

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: That's a good point.

MR. PAUL BOLSTER: But the officers would still be in place.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: Not necessarily.

MR. PAUL BOLSTER: If they're still on the Board.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: If they're still on the Board, correct. But if they -- you know, because we had someone that was on the Board and the Chair, and that person changed when the new person came in. So, I'm just saying, keep that in mind, things could change within that one-year time frame of the Officers and the current Board Members.

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: It is, it's musical chairs.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: Right.

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: You just don't know when you wake up in the morning what you're going to read in the paper that day.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: That's correct.

MR. PAUL KAPLAN: That has happened several times on this Board. So, in the ten years I've been here that has happened a couple of times. A matter of fact, the way they used to vote for Officers was a secret ballot. For crying loud, you go, piece of paper -- I'm looking at -- looking at you, remember, they put the little thing on a piece of paper. This went to our Chairperson, I think was Chairman, I think it was Stephanie Moody, I think, had it. Then it was all secret, and everything out in the open. Then when I got on that time as Chairman, I made a change. Come on, everybody takes a turn, if you don't want it, take it --

MS. LINDA JORDAN: Yes, you -- I remember that.

MR. PAUL KAPLAN: -- that's fine, just go along. But everybody has an opportunity to become a Chairman or a Vice Chair, whatever you want to do. I think that's the way to be open.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: Yes, I agree.

MR. HIRSHEL HALL: Just to chime in from the legal perspective, just in the bylaws that it's currently still an option. The bylaws present an option to do either by open ballot or by secret ballot. Then it is up to the voting Members present at the meeting to decide how they want to vote. Of course, if there's a nomination where only one person is nominated per position, then I don't know if a secret ballot is required. But again, you

could -- it's up to the meeting Members how to do it, under the bylaws, secret ballot or open ballot.

MR. PAUL KAPLAN: Right.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: Thank you.

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: Is there any interest in the secret ballot?

MS. LINDA JORDAN: No.

MR. PAUL KAPLAN: No.

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: We have nothing to hide.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: Zero.

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: If there's nothing further, do I hear a motion for adjournment?

MS. BEVERLY RICE: Before I do, I'm sorry, Madam Chair. Next month, June, FIFA will be in Atlanta. What do you all think about the traffic? Will we be able to come downtown? Will they have the street closed, or what?

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: No.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: That's a good point. Is it possible to have the meeting via Zoom?

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: They're saying that they expect not as large a crowd as once thought. But there will be traffic issues.

MR. PAUL KAPLAN: Oh, yes.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: So, we have told -- we're told that we will not close anything, though. Right now, they're planning not to close any buildings or anything, but to let them know what the needs develop into. We can also offer teleworking for those positions that, that are afforded that opportunity. So, we're just kind of doing a wait and see, to see what goes on. The main day is going to be July 15th, they're saying, the main concern of crowding and what have you. But your meeting is on, what day?

MRS. ZENOBIA CLAXTON: June 24th. The game starts at 6:00 p.m. The gates will open between 3:00 and 4:00.

MR. D. CHIP JOYNER: So besides traffic, will there be street closures?

MRS. ZENOBIA CLAXTON: Yes.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: More than likely.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: More than likely.

MR. PAUL BOLSTER: The streets are closed now.

MR. PAUL KAPLAN: I saw that.

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

MS. BEVERLY RICE: Around everywhere.

MR. PAUL BOLSTER: The streets will be open once the game gets here.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: Also, too, we're close to, is that Peachtree Center MARTA Station? So like, because I'm volunteering on behalf of one organization I'm in, and that's the station I'm going to be located. So, my point is that, you know, people are coming into the various train stations because trying to promote using MARTA, so that's something else to keep in mind. The closer they can get to, like, Centennial Park is going to be active because of the --

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: Right.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: -- Fan Fest that's going on throughout --

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: Yes, Fan Fest.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: -- FIFA, so I signed up for that, too.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: They say 10:00 to 8:00 every day, or 10:00 to 6:00 every day, or something.

MR. PAUL KAPLAN: Can have a Zoom meeting.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: That's what I would recommend. Would it be okay if we had a Zoom meeting?

MR. PAUL KAPLAN: Like I day, just like we did for --

MS. LINDA JORDAN: Right.

MR. PAUL KAPLAN: -- a couple of years.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: So --

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: We have bylaws. Yes, Hirshel, what is the --

MR. HIRSHEL HALL: Yes, just to chime in there. So generally, the Open Meetings Act requires that there be an in-person quorum with very limited exceptions for -- it doesn't have to strictly be a declaration, but something akin to a declaration of a federal state, or a local state of emergency. I think there was an instance where the county and state did, for example, declare an emergency, I think, maybe it was last year, when maybe there was a snowstorm or something, something like that, where there is a public safety or emergency conditions or public safety issue such as a severe, you know, snowstorm or a hurricane or something like that. I don't know that -- I don't know that the FIFA conditions would necessarily be -- meet that standard. I mean, that's something I could certainly look into and advise on. But my cautious initial reaction is under the Open Meetings Act, it would not be permissible to hold a teleconference meeting for the whole Board.

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: The last one we had was the shooting near Peachtree Center. Do you all remember that? It happened in the afternoon, and we called everybody and canceled the meeting. We didn't do Zoom because we didn't have time to set that up.

MS. BEVERLY RICE: I guess we'll have to play it by ear. Just, you just let us know what's, what you feel is best for us.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: Can you move it to another day? Is that ever possible?

MS. LINDA JORDAN: Well, the entire month of --

MS. BEVERLY RICE: It's the whole June and July.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: -- June, it starts June the 11th.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: It is -- it's the whole --

MS. LINDA JORDAN: And it goes into --

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: -- June 11th --

MS. LINDA JORDAN: -- July.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: -- July 15th, yes, so.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: We'll play it by ear.

MS. BEVERLY RICE: Yes.

MR. HIRSHEL HALL: Yes, I -- and I could certainly advise, I could follow up and advise on all the open questions about when and how you can move dates and things like that, and what sort of notice requirements would be required. I could certainly follow up on all those rules by -- by email, by attorney-advice email shortly.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: Also, too, how many people need to be to -- need to attend the meeting, like, be -- can you have one, and everybody else Zoom, or do you know the rules on that?

MR. HIRSHEL HALL: Yes, on that question, it's, the quorum is four voting Members. So, it would have to be at least four voting Members in person as the requirement for holding a meeting.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: Okay, got it. Thank you.

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: Anybody else have anything? Linda, we'll just have to wait and see.

MS. BEVERLY RICE: Yes.

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: It just depends. It could very well involve public safety depending on how they're doing it and if they have --

MS. LINDA JORDAN: Yes.

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: -- a law enforcement presence.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: Makes sense.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: Okay. A motion to adjourn?

MR. PAUL KAPLAN: So, moved.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: Second.

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: All in favor?

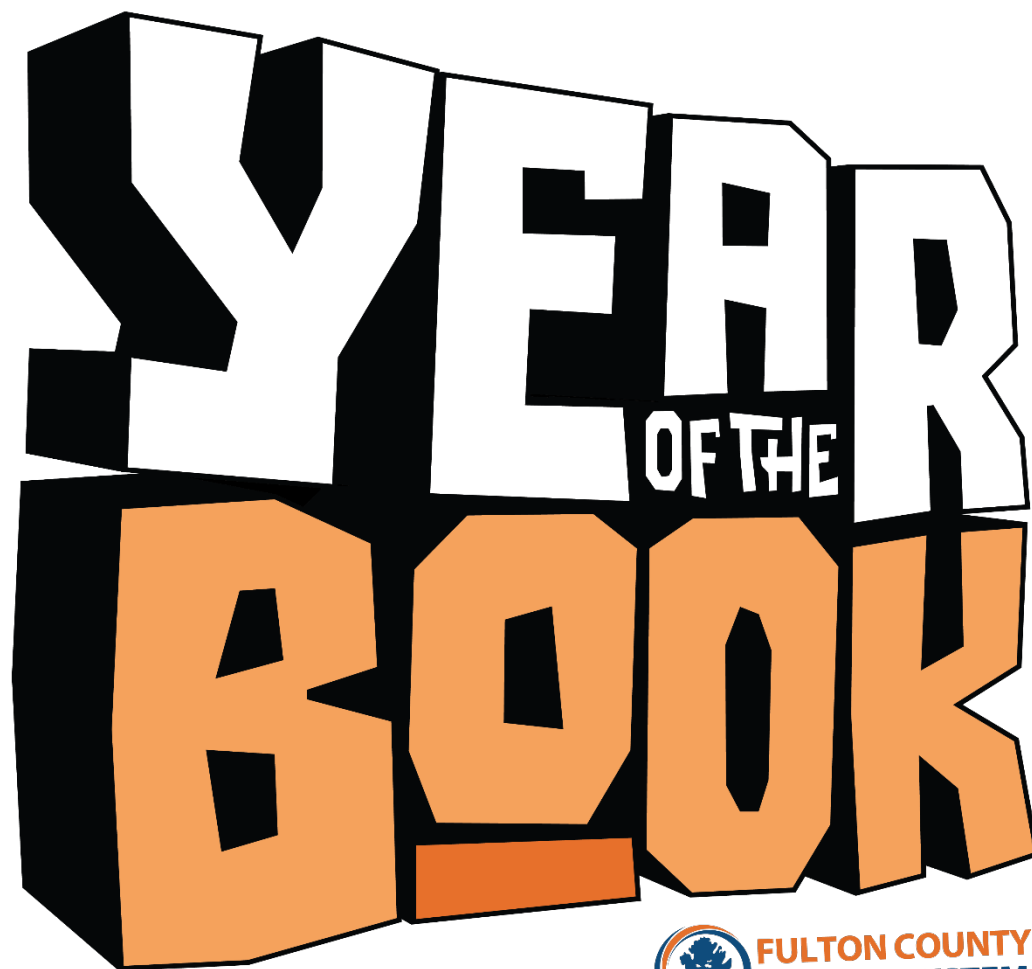
TRUSTEES: Aye.

CHAIR NINA RADAKOVICH: Thank you. That concludes this meeting.

(Whereupon the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees concluded at 5:09 p.m.)

May 2026

**PROGRAMS AROUND THE LIBRARY SYSTEM FOR THE
YEAR OF THE BOOK**



Shelf Suspicions

May 1, 2026 | 12:00 AM | Alpharetta Branch

Join us all May long in solving a murder mystery at the library! Gather your fellow sleuths to solve the mystery, then submit your guess to enter a raffle for the chance to win two tickets to the Georgia Renaissance Faire!

What's The Great Mystery You Want Solved?

May 1, 2026 | 12:00 AM | Metropolitan Branch

Leave your answer to this month's question on our board for Mystery Month.

Missing Books Search

May 1, 2026 | 10:00 AM | Louise Watley Library at Southeast Atlanta

Help us find out missing books! Check out the programing table for a list of Southeast Branch books that are lost amongst the collection. Every book found is a pick from the treasure chest!

"The Tallest Dwarf" Film Screening in Partnership with Georgia Public Broadcasting

May 1, 2026 | 12:00 PM | Central Library

Georgia Public Broadcasting presents The Tallest Dwarf, an Indie Lens Popup film that follows filmmaker Julie Forrest Wyman as she searches for her place in the little people community and unpacks rumors of dwarfism in her own family. Through intimate stories, creative collaborations, and archival history, the film delves into identity and medicine, asking whether society should change people or the structures that limit them. Dancer/choreographer EC Fajardo (@e.c.doesit on Instagram) will lead a body movement exploration similar to the ones seen in the film, in an effort to improve mobility and enhance mind-body awareness. Light music will be played and some rhythm will be taught, but no prior experience is required!

Mystery Book Club

May 1, 2026 | 4:00 PM | Louise Watley Library at Southeast Atlanta

Bring your James Patterson's, your Karin Slaughter's, and Agatha Christie's. It's time to play detective with your peers! Join SEB as we host a weekly in-person Mystery Book Club Friday's from 4:00-5:00pm. Bring mystery books to share with members of the group, re-reads and new reads alike! Don't have time for an in-person weekly book club? Try Roswell Branch's monthly book club held via Zoom!<https://www.fulcolibrary.org/b...>

YouthAstroNet

May 1, 2026 | 4:00 PM | Louise Watley Library at Southeast Atlanta

Primarily for Middle-Grade children, the YouthAstroNet physics program is designed to show kids that the sky is for EVERYONE. Gain access to and learn how to request pictures from telescopes across the U.S. then how to align red green and blue filters over the images to see the stars in full color.

Shelf Suspicions

May 2, 2026 | 12:00 AM | Alpharetta Branch

Join us all May long in solving a murder mystery at the library! Solve the mystery to enter a raffle for the chance to win two Georgia Renaissance Fair tickets.

Friends of the Louise Watley Library Book Sale

May 2, 2026 | 11:00 AM | Louise Watley Library at Southeast Atlanta

The Friends of the Louise Watley Library are hosting their weekly book sale. Resolve to support the library. Friends enrich the library in many ways! Join us for a Book Sale. Enjoy new and gently used books through a weekly book sale, then consider donating your time to the Friends of the Louise Watley Library. Proceeds from the sale of new and gently used books will benefit the branch in the form of programs, new book purchases, and other enhancements. Stay informed about ways to support the library's programs and events:
<https://fulcolibrary.org/SEAST>

Hawaiian Storytime & Lei Craft

May 2, 2026 | 11:00 AM | Adams Park Branch

We're celebrating native Hawaiians during AANHPI month with stories set in Hawai'i and a paper lei craft! Feel free to wear your favorite flowered clothing!

