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**Revised
 FULTON COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM
 BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
 AUBURN AVENUE RESEARCH LIBRARY
 MAY 22, 2019 – 4:00 P.M.
 AGENDA**

- I. Call to Order
- II. Meditation Moment
- III. AARL Friends Presentation – Carla Morrison, AARL Friends President
- IV. Public Comment
- V. Introduction – Nicole Thompson, County Attorney
- VI. Adoption of Agenda* Doc. #19-24
- VII. Approval of Minutes – April 24, 2019* Doc. #19-23
- VIII. Chairman’s Report
- IX. Construction/Renovation Report – Paul Kaplan

<u>Contractor</u> Hogan	Group 1:	Roswell, Sandy Springs, Dogwood, Kirkwood, Washington Park, West End, Southwest
Evergreen	Group 2:	Buckhead, Ocee, Northeast, Northside, Mechanicsville
CT Darnell Construction	Group 3:	Adams Park, Adamsville, Cleveland, College Park, Ponce, East Atlanta
BuildSmart/Tebarco	Group 4:	East Point, Fairburn
Albion Scaccia		Hapeville
Winter Johnson		Central
- X. Director’s Reports Doc. #19-27
 - A. Monthly Financial Report Doc. #19-25
 - B. Monthly Usage Summary Doc. #19-26
- XI. Committee Reports:
 - A. Library Visitation – D. Chip Joyner, Vice Chairman
 - B. Bylaws and Rules – Priscilla Border and Nina Radakovich
 - C. National and State Developments – Linda Jordan and Joe Piontek
- XII. Unfinished Business
- XIII. New Business
 - A.
- XIV. Adjournment

*Action is anticipated on this item

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Bailey, Phyllis D., Chairman
Borders, Priscilla
Jordan, Linda
Joyner, D. Chip, Vice Chairman
Kaplan, Paul
Piontek, Joe
Radakovich, Nina

Also In Attendance

Claxton, Zenobia –Assistant to Director’s Office
Holloman, Gayle H. – Division Manager
Morley, Dr. Gabriel – Executive Director

Visitors Present

O’Connor, Michael, Staff, Commissioner Liz Hausmann

Chairman Phyllis D. Bailey called the meeting to order at 4:00p.m. at the Fulton County Library System.

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(MEETING BEGAN AT 4:00 P.M.)

CALL TO ORDER

CHAIRMAN PHYLLIS D. BAILEY: Good evening, ladies and gentlemen. It's 4 o'clock and I will call the meeting -- the April meeting of the Atlanta Fulton County Board of Trustees to order. We have no one here who will be a public speaker, so we can move right along.

MEDIATION MOMENT

CHAIRMAN PHYLLIS D. BAILEY: The meditation I'd like to share with you to help inspire enthusiasm: With anything we're doing, we can choose to approach it with a sense of enthusiasm and joy. Even the most insignificant task holds the promise of wonder. Enthusiasm inspires us to do what is ours to accomplish this thing. In turn, we inspire others as we share our light with the world. With our hearts wide open, we can radiate an enthusiastic, vibrant energy to every person we encounter. To each of you, please remember to be enthusiastic and joyful in all of life.

19-18 ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

CHAIRMAN PHYLLIS D. BAILEY: If you'll take a look at your agenda? Any corrections or additions? I have asked that New Business be placed in Executive Session. Any other additional corrections or changes? If not, may I have a motion to accept?

MOTION

MR. PAUL KAPLAN: I make a motion to Adopt the Agenda with the additional Executive Session as the unfinished -- it'd be under New Business, the Executive Session.

MR. D. CHIP JOYNER: Second.

CHAIRMAN PHYLLIS D. BAILEY: Moved by Mr. Paul Kaplan, seconded by Mr. Chip Joyner, that the agenda be accepted with corrections and additions. Are there any questions?

CHAIRMAN PHYLLIS D. BAILEY: All in favor?

(Whereupon, all said aye.)

CHAIRMAN PHYLLIS D. BAILEY: Opposition?

Thank you. Motion passes.

19-17 APPROVAL OF MINUTES - MARCH 27, 2019

CHAIRMAN PHYLLIS D. BAILEY: If you'll look at your minutes? If you have time, it makes it a lot easier for you if you look these over when you get the booklet at home. It really makes a difference, because all of a sudden you feel a sense of knowing what has gone on. And so when we ask about the minutes, it's a very personal thing because you understand what is written there. So I do encourage you to do that.

MOTION

MR. PAUL KAPLAN: I make a motion that we accept the minutes of March 27th, 2019.

MRS. PRISCILLA BORDERS: Second.

CHAIRMAN PHYLLIS D. BAILEY: Moved by Mr. Kaplan, seconded by Mrs. Priscilla Borders, that the minutes be adopted as presented. Questions? All in favor?

(Whereupon, all said aye.)

CHAIRMAN PHYLLIS D. BAILEY: Opposition? Motion carries.

Minutes accepted.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

CHAIRMAN PHYLLIS D. BAILEY: As for my report, I have done very little this month because I've had some personal medical issues, so that kept me at home for a bit. Other than trying to keep up with telephone calls -- but I'm able to, at this point -- I haven't been able to visit, but I plan to.

I've talked with the church and the sorority regarding Evelyn Lowery, and they are anxious to be a part of this, and I'm thinking that -- first of all, I wanted to ask if we have money for a reception and what have you, because I was going to go to them, ask them for some money.

Do we have money at all?

DR. GABRIEL MORLEY: That's going to be tricky, but you know I like to mix it up with accounting. We budgeted five hundred bucks for every reopening.

CHAIRMAN PHYLLIS D. BAILEY: Okay. Fine. So I need --

DR. GABRIEL MORLEY: So we know we can get some light refreshments. We talked to the County this week. They want to have a program so that people can come and talk and be recognized. We told them we could do that inside, in the meeting room, and block off the library proper until after the program, and then we could cut the ribbon at the entry door to the library. And that way we're out of the heat of the summer. You know, we give people plenty of opportunity to talk, and we've got a little bit of light refreshments, you know, to get people through it.

CHAIRMAN PHYLLIS D. BAILEY: Well, my thought was, I was going to ask Cascade to supplement what we have, also, I'll ask the sorority. I'm a member of both of them, so I can get away with it. But I will ask them for a supplement, because we are honoring her through a member of both. She was a member of my chapter and of the same church. So I will be asking for that.

MS. NINA RADAKOVICH: Is there a Friends Group at that branch?

CHAIRMAN PHYLLIS D. BAILEY: There was. Now, they weren't too active, but there was one at one point. Now, Gayle, you may know something more about what goes on there.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: Yes. They had one at one point, but it's been awhile. Their Book Club was actually more active than their Friends Group was.

CHAIRMAN PHYLLIS D. BAILEY: Okay. So the director's still there, the same one?

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: The manager?

CHAIRMAN PHYLLIS D. BAILEY: Yes.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: He's still there. He's been there for awhile.

CHAIRMAN PHYLLIS D. BAILEY: I'll go by one day and...

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: He's not there now.

CHAIRMAN PHYLLIS D. BAILEY: Where is he now?

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: He's at -- where is he right now? -- he's at Mechanicsville right now.

DR. GABRIEL MORLEY: Yes, because they're closed.

CHAIRMAN PHYLLIS D. BAILEY: Yes. That's right.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: Southwest is closed.

CHAIRMAN PHYLLIS D. BAILEY: They have a way to get in touch with these people?

DR. GABRIEL MORLEY: And we should say, too, right, we're -- this is a touchy topic, because we're trying to be fair to everyone. So in some cases we're not encouraging the extra participation, right. We don't want one Friends Group to have a twenty-five thousand dollar gala for their opening, and then another group has no Friends Group and it's just a few people cutting the ribbon, so --

CHAIRMAN PHYLLIS D. BAILEY: I see your point.

DR. GABRIEL MORLEY: -- we want to be very careful about the majesty of some of these proposed celebrations. Even though some have extra, the optics could be, oh, we did nothing for Cleveland Avenue, but Roswell had a hundred thousand dollar event with a Ferris wheel and a bull riding competition. And I know that seems counterintuitive, because we want to celebrate the reopenings and have the participation of the Friends and use it, but we're just trying to be mindful of that, too. So as you think of those things, you're certainly welcome to do what you want. You know, you're the Board, but --

CHAIRMAN PHYLLIS D. BAILEY: I'll leave the Friends alone --

DR. GABRIEL MORLEY: You know, we're --

CHAIRMAN PHYLLIS D. BAILEY: -- so that nobody has anything to say -- and just go to the outside groups.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: I don't know that they have a Friends Group that would be viable enough --

CHAIRMAN PHYLLIS D. BAILEY: I didn't either. I thought they had one, but I didn't know whether or not they were active. So

I'll just keep it to the outside group if they want to give something as a gift to the library.