Young Gifted Techie

May 2, 2026 | 11:00 AM | Wolf Creek Branch

Join "ygt" Young Gifted Techie as they give tech skills back to the community. This is an event for senior citizens.

Author Talk - The Body Speaks

May 2, 2026 | 12:00 PM | Metropolitan Branch

Join us in welcoming author Tracy Savaget to discuss her book, The Body Speaks. This book is a deeply personal memoir about healing, resilience, and the power of listening inward. In this book, Tracy reveal what happens when we finally slow down and hear what our bodies have been trying to say. Books will be available for purchase from the author.

Little Listeners Book Club at Hapeville Library

May 2, 2026 | 12:00 PM | Hapeville Branch

This is a cozy book club for parents, caregivers, and their toddlers. Families choose age-appropriate books and enjoy reading together in a warm, welcoming space designed for little listeners. Interested in starting or joining the Little Listeners Book Club? Please contact Ms. Janice Wilson at janice.wilson@fultoncountyga.gov for more information and book selections.

A Life of Spice - A Brief History of Indian Cuisine: Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Heritage Month

May 2, 2026 | 1:00 PM | Sandy Springs Branch

A lively introduction to the history of Indian cuisine, tracing how spices, trade routes, empires, and regional traditions shaped one of the world's most diverse food cultures. This talk explores the stories behind familiar dishes and ingredients, revealing how geography, migration, and cultural exchange built India's extraordinary culinary landscape. About Nandita Godbole Nandita Godbole is an internationally known Indian origin food writer, entrepreneur, speaker, and clay artist. She has also authored seven cookbooks exploring the diverse and fascinating complexities of Indian cuisine, and has readers across 30 countries. As a freelance journalist, she had written for national outlets like Washington Post, Food Network, Eater, Healthline, & others as well as local magazines like Atlanta Magazine and Khabar Magazine. Godbole is a vocal advocate celebrating the ancient culinary traditions & innovations in Indian cuisine. She divides her time between Atlanta, Georgia & Los Angeles, California.

Folktales and Crafts

May 2, 2026 | 2:00 PM | Ocee Branch

Join Dr. Shraddha Nigavekar, scientist-turned-word-artist, as she shares the story of the Rabbit and the Alligator! This folktale blends story with science and will be followed by a craft! This program is best for ages 4-8. Children must be accompanied by a caregiver. Registration is required for the craft.

Shelf Suspicions

May 3, 2026 | 12:00 AM | Alpharetta Branch

Join us all May long in solving a murder mystery at the library! Solve the mystery to enter a raffle for the chance to win two Georgia Renaissance Fair tickets.

Community Origami Table

May 4, 2026 | 12:00 AM | Joan P. Garner Library at Ponce De Leon

May is Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month. Come make, take, or leave a piece of origami and learn more about the art of folding paper. While supplies last!

Shelf Suspicions

May 4, 2026 | 12:00 AM | Alpharetta Branch

Join us all May long in solving a murder mystery at the library! Solve the mystery to enter a raffle for the chance to win two Georgia Renaissance Fair tickets.

Toddler Playtime

May 4, 2026 | 10:30 AM | Roswell Branch

Come play at the Roswell Library most Mondays at 10:30 am. We have plenty of toys to play with and share during this open play hour in the Kids Area. Please note this is a self-supervised program. Staff will be checking in periodically, but not remaining throughout the program. Sponsored by the Friends of the Roswell Library

Jeopardy

May 4, 2026 | 4:00 PM | Louise Watley Library at Southeast Atlanta

Join us for a 30 minute Jeopardy game at Louise Watley Library! Winning team scores a prize from the prize box. First week: Math Second week: Grammar Third week: History Fourth week: Science All questions pulled from elementary-level curriculum.

Monday Musicals: Moana

May 4, 2026 | 6:00 PM | Alpharetta Branch

Join us each Monday to catch a family-friendly flick! Celebrate AANHPI Heritage with stories filled with music, adventure, and themes of identity, family, and courage. May 4: Moana May 11: Mulan May 18: Lilo & Stitch

Puzzle Day

May 5, 2026 | 12:00 AM | Louise Watley Library at Southeast Atlanta

Celebrate Jigsaw Puzzle Day at the library with a come-and-go program where patrons of all ages can relax, connect, and challenge their brains by working on jigsaw puzzles together. Enjoy a variety of puzzle sizes and styles. Collaborate with friends and family.

Shelf Suspicions

May 5, 2026 | 12:00 AM | Alpharetta Branch

Join us all May long in solving a murder mystery at the library! Solve the mystery to enter a raffle for the chance to win two Georgia Renaissance Fair tickets.

Bilingual Storytime: Japanese & English

May 5, 2026 | 10:30 AM | Sandy Springs Branch

Celebrate Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month with a special bilingual storytime in both Japanese and English, followed by a fun craft!

Mommy, Daddy, and Me Storytime!

May 5, 2026 | 10:30 AM | Central Library

It's storytime for the whole family! Bring your little readers (0-3) to Mommy, Daddy, and Me Storytime! We'll read sweet stories, sing silly songs, and move to the rhythm together. Parents, caregivers, and kiddos - everyone's part of the fun! Parking Please plan to park in one of the various parking lots within the vicinity of the library, take MARTA to Peachtree Center Station, or use a rideshare service. Central Library does not have access to free parking and does not validate parking. Visit <https://www.fulcolibrary.org/central-library/central-parking/> for disclaimers and more information.

Mindful Marvels

May 5, 2026 | 5:00 PM | Louise Watley Library at Southeast Atlanta

Program for children, designed to help young minds develop skills such as self-awareness, emotional regulation, and concentration. Incorporating fun and interactive activities to foster a sense of calm, confidence, and connection among participants.

From Curious to Capable: An AI Series

May 5, 2026 | 5:30 PM | Wolf Creek Branch

This program will demystify AI by showcasing its practical everyday applications and equip participants with hands on skills by leveraging today's leading AI tools.

Asian American Pacific Islander Preschool Storytime

May 6, 2026 | 10:00 AM | East Roswell Branch

Join us for a fun-filled storytime with plenty of stories and songs! Children must be accompanied by an adult caregiver. Perfect for ages 2-5 but all ages welcome. No registration required. 1000 Books Before Kindergarten Program If you read just one book a night to your child, you'll have already read 1,095 books in three years! It doesn't matter if your child is a baby or a toddler; there's no better time to start than now. To register for 1000 Books Before Kindergarten visit the Beanstack website or download the app for Apple or Android. To learn more, speak with the Youth Service Librarian during Storytime. Food and drinks are not allowed during storytime (milk bottles and water are allowed).

Career Center

May 6, 2026 | 10:00 AM | Louise Watley Library at Southeast Atlanta

Libraries boost economic development. FulcoLibrary has resolved to meet the needs of job seekers! Ask a librarian about career resources. Your Future Starts Here. Join us to explore career options. Enjoy: Free Computer and Internet Access, Career Preparation, Local Job Listings, and Skill Building Courses. Visit our Digital Library for education and career resources - including Data Axle (formerly ReferenceUSA), Job & Career Accelerator, Universal Class, and more. Resolve to Read at bit.ly/fcls-careercenter

StoryTime

May 6, 2026 | 10:00 AM | Louise Watley Library at Southeast Atlanta

Singing, stories, coloring pages and sometimes crafts with Mr. White!

Teeny Tiny Tots Story Time - AAPI Heritage Month

May 6, 2026 | 10:30 AM | Kirkwood Branch

Join us as we build successful readers through language development, listening and social skills. Today we're celebrating Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month! Move, sing, listen to stories and meet other babies and preschoolers in the neighborhood. Ages 6-36 months.

Toddler Rhymes and Storytimes

May 6, 2026 | 10:30 AM | Central Library

Let's sing, rhyme, and read! Little ones ages 3-5 (and their grown-ups) are invited to "Toddler Rhymes and Storytimes!" for fun stories, catchy tunes, and plenty of movement. It's the perfect way to start your child's love of books and language! ParkingPlease plan to park in one of the various parking lots within the vicinity of the library, take MARTA to Peachtree Center Station, or use a rideshare service. Central Library does not have access to free parking and does not validate parking. Visit <https://www.fulcolibrary.org/central-library/central-parking/> for disclaimers and more information.

Year of the Book Storytime

May 6, 2026 | 10:30 AM | Cascade Branch

Come to Cascade storytime and celebrate the Year of the Book! We will be reading Clinton Gregory's Secret by Bruce Whatley. Meet friends, sing songs and make a craft with us!

Excel for Beginners

May 6, 2026 | 11:00 AM | Central Library

Learn to use Microsoft Excel to create spreadsheets at Central Library's Microsoft Excel Classes. Participants must have basic computer and Microsoft Word skills. Register today! Can't make it to a class or need extra help? Book-A-Librarian appointment at <https://forms.office.com/g/VGxXDF3mxw!> All appointment requests must be at least 24 hours in advance. You will need access to a valid email address or phone number to complete the request form. * The schedule is subject to change. * Central Library Staff do not complete resumes, job applications, or other personal forms. Visit <https://www.fulcolibrary.org/social-services/> for those service referrals. * PARKING INFORMATION FOR CENTRALCentral Library does not have access to free parking. The lot associated with the Central Library is fee-based.<https://www.fulcolibrary.org/central-library/central-parking/>

Once Upon a Book Storytime & Craft

May 6, 2026 | 4:00 PM | Central Library

Kids ages 3-12 are invited to an interactive celebration of Asian American Culture. Read Once Upon a Book by Grace Lin with us, a story about seeing the world through books, and create your very own a Japanese Hand Fan.

Secret Storytelling

May 6, 2026 | 4:00 PM | Martin Luther King Jr. Branch

Join us at the MLK Branch Library for a mysterious hour of storytelling. Bring the whole family and prepare to work together to tell a story! All materials provided, just bring your creativity. Intended for ages 5 and up

Crafternoon: Rock Painting

May 6, 2026 | 4:45 PM | Dogwood Branch

Come and enjoy some arts and crafts at Dogwood! Supplies will be provided for each participant to make a craft to take home every other week! Supplies are limited, so please register to make sure your spot is saved! Due to staff availability, the craft for this session has been changed to ROCK PAINTING. Paint a rock and leave it somewhere for another person to find! A kind word, a sweet symbol, or your favorite book character; add some beauty to the world while enjoying the peaceful atmosphere at the library.

Thursday Storytime!

May 7, 2026 | 10:30 AM | Roswell Branch

Join us on Thursday mornings for stories, songs, and activities! Recommended for ages 18 months-5 with adult caregiver.

Color & Chill

May 7, 2026 | 11:00 AM | Louise Watley Library at Southeast Atlanta

A fun and calming coloring program designed for all ages to express creativity, unwind, and enjoy a relaxing artistic experience together.

SOUTHEAST LIBRARY SENIOR BINGO

May 7, 2026 | 12:00 PM | Louise Watley Library at Southeast Atlanta

Come join the fun! An afternoon of laughter, prizes and friendly competition awaits. This is an opportunity to form new friendships in your community.

Hawaiian History and Craft for Kids

May 7, 2026 | 3:30 PM | Ocee Branch

May is Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month! Celebrate by learning about the history of Hawai'i, listening to recordings of the music of world-class ukulele musicians Taimane Gardner and Israel Kamakawiwo'ole, and making paper leis! This program is best for ages 5-12, though all are welcome. Registration is required for each child who plans to make a lei.

Makerspace

May 7, 2026 | 4:00 PM | Louise Watley Library at Southeast Atlanta

Every Thursday at 4:00 PM is Makerspace! Stop by and get your hands busy with a craft activity.

Metro Kids' Club

May 7, 2026 | 4:00 PM | Metropolitan Branch

Come join our new Thursday Kids' Club! Stop by the Children's Program Room to color, work on crafts, play games, and just have fun! Recommended for ages 5 to 12

Photography Workshop

May 7, 2026 | 4:00 PM | Central Library

Join us at Central Library and learn how to use a DSLR camera or your cellphone's camera to make take better photos! Learn camera parts, photography essentials and techniques, and basic photo editing for free. This is a series. Each session will cover a different topic in photography. Suitable for beginners and adults ages 18 and up. **PARKING** The Central Library does not have access to free parking. There are various paid parking lots in the vicinity of the Library. The Library is not responsible for any violations (ticketing or booting) associated with illegally parking. All matters related to these issues must be brought to the attention of the parking lot managing company.

Missing Books Search

May 8, 2026 | 10:00 AM | Louise Watley Library at Southeast Atlanta

Help us find out missing books! Check out the programing table for a list of Southeast Branch books that are lost amongst the collection. Every book found is a pick from the treasure chest!

FRENCH VR SCREENINGS AT WOLF CREEK

May 8, 2026 | 11:00 AM | Wolf Creek Branch

Experience a unique virtual reality screening of four stunning films from the Institut Francais XR Catalogue.