DR. GABRIEL MORLEY: Yes.

CHAIRMAN PHYLLIS D. BAILEY: Okay. That'll smooth things out a bit so that nobody can say that we're doing something for one and not the other.

These two groups are particularly attached to her because she belonged to both. So that's what I'll do.

Any other questions or concerns about the matter?

Well, thank you very much. And next month, I certainly will be much more active, hopefully, with this thing gone.

DR. GABRIEL MORLEY: Well, you did have a visit to Milton. Was that your first time to Milton?

CHAIRMAN PHYLLIS D. BAILEY: Oh, yes. Yes, it was. It was. I was very impressed with that. And I felt that the opening there -- the celebration of the volunteers is what they did.

And I would encourage, again, each of us to go to these.

They're very, very well presented. And just getting to know the people makes a difference. All of a sudden they associate you with the Board. And it becomes much more than just something on a piece of paper. And if ever there's an incident where they need to talk with you, they'll feel certainly much more comfortable talking with you when they know there is a face going with that name.

So that was my first time there, but I was very much impressed. And I talked with Mr. Ellis, and I was very, very -- well, I've always, since he's been on the Board, I've been impressed with his candor and the fact that he is very fair in what he does, and I told him that.

So thank you.

CONSTRUCTION/RENOVATION REPORT

CHAIRMAN PHYLLIS D. BAILEY: At this time, we'll be turning it over to Mr. Kaplan.

MR. PAUL KAPLAN: It will be a combination of myself and Gayle and Gabe.

It's going along. Group One -- I'll give you Two -- for sure. Roswell really exploded out. They are moving. They're really pushing to get that done.

Sandy Springs, they're moving along. A couple of wrinkles with permits; however, everybody's pushing. There's a big push on it, and the pressure's on all of them, especially from Group One. I believe that Gayle and Gabe can tell you that. I think Dogwood, Kirkwood, Washington Park, West End, and Southwest, they're all trying to open up, all of them in May.

Are they still saying that? I don't see it happening, but --

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: Well, they're saying it, but we --

MR. PAUL KAPLAN: I don't see it happening. I don't think it's going to happen. And if it does happen, we're going to be scrambling. What's the next one? What do you think the next one's going to be? Sandy Springs, they were supposed to get that done May 2nd? That's not too far away.

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

MR. PAUL KAPLAN: I just don't know how they're going to do it.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: That's a stretch, too.

MR. PAUL KAPLAN: Huh?

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: That's a stretch, too.

MR. PAUL KAPLAN: It is a stretch. I could tell you it's a stretch. I see at least two more weeks left. The way they were battling, it was lucky they're all still laying on the board. That's still sitting and working over there. So it's going along.

Group Two, nothing's closed at this point. Group Two could end up being a little longer than we all anticipated. What was the initial closure of getting that done? When did they say they were going to have Group Two? Did they ever say anything at all to you or Gayle?

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: They've got a lot of -- October-November time span right now, so -- for substantial completion, so it's still very much up in the air. They don't have the permits. They don't have -- you've got to get your design in so they can get the permits. And so that's where we are with that.

MR. PAUL KAPLAN: The good thing is, we're not closing any of them until --

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: We've asked not to do that.

MR. PAUL KAPLAN: We're not going to get caught anymore in that. The contractor will tell you one thing. You close it, then you wait. Three months later then we're in there. We could have had the darn thing open for three or four... Roswell, for instance, that's one right there.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: Yes.

MR. PAUL KAPLAN: So that's not going to happen.

Group Three, Adams Park just closed. Am I right saying that? They got the permit?

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: Yes. Adams Park closed on April 15.

MR. PAUL KAPLAN: April 15. So they got the permit too.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: Yes.

DR. GABRIEL MORLEY: And they're already moved out and doing demo.

MR. PAUL KAPLAN: They are doing a demo.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: Yes.

MR. PAUL KAPLAN: What about East Atlanta and Cleveland and Ponce? Well, Ponce, no. Ponce is still open.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: Yes. All of those are still open.

MR. PAUL KAPLAN: When's anticipation of those to be closed?

DR. GABRIEL MORLEY: But we did accelerate --

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: College Park --

MR. PAUL KAPLAN: College Park --

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: -- on 5/13.

MR. PAUL KAPLAN: Right.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: They got their permit.

DR. GABRIEL MORLEY: And Cleveland should be right behind. That arborist issue should get resolved in the next ten days or so. And so we've allowed them to overlap these projects. They said they have the capacity. We want to get these going and get them over with, so we told them if they can get the permit for Cleveland Avenue, we'll close it and work on it, too. That allowed us to push East Atlanta and Ponce back into 2019,1 but they were trying to drift it out to 2020. And we're trying to avoid all of those 2020 projects.

MR. PAUL KAPLAN: East Point and Fairburn are going to be the first libraries to be opened. Fairburn, I think, will be first, and East Point following. And that's getting up -- how close are we to Fairburn to get it done?

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: Well, Fairburn's staff returned to the branch on this past Monday, the 22nd.

MR. PAUL KAPLAN: Right.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: East Point's staff returned today, the 24th. And so we're hoping to be able to open them sometime in May.

MR. PAUL KAPLAN: So those will be the first libraries to be opened -- to reopen, the first ones being renovated. Hapeville, I believe, is going along. I think -- when are they actually starting construction, starting anything on there; do you know? Anything? Any word yet on that?

DR. GABRIEL MORLEY: No. The last was we got the variance. Remember, our roof was too close to the sidewalk, or the road, and so we got the variance. So then the City Council has to approve that variance, and then we go back to the City and the County trying to work out that agreement now that all the paperwork's cleared. So that was the last I've heard, unless Gayle has an update.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: No.

DR. GABRIEL MORLEY: I think they meet Friday.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: We do.

DR. GABRIEL MORLEY: Friday, Hapeville --

MR. PAUL KAPLAN: Friday meet? Central's going along. I have not been in Central at all since they started anything at all. I have never -- I haven't been over. You guys walked through it?

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: I haven't walked it, but they've got quite a bit going on starting on the eighth floor. They were telling us at our last OAC meeting with Winter Johnson. So that was last week. We meet again with them tomorrow.

MR. PAUL KAPLAN: Tomorrow? Are we putting new elevator caps in there, because originally we had the money? DREAM was going to do it. It was under -- I think it was under their contract. Do we know if it was under ours? No? Did they throw it back at us?

DR. GABRIEL MORLEY: I don't know. They were having elevator problems.

MR. PAUL KAPLAN: I know we temporarily fixed the elevator, the switches and stuff, but then they were going to put new caps and new equipment on it. Do you know if that's still going to happen?

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: I don't know what's going on with it yet -- right now.

DR. GABRIEL MORLEY: I was looking for -- we have some pictures of Atlanta. I was going to show you the holes they've cut in the floor.

MR. D. CHIP JOYNER: For which?

DR. GABRIEL MORLEY: Central.

MR. D. CHIP JOYNER: Also, I have a question on Buckhead. Has a private development company reached out about contributing to the streetscape of the library in Buckhead?

DR. GABRIEL MORLEY: Not to me.

MR. D. CHIP JOYNER: A group reached out through a developer friend of mine and asked if I thought -- I said of course I don't know, but I can ask -- if part of a development nearby, if they can put some enhancements into the streetscape at their expense at the Buckhead library.

And then if they could, or who could answer the question, where do they go?

DR. GABRIEL MORLEY: I think they'll have to talk to Al, because there's really not that much space. I mean, it's the sidewalk and then the road right there. I don't even think there's any grass, is there?

MR. PAUL KAPLAN: I think there's a little patch in the front, because they took most of it out.

DR. GABRIEL MORLEY: And, remember, we had to move the position of our sign, because the signs are lit, so we had to move our sign so we could get electricity to it.

MR. D. CHIP JOYNER: Do we still have the sculptures out there?

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: The Buck Storyteller? Yes.