Midday Book Club

May 8, 2026 | 11:00 AM | Roswell Branch

Join us on the second Friday of each month for a lively and thoughtful discussion on books of interest to all (mostly literary fiction). Please send an email to roswell.branch@fultoncountygga.gov to receive Zoom login information and discussion notes. The Midday Book Club is a virtual only book club at this time. 2026 Selections January 9 - The Dressmakers of London by Julia Kelly February 13 - First Ladies by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray March 13 - The Boys by Katie Hafner April 10 - The Lion Women of Tehran by Marjan Kamali May 8 - The Eights by Johanna Miller June 12 - The Borrowed Life of Frederick Fife by Anna Johnston July 10 - The Glass Hotel by Emily St. John Mandel August 14 - How to Read a Book by Monica Wood September 11 - When Women Ran Fifth Avenue: Glamour and Power at the Dawn of American Fashion by Julie Satow October 9 - Six Days in Bombay by Alka Joshi November 13 - Heartwood by Amity Gaige December 11 - James by Percival Everett

Mystery Book Club

May 8, 2026 | 4:00 PM | Louise Watley Library at Southeast Atlanta

Bring your James Patterson's, your Karin Slaughter's, and Agatha Christie's. It's time to play detective with your peers! Do you enjoy thrillers, cozy mysteries, or whodunits? Join us every Friday from 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm in the month of May for 'Louise Watley Mystery Book Club'. Read what you like, read at your own pace, it will be relaxing and engaging as you share your thoughts and detective skills. Don't have time for an in-person weekly book club? Try Roswell Branch's monthly book club held via Zoom! <https://www.fulcolibrary.org/b...>

GED Testing - Saturdays @ Central

May 9, 2026 | 10:30 AM | Central Library

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Friends of the Louise Watley Library Book Sale

May 9, 2026 | 11:00 AM | Louise Watley Library at Southeast Atlanta

The Friends of the Louise Watley Library are hosting their weekly book sale. Resolve to support the library. Friends enrich the library in many ways! Join us for a Book Sale. Enjoy new and gently used books through a weekly book sale, then consider donating your time to the Friends of the Louise Watley Library. Proceeds from the sale of new and gently used books will benefit the branch in the form of programs, new book purchases, and other enhancements. Stay informed about ways to support the library's programs and events: <https://fulcolibrary.org/SEAST>

LEGO Club

May 9, 2026 | 1:00 PM | Louise Watley Library at Southeast Atlanta

Are you ready to unleash your creativity and build amazing creations? For kids, tweens, teens, and families to come together, socialize, and build with LEGO bricks provided by the library. All children must be accompanied by a parent.

Open Mic and Poetry Writing Workshop @ Cascade Library

May 9, 2026 | 2:00 PM | Cascade Branch

Join us for an Open Mic and Poetry Writing Workshop at the Cascade Library! This creative and welcoming space is open to poets, musicians, and writers of all levels. Participants will engage with reflective writing prompts to transform personal insights into poetry. If they choose, they can share their work in a supportive and affirming environment. Designed for writers of all experience levels, this workshop focuses on emotional wellness, self-expression, and community voice. Registration is required. This event is for adults and teens.

YOGA with Tempestt @ Wolf Creek

May 9, 2026 | 2:00 PM | Wolf Creek Branch

Trauma informed yoga with Tempestt aimed to help individuals become more aware of their bodies while releasing built-up emotions, stress and tension.

Book Club Sampler

May 11, 2026 | 12:00 AM | East Point Branch

Sign up for the East Point Adult Book Club! Our first selection will be announced in June for July's book club meeting. You can help us name our book club and suggest future book selections.

The Reading Book Squad for Teens!

May 11, 2026 | 12:00 AM | East Point Branch

Sign up this month for our teens' book club! Discover exciting stories, unleash your creativity, and connect with new friends! We can't wait to meet you!

Goodwill of North Georgia: Bootcamp Workshop

May 11, 2026 | 10:00 AM | Central Library

In partnership with Goodwill of North Georgia, Central Library is excited to host a community job and resource fair, where you'll have access to job opportunities, career resources, and information about skills training programs-all in one place! This is your chance to take the next step in your job or career search and connect with valuable community resources. Don't miss out- bring your resume and come prepared to network! Be sure to register for the Job Fair on Tuesday, May 12th at 11:00 AM in the lower-level Alcove.

Bilingual Storytime

May 11, 2026 | 10:30 AM | Roswell Branch

Stop by the Roswell Library on the Second Monday of the Month for Bilingual Storytime! Learn some basic phrases while having fun with music, movement, and stories! Perfect for toddlers through early elementary, but all ages welcome. Caregivers must remain with children during the program. Sponsored by the Friends of the Roswell Library

Author Lynn Cullen Speaks at the Friends' Annual Meeting

May 11, 2026 | 2:00 PM | Roswell Branch

Join the Friends of the Roswell Library's Annual Meeting and listen to bestselling author Lynn Cullen! Ms. Cullen will talk about her books, including her new release, *When We Were Brilliant*. No registration is required. This program is sponsored by Atlanta Authors, Bookmiser, and the Friends of the Roswell Library.

Jeopardy

May 11, 2026 | 4:00 PM | Louise Watley Library at Southeast Atlanta

Join us for a 30 minute Jeopardy game at Louise Watley Library! Winning team scores a prize from the prize box. First week: Math Second week: Grammar Third week: History Fourth week: Science All questions pulled from elementary-level curriculum.

The Lemonade War Book Club

May 11, 2026 | 4:00 PM | Central Library

Attention young readers: book club is back in session. This time, we are reading *The Lemonade War*, a story about siblings competing to have the best lemonade stand before they start fourth grade. Join us to learn what it takes to run a successful lemonade stand! **PARKING** The Central Library does not have access to free parking. There are various paid parking lots in the vicinity of the Library. We do not validate parking. Please visit www.fulcolibrary.org/central-library/central-parking/ for more information.

AAPi Heritage Month Button-Making

May 11, 2026 | 4:30 PM | Joan P. Garner Library at Ponce De Leon

Kids can celebrate AAPi Heritage Month by designing their own vibrant buttons inspired by Asian American and Pacific Islander icons and cultures. This hands-on craft encourages creativity while introducing children to the rich traditions, symbols, and stories found across AAPi communities.

Library Lights Out! Family Movie Night

May 11, 2026 | 5:00 PM | East Atlanta Branch

Join East Atlanta movie night! Light snacks provided; blankets encouraged! All ages welcome! In celebration of Asian American and Pacific Islander Month, May's movie will be *Moana* (2016)

Murdle Mystery Party

May 11, 2026 | 5:00 PM | Central Library

Logic puzzles are a fun way to train your brain on novel problems. We will discuss and work through the popular daily Murdle puzzle. Solving logic puzzles can be easy if you understand the rules behind them, so we will go over tips and tricks to shift your thinking. We will also work through how you can make your own logic puzzles. By the end, you'll be a logical pro and crack the case every time!

Monday Musicals: Mulan

May 11, 2026 | 6:00 PM | Alpharetta Branch

Join us each Monday to catch a family-friendly flick! Celebrate AANHPI Heritage with stories filled with music, adventure, and themes of identity, family, and courage. May 4: *Moana* May 11: *Mulan* May 18: *Lilo & Stitch*

Once Upon a Book Club for Kids!

May 12, 2026 | 12:00 AM | East Point Branch

Sign up this month for our kids' book club! Discover exciting stories, unleash your creativity, and connect with new friends! We can't wait to meet you!

Puzzle Day

May 12, 2026 | 12:00 AM | Louise Watley Library at Southeast Atlanta

Celebrate Jigsaw Puzzle Day at the library with a come-and-go program where patrons of all ages can relax, connect, and challenge their brains by working on jigsaw puzzles together. Enjoy a variety of puzzle sizes and styles. Collaborate with friends and family.

Bookmark Swap

May 12, 2026 | 8:00 AM | Adams Park Branch

Come together to create and swap bookmarks with other patrons and the library.

GED Testing - Central Library

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Mommy, Daddy, and Me Storytime!

May 12, 2026 | 10:30 AM | Central Library

It's storytime for the whole family! Bring your little readers (0-3) to Mommy, Daddy, and Me Storytime! We'll read sweet stories, sing silly songs, and move to the rhythm together. Parents, caregivers, and kiddos - everyone's part of the fun! Parking Please plan to park in one of the various parking lots within the vicinity of the library, take MARTA to Peachtree Center Station, or use a rideshare service. Central Library does not have access to free parking and does not validate parking. Visit <https://www.fulcolibrary.org/central-library/central-parking/> for disclaimers and more information.

Goodwill of North Georgia: Job and Resource Fair

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Ask the Social Worker

May 12, 2026 | 12:00 PM | Louise Watley Library at Southeast Atlanta

FulcoLibrary offers short-term assistance to connect you to long-term support. Join us for Ask the Social to receive one-on-one services with a Library Social Worker. Referral-based support includes: SNAP Application Assistance Shelter and Housing Resources Employment Agency Referrals Contact askthesocialworker@fultoncountygga.gov to learn more about FulcoLibrary Social Services.

Email for Beginners

May 12, 2026 | 3:00 PM | Central Library

Learn key skills to effectively email with Gmail or Outlook for personal and professional uses. Participants must have basic computer skills, internet skills, and may need a valid phone number for email sign up. No registration required for this class. Can't make it to a class or need extra help? Book-A-Librarian at <https://forms.office.com/g/VGxXDF3mx>. All appointment requests must be at least 24 hours in advance. A valid email address or phone number is required to complete the request form. * The schedule is subject to change. * Central Library Staff do not complete resumes, job applications, or other personal forms. Visit <https://www.fulcolibrary.org/social-services/> for those service referrals. * **PARKING INFORMATION FOR CENTRAL** SPECIAL NOTE: Central Library does not have access to free parking. The lot associated with the Central Library is fee-based. <https://www.fulcolibrary.org/central-library/central-parking/>

Sensory Activity for kids Ages: 6-9

May 12, 2026 | 4:00 PM | Wolf Creek Branch

Come out for sensory activities every Tuesday starting April 21 at 4pm! This series is offered by Victory 4 Kids a non-profit dedicated to creating spaces where every child feels seen.

Robert M Slater Poetry reception

May 12, 2026 | 5:00 PM | Buckhead Branch

Join the Buckhead Library as we celebrate all of the amazing participants of our month long poetry contest.

Intro To Mah Jong

May 12, 2026 | 5:45 PM | Adams Park Branch

As part of The Year of The Book, and a celebration of AANHPI heritage month, join us to learn to play Mah Jong! This 2 hour introduction will include a game and discussion of Hong Kong vs. American Rules. Registration is required.

Book Club Starter Pack

May 12, 2026 | 6:00 PM | Metropolitan Branch

If you didn't know, May is Book Club Month! Metropolitan currently hosts the NoName Book Club each month. You can find more information on their events and their reading picks here: <https://fulcolibrary.bibliocom...> We also wanted to take the opportunity to invite anyone interested in starting a club to check out some recent and popular titles and meet up with each other on Tuesday May 12th. Whether you want a group that meets at the library or at home, we'd like to help you come together and find your next great read.

The Reading Adventures Book Club for Tweens!!!

May 13, 2026 | 12:00 AM | East Point Branch

Sign up this month for our tweens' book club! Discover exciting stories, unleash your creativity, and connect with new friends! We can't wait to meet you!

Career Center

May 13, 2026 | 10:00 AM | Louise Watley Library at Southeast Atlanta

Libraries boost economic development. FulcoLibrary has resolved to meet the needs of job seekers! Ask a librarian about career resources. Your Future Starts Here. Join us to explore career options. Enjoy: Free Computer and Internet Access, Career Preparation, Local Job Listings, and Skill Building Courses. Visit our Digital Library for education and career resources - including Data Axle (formerly ReferenceUSA), Job & Career Accelerator, Universal Class, and more. Resolve to Read at bit.ly/fcls-careercenter

StoryTime

May 13, 2026 | 10:00 AM | Louise Watley Library at Southeast Atlanta

Singing, stories, coloring pages and sometimes crafts with Mr. White!

GED Testing - Central Library

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Toddler Rhymes and Storytimes

May 13, 2026 | 10:30 AM | Central Library

Let's sing, rhyme, and read! Little ones ages 3-5 (and their grown-ups) are invited to "Toddler Rhymes and Storytimes!" for fun stories, catchy tunes, and plenty of movement. It's the perfect way to start your child's love of books and language! ParkingPlease plan to park in one of the various parking lots within the vicinity of the library, take MARTA to Peachtree Center Station, or use a rideshare service. Central Library does not have access to free parking and does not validate parking. Visit <https://www.fulcolibrary.org/central-library/central-parking/> for disclaimers and more information.

Just Gen! - Beginning Genealogy

May 13, 2026 | 12:00 PM | Central Library

This class provides an overview of genealogy, getting started, avoiding pitfalls, terminology, as well as our three genealogy databases: Ancestry Library Edition, Fold3 (the military database), and MyHeritage Library Edition.

Book Club Sampler Week with Book Smarts Book Club

May 13, 2026 | 1:00 PM | Sandy Springs Branch

Do you love talking about books? Then Book Smarts is just the thing for you! Join us on the second Wednesday of each month for the Book Smarts Book Club. Make new friends and share your thoughts!The May Book Smarts selection is *The Nightingale* by Kristin Hannah.As part of Book Club Sampler Week, you can learn about upcoming Book Smarts Book Club titles, as well as other book clubs going on at the Sandy Springs Library. Registration is not required for this program.

Anime Club

May 13, 2026 | 4:00 PM | Louise Watley Library at Southeast Atlanta

Watch anime, read manga, draw, fold origami and play games during our Anime Club meeting!

Garageband for Podcasts

May 13, 2026 | 4:00 PM | Central Library

Learn to start your own podcast with the renowned, free sound engineering application Garageband at Central Library's Garageband for Podcasts class! Participants of this class must have access to a valid email address or phone number and basic computer or mobile device skills. It is recommended to bring your personal Apple device as we have a limited supply. Garageband is only available on Apple products. Book-A-Librarian Appointments Can't make it to class or need extra help? Request a Book-A-Librarian appointment for one-on-one help at <https://forms.office.com/g/VGxXDF3mx>. A valid email address or phone number is required to complete the request form, and appointments must be requested through the form at least 24 hours in advance. * The schedule is subject to change. * Central Library Staff do not complete resumes, job applications, or other personal forms. Visit <https://www.fulcolibrary.org/social-services/> for those service referrals. * PARKING INFORMATION FOR CENTRALSPECIAL NOTE:Central Library does not have access to free parking. The lot associated with the Central Library is fee-based.<https://www.fulcolibrary.org/central-library/central-parking/>

Kirkwood Library Chess Club

May 13, 2026 | 4:00 PM | Kirkwood Branch

Come and learn chess with Coach Jackson. The club is open to anyone who wants to learn or play chess. All ages are welcome. Free lessons and fun activities for the family.

Mini Koinobori Craft

May 13, 2026 | 4:00 PM | Joan P. Garner Library at Ponce De Leon

Kids can create their own mini koinobori—colorful carp-shaped windsocks traditionally flown in Japan for Children’s Day. This simple craft invites children to decorate and assemble their own fluttering fish while learning about the symbolism of strength, perseverance, and celebration in Japanese culture.

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Book Cipher

May 14, 2026 | 4:00 PM | Palmetto Branch

Join us as we use pencils, paper, and a good book to create our very own secret ciphers! Creating your first book cipher can take a little time. However, once you get the hang of it, it can be a creative way to exchange codes with your friends or family!

Makerspace

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Metro Kids' Club

May 14, 2026 | 4:00 PM | Metropolitan Branch

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Trivia Night: Mystery Edition

May 14, 2026 | 4:00 PM | Kirkwood Branch

Come and enjoy a Mystery Trivia Night, to celebrate the "Secrets and Stories" year of the book theme. There will be a series of questions about popular mystery and thriller books.

Missing Books Search

May 15, 2026 | 10:00 AM | Louise Watley Library at Southeast Atlanta

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Cooking with Jay: Dosas

May 15, 2026 | 3:00 PM | Sandy Springs Branch

Jay is back in the library kitchen with another delectable recipe! This time she will teach you how to make the mouth-watering South Indian crepe called dosa, along with a delicious accompanying chutney. Samples will be provided. Please register to reserve a seat.

Kid Detective Challenge

May 15, 2026 | 3:00 PM | Joan P. Garner Library at Ponce De Leon

May is Mystery Month! Kids can put their sleuthing skills to the test in this playful detective challenge. Young investigators will follow clues hidden throughout the children's area of the library, gathering evidence and solving puzzles to crack the case.

Mystery Book Club

May 15, 2026 | 4:00 PM | Louise Watley Library at Southeast Atlanta

Bring your James Patterson's, your Karin Slaughter's, and Agatha Christie's. It's time to play detective with your peers! Do you enjoy thrillers, cozy mysteries, or whodunits? Join us every Friday from 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm in the month of May for 'Louise Watley Mystery Book Club'. Read what you like, read at your own pace, it will be relaxing and engaging as you share your thoughts and detective skills. Don't have time for an in-person weekly book club? Try Roswell Branch's monthly book club held via Zoom! <https://www.fulcolibrary.org/b...>

World Hypertension Day

May 16, 2026 | 12:00 AM | Louise Watley Library at Southeast Atlanta

World Hypertension Day is May 17th! The Library will be closed that Sunday, but you can check your blood pressure any time with one of our Blood Pressure Kits as part of Libraries with Heart. It is an initiative in collaboration with the American Heart Association, Fulton County Library System, and the Georgia Department of Public Health to provide blood pressure devices and blood pressure kits for residents of Fulton County. Stop by for a quick use, or check one out for the week today!

Dork Diaries in Full Color with Rachel Renee Russell and Nikki Russell

May 16, 2026 | 11:00 AM | Central Library

Join the #1 New York Times bestselling author-illustrator and mother-daughter duo of Dork Diaries, Rachel Renee Russell and Nikki Russell, as they celebrate the new, full-color edition of the book that started it all, *Tales from a Not-So-Fabulous Life*. Dork Diaries is an international series chronicling the life and misadventures of middle school students, Nikki Maxwell and her best friends Chloe and Zoe. The series encourages readers to embrace their individuality and always let their inner dork shine through! This event is in partnership with Page Turners Make Great Learners and the Village Books. The first 100 guests will receive a free book, kindly sponsored by the library system. Guests will receive one book per party on a first-come, first-served basis while supplies last. Village Books will be available for guests to purchase books.

Friends of the Louise Watley Library Book Sale

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Children's Central Library Tour

May 18, 2026 | 10:30 AM | Central Library

Hutchinson Elementary School, English as A Second Language, K-5 students were given a library tour, Storytime, introduced online digital resources and information about summer reading. The Library Dragon by Carmen Deedy and Never Follow a Dinosaur by Alex Latimer was read. Leilani McWilliams, Central Children's Librarian, led the tour.

Toddler Playtime

May 18, 2026 | 10:30 AM | Roswell Branch

Come play at the Roswell Library most Mondays at 10:30 am. We have plenty of toys to play with and share during this open play hour in the Kids Area. Please note this is a self-supervised program. Staff will be checking in periodically, but not remaining throughout the program. Sponsored by the Friends of the Roswell Library

FulcoLibrary and Taipei Economic and Cultural Office (TECO) Launch New Partnership

May 18, 2026 | 11:00 AM | Central Library

Fulton County Government and the Fulton County Library System (FulcoLibrary) are proud to announce a vibrant new cultural partnership with the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Atlanta (Taiwanese Consulate). To mark this collaboration, a kickoff event will be held on Monday, May 18th, at 11:00 a.m. at the Central Library in downtown Atlanta. Highlights of the kickoff event include: Official Book Donation: A curated selection of Taiwanese literature and educational resources will be presented to the Fulton County Library System to expand the diversity of the local collection. Boba Tea Tasting: Guests will have the opportunity to enjoy authentic bubble tea, a world-famous beverage originating from Taiwan. Virtual Reality (VR) Experience: Attendees can immerse themselves in "Taiwan Mini-Documentaries" through high-tech VR headsets, exploring the island's stunning landscapes and vibrant city life. Event At-A-Glance: WHAT: FulcoLibrary & Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Atlanta (TECO) Partnership Kickoff Event WHEN: Monday, May 18th | 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. WHERE: Central Library, 1 Margaret Mitchell Square NW, Atlanta, GA 30303 ADMISSION: Free and Open to the Public

Mystery and Suspense Day

May 18, 2026 | 2:00 PM | Washington Park Branch

Come join fellow patrons and discuss mystery novels you've already read. Also, you can pick up a new suspense thriller to start reading during the hour long reading challenge. Adults.

Jeopardy

May 18, 2026 | 4:00 PM | Louise Watley Library at Southeast Atlanta

Join us for a 30 minute Jeopardy game at Louise Watley Library! Winning team scores a prize from the prize box. First week: Math Second week: Grammar Third week: History Fourth week: Science All questions pulled from elementary-level curriculum.

Kids Mystery Movie

May 18, 2026 | 4:00 PM | Kirkwood Branch

Join us for an exciting Mystery Movie to celebrate Mystery Month! Follow the clues all month long and see if you can guess what we'll be watching on Monday evening. Guess correctly, and you'll be entered in a drawing to win a mystery prize! Film is rated G.

Mystery Puzzle Hour

May 18, 2026 | 4:00 PM | Central Library

Enjoy an hour of puzzle-solving intrigue at the Central Library. A variety of paper logic puzzles will be provided to solve at the library or to take home. No registration required.

Book Club Preview

May 18, 2026 | 4:30 PM | Northeast/Spruill Oaks Branch

Join us for a mixer that will showcase our book club for the rest of the year - refreshments included! A meeting of the book club will follow at 5:00 PM.

Mt. Everest Artwork

May 18, 2026 | 4:30 PM | Joan P. Garner Library at Ponce De Leon

Kids can celebrate Junko Tabei, the first woman to reach the summit of Mt. Everest 51 years ago on May 16, 1975, through a creative mountain-themed craft. As they make their own Everest scene, children will learn about her remarkable achievement and the perseverance that carried her to the top of the world.

Cascade Library Adult Book Club

May 18, 2026 | 6:00 PM | Cascade Branch

Step into a world of secrets and stories, where lies, betrayal, and hidden truths simmer beneath the surface of suburbia. Join us as we unravel the mysteries that everyone is desperate to keep hidden.

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Monday Musicals: Lilo & Stitch

May 18, 2026 | 6:00 PM | Alpharetta Branch

Join us each Monday to catch a family-friendly flick! Celebrate AANHPI Heritage with stories filled with music, adventure, and themes of identity, family, and courage. May 4: Moana May 11: Mulan May 18: Lilo & Stitch

Puzzle Day

May 19, 2026 | 12:00 AM | Louise Watley Library at Southeast Atlanta

Celebrate Jigsaw Puzzle Day at the library with a come-and-go program where patrons of all ages can relax, connect, and challenge their brains by working on jigsaw puzzles together. Enjoy a variety of puzzle sizes and styles. Collaborate with friends and family.

Celebrating AANHPI Month

May 19, 2026 | 8:00 AM | Martin Luther King Jr. Branch

42 students and 6 teachers from Hope-Hill Elementary School joined us, along with a team of volunteers from the Mayor's Office of International and Immigrant Affairs to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month. The students visited in three different groups and worked in two small groups to participate in a StoryTime and a Japanese Origami class.

Mommy, Daddy, and Me Storytime!

May 19, 2026 | 10:30 AM | Central Library

It's storytime for the whole family! Bring your little readers (0-3) to Mommy, Daddy, and Me Storytime! We'll read sweet stories, sing silly songs, and move to the rhythm together. Parents, caregivers, and kiddos - everyone's part of the fun! Parking Please plan to park in one of the various parking lots within the vicinity of the library, take MARTA to Peachtree Center Station, or use a rideshare service. Central Library does not have access to free parking and does not validate parking. Visit <https://www.fulcolibrary.org/central-library/central-parking/> for disclaimers and more information.

New Time: Noonday Nosh Book Club

May 19, 2026 | 12:15 PM | Roswell Branch

NEW TIME! Join us as we celebrate the 31st year of Noonday Nosh! We meet the third Tuesday of each month at 12:15 p.m. Please email the branch at roswell.branch@fultoncountygga.gov to receive the Zoom link.

Noonday Nosh is a hybrid discussion - feel free to join us in person or online. Noonday Nosh Book Club 2026
January 20 - The Women by Kristin Hannah February 17 - First Ladies by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray March 17 - Borrowed Life of Frederick Fife by Anna Johnston April 21 - The Hazelbourne Ladies Motorcycle and Flying Club by Helen Simonson May 19 - The Lincoln Highway by Amor Towles June 16 - How to Read a Book by Monica Wood July 21 - The Briar Club by Kate Quinn August 18 - Anxious People by Fredrik Backman September 15 - The Glassmaker by Tracy Chevalier October 20 - The Kitchen House by Kathleen Grissom November 17 - A Woman of No Importance by Sonia Purnell December 15 - The Book Club for Troublesome Women by Marie Bostwick

Drop-in Paper Flower Lei Craft

May 19, 2026 | 3:30 PM | East Roswell Branch

Create a colorful paper lei to celebrate Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month. Ages: 4-6

Mindful Marvels

May 19, 2026 | 5:00 PM | Louise Watley Library at Southeast Atlanta

Program for children, designed to help young minds develop skills such as self-awareness, emotional regulation, and concentration. Incorporating fun and interactive activities to foster a sense of calm, confidence, and connection among participants.

From Curious to Capable: An AI Series

May 19, 2026 | 5:30 PM | Wolf Creek Branch

From Curious to Capable an interactive AI literacy class where Chiquita Dent unlocks the AI universe and helps class goers navigate and learn new skills to make them more marketable and efficient in today's challenging technological climate.

Hapeville Library "Page Turners" Book Club

May 19, 2026 | 6:30 PM | Hapeville Branch

The Hapeville Library Page Turners Book Club will meet on 05/19/26. It will meet monthly on the third Tuesday from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Hapeville Libraries Page Turners' May book selection is The Trouble Up North by Travis Mulhauser Please contact Ms. Janice for more information

Career Center

May 20, 2026 | 10:00 AM | Louise Watley Library at Southeast Atlanta

Libraries boost economic development. FulcoLibrary has resolved to meet the needs of job seekers! Ask a librarian about career resources. Your Future Starts Here. Join us to explore career options. Enjoy: Free Computer and Internet Access, Career Preparation, Local Job Listings, and Skill Building Courses. Visit our Digital Library for education and career resources - including Data Axle (formally ReferenceUSA), Job & Career Accelerator, Universal Class, and more. Resolve to Read at bit.ly/fcls-careercenter

StoryTime

May 20, 2026 | 10:00 AM | Louise Watley Library at Southeast Atlanta

Singing, stories, coloring pages and sometimes crafts with Mr. White!

Springtime Storytime at Hapeville Library

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Toddler Rhymes and Storytimes

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Senior Computer Lab

May 20, 2026 | 12:00 PM | Louise Watley Library at Southeast Atlanta

Join our welcoming and easy-paced computer class designed especially for seniors. Whether you're brand new or just need a refresher, we'll help you feel at home in the digital world

Book Club Sampler

May 20, 2026 | 1:00 PM | Mechanicsville Branch

Sign up for the Mechanicsville Mysteries Book Club! Join us to sample some options and choose the first title for our new mystery themed book club.

Polynesian Star Navigation: Exploration and Craft

May 20, 2026 | 4:00 PM | Joan P. Garner Library at Ponce De Leon

Kids can explore the traditions of Polynesian star navigation through a fun, age-friendly mix of storytelling and hands-on creativity. They'll learn how wayfinders used the night sky to travel across the ocean, then make a simple craft inspired by these traditional techniques.

Crafternoon: Rubber Stamp Making

May 20, 2026 | 4:45 PM | Dogwood Branch

Come and enjoy some arts and crafts at Dogwood! Supplies will be provided for each participant to make a craft to take home every week! Supplies are limited, so please register to make sure your spot is saved! Learn how to make your own rubber stamp! Drawing a design, carving it into the base, and even testing it with ink and paper will all be covered during this session.