DR. GABRIEL MORLEY: I just don't think there's any landscaping space in the front. The side has a little bit of grass where people walk their dog.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: Yes. That's where they walk their dogs.

DR. GABRIEL MORLEY: But we were going to fence that off to prevent that. Al will be the best person, though, because Al can say yes or no. Because truly -- you were on the Board, but it was before I got here, another group approached about like renovating the front of a façade or something.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: They talked about it before.

DR. GABRIEL MORLEY: So Al will know the details and can be able to say, you know, yes or no, or at least how else we could proceed. I don't know who else would make the decision.

MR. JOE PIONTEK: I'm glad you brought it up, because I couldn't figure out where to fit this in either. The Roswell Downtown Development Authority chairman approached me the other day with exactly the same sort of thing. They want to privately fund some streetscape, some landscaping around the library. I said we certainly don't have any money in our budget for landscaping. But they want to come in and participate as well. So Al --

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: There is some landscaping that would be a part of it.

MR. JOE PIONTEK: I said it was for the --

CHAIRMAN PHYLLIS D. BAILEY: Maybe not to the level that they are talking about.

MR. JOE PIONTEK: Right. But it was their money. They're talking about raising funds privately for it.

DR. GABRIEL MORLEY: We'll have a little bit of space there, right? Because now the front's moved out, so it's minimized the grass, but I think the sign is still right in the middle, right, not on the corner. So the corner might be a spot, you know, where there's room, and...

MR. JOE PIONTEK: And there's a little strip that runs down Forest Street that I think they're also talking about.

MR. D. CHIP JOYNER: Often these developers, if they're doing something around, they want uniformed lighting, uniformed landscaping.

DR. GABRIEL MORLEY: Who should Al talk to with your project?

MR. JOE PIONTEK: Randy Schultz, the chairman of the DDA, the Downtown Development Authority in Roswell. I'll give you his number.

MR. D. CHIP JOYNER: And I can get you the number of the contact.

DR. GABRIEL MORLEY: And you said Roswell and --

MR. PAUL KAPLAN: The biggest thing, if we're going to make any changes, and it's going to go on the plans, we got to get them in right away. Because when they get to permitting, it could end up holding up a lot of stuff.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: Yes. That's going to be a real problem --

MR. PAUL KAPLAN: That's always been a problem.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: And it might have to go to the Commissioners.

CHAIRMAN PHYLLIS D. BAILEY: Oh, dear.

MR. JOE PIONTEK: Or probably a landscaping crew.

DR. GABRIEL MORLEY: You would think -- ask Paul about the birdhouse.

MR. PAUL KAPLAN: I still talk about that. I still remember the birdhouse.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: A five hundred dollar birdhouse.

DR. GABRIEL MORLEY: You would think...

MR. PAUL KAPLAN: Okay. But so the elevator is one thing. The signage for all the libraries, is it in? Is it stocked someplace? Is it all ready to go?

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: You mean the monument sign?

MR. PAUL KAPLAN: The signage for the libraries.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: Or the interior?

MRS. NINA RADAKOVICH: Fulton County Library.

MR. PAUL KAPLAN: Outside.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: Exterior.

MR. PAUL KAPLAN: Exterior. Are they in stock? Where are they at? Are we ordering them --

DR. GABRIEL MORLEY: They're ordered as they progress, right. So we -- like, we put some interior signage at East Point and Fairburn, but we don't have it for every project we're doing.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: Not yet.

MR. PAUL KAPLAN: Okay.

DR. GABRIEL MORLEY: We just approved for Group Two.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: I think so.

DR. GABRIEL MORLEY: But the monument signs should all be approved. We did those already. We're just getting them in when we can, because we don't -- we're not really storing things.

MR. PAUL KAPLAN: You're not storing outside or anything, okay.

DR. GABRIEL MORLEY: And because -- we talked about that with the furniture, too. If you really want to know how complicated these things are, it's not just as easy as moving College Park forward, because technically we haven't approved the College Park furniture. Then after we approve it, it's got to get on BOC agenda so BOC can authorize us to buy it.

So that's what Gayle kept saying, wait a minute. If we accelerate it, would we even have furniture? And the furniture guy is saying, I don't know. You know, we'll have to see. It's going to take at least twelve weeks to order and get in. You know, how quickly are you going to do the construction?

So you're -- you know, you're not prepared for those conversations. You might be in construction, but we're just thinking, yes, let's do it, and you don't realize all the other little pieces that add up to where you want to be.

Because I think we just got the pods in, didn't we? Didn't Edgar say they just came in?

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: Two days ago, yes -- Denmark.

DR. GABRIEL MORLEY: We were sweating that, because they were coming from normal.

And some, I think Al told me, too, the octagonal pieces we have, we have some that we ordered for another branch when we thought it was going to be ready. And now that it's not ready and some others are, we're just going to swap drop that furniture.

So we're trying to keep things moving forward as much as we can. And we can always make adjustments. You all know that was our overarching principle was to keep these projects flexible so that as things change and happen, today, tomorrow, and five years from now we can make those adjustments and not be penalized.

I don't see those pictures, Paul. I'll have to look somewhere else.

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

CHAIRMAN PHYLLIS D. BAILEY: Thank you very much. You seem to -- you're very involved. And I appreciate that.

Any questions or concerns from any member of the Board?

19-22 DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

CHAIRMAN PHYLLIS D. BAILEY: Okay. We will move to Director's Reports.

DR. GABRIEL MORLEY: Oh, I have something very exciting to say, and I want to get it on the public record. Today is Administrative Professionals Day. I want to say thank you to Zenobia for all of her work.

MRS. ZENOBIA CLAXTON: Thank you.

DR. GABRIEL MORLEY: And we tried -- I don't know if you saw -- the County today was doing some streaming tweets, and social media, and stuff, and I sent them some of those. I don't know if you're on their social media.

I did not use your picture, though. Claudia was sending me all kinds of pictures of you off the Internet, saying, use this one. And then, no, that's not appropriate.

But we have some other administrative assistants, too, you know, Peggie Watson. We want to thank Rose Lewis does a good job for us, Cassandra Turnipseed. Edith has done some administrative work, and I think is now in the Finance Department. So we appreciate what everybody's doing, especially while we're displaced. I mean, it's become even more cumbersome to try and figure out how to keep up with everything.

So thank you again.

19-19 MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

DR. GABRIEL MORLEY: No big, you know, horrible budget news. You all know we're trying to maintain a lot of different things. Remember, originally, when we set the budget, we had all these beautiful plans, and we said, oh, well, we'll only need this much of the year for this or that. And so we made our assumptions based on the data we had at the time. And now we find out things like we need security at different places earlier or later than we thought. You know, things have changed.

Some of the budget things we'll have to make adjustments for. Some CIP, the Capital Improvement Project, bond money can pick up. We don't have anything that's outstanding or glaring. We are -- and remember, I've mentioned this before -- we have several projects that were not necessarily our projects that were put in our shop. That was the Aquaponics Program, the Lynching Memorial Program, GeoAg is also rolled up in our shop. It's not reflected on here, because it's not...

Remember, Cooperative Extension is part of the library, sort of, but we're not keeping up with it in here, right, because our charge is just the library.

So some of these things don't appear on here, but we're still facilitating those. So we're working on some of those other projects. We may -- I told you last time we gave Cooperative Extension fifty thousand so they could get their person, in hopes they would earn that back later in the year.

And we may do that with some security costs as we get closer, because when we -- you may not realize, but when we move stuff into these buildings but we're still not open, we want to have a guard there all the time. You know, we don't want to put a

hundred thousand dollars worth of furniture in Sandy Springs and then leave it open.

And so we'll have a guard there until we can get the alarm system going and have some cameras working and operational and all of those things.

So bear with us as we work through some of these issues. We'll get where we need to be. You know, nothing is catastrophic at this point.

We got our Summer Reading funding from the Foundation, so that will help bolster some of the programs at places that don't traditionally have robust Summer Reading Programs. And that's also not reflected in this budget.

19-20 MONTHLY USAGE SUMMARY

DR. GABRIEL MORLEY: Statistically, remember, same kind of thing, the statistics are very convoluted because we have branches opening and closing at different periods of time. Remember, one of our KPIs, one of the things we do know we can control is the Virtual Circulation, because we still want to promote it in all of our branches; it's still available 24/7 to people. They can register for their online card. There should really be no barriers.