Thursday Storytime!

May 21, 2026 | 10:30 AM | Roswell Branch

Join us on Thursday mornings for stories, songs, and activities! Recommended for ages 18 months-5 with adult caregiver.

Color & Chill

May 21, 2026 | 11:00 AM | Louise Watley Library at Southeast Atlanta

A fun and calming coloring program designed for all ages to express creativity, unwind, and enjoy a relaxing artistic experience together.

History Book Club: Thomas Paine

May 21, 2026 | 11:00 AM | Northside Branch

Thomas Paine (1737-1809) was an English-American political writer and revolutionary who, through his influential pamphlets, became a key intellectual figure in both the American and French Revolutions. A fierce advocate for liberty, democracy, and human rights, his accessible writing style and powerful arguments profoundly shaped the revolutionary politics of his era. As always in our subject based book club, we will have several books about Thomas Paine on display and available for checkout. On discussion day, we will show a video about the accepted historical facts on the subject. And of course, pastries and coffee will be supplied during the event.

SOUTHEAST LIBRARY SENIOR BINGO

May 21, 2026 | 12:00 PM | Louise Watley Library at Southeast Atlanta

Come join the fun! An afternoon of laughter, prizes and friendly competition awaits. This is an opportunity to form new friendships in your community.

Book Club Sampler: The Ride: Paul Revere and the Night that Saved America

May 21, 2026 | 1:00 PM | Ocee Branch

Join us as we dive into the story of Paul Revere's famous ride, its complexity and the network of people behind a founding legend in *The Ride* by Kostya Kennedy. Adults 18+ Limited Seats. Registration is required.

Makerspace

May 21, 2026 | 4:00 PM | Louise Watley Library at Southeast Atlanta

Every Thursday at 4:00 PM is Makerspace! Stop by and get your hands busy with a craft activity.

Metro Kids' Club

May 21, 2026 | 4:00 PM | Metropolitan Branch

Come join our new Thursday Kids' Club! Stop by the Children's Program Room to color, work on crafts, play games, and just have fun! Recommended for ages 5 to 12

Photography Workshop

May 21, 2026 | 4:00 PM | Central Library

Join us at Central Library and learn how to use a DSLR camera or your cellphone's camera to make take better photos! Learn camera parts, photography essentials and techniques, and basic photo editing for free. This is a series. Each session will cover a different topic in photography. Suitable for beginners and adults ages 18 and up. **PARKING** The Central Library does not have access to free parking. There are various paid parking lots in the vicinity of the Library. The Library is not responsible for any violations (ticketing or booting) associated with illegally parking. All matters related to these issues must be brought to the attention of the parking lot managing company.

Missing Books Search

May 22, 2026 | 10:00 AM | Louise Watley Library at Southeast Atlanta

Help us find out missing books! Check out the programing table for a list of Southeast Branch books that are lost amongst the collection. Every book found is a pick from the treasure chest!

Mystery Book Club

May 22, 2026 | 4:00 PM | Louise Watley Library at Southeast Atlanta

Bring your James Patterson's, your Karin Slaughter's, and Agatha Christie's. It's time to play detective with your peers! Do you enjoy thrillers, cozy mysteries, or whodunits? Join us every Friday from 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm in the month of May for 'Louise Watley Mystery Book Club'. Read what you like, read at your own pace, it will be relaxing and engaging as you share your thoughts and detective skills. Don't have time for an in-person weekly book club? Try Roswell Branch's monthly book club held via Zoom! <https://www.fulcolibrary.org/b...>

Asian American & Pacific Islander Heritage Month Storytime

May 23, 2026 | 10:30 AM | Joan P. Garner Library at Ponce De Leon

Join us for a special storytime celebrating Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month with books that highlight AAPI voices, cultures, and traditions. Families can enjoy engaging read■alouds that showcase diverse stories and characters.

Friends of the Louise Watley Library Book Sale

May 23, 2026 | 11:00 AM | Louise Watley Library at Southeast Atlanta

The Friends of the Louise Watley Library are hosting their weekly book sale. Resolve to support the library. Friends enrich the library in many ways! Join us for a Book Sale. Enjoy new and gently used books through a weekly book sale, then consider donating your time to the Friends of the Louise Watley Library. Proceeds from the sale of new and gently used books will benefit the branch in the form of programs, new book purchases, and other enhancements. Stay informed about ways to support the library's programs and events: <https://fulcolibrary.org/SEAST>

Intro To Mah Jong

May 23, 2026 | 11:00 AM | Adams Park Branch

As part of The Year of The Book, and a celebration of AANHPI heritage month, join us to learn to play Mah Jong! This 2 hour introduction will include a game and discussion of Hong Kong vs. American Rules. Registration is required.

Year of the Book - Saturday Matinee at Auburn Film Series - BELOVED

May 23, 2026 | 12:30 PM | Auburn Avenue Research Library

Join the Auburn Avenue Research Library on African American Culture and History for our monthly Saturday Matinee at Auburn, a cinematic experience dedicated to honoring bold, transformative storytelling from across the African American diaspora-bringing literary masterpieces and powerful film adaptations into shared community space. This month, we present *Beloved*, starring Oprah Winfrey, Danny Glover, and Thandiwe Newton. Based on the Pulitzer Prize-winning novel by Toni Morrison, *Beloved* is a haunting and deeply emotional exploration of memory, motherhood, trauma, and the lingering shadows of enslavement. Set in post-Civil War Ohio, the film follows Sethe, a formerly enslaved woman whose past returns in ways both intimate and supernatural, challenging her understanding of freedom and healing. Come ready to reflect, engage in thoughtful post-screening discussion, and connect with fellow film lovers in an atmosphere that honors history, resilience, and community. Light refreshments will be provided. Watch. Reflect. Remember. Reclaim the stories that shape us.

LEGO Club

May 23, 2026 | 1:00 PM | Louise Watley Library at Southeast Atlanta

Are you ready to unleash your creativity and build amazing creations? For kids, tweens, teens, and families to come together, socialize, and build with LEGO bricks provided by the library. All children must be accompanied by a parent.

YOGA with Tempestt @ Wolf Creek

May 23, 2026 | 2:00 PM | Wolf Creek Branch

Trauma informed yoga with Tempestt aimed to help individuals become more aware of their bodies while releasing built-up emotions, stress and tension.

Puzzle Day

May 26, 2026 | 12:00 AM | Louise Watley Library at Southeast Atlanta

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GED Testing - Central Library

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Email for Beginners

May 26, 2026 | 3:00 PM | Central Library

Learn key skills to effectively email with Gmail or Outlook for personal and professional uses. Participants must have basic computer skills, internet skills, and may need a valid phone number for email sign up. No registration required for this class. Can't make it to a class or need extra help? Book-A-Librarian at <https://forms.office.com/g/VGxXDF3mx>. All appointment requests must be at least 24 hours in advance. A valid email address or phone number is required to complete the request form. * The schedule is subject to change. * Central Library Staff do not complete resumes, job applications, or other personal forms. Visit <https://www.fulcolibrary.org/social-services/> for those service referrals. * **PARKING INFORMATION FOR CENTRAL**SPECIAL NOTE:Central Library does not have access to free parking. The lot associated with the Central Library is fee-based.<https://www.fulcolibrary.org/central-library/central-parking/>

Mandala-Inspired Craft for Kids

May 26, 2026 | 4:00 PM | Joan P. Garner Library at Ponce De Leon

Kids can explore the beauty and symmetry of mandalas through a colorful, creativity-filled craft inspired by this traditional art form. They'll experiment with patterns and shapes as they design their own circular artwork, encouraging focus, calm, and imagination.

Sensory Activity for kids Ages: 6-9

May 26, 2026 | 4:00 PM | Wolf Creek Branch

Come out for sensory activities every Tuesday starting April 21 at 4pm! This series is offered by Victory 4 Kids a non-profit dedicated to creating spaces where every child feels seen.

The Secret Behind the Umbrella: Canvas Painting

May 26, 2026 | 4:30 PM | Palmetto Branch

Come and create your own secrets behind the umbrella in this canvas painting class. Materials will be provided. Registration is required.

Mystery Month Movie: Charade

May 26, 2026 | 5:00 PM | East Roswell Branch

Celebrate Mystery Month with a special screening of the classic film Charade (1963). Set in glamorous Paris, this stylish mystery follows Regina Lampert as she becomes entangled in a web of secrets after her husband's mysterious death. With strangers chasing a missing fortune and a charming man whose identity keeps changing, Regina must figure out who she can trust. Blending suspense, romance, and humor, Charade is a timeless thriller full of twists and intrigue. Not Rated. Ages: Adult

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Stitched Stories: A Creative Library Series

May 26, 2026 | 6:00 PM | West End Branch

Transform your wardrobe and bring your favorite books to life! Join us at the West End Library Branch for a unique, creative workshop where we explore the beautiful intersection of literature, memory, and sustainable fashion.

The Dogwood Branch Book Club: Meet and Greet!

May 26, 2026 | 6:00 PM | Dogwood Branch

The Dogwood Branch library invites you to chat with library staff and fellow patrons to mingle and talk about the bookclub and the titles you are interested in! The branch invites you to consider the title *Persepolis* by Marjane Satrapi as the next book club title to discuss

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Open House Debut of Summer 2026 Central Artist Corner Studio Residencies

May 27, 2026 | 10:00 AM | Central Library

Join us for the open-house debut of the Summer 2026 Central Artist Corner studio residencies featuring Christopher Oquendo, Gene Dominique, and Krista M. Jones (Jonesy). Their exhibitions will be on display from May 27, 2026 through September 8, 2026. Read more about the artists at fulcolibrary.org/central-library/central-art/. Parking The Central Library does not have access to free parking. We recommend taking MARTA to Peachtree Center Station or parking at one of the various paid parking lots in the vicinity of the Library. We do not validate parking. Please visit fulcolibrary.org/central-library/central-parking/ for more parking information and disclaimers.

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American Mahjong for Beginners

May 27, 2026 | 4:00 PM | Kirkwood Branch

In honor of Asian- American Pacific Islander Heritage Month, join us for a 4-session series exploring the strategy, history, and community of American Mahjong (derived from the original Chinese game). This educational series, sponsored by the Friends of the Library in Kirkwood (F.O.L.K.), is designed to foster connection and mindfulness, guiding beginners through the fundamentals of this engaging, shared game. Space is limited and registration is required. You must commit to attending ALL 4 sessions. Registration will open on April 29, 2026.

Anime Club

May 27, 2026 | 4:00 PM | Louise Watley Library at Southeast Atlanta

Watch anime, read manga, draw, fold origami and play games during our Anime Club meeting!

Garageband for Podcasts

May 27, 2026 | 4:00 PM | Central Library

Learn to start your own podcast with the renowned, free sound engineering application Garageband at Central Library's Garageband for Podcasts class! Participants of this class must have access to a valid email address or phone number and basic computer or mobile device skills. It is recommended to bring your personal Apple device as we have a limited supply. Garageband is only available on Apple products. Book-A-Librarian Appointments Can't make it to class or need extra help? Request a Book-A-Librarian appointment for one-on-one help at <https://forms.office.com/g/VGxXDF3mx>. A valid email address or phone number is required to complete the request form, and appointments must be requested through the form at least 24 hours in advance. * The schedule is subject to change. * Central Library Staff do not complete resumes, job applications, or other personal forms. Visit <https://www.fulcolibrary.org/social-services/> for those service referrals. * PARKING INFORMATION FOR CENTRALSPECIAL NOTE:Central Library does not have access to free parking. The lot associated with the Central Library is fee-based.<https://www.fulcolibrary.org/central-library/central-parking/>

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Color & Chill

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Booked & Crafted: Teen DIY Book Art Lab at Hapeville Library

May 28, 2026 | 2:00 PM | Hapeville Branch

Get crafty with your favorite stories! Join us for Booked & Crafted: Teen DIY Book Art Lab at the Hapeville Library. Create bookmarks, book art, and more, all inspired by the books you love. Perfect for teens who enjoy reading, art, or just hanging out in a creative space! Contact Ms. Janice at janice.wilson@fultoncountyga.gov

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Decode

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People have wanted to obscure what they are writing for about as long as they have been writing. This workshop will explore the different ways to conceal or alter a message to make it difficult to read. We will do a mix of hands-on exercises and discussion.

Movie of the Month: Moana

May 29, 2026 | 3:00 PM | Mechanicsville Branch

Celebrate AAPI Heritage Month by attending Mechanicsville's Movie of the month, featuring a screening of Moana. Popcorn will be provided.

Teens: Animation 101 With HWPL

May 29, 2026 | 3:00 PM | Dogwood Branch

Join HWPL and Ryan Adkins, CEO of iLLUSIONAGE ACADEMY, in this introductory workshop for animation. Learn the principles of movement through the martial art of Taichi, applying it to a simple exercise led by Adkins. By the end, you will get to create your very first 2D animation sequence! This program is intended for teens ages 12 to 17.

Mystery Book Club

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AAPI Heritage Month Bingo Scavenger Hunt

May 30, 2026 | 10:00 AM | Kirkwood Branch

This event runs May 1-30, 2026! Parents, caregivers, and kids can help each other find the images of titles related to Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month hidden throughout the children's library. Get 5 in a row for bingo or find them all!

Mystery Month - Guess Who Game

May 30, 2026 | 10:00 AM | Kirkwood Branch

This event runs May 1-30, 2026! Parents, caregivers, and kids can help each other identify the mystery silhouettes of famous book characters for Mystery Month! Name them all and get a small prize!