We built that KPI for the County around Virtual Circ. If you look, you can see it was up over twenty thousand items this March versus last March. And we're up forty percent for the year already just in the first three months. So we're doing very well there.

Summer Reading is coming up. We're not measuring our Summer Reading this year as part of the KPI because we're just not sure what that's going to look like in every place where we go. Circulation, Brazos was telling me, is doing very well, year over year. Remember, we changed the way we count Circulation this year so it's more representative of what we're actually circulating. And so, even though it looks like it's down, if we compare apples to apples, then we're above where we were last year.

So we're ironing these out. We will probably make some more adjustments, you know, at the end of this year, before we start 2020.

We've hired a data analytics person, so that person is really going to take on some of these statistical measures, look at what we're measuring, see if it's still important for what we want to know moving forward and we can make adjustments there. No real big surprises at some of these. I do want to say, though, if you go back and you look at some of these, and they have data for libraries that are closed, that that can happen.

Like a great example, Gayle and I were at East Point yesterday and we were walking through the empty building that's been closed, you know, for eight or nine months, and we noticed someone had returned three books, and they were all on the floor. They had come through the book slot.

So, you know, as things happen, you know, we're still doing the library business. So you might see, well, wow, this one's been closed. How do they have Circulation? You know, those kinds of things happen. So we're taking care of all that kind of stuff, cleaning it up.

19-21 QUARTERLY CUSTOMER SERVICE REPORT

DR. GABRIEL MORLEY: Remember, we do a Quarterly Report on Customer Service Comments and closings, so you have two additional reports this month.

You can see, we do the quarterly total and then the year to year. Remember, this year, we are also, for the entire year, we'll have the LibAnswers product, which is our automated system where we're trying to funnel all of our questions, comments complaints. All those things we hear from citizens, should be in one spot now.

And we -- obviously, I mean, it should be clear to everyone, we're getting a huge increase in the number of questions as people call and say, are you open? Where can I go?

I'll tell you another funny story. We were walking the parking lot at East Point yesterday. A guy zooms into the gravel parking lot next door, slams on the brakes, opens his door, and starts waving his hand out screaming, are you open?

And Gayle said, no. Go on down the road. And so he said, where? We said, go to Cleveland Avenue.

So people are anxious for us to get back open. They want to be part of what we've done. And they're trying to find out, constantly, what's happening.

And we're trying to update the website as quickly as possible, but as you see, just like I told you, we had that meeting today, Monday afternoon, and found out about College Park. So then by the time we can coordinate everything, a day or two later, get Claudia to update that information, you know, things happen very quickly.

And you can see, if you look at -- I don't know what page it is -- the second page of the Customer Service Comments - you know, people want the faxing, which we're not doing. We will have the scanning capabilities when all these places open. The longer checkout period, I think we talked about, we just haven't ever decided to do it. Increase lighting over computers. Hopefully, that gets worked out in the renovations.

And for those of you, too, who weren't here earlier, we had some mixed feelings about all the rain, right. We knew there were some leaks at old buildings like Northside and Ponce, and the rain really showed us that, but we were also able to find out that some of the new buildings that we're renovating had some leaks, too.

So while we're still engaged with those contractors and they're under contract, we're able to get them to work on the roof and repair those issues before they really become issues.

QUARTERLY LIBRARY CLOSURE REPORT

DR. GABRIEL MORLEY: And I don't think we had any significant closings. We closed Northside for the leak. It flooded the entire entrance. There was no way for patrons to get safely into and out of the building. Ponce will close -- or, no, maybe they won't close that. I think the -- remember, we rent the Ponce library, so the landlord needed to do some water and sewer work and had to cut power -- or cut water to the building, but they agreed to provide Port-O-Lets, and so we didn't have to close there.

I don't think we had any other closures, maybe an hour or two, here and there with a power outage or something from the storms, but nothing major.

And, remember, that's our goal, too. I know some of us weren't here when we started this, but, remember, the overarching goal of the Capital Improvement Program was to repair the buildings, the infrastructure, the air conditioning, the carpeting, the windows, all of those things that had gone for twenty or thirty years with little maintenance and upkeep.

So these are not new issues. The ones that are in bad shape, you know, we're working to correct those with the renovations. That's all I have.

CHAIRMAN PHYLLIS D. BAILEY: Thank you.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: Madam Chair?

CHAIRMAN PHYLLIS D. BAILEY: Yes.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: I have a couple of comments.

CHAIRMAN PHYLLIS D. BAILEY: Yes, ma'am.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: Going back to the -- sorry I'm late -- like I said, the traffic was messed up, but I'm here.

But in the summary, when you go back to the members present, on the first page, the members absent, they have Ms. Priscilla Borders present and absent.

So I want to make sure the correction, you know, for the record, she was here, from what I recall, right?

CHAIRMAN PHYLLIS D. BAILEY: She was.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: So can we make that correction? Ms. Priscilla Borders was present. They've got -- we have present and absent.

DR. GABRIEL MORLEY: Oh, it's in both places. I see.

CHAIRMAN PHYLLIS D. BAILEY: On March 27th?

MS. LINDA JORDAN: The last meeting, were you here, right?

MRS. PRISCILLA BORDERS: I -- no, I wasn't.

MRS. ZENOBIA CLAXTON: She wasn't here.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: So if she was absent, then we have present.

DR. GABRIEL MORLEY: I got you.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: Okay. No problem. Just want to make sure we make that correction.

CHAIRMAN PHYLLIS D. BAILEY: She couldn't be in two --

MS. LINDA JORDAN: Two places at the same time, right?

And then, secondly, I wanted to bring up the -- wait. What other thing was I going to bring up? Oh, Douglasville. I met with somebody today from Douglasville. They want to talk to us about our Library System. They want to meet with you to see if we can give them some insight as to how they can better prepare. I don't really know their Library System, but I met one of the City Council members today, and she just brought it up to me, so I'm going to give it to you.

MR. PAUL KAPLAN: Where's Douglasville?

MS. LINDA JORDAN: Douglasville is near me. I live in the city of South Fulton. So it's like about ten miles -- my sister lives there -- about ten milels from the city of South Fulton. And she wants to know how they can, you know, improve the Library System; how they can try to get sponsors, this, that, and the other, to raise money and whatnot. So I wanted to bring that to your attention.

CHAIRMAN PHYLLIS D. BAILEY: Also, our supervisory overseer, Dr. Rochelle, she lives in Douglasville.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: My sister loves it. It's a nice spot. The other point I want to bring up is that -- I'm not really sure about -- but like when we come in here, like with these people out here, I feel like disenfranchised sometimes. They don't know how to be nice. They don't know how to speak to anybody. They're always, sign in, this, that, and the other. And like the other day -- the last meeting that we had, I was trying to go out and maybe just like sit in a corner to do a meeting. And they're like, where are you going; where are you going? So we need to talk to our --

DR. GABRIEL MORLEY: You mean the guards?

MS. LINDA JORDAN: That new guard, he's no joke.

DR. GABRIEL MORLEY: Which one?

MS. LINDA JORDAN: The guard out there.

CHAIRMAN PHYLLIS D. BAILEY: Big guy? He's so nice to me.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: Does anybody else feel the same way?

CHAIRMAN PHYLLIS D. BAILEY: He's been very nice to me.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: He's always been very nice over the years, but if he doesn't know you or recognize you, he can be gruff. And that shouldn't be the way it is.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: But that's our problem, because we're not telling them who we are and what we do. I'm not trying to be somebody...

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: It shouldn't matter, though. It ought to be consistent, good customer service.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: Exactly.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: I know what you're talking about. He's been really nice to a lot of us because he knows us. But that shouldn't be the way we do business. So -- but he's nice enough --

MS. LINDA JORDAN: So when I came in today late and I was like trying to rush in -- who are you? My thing is that we need to make sure we have consistent customer service across the board. Period. When people come into the library, okay, thank you for coming, this, that, and -- whatever we need to say. Do we need a script?

Joe, do we need a script?

MR. JOE PIONTEK: Do we need a script? No.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: I'm like -- I get frustrated. Every time I come here, they've treated me that way.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: I didn't know that.

DR. GABRIEL MORLEY: But always the guard? Because, technically, the guard shouldn't be --

MS. LINDA JORDAN: The guard is -- yes, him.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: There should be other people on the desk, too, though.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: It's a lady on the desk, but the guard is the first one to say, who are you and whatnot.

MS. NINA RADAKOVICH: I will say, last month or the month before, I cut myself in the bathroom on one of the latches, which is another issue, but she was so nice. She immediately --

MS. LINDA JORDAN: The lady, yes.

MS. NINA RADAKOVICH: -- got a Band-Aid, put it on my finger, and said, oh, you know --

MS. LINDA JORDAN: The lady is good. I'm not knocking the guard. That's his job. But I'm just saying that we need to figure out -- because they want to make sure nobody comes in here to

disrupt things. I understand that. But it's just, like, what's the customer service piece.

Like, for instance, they had an event here a week ago or so that I was supposed to come. I didn't make it. But I wonder how they treated all those people that came in here to their auditorium. I don't know. I'm asking the question: What can we do, not just for here, but overall, to make sure our people are saying the right things and whatnot. And you've got to be aware of like the types of people coming in that may be no good. So I'm just saying, what do we do? How do we figure it out? Do we have cameras? That's all I'm asking.

CHAIRMAN PHYLLIS D. BAILEY: How do we address that?

DR. GABRIEL MORLEY: We can check on it. I mean, we can talk to Alex. This is an ongoing issue. The guard company, the contract changes every couple of years, you know, and they don't really do a lot of training. They just hire someone, send them over, and then we're expected to train them on what we want them to do.

And we have myriad issues where they don't show up. They'll show up for a little while. They'll show up when they feel like it. They'll do what they want. So we go through a lot of guards. There's a high turnover. We've been trying to get somebody at Ponce for a month, maybe.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: About a month.

DR. GABRIEL MORLEY: And they can't even provide someone to get to Ponce. So the contract's technically with Fulton County, right. So Fulton County P.D. manages the guard contract, and then we, you know, get Alex to manage our piece, so we can talk to Alex, get him to do --

MS. LINDA JORDAN: So do we as board members need to speak to the Commissioners and say -- because, remember, you had the issue at the library?

DR. GABRIEL MORLEY: Yes.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: So what do we need to do? Tell us what to do as Board members.

DR. GABRIEL MORLEY: You can. I mean, it's an ongoing issue that was going on before I got here. It's been going on since I've been here. They've -- you know, they'll -- it's one of those like the cleaning crews where they'll say, okay, we're not going to hire this company anymore. We're going to hire other company. And then the other company hires the exact same people.

And so what we've done to try to mitigate it is we've told the staff, if there are people who aren't doing what you need, or

aren't performing the way we want, then let Alex know and he can get a different one to come through. And then when you find one you like, hold onto them, you know. And try to get them where you want them to be. And I would say, not to defend what they're doing, but I think this one is particularly tough because those Central patrons have tried to migrate here, and we're trying to stem some of that. So they've taken a much more aggressive approach with people trying to keep them at bay before they get in here and really get things riled up.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: And I understand that, right. I understand that.

DR. GABRIEL MORLEY: But we'll definitely remind them, I mean. And like Gayle said, I mean, we -- she always has a good example of Chicago. When you go in Chicago, the guard's there, and you see them, but they're not the first presence you encounter. And, I guess, here, this is -- it's a small lobby. You come in, and they're right on you.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: Is there any way we can --

CHAIRMAN PHYLLIS D. BAILEY: Joe?

MS. LINDA JORDAN: -- provide --

CHAIRMAN PHYLLIS D. BAILEY: Oh, I'm sorry.

MR. JOE PIONTEK: I was just going to suggest, there was -- maybe they cleaned it up by the time you got here -- but there was a lot of people milling around for a --

MS. LINDA JORDAN: Oh, maybe so.

MR. JOE PIONTEK: There were a lot of people just -- what was the --

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: Trying to help people who are previously in jail so that they don't fall back into recidivism.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: I like that.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: So they had a big, big event all day.

MR. JOE PIONTEK: But it was lots of folks milling around.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: So that might have been --

MR. JOE PIONTEK: No excuse for that, but you do run right into the guards when you come here.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: So that could have been part of it.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: It could've been, yes.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: Not that we're trying to excuse it, because there shouldn't --

DR. GABRIEL MORLEY: Yes. It's worth a reminder. We can definitely tell them.

CHAIRMAN PHYLLIS D. BAILEY: Is there any way we can say to the guards when we're having our meeting so they will know that we are coming in?

DR. GABRIEL MORLEY: Yes. I think they know.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: They don't know. They do not know.
Period.

DR. GABRIEL MORLEY: Maybe they're doing building control, you know, to keep up with how many people are --

MS. LINDA JORDAN: And I'm not trying to say you need to know me. I'm just saying that we have a board meeting going on and we're going to the room. I'm not like that. I'm just saying, to Chip's point. He didn't know we had a meeting going on, so.

MS. NINA RADAKOVICH: They did not ask me to sign in.

MRS. ZENOBIA CLAXTON: They know.

CHAIRMAN PHYLLIS D. BAILEY: They didn't ask me to sign in either.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: And I asked her do I need to sign in? She said no.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: They made me sign in. I think it's after a certain time, though. I think it's after a certain time you have to sign in.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: We just need to find out.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: But we are the leaders of this. So why do we have an issue with that? Something's not going on right. Paul, say something. Say something, Paul.

MR. PAUL KAPLAN: First of all, the guards are not under our control. They're under Fulton County. So even if I go ahead and I train all the guards, say we have somebody from the library train all the guards and everybody works perfect, contract comes up, they pull the contract out, guards are gone. Now, we're starting from square one. They're not under our control. It's not part of the library. It's part of Fulton County.

Same thing in construction. They build the building. We take care of everything on the inside. The story is, we got to work with Fulton County.

It is not part of the library itself. I came from a place that we controlled everything. Here, it doesn't work that way. I'm learning that you can't do it. We can help out, but that's it. But the guards, it's a very difficult thing.

We had problems at Central. We had a major problem at Central with the guard at that time.

You know, it's a very difficult thing to do. You have to train them. And we had the one gentleman, who's our -- who's our head person?

DR. GABRIEL MORLEY: Alex.

MR. PAUL KAPLAN: He works with us.

DR. GABRIEL MORLEY: Yes.

MR. PAUL KAPLAN: He's the one that does the training. And he's the one we have to get it to. But I'll tell you, it's going to be difficult to do. It's very hard with guards.

DR. GABRIEL MORLEY: It's ongoing, for sure.

MR. PAUL KAPLAN: It's ongoing, and we've done a lot -- how many times has it changed since I've been on the Board? I mean, it changed twice in one year.

CHAIRMAN PHYLLIS D. BAILEY: Really?

MR. PAUL KAPLAN: The guards don't show up. They don't show up.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: It's a hard job.

MR. PAUL KAPLAN: It's a very difficult thing. We don't pay them -- I'm assuming they don't pay a lot of money.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: Probably not --

CHAIRMAN PHYLLIS D. BAILEY: That's probably why.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: And no benefits.

MR. PAUL KAPLAN: No.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: So I'm not trying to be negative. I'm just saying.

MR. PAUL KAPLAN: No, I understand. And when I go into a library, I always have my identification out, unless I don't want anybody to know I'm there.

Unfortunately, somehow they know who I am. Maybe it's my hair. Must be my hairdo or something like that.

But I always have identification on me. They know who I am.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: That's smart.

MR. PAUL KAPLAN: So it's an ongoing thing. It really is.

MS. NINA RADAKOVICH: Ideally, the contract would have a provision which would say that the guards were subject to the authority of the Library Director.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: Really? Okay. That makes sense.

MR. PAUL KAPLAN: I don't believe that's in the policy.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: It's not in the policy now, but the question is do we need to provide that to Fulton County to say that? I don't know. I'm not a lawyer, but that makes a lot of sense.

MS. NINA RADAKOVICH: We could, but Fulton County may not agree.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: They may not agree to it. That's true.

MS. NINA RADAKOVICH: But it's very hard when you have absentee supervision.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: But we can bring that up as a potential matter, potential matter. Madam Chair, what do you think about that?

CHAIRMAN PHYLLIS D. BAILEY: Well, I think that would be a good idea to bring it up. Another suggestion would be that all of us wear a badge --

MS. LINDA JORDAN: That's true.

CHAIRMAN PHYLLIS D. BAILEY: -- to make sure when they see us coming, they see the badge, because I stopped out in the parking lot today to put this thing up here.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: Right. Well, Paul, I like this badge. He has a badge that --

CHAIRMAN PHYLLIS D. BAILEY: It shouldn't matter.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: I don't have that. Do you all have that?