Friends of the Louise Watley Library Book Sale

May 30, 2026 | 11:00 AM | Louise Watley Library at Southeast Atlanta

The Friends of the Louise Watley Library are hosting their weekly book sale. Resolve to support the library. Friends enrich the library in many ways! Join us for a Book Sale. Enjoy new and gently used books through a weekly book sale, then consider donating your time to the Friends of the Louise Watley Library. Proceeds from the sale of new and gently used books will benefit the branch in the form of programs, new book purchases, and other enhancements. Stay informed about ways to support the library's programs and events: <https://fulcolibrary.org/SEAST>

Saturday Stroller Storytime with Ms. Janice

May 30, 2026 | 11:00 AM | Hapeville Branch

Saturday Stroller Storytime with Ms. Janice Bring your little ones and their favorite stroller for a fun and gentle storytime, designed specifically for toddlers aged 1-3. Join Ms. Janice for a joyful mix of short stories, songs, fingerplays, and simple movements that encourage early literacy, listening skills, and social interaction. Parents and caregivers, along with their children, will have the opportunity to make new friends and build connections in a welcoming and relaxed environment. After storytime ends, feel free to relax and let the kids play while parents and caregivers enjoy a casual meet-and-greet, share laughs, and connect. One Saturday a month April 18, May 30, June 20 Perfect for first library experiences Music, movement, and stories Ages 1-3 with caregivers Come stroll, read, play, and grow together at the library with Ms. Janice!

Asian American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander Heritage Month Celebration with the Soorya Foundation for Performing Arts

May 30, 2026 | 3:00 PM | Sandy Springs Branch

Celebrate Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Heritage Month with the Soorya Foundation for Performing Arts. Experience the timeless elegance of traditional South Indian dance as young Soorya dancers weave together stories from ancient India through rhythm, melody, and expressive storytelling. Narrated in a contemporary style, this captivating performance brings the essence of India's rich cultural heritage to life. Guru Sushma Mohan is the Founder and Artistic Director of the Soorya Foundation for Performing Arts Los Angeles-Cumming, GA and is a trained Bharatanatyam dancer, choreographer and teacher. She has received honors and awards from the Georgia Council for the Arts, South Arts, California Arts Council and the city of Los Angeles and County Arts Commissions for her productions and performances. She has more than 1,500 performances to her credit at various dance festivals across the United States and India. This program is free. Registration is not required.

FULTON COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT - TOTAL LIBRARY

AS OF MAY 31, 2026

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SERVICE TYPE	2026 BUDGET ALLOCATION	MAY EXPENDITURES	2026 YTD EXPENDITURES	2026 YTD ENCUMBRANCES	2026 YTD COMMITTED	2026 YTD % COMMITTED	BUDGET BALANCE
REG SALARY	16,825,356	1,909,375	6,905,823	-	6,905,823	41%	9,919,533
SALARIES-OVERTIME	-	-	-	-	-	0%	-
PART TIME SALARY	525,091	57,811	193,975	-	193,975	37%	331,116
SEASONAL	104,208	-	-	-	-	0%	104,208
BENEFITS	8,620,520	829,287	3,382,473	-	3,382,473	39%	5,238,047
BOOKS	3,398,658	48,036	1,672,802	1,113,316	2,786,118	82%	612,540
CONTINGENCY	-	-	-	-	-	0%	-
COPIER MACHINE	174,000	22,645	43,652	-	43,652	25%	130,348
EQUIPMENT	145,061	(845)	4,523	-	4,523	3%	140,538
HOSPITALITY	44,643	1,111	1,195	-	1,195	3%	43,448
OFFICE EQUIP. REPAIR	67,641	-	2,581	39,223	41,804	62%	25,837
OFFICE FURNITURE	5,738	128	378	-	378	7%	5,360
OTHER SERVICES	286,838	11,952	78,778	98,859	177,638	62%	109,202
PROFESSIONAL SERV	26,800	105	1,701	9,033	10,734	40%	16,066
RENT	286,056	5,489	26,366	117,530	143,896	50%	142,160
SUPPLIES	122,140	4,308	16,429	-	16,429	13%	105,711
TRAVEL/CONFERENCE	18,500	273	2,054	765	2,819	15%	15,681
VEHICLE MAINTENANCE	27,211	3,509	12,193	-	12,193	45%	15,018
COMPUTER HARDWARE	486,743	-	486,742	-	486,742	100%	1
GENERAL INSURANCE	832,217	68,668	343,340	-	343,340	41%	488,877
Grand Total	31,997,421	2,961,854	13,175,005	1,378,726	14,553,732	45%	17,443,691

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PUBLIC SERVICE	REG SALARY	\$ 11,761,332	\$ 1,328,734	\$ 4,888,155	\$ -	\$ 4,888,155	42%	\$ 6,873,177
	SALARIES-OVERTIME	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0%	\$ -
	PART TIME SALARY	\$ 439,021	\$ 55,949	\$ 190,829	\$ -	\$ 190,829	43%	\$ 248,192
	BENEFITS	\$ 6,194,479	\$ 591,251	\$ 2,465,698	\$ -	\$ 2,465,698	40%	\$ 3,728,781
	BOOKS	\$ 2,536,823	\$ 48,036	\$ 810,967	\$ 1,113,316	\$ 1,924,283	76%	\$ 612,540
	OFFICE EQUIP. REPAIR	\$ 67,641	\$ -	\$ 2,581	\$ 39,223	\$ 41,804	62%	\$ 25,837
	EQUIPMENT	\$ 105,795	\$ 910	\$ 1,648	\$ -	\$ 1,648	2%	\$ 104,147
	OFFICE FURNITURE	\$ 3,306	\$ 128	\$ 128	\$ -	\$ 128	4%	\$ 3,178
	PROFESSIONAL SERV	\$ 22,000	\$ 105	\$ 1,701	\$ 9,033	\$ 10,734	49%	\$ 11,266
	COPIER MACHINE	\$ 174,000	\$ 22,645	\$ 43,652	\$ -	\$ 43,652	25%	\$ 130,348
	SUPPLIES	\$ 56,289	\$ 3,600	\$ 8,071	\$ -	\$ 8,071	14%	\$ 48,218
	RENT	\$ 284,956	\$ 5,489	\$ 26,366	\$ 117,530	\$ 143,896	50%	\$ 141,060
	OTHER SERVICES	\$ 59,266	\$ 3,694	\$ 23,467	\$ 250	\$ 23,718	40%	\$ 35,549
	HOSPITALITY	\$ 25,252	\$ 304	\$ 304	\$ -	\$ 304	1%	\$ 24,948
	GENERAL INSURANCE	\$ 560,400	\$ 46,700	\$ 233,500	\$ -	\$ 233,500	42%	\$ 326,900
	PUBLIC SERVICES TOTAL	\$ 22,290,560	\$ 2,107,545	\$ 8,697,067	\$ 1,279,352	\$ 9,976,420	45%	\$ 12,314,141

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SUPPORT SERVICE	REG SALARY	\$ 3,166,960	\$ 364,068	\$ 1,305,249	\$ -	\$ 1,305,249	41%	\$ 1,861,711
	PART TIME SALARY	\$ 86,070	\$ 1,862	\$ 3,146	\$ -	\$ 3,146	4%	\$ 82,924
	SEASONAL	\$ 104,208	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0%	\$ 104,208
	BENEFITS	\$ 1,602,789	\$ 152,690	\$ 610,104	\$ -	\$ 610,104	38%	\$ 992,685
	EQUIPMENT	\$ 39,266	\$ (1,755)	\$ 2,875	\$ -	\$ 2,874.57	7%	\$ 36,391.43
	OFFICE FURNITURE	\$ 2,432	\$ -	\$ 250	\$ -	\$ 250	10%	\$ 2,182
	PROFESSIONAL SERV	\$ 4,800	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0%	\$ 4,800
	SUPPLIES	\$ 65,851	\$ 708	\$ 8,358	\$ -	\$ 8,358	13%	\$ 57,493
	COMPUTER HARDWARE	\$ 486,743	\$ -	\$ 486,742	\$ -	\$ 486,742	100%	\$ 1
	OTHER SERVICES	\$ 227,572	\$ 8,258	\$ 55,311	\$ 98,609	\$ 153,920	68%	\$ 73,652
	TRAVEL/CONFERENCE	\$ 18,500	\$ 273	\$ 2,054	\$ 765	\$ 2,819	15%	\$ 15,681
	HOSPITALITY	\$ 19,391	\$ 807	\$ 892	\$ -	\$ 892	5%	\$ 18,499
	VEHICLE MAINTENANCE	\$ 27,211	\$ 3,509	\$ 12,193	\$ -	\$ 12,193	45%	\$ 15,018
	GENERAL INSURANCE	\$ 271,817	\$ 21,968	\$ 109,840	\$ -	\$ 109,840	40%	\$ 161,977
	RENT	\$ 1,100	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0%	\$ 1,100
	CONTINGENCY	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0%	\$ -
	SUPPORT SERVICES TOTAL	\$ 6,124,710	\$ 552,389	\$ 2,597,013	\$ 99,374	\$ 2,696,387	44%	\$ 3,428,323

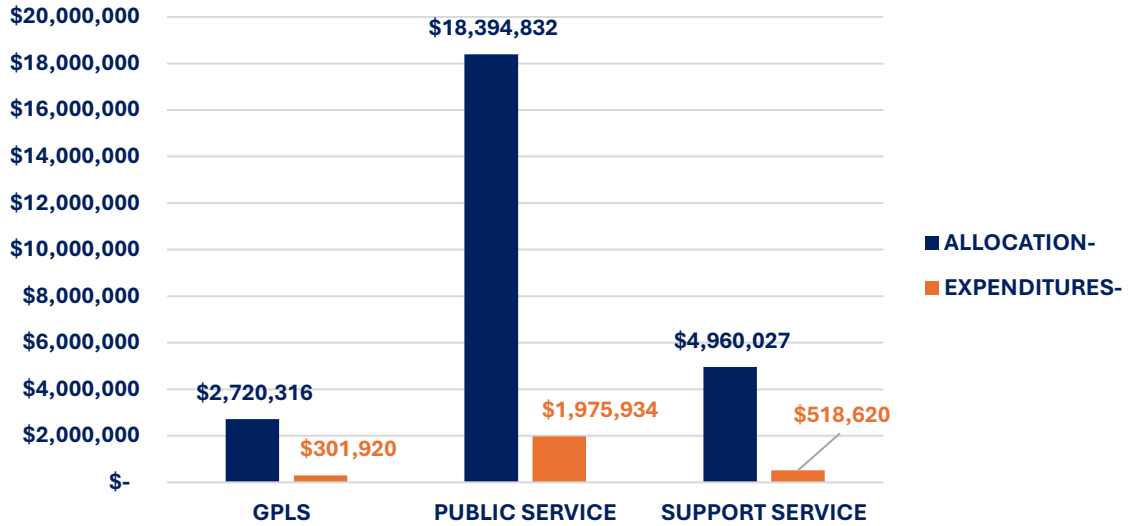
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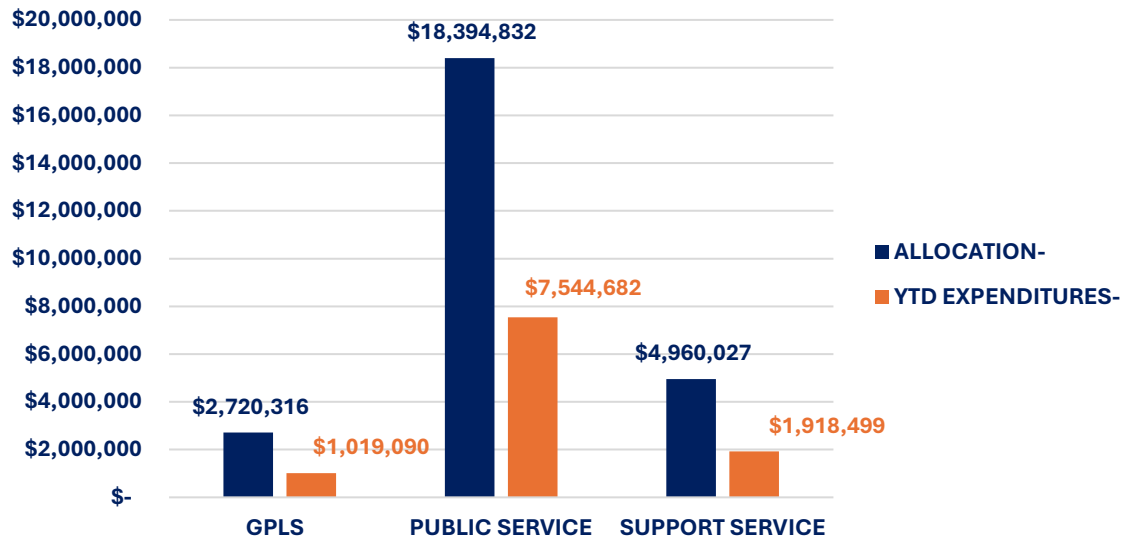
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GPLS	REG SALARY	\$ 1,897,064	\$ 216,573	\$ 712,418	\$ -	\$ 712,418	38%	\$ 1,184,646
	BENEFITS	\$ 823,252	\$ 85,347	\$ 306,671	\$ -	\$ 306,671	37%	\$ 516,581
	BOOKS	\$ 861,835	\$ -	\$ 861,835	\$ -	\$ 861,835	100%	\$ -
	GPLS TOTAL	\$ 3,582,151	\$ 301,920	\$ 1,880,925	\$ -	\$ 1,880,925	53%	\$ 1,701,226
TOTAL		\$ 31,997,421	\$ 2,961,854	\$ 13,175,005	\$ 1,378,726	\$ 14,553,732	45%	\$ 17,443,691