CHAIRMAN PHYLLIS D. BAILEY: No, I don't have that.

MR. PAUL KAPLAN: You should have gone --

MS. LINDA JORDAN: We need to have this, because I would love to go somewhere and show that badge, because I --

MR. PAUL KAPLAN: You've got to --

MS. LINDA JORDAN: Nobody has a badge like that.

CHAIRMAN PHYLLIS D. BAILEY: No. This is the only thing that I have.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: This is the only thing we have.

MRS. ZENOBIA CLAXTON: I submitted it for everyone to go and get one. But I can send you another one tomorrow.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: We need -- all of them. Nobody else has that. We just have that right there.

MRS. ZENOBIA CLAXTON: You have to go to the government --

MR. JOE PIONTEK: You have to go to the Government Center.

MRS. ZENOBIA CLAXTON: You have to go to the Government Center.

MR. PAUL KAPLAN: You have to go to the police department. I thought everybody on the Board here had it.

CHAIRMAN PHYLLIS D. BAILEY: I'll go into the Government Center.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: When we show up with something like this with our picture and all that on it, it's better than showing up with what you have on, Dr. Bailey. You know what I'm saying?

CHAIRMAN PHYLLIS D. BAILEY: Yes. I understand what you're saying.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: So that'll show them that we are the legitimate. It's got our face and our names and all that.

CHAIRMAN PHYLLIS D. BAILEY: Right. Right. He usually greets me by name when I come, without saying a word.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: Right. It's the same with me, but I'm saying, to me, that would --

CHAIRMAN PHYLLIS D. BAILEY: That would be even more effective. You're absolutely right about that. Any other concerns?

COMMITTEE REPORTS

LIBRARY VISITATION

CHAIRMAN PHYLLIS D. BAILEY: Okay. Committee Reports. Library Visitations. Dr. Joyner.

MR. D. CHIP JOYNER: I reached back out to my Commissioner. Still trying to get back on his schedule to try to do some visits together. My Commissioner visits -- attends a lot of events in this district, so he's familiar with the libraries. But wanted to try to do a visit together. It would be fairly constructive, and it'll make sure I'm serving the district well and the Commissioner well.

I'd encourage others to come up with new ideas, or share some ideas, and they can reach out to their Commissioner, too. Kill two birds with one stone, because I know we often have to reach out to them for one reason or another.

And so once I successfully do that, then we can get the visits together, I'll be sure to share some of that feedback.

But has anyone gotten a chance to visit a library yet?

MRS. PRISCILLA BORDERS: I had time off from work. Finally visited MLK in an official capacity. That's been my neighborhood library. I always get books there for my son. And the first thing I did, I did give them kudos, because every time I go and my son goes, I have great service, and they've always been pleasant. Everything I've ordered has always been there on time. And it's ease of access for everything. I had a chance to talk with Casey, who's the librarian there, and she gave me a lot of insight. And one thing she didn't know, that since Central closed, the number of patrons that come to that library has also increased.

And her wish list is they want a bigger space. I'm like, I don't know. I'll bring that up to the Board. I don't know. But she did say they'd like a bigger space. And my question to her is, I know MLK does not have meeting rooms, but they have been very -- let's just say thinking out of the box of how to give meeting times to people who want meetings.

What they do is they usually have times blocked off for people who want to have meetings approved before the library opens. And so that's great. That's really good to know. We arrange furniture and everything for whatever organization wants to meet, so that was a good thing that she told me. And she did get my information that I dropped off earlier to connect them with a school, Hope Hill Elementary School.

They did make that connection, and apparently met with them, so they're trying to get together what kind of programs they can spearhead together with the school.

And my goals are to try to get the other schools' contact information to her as well, because what they're trying to concentrate on right now is reaching out to tweens.

So I told them I know a couple of organizations in the neighborhood that's trying to do that effort. Maybe you guys can collaborate together. And I told her when David T. Howard comes onboard -- it's scheduled to be opened in another year -- and that's going to be a middle school -- that will be another avenue for them to get in touch with the teenagers in that regard.

But I was really pleased with the meeting, and I was really pleased with their enthusiasm. I asked if there were any issues they had, absent personnel. We're not going to deal with that. The only issue that they had with the structure of the building is that they have condensation in one of the windows, and they had like a little box under that window. But it's nothing with the rain. It's condensation with the windows. But anything else was fine. So I was really pleased.

DR. GABRIEL MORLEY: Yes. We will need to -- we just renewed the lease on MLK, but the owner has told us he does not want to renew again. So we have, you know, three or four years to decide what we're going to do there; if we want to get out of that space altogether, if we want to try to find another home we can lease, if we want to try to do something else, but we will need to figure that out at some point over the next couple of years.

MR. D. CHIP JOYNER: How many square feet is that building?

DR. GABRIEL MORLEY: Not many.

MR. D. CHIP JOYNER: It's small.

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: Two thousand.

DR. GABRIEL MORLEY: It's tiny.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: So Dr. Morley, I have a question. When the school year starts off, do we do any kind of push to say to the kids to sign up, get your library card? Do we do any kind of advertisement on that, or any kind of kickoff with that to say, library cards --

DR. GABRIEL MORLEY: Not anymore, because we gave them all a card, remember? Every Atlanta Public School student has a card now. It's their student ID number. That's the CLASS Pass.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: So how do we kind of keep marketing that? Because sometimes people forget that you can get a -- I mean, how do we going into the New Year, how do we market that?

DR. GABRIEL MORLEY: We do several things. APS has their big back to school conference or whatever it is, when all the teachers are there, media specialists. We go to that. We have a table there; we talk to them.

Remember, we have three Outreach librarians that do nothing but work in the schools every day. So they're there constantly.

And through the CLASS Pass, part of what we're asking the Atlanta schools is that we can be more involved with their learning modules so we can push out some of our information through their portal, and it gets to the parents, it gets to the kids, and that's where we are.

Remember, because we just did the pass last year, so now we're on that phase where we're trying to feel each other out to see what they're willing to allow and what we're able to do.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: So I know Erika Mitchell. She's the District 5 APS school board member. I think she would be willing to help us in what we're trying to do.

My question is: How to have the numbers changed from this year to last year as far as the kids -- I mean, the kids getting their cards and whatnot?

I'm trying to understand the statistics, the data, to see where we are and are we doing better? But I would say that Erika Mitchell is someone from District 5 that could probably help us to push it out with APS.

CHAIRMAN PHYLLIS D. BAILEY: District 5?

MS. LINDA JORDAN: Yes. She's a school board member.

CHAIRMAN PHYLLIS D. BAILEY: Okay. District 5.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: Yes. She's a real sharp lady.

DR. GABRIEL MORLEY: For Atlanta or for Fulton County?

MS. LINDA JORDAN: She's from Atlanta, but we're doing Atlanta and Fulton, right?

DR. GABRIEL MORLEY: No. Fulton's a separate school board.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: Right. I know that. I know that. I'm just saying, but I thought they were all -- like, we were all part of that because of what we talked about in the past.

CHAIRMAN PHYLLIS D. BAILEY: According to --

MRS. GAYLE H. HOLLOMAN: APS and Fulton.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: Scratch freeze on anything I said wrong, but I'm just asking. I'm just asking questions. How do we get the kids to start off on the library? That's all I'm asking.

MRS. PRISCILLA BORDERS: But I've accessed it, and I think it's phenomenal, because they have Mango languages, and my son takes Spanish. I've gone in there and said we're doing this too. I mean, all the things that you can get with your ID -- your student ID -- I think it's great. I really do, because there's a lot of resources there that I think the parents need to know how to use.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: Exactly. So we can do more of a marketing push. I agree. That's a good point.

MRS. PRISCILLA BORDERS: Yes.

DR. GABRIEL MORLEY: Yes. We have some good feedback. We continue to massage it as we learn more things and see what's truly valuable. As we add and take away databases, those things fluctuate. The marketing piece is a big trick for everything we do. Trying to find a voice when everyone's voice seems amplified. And that's why we're trying to use the portal, and use the schools, use those media specialists.

And, remember, when we started this, remember, Christina came last year and was talking about the difficulty we had in that the teachers are overwhelmed in some respects. And so we've tried to eliminate those barriers. And we wanted -- or we envisioned having a much more seamless process where we would know ahead of time what things they wanted and we could do it, but we just didn't get that feedback from those teachers. So she wanted to start a pilot program with Grady where we would work extensively with them to see can we identify items that are related to the curriculum, that you're going to assign students, and then we can have those items available before they become necessary.

And so we felt like, short of getting a response from them, we're going to have to make that overture again and go out. And so that's where we are. We have a few key media specialists/teachers who are working with us to identify some of those items. But it's ongoing. It's going to be a constant issue.

We talked about it at our last agency meeting. You know, we still have people who come into the library and say I need to get a card. And the librarian tells the kid, well, it's your student ID number. And they say, well, I didn't know that. So we give them our flyer that lists all the policies and procedures and goodies. It's on the way.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: The other question I had was, like, do we know the school -- for instance, my nephew goes to Georgia State, you know. And I went to Georgia Tech. Do we know what the number of people that go to the various schools how they sign up? Are we able to get that information and then promote that? Saying, hey, Georgia State may have whatever, whatever. The high school, whatever, however it works. Question is: How do we market that information? I'm a marketing specialist, so that's why I ask those questions.

So what does high school do? Like, say, the City of South Fulton, or whatever the school is, the more -- you know, we might be able to like do a competition.

So say maybe a hundred people from Sandtown Elementary or Sandtown Middle School signed up, but then maybe only a hundred

people from North Fulton signed up, or whatever, is there a way we can do some kind of competition to get more people to sign up? I don't know. I'm just asking. I'm about competition. I'm an athlete.

DR. GABRIEL MORLEY: Maybe you're talking about something else, because everybody gets the card automatically.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: Right.

DR. GABRIEL MORLEY: We pass it on --

MS. LINDA JORDAN: Right. But I'm saying that a lot of us don't know the numbers of the people that sign up for the card. That's what I'm saying. We don't know. I don't know how many people sign up from... Go ahead, Joe.

MR. JOE PIONTEK: I assure you, my son does not know that this program exists, nor do his friends.

DR. GABRIEL MORLEY: Yes, because it's not in FulCo schools. Remember, APS with our pilot, remember? So we wanted to get APS going. We got those fifty-two thousand cards, then we added the teachers and the other professionals at APS, and we're in that process now. We've had three or four months of talks with Fulton County.

Because you have to work out all the legal issues, all of the data issues of transferring, because the data gets updated weekly. So if you move tomorrow and your kid leaves, we dump him from the system. If Gayle moves in with her son, then we need to add him to the system, so we've automated all of these processes, all on our own, right. I mean, we didn't pay anybody for any of this. We developed this in-house and then worked with these other jurisdictions to make it work.

And the Atlanta one, remember, was over a year process.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: But you're telling me -- we just said that we're Fulton County. When I asked about APS, you said, whatever, whatever. Bottom line is that we need to make sure that Fulton County is in it.

So how do we help you to get Fulton County -- his son should know about this. So how do we help you to get it there, right?

MR. JOE PIONTEK: I remember the presentation and how great all these tools were. I just forgot why I didn't have them yet.

DR. GABRIEL MORLEY: Yes. I mean, we've got to get past all the hurdles. You know, we have to get clearance from Fulton County Schools' legal. We've got to get Fulton County Schools' IT department to talk to our IT department. Because, remember, it's not the library IT department. So there are a lot of moving pieces.

And Brazos and Kevin Brown, you know, are in those meetings, trying to drive that and push it so that we can do the exact

same thing. Because the result is, they'll have the CLASS Pass, and they'll all have access to all the resources, 24/7, no fines on any of it.

But we needed somewhere to start. And I think FulCo Schools is a hundred thousand kids.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: And my issue is this: I pay taxes. I live in the city of South Fulton. I've lived in Fulton County most of my life, unincorporated. So I'm paying taxes and the kids don't have access like that? I have a problem with that.

DR. GABRIEL MORLEY: They can still come and get a regular library card.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: Right. But I'm just saying we need to figure out how to market it and figure out the best way to do it, right, Joe?

MR. JOE PIONTEK: Yes. The -- I know it's not really a problem to me to pass the Board, especially my Commissioner's very close to a lot of the Board members, so I'm sure there's not really a problem there. But if Brazos is finding a problem, then maybe we could help him --

DR. GABRIEL MORLEY: Yes. We didn't even ask the Board. We didn't go to the superintendents. We did all this department to department, because we didn't want those barriers. So then at the last minute we said, hey, look at this great thing we've done, rubber stamp it. And Maria was right on it. She was good to go for APS.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: Right. So my thing is, like, being the school year is about to end in May and then we have the new year coming, maybe that's something we can figure out, how to move the needle before the calendar.

DR. GABRIEL MORLEY: We can try, but that's what I'm saying. We tried that with Atlanta several times, and sometimes things will go in a six month hole waiting for a legal department, and then -- you know, we went back and forth with our own legal department, but that's why we did the pilot program, so we would know --

MS. LINDA JORDAN: You did a great job. Great job.

DR. GABRIEL MORLEY: -- hey, this is the language we need to have in the contract when we go forward to the next place, because we also want to hit the private schools. We're not trying to keep anyone out. We're just trying to get to where we're comfortable and we know we can handle that capacity. But things are lined up. I mean, we even dedicated money in the budget for materials specifically for the CLASS Pass type program.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: Great.

CHAIRMAN PHYLLIS D. BAILEY: I have just one comment, and of course, this is part of my pet peeve: If we were Atlanta Fulton County Library System, Atlanta Fulton County --

MS. LINDA JORDAN: Right.

CHAIRMAN PHYLLIS D. BAILEY: -- then we wouldn't have this problem. That was the thing that we had previously, until there was an issue to move it to just Fulton County.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: Truth.

CHAIRMAN PHYLLIS D. BAILEY: And we service both, and it just doesn't make sense not to have the two of them together.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: Right. That's what I was kind of confused about that.

MS. NINA RADAKOVICH: I hear you.

CHAIRMAN PHYLLIS D. BAILEY: And I -- and your problem stems from that. Any other concerns?

NATIONAL AND STATE DEVELOPMENTS

CHAIRMAN PHYLLIS D. BAILEY: National and State Development?

MS. LINDA JORDAN: No. The only thing I was just going to bring back up again is that the Douglasville piece, I'm going to try to set something up with that. I still plan to meet with Marvin Arrington and see what he's talking about with -- he's doing a lot of stuff over there where I live in the library -- so meet with him and also meet with Commissioner Robb Pitts, because he's over all that. So just know that I'm going to try to work on all that between now and the end of the summer.

CHAIRMAN PHYLLIS D. BAILEY: Good job. Anything else?

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

CHAIRMAN PHYLLIS D. BAILEY: Any Unfinished Business?

Before we go any further --

DR. GABRIEL MORLEY: Do you want to do a Foundation Update, since it'll be awhile before you meet again as a Foundation?

FOUNDATION REPORT

MS. NINA RADAKOVICH: The only update, really, the PowerPoint outlined where we are and what we're going to do. We had a meeting yesterday and went into more detail on our next steps. and we have set ourselves a deadline of September to get some potentially high level Board members involved in helping us with our moving forward of new Board members, new fundraising. So there's really no major change from what that PowerPoint put forth.

NEW BUSINESS

CHAIRMAN PHYLLIS D. BAILEY: Before we -- the New Business has to do with something that we're going to Executive Session for, so in the meantime, did the young man wish to speak?

MR. MICHAEL O'CONNOR: Oh, no, ma'am. Thank you.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: Who are you with?

MR. MICHAEL O'CONNOR: Michael O'Connor. I'm staff for Commissioner Liz Hausmann.

CHAIRMAN PHYLLIS D. BAILEY: Oh, my buddy.

MR. MICHAEL O'CONNOR: Yes.

CHAIRMAN PHYLLIS D. BAILEY: If that is the end of Unfinished Business, I'd like to -- for us to go into Executive Session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION

MS. LINDA JORDAN: I move that we go into Executive Session.

CHAIRMAN PHYLLIS D. BAILEY: Moved by Ms. Jordan.

MR. PAUL KAPLAN: I second.

CHAIRMAN PHYLLIS D. BAILEY: Seconded by Mr. Jordan.

We will now go into Executive Session.

DR. GABRIEL MORLEY: For personnel.

CHAIRMAN PHYLLIS D. BAILEY: For personnel.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: Personnel, that means that person has to step out.