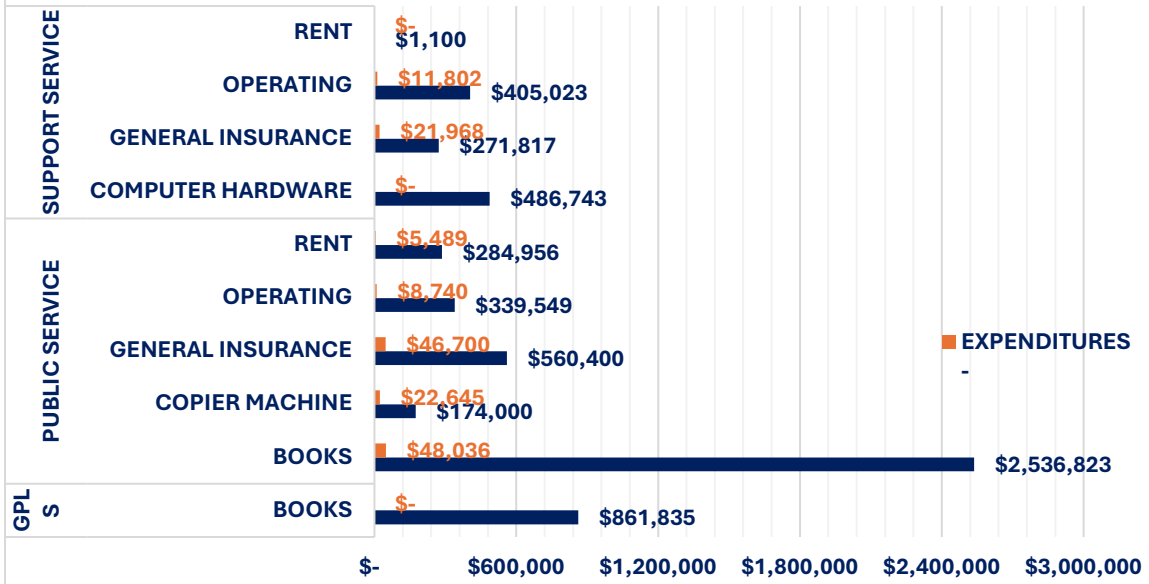
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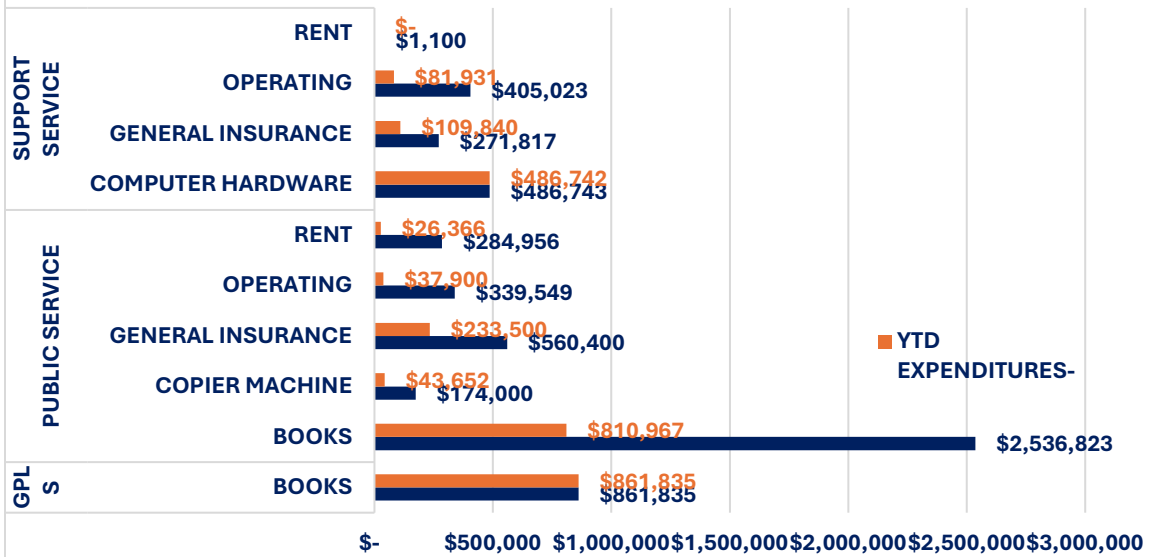
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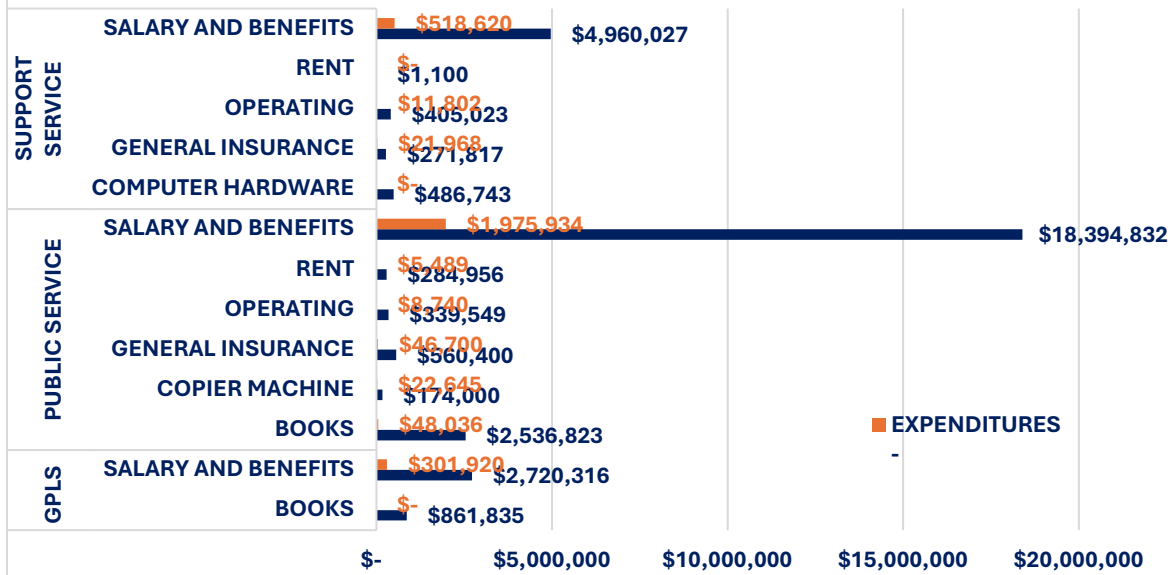
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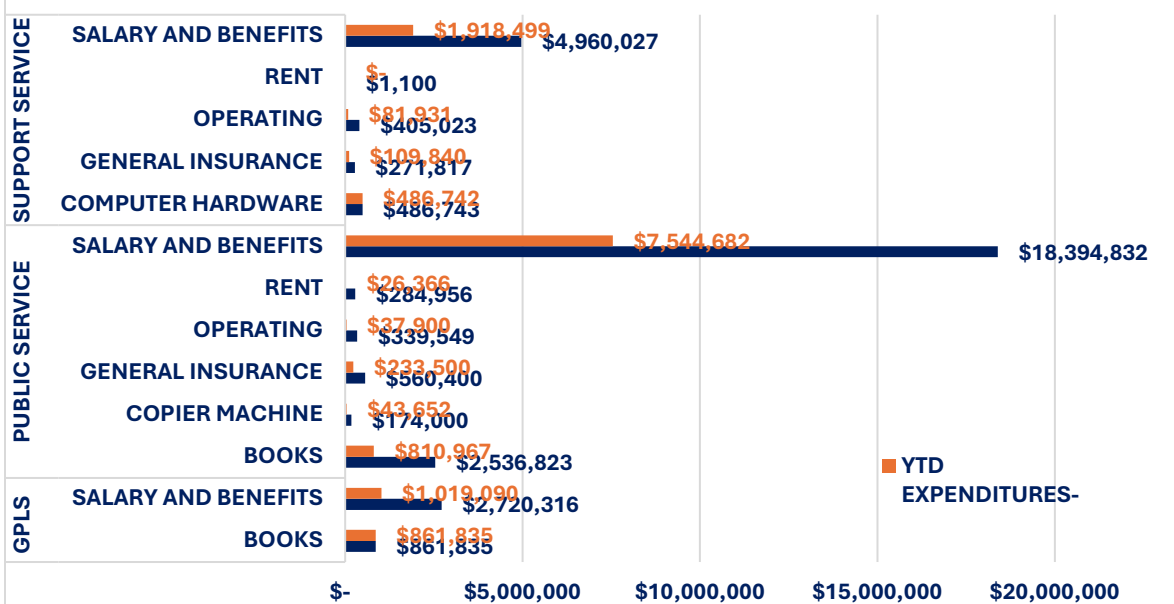
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MAY TOTAL EXPENSES BY PROGRAM



GRAND TOTAL EXPENSES BY PROGRAM



Monthly Usage Summary - May 2026

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Activity and Description	2026	YTD	2025	YTD	YTD % +/-
Circulation					
Total number of items checked out of the library	185469	884720	200748	926833	-5%
Holds					
Number of requests by patrons	47,956	222162	51140	231725	-4%
Visits					
Number of people entering a library for any reason	252505	1077851	201465	907626	19%
Computer/Internet Usage					
Number of computer sessions (Internet access and office software)	61861	334275	75153	366429	-9%
Number of hours of computer use	32,183	165862	30986	149679	11%
Web Page Visits					
Number of times people have visited the library's websites	1376765	6658471	1383582	6437244	3%
Web Visitors					
Number of people who visited the library's websites	213,086	1133058	219588	1015987	12%
Virtual Circulation					
Number of materials downloaded or streamed	190878	921154	187905	919170	0%
Virtual Circulation Users					
Number of people who downloaded or streamed	43625	210522	39332	193644	9%
Children's programs					
Library sponsored programs offered for children (birth - 12)	366	2046	245	1331	54%
Number of people attending programs	10779	53173	6788	33159	60%
Teen Programs					
Library sponsored programs offered for teens (13 - 17)	88	466	69	357	31%
Number of people attending programs	1103	4512	717	3642	24%
Adult Programs					
Library sponsored programs offered for adults (18 +)	486	2411	464	2386	1%
Number of people attending programs	5354	28705	3957	30733	-7%
Programs - Total					
Library sponsored programs offered (includes all-ages not counted)	1097	5742	927	4822	19%
Number of people attending programs	23841	113312	19723	96149	18%
Meeting Rooms					
Non-library sponsored meetings or activities scheduled	391	2257	515	2289	-1%
Number of people attending meetings or activities	4827	27344	5853	30494	-10%

May 2026 Executive Write Up

Circulation is up over the previous 4 months, which is normal for the start of summer, but down from last year.

Our ordering operation is still getting up to speed after the unexpected closure of Baker and Taylor. We are still being onboarded by our new vendor, Ingram.

We are noticing an increase in programs and program attendance. This may be due to the start of summer but is still an accomplishment considering many branches were also polling locations and those meeting spaces could not be used for events.

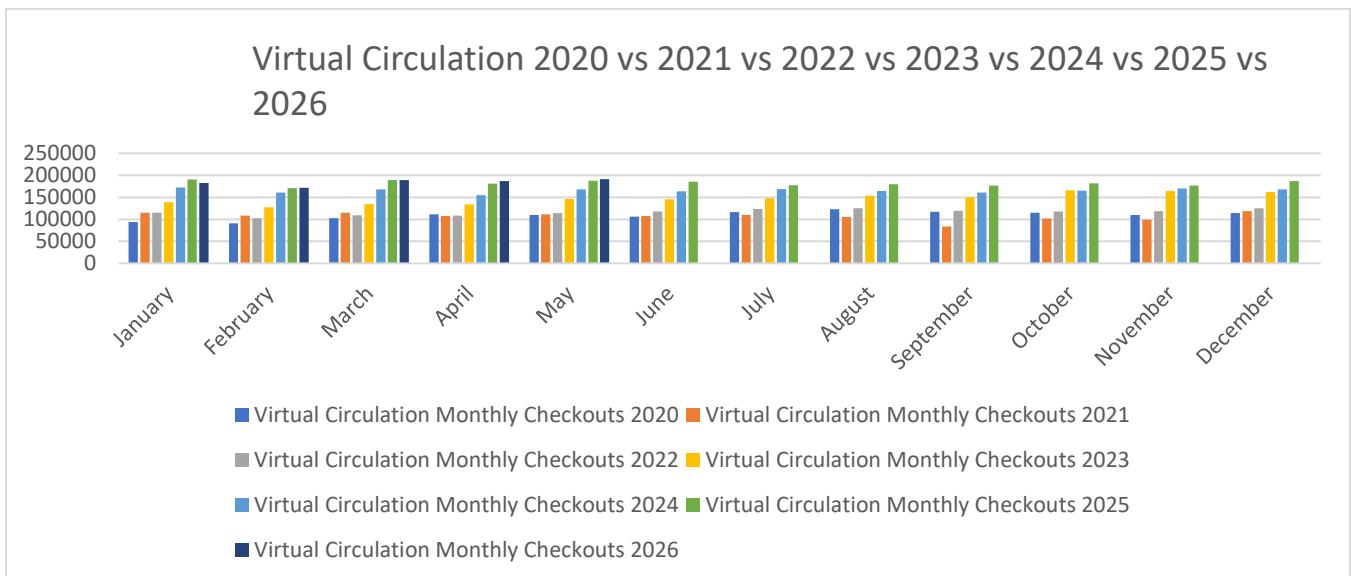
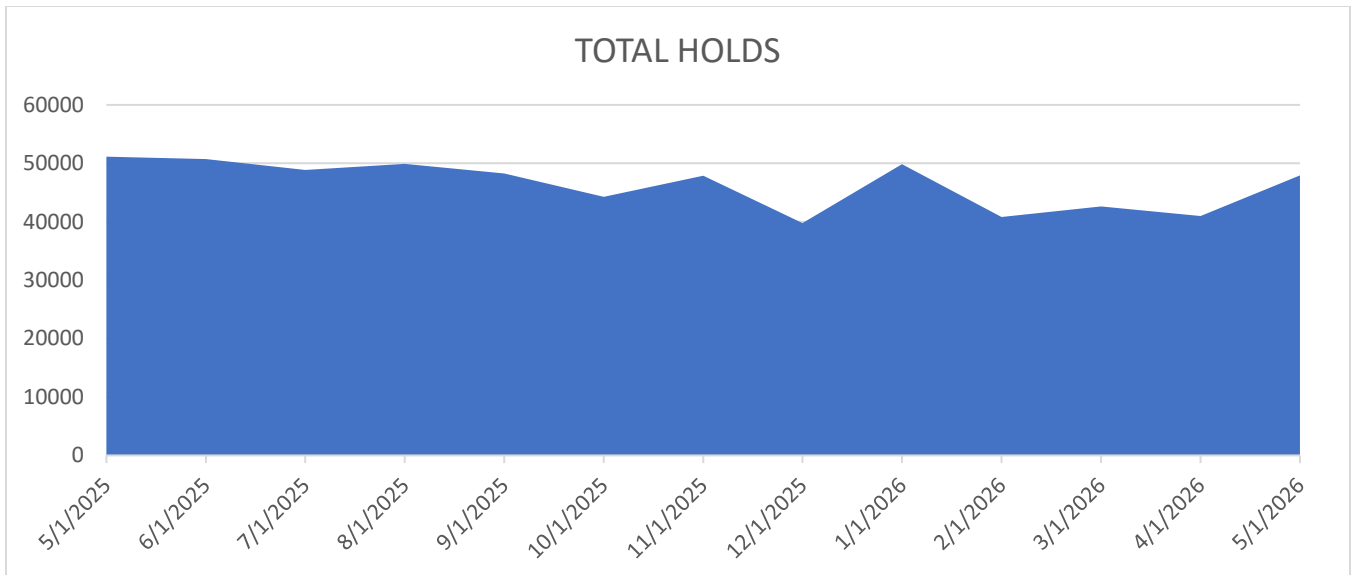
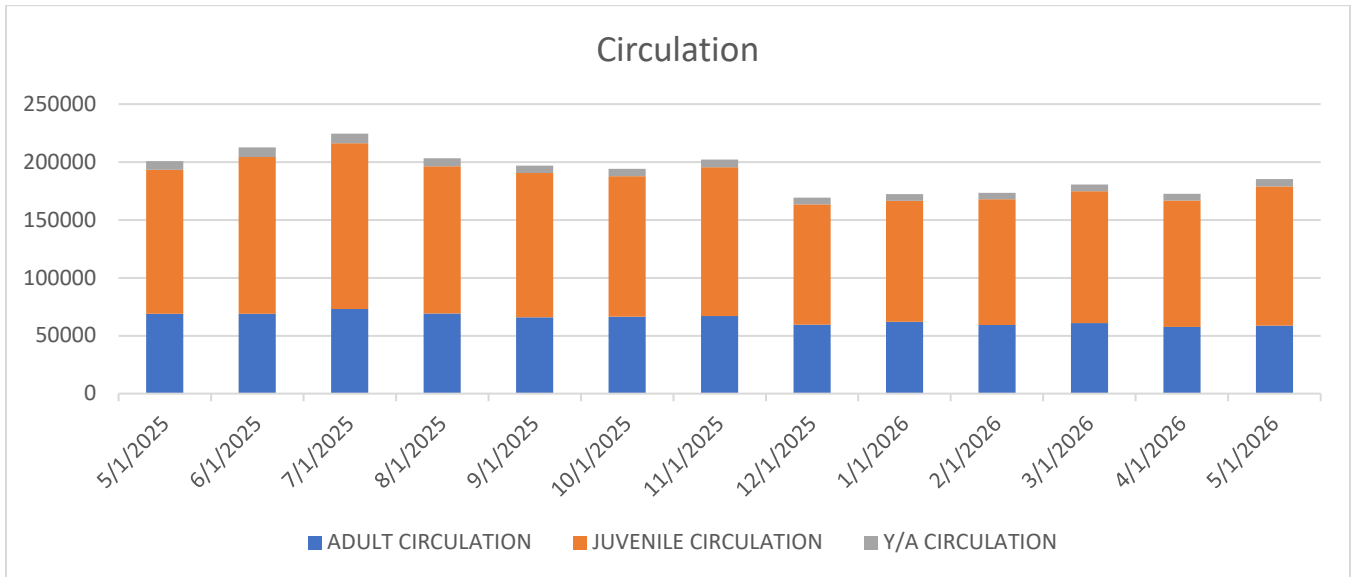
Fulton County Library System Circulation Stats - May 2026

AGENCY NAME	ADULT	JUVENILE	Y/A	OTHER	Month- 2026 TOTAL	Month- 2025 TOTAL	INCREASE/ DECREASE	PERCENT CHANGE	YTD 2026 CIRC	YTD 2025 CIRC	INCREASE/ DECREASE	PERCENT CHANGE
ADAMS PARK	359	531	33	1	924	957	-33	-3.45%	4,488	4,585	-97	-2.12%
ADAMSVILLE/COLLIER HEIGHTS	473	337	52	0	862	1061	-199	-18.76%	4,641	5,514	-873	-15.83%
ALPHARETTA	4816	13422	695	10	18943	20924	-1981	-9.47%	89,871	94,149	-4,278	-4.54%
BUCKHEAD	3513	6039	210	6	9768	11406	-1638	-14.36%	47,649	54,929	-7,280	-13.25%
CLEVELAND AVE	283	350	28	0	661	418	243	58.13%	3267	498	2,769	556.02%
COLLEGE PARK	360	797	45	0	1202	1318	-116	-8.80%	6,771	8,324	-1,553	-18.66%
DOGWOOD	290	406	31	0	727	558	169	30.29%	2,789	2,038	751	36.85%
EAST ATLANTA	2036	3620	193	3	5852	5925	-73	-1.23%	28,288	29,571	-1,283	-4.34%
EAST POINT	491	253	49	1	794	1054	-260	-24.67%	3,870	3,794	76	2.00%
EAST ROSWELL	3901	8539	361	10	12811	13165	-354	-2.69%	60,010	60,799	-789	-1.30%
EVELYN G. LOWERY @ CASCADE	1018	1333	125	1	2477	2203	274	12.44%	11,779	10,762	1,017	9.45%
FAIRBURN	577	926	46	0	1549	1665	-116	-6.97%	7,111	8,167	-1,056	-12.93%
GLADYS S. DENNARD @ SOUTH FULTON	1106	1631	97	0	2834	3047	-213	-6.99%	13,248	14,009	-761	-5.43%
HAPEVILLE	714	741	56	0	1511	1324	187	14.12%	8,233	7,273	960	13.20%
JOAN P. GARNER @ PONCE DE LEON	4041	5398	319	0	9758	11779	-2021	-17.16%	47,745	56,628	-8,883	-15.69%
KIRKWOOD	1463	4247	132	7	5849	5835	14	0.24%	28,377	29,728	-1,351	-4.54%
LOUISE WATLEY @ SOUTHEAST ATLANTA	552	995	96	0	1643	2147	-504	-23.47%	8,010	10,552	-2,542	-24.09%
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR	379	435	26	0	840	932	-92	-9.87%	4,321	4,190	131	3.13%
MECHANICSVILLE	182	205	10	0	397	410	-13	-3.17%	2,011	2,242	-231	-10.30%
METROPOLITAN	1322	2575	112	1	4010	4167	-157	-3.77%	20,702	22,740	-2,038	-8.96%
MILTON	3754	8786	467	5	13012	15695	-2683	-17.09%	61,221	68,929	-7,708	-11.18%
NORTHEAST/SPRUILL OAKS	2407	7384	515	4	10310	11542	-1232	-10.67%	49,283	51,065	-1,782	-3.49%
NORTHSIDE	2684	6244	282	4	9214	11034	-1820	-16.49%	43,859	49,419	-5,560	-11.25%
NORTHWEST @ SCOTTS CROSSING	987	2592	133	3	3715	4412	-697	-15.80%	17,702	18,788	-1,086	-5.78%
OCEE	3925	12763	917	14	17619	18952	-1333	-7.03%	80,655	88,186	-7,531	-8.54%
PALMETTO	446	930	62	0	1438	1251	187	14.95%	6,996	6,180	816	13.20%
PEACHTREE	1857	1808	117	7	3789	622	3167	509.16%	18,271	3,095	15,176	490.34%
ROSWELL	5026	9585	433	9	15053	16755	-1702	-10.16%	68,804	73,170	-4,366	-5.97%
SANDY SPRINGS	5563	11345	471	7	17386	19417	-2031	-10.46%	81,808	86,043	-4,235	-4.92%
WASHINGTON PARK	413	833	61	0	1307	1136	171	15.05%	6,661	5,774	887	15.36%
WEST END	545	878	66	1	1490	1386	104	7.50%	7,668	7,399	269	3.64%
WOLFCREEK	1266	2566	189	6	4027	4071	-44	-1.08%	18,951	19,221	-270	-1.40%
BRANCHES TOTAL	56749	118494	6429	100	181772	196568	-14796	-7.53%	865,060	907,761	-42,701	-4.70%
CENTRAL	2036	1462	130	8	3636	4130	-494	-11.96%	19,316	18,635	681	3.65%
OUTREACH SERVICES	0	0	0	0	0	1	-1	-1	0	9	-9	-100.00%
AUBURN AVENUE RESEARCH	61	0	0	0	61	49	12	24.49%	344	428	-84	-19.63%
SYSTEM TOTAL	58846	119956	6559	108	185469	200748	-15279	-7.61%	884,720	926,833	-42,113	-4.54%

FULTON COUNTY SYSTEM STATS AT A GLANCE - May 2026

AGENCY NAME	TOTAL CIRCULATION	TOTAL REGISTRATIONS	COMPUTER USAGE	LIBRARY VISITS	NUMBER OF PROGRAMS	PROGRAM ATTENDANCE	NUMBER OF MEETINGS	MEETING ROOM ATTENDANCE	VOTER REGISTRATIONS
ADAMS PARK	924	118	2785	9,908	24	71	5	30	0
ADAMSVILLE/COLLIER HEIGHTS	862	81	2826	3,951	41	92	4	22	2
ALPHARETTA	18,943	845	710	9,982	68	2484	16	359	0
BUCKHEAD	9,768	807	2356	11,851	29	926	21	280	0
CLEVELAND AVE	661	59	743	3285	12	50	8	160	0
COLLEGE PARK	1,202	124	1010	5,835	10	56	3	28	0
DOGWOOD	727	70	559	3,856	27	101	3	52	2
EAST ATLANTA	5,852	322	1589	9699	17	306	9	89	0
EAST POINT	794	220	1647	6927	38	576	37	210	0
EAST ROSWELL	12,811	409	928	14,201	33	824	7	53	5
EVELYN G. LOWERY @ CASCADE	2,477	301	1449	7,857	25	443	21	231	0
FAIRBURN	1,549	175	744	4000	21	302	25	195	5
GLADYS S. DENNARD @ SOUTH FULTON	2,834	280	1671	5,611	39	486	5	42	0
HAPEVILLE	1,511	103	1276	1068	22	345	18	276	0
JOAN P. LOWERY @ PONCE DE LEON	9,758	589	6099	10,476	49	530	1	12	0
KIRKWOOD	5,849	258	997	4,611	29	956	4	45	2
LOUISE WATLEY @ SOUTHEAST ATLANTA	1,643	346	846	3745	65	585	9	70	0
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR	840	88	479	1602	32	123	32	123	0
MECHANICSVILLE	397	52	1037	3,035	12	12	3	42	3
METROPOLITAN	4,010	257	1248	5,630	31	381	42	379	0
MILTON	13,012	446	429	6,674	49	725	8	72	7
NORTHEAST/SPRUILL OAKS	10,310	314	506	7,049	48	899	6	54	7
NORTHSIDE	9,214	364	727	6,533	8	713	0	0	0
NORTHWEST @ SCOTTS CROSSING	3,715	215	1222	8,704	22	339	0	0	0
OCEE	17,619	602	871	11,447	28	634	5	36	0
PALMETTO	1,438	82	322	3,006	21	227	1	50	0
PEACHTREE	3789	406	1547	5246	33	279	4	12	2
ROSWELL	15,053	728	993	11599	48	1245	12	96	0
SANDY SPRINGS	17,386	895	2055	23,915	73	3621	3	25	6
WASHINGTON PARK	1307	54	2151	3,925	10	59	5	45	1
WEST END	1,490	102	1820	4,371	10	46	7	56	0
WOLFCREEK	4,027	284	879	5,179	19	212	20	249	0
BRANCHES TOTAL	181,772	9,996	44,521	224,778	993	18,648	344	3,393	42
CENTRAL	3,636	493	17238	25,560	64	906	33	1126	8
VIRTUAL PROGRAMS					3	34			
OUTREACH VIRTUAL PROGRAMS	0	1			31	4080			
AUBURN AVENUE RESEARCH	61	0	102	2167	6	173	14	308	0
SYSTEM TOTAL	185,469	10,490	61,861	252,505	1097	23,841	391	4,827	50

May 2026 Executive Summary – Charts



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