DR. GABRIEL MORLEY: Yes. You have to decide --

MS. LINDA JORDAN: You have to step out.

DR. GABRIEL MORLEY: Yes.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: Okay. Thank you.

(Whereupon, the Regular Session of the Board of Trustees Meeting concluded for the Executive Session at 5:03 p.m.)

(Whereupon, the Regular Session of the Board of Trustees Meeting resumed at 5:23 p.m.)

CHAIRMAN PHYLLIS D. BAILEY: We are back in session.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: So what day is the Board meeting in May? We're set for that date, right?

CHAIRMAN PHYLLIS D. BAILEY: The fourth Wednesday.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: Is there anything else, Dr. Morley, that we need to know? Next meeting, anything coming up that we might need to attend?

CHAIRMAN PHYLLIS D. BAILEY: I need to talk about - make a comment about this person who -- at the library, who was turned away from the library and was -- the drag queen or whatever it's called. What was the situation there? Now, what is the situation now? Did he go through with...

DR. GABRIEL MORLEY: Well, the situation is the County cancelled the program, so then a citizen reserved the room, and the citizen is having the program Saturday.

CHAIRMAN PHYLLIS D. BAILEY: Okay.

DR. GABRIEL MORLEY: And so -- I mean, it has nothing to do with the library.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: It's a drag queen?

DR. GABRIEL MORLEY: Uh-huh (affirmative). Yes.

CHAIRMAN PHYLLIS D. BAILEY: Yes.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: So what's the title of the program?

CHAIRMAN PHYLLIS D. BAILEY: Reading with --

DR. GABRIEL MORLEY: Yes. It's drag queen storytime.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: Okay.

CHAIRMAN PHYLLIS D. BAILEY: But, you now, the thing that bothered me so much was that it was allowed at Ponce and nobody said anything. All of a sudden when it got to Alpharetta, it was a big issue.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: But the thing about it is we're supposed to be fair and open to people.

CHAIRMAN PHYLLIS D. BAILEY: Well, that's exactly the stand that Dr. Morley took. And that's the stand that the library is on. But --

MR. PAUL KAPLAN: Well, what happened was that the Library Board and Dr. Morley got -- can't say anything because the County has to...

DR. GABRIEL MORLEY: Okay. So did we make a motion to come out of Executive Session?

CHAIRMAN PHYLLIS D. BAILEY: Yes.

DR. GABRIEL MORLEY: Okay. So we got that cleared. And so you're not going to do the evaluation today then?

CHAIRMAN PHYLLIS D. BAILEY: No.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: June.

DR. GABRIEL MORLEY: All right.

CHAIRMAN PHYLLIS D. BAILEY: There's a reason why.

DR. GABRIEL MORLEY: All right.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: Process.

CHAIRMAN PHYLLIS D. BAILEY: Anything else that we need to --

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

MS. LINDA JORDAN: I move for adjournment.

MR. PAUL KAPLAN: I'll second it.

MS. LINDA JORDAN: Thank you, Paul.

CHAIRMAN PHYLLIS D. BAILEY: Moved by Ms. Jordan, seconded by Mr. Kaplan, that the meeting be adjourned. All in favor?
(Whereupon, all said aye.)

CHAIRMAN PHYLLIS D. BAILEY: All opposed?
Meeting adjourned.

*(Whereupon, the Regular Session of the
Board of Trustees Meeting concluded at 5:36 p.m.)*

Fulton County Library System

Director's Report

Dr. Gabriel Morley, Executive Director

May 2019

Summary of April 2019 Activities

Personnel

- Interviews are being arranged to hire library assistants and library associates to fill vacant positions.

Bond Update

- Central Library – Interior demolition continues this month. Workers are preparing to remove the freight elevator and the trash chute has been cut through all floors.
- Group 1 (Roswell, Sandy Springs, Kirkwood, Southwest, Dogwood, Washington Park, West End) – This group of projects is nearing completion. Sandy Springs and Southwest are moving along nicely. We hope to receive certificates of occupancy in the coming weeks so we can begin to make preparations to re-open in June.
- Group 2 (Ocee, NESO, Northside, Mechanicsville, Buckhead) – Buckhead and Northside are preparing to close in the middle of June if we can get permits. NESO and Ocee are scheduled to close toward the end of June if we get the permits we need.
- Group 3 (Adams Park, Adamsville, Cleveland Ave., Ponce, College Park, East Atlanta) – Adams Park and College Park have closed. We are still awaiting word on the Cleveland Avenue permit. Ponce and East Atlanta are scheduled for later this year.
- Group 4 (East Point and Fairburn) – We reopened Fairburn on May 16. We are planning to re-open East Point on May 28.
- The Hapeville project is ready to go as soon as we get the word to proceed. The county and city are finalizing land details.

Maintenance/Bookmobile Update

- No major building issues.
- Work continues on the bookmobiles.

VOLUNTEER SERVICES

- Volunteer Services recorded 602 volunteers who served 4,393 hours at 25 locations including Mount Vernon Towers, North Fulton Service Center and an outreach event.
- 71 new volunteers donated time last month.
- 213 volunteers assisted with shelving tasks and 230 volunteers assisted with programs across the system.
- Branches with top hours of 594, 390 and 332 included Milton, Ocee and Northeast/Spruill Oaks. The same three branches had the top number of volunteers with 115, 87 and 49 respectively.
- Alpharetta, Milton and Roswell had the top number of Friends' hours with 482, 196 and 194 hours respectively.

AUBURN AVENUE RESEARCH LIBRARY

- A major project to digitize the African American Funeral Program Collection is underway. Over 1000 programs will be digitized and made freely available through the Georgia Public Library System. Preparation for this project will continue through June.
- In collaboration with the Charis Books and More, hosted Dr. Bettina L. Love, who discussed her latest publication, *We Want to Do More Than Survive: Abolitionist Teaching and the Pursuit of Educational Freedom*. Drawing on her life's work of teaching and researching in urban schools, Dr. Love argued that educators must teach students about racial violence, oppression, and how to make sustainable change in their communities through radical civic initiatives and movements. Dr. Bettina L. Love is an award-winning author and an associate professor of educational theory and practice at the University of Georgia. Her research focuses on how teachers and schools working with parents and communities can build communal, civically engaged, antiracist, antihomophobic, and antisexist educational, equitable classrooms.
- In partnership with the Baton Foundation, Inc., hosted a two-part film screening about the history and legacy of race. The first episode questioned the belief that race has always been with us. Ancient peoples stigmatized "others" based on language, customs, and especially religion, but they did not sort people into "races." The second episode focused not only on individual behaviors and attitudes, but also on how our institutions shape and create race, giving different groups vastly unequal life chances. Who is White? In the early 20th century, the answer was not always clear. Often, the courts had to decide, and they resorted to contradictory logic to maintain the color line.
- In recognition of National Poetry Month (2019), and in partnership with the Counter Narrative Project, hosted a communal poetry reading celebrating the life and legacy of Essex Hemphill. Essex Hemphill (April 16, 1957 – November 4, 1995) was a black gay poet, essayist, editor, activist and visionary whose brilliant writings lyrically articulated and archived the stunning rage and revolutionary desires of a generation of black gay men. The Counter Narrative Project was founded as a love letter to Essex Hemphill. His poetry is the foundation in for the project. Join us as we celebrate Essex Hemphill on his birthday. Special guests read his poems and fellowship in the memory of his artistic legacy.

- In collaboration with Buy From a Black Woman Inc., hosted the premiere screening of the new PBS film documentary *Boss: The Black Experience in Business*. The history of business and entrepreneurship lies at the heart of the American story, but often absent from that narrative are the experiences of African Americans. *Boss: The Black Experience in Business*, by Peabody and Emmy Award-winning filmmaker Stanley Nelson, traces the lives of African American entrepreneurs over 150 years, from those bound by bondage to moguls at the top of million-dollar empires. Buy from a Black Woman (BFABW) is a Nonprofit Organization which helps bring awareness to Black Women business owners and the people who support them. Their mission is to help educate, empower and inspire Black Women business owners and the people who support them by providing the tools and resources that will allow Black Women business owners to be successful and become a trusted resource.
- In collaboration with Georgia Micro Enterprise Network, hosted the 2019 Reentry from Incarceration through Entrepreneurial Training Services (RITES) Summit. Creating and owning a business has long been heralded as a path to financial success and economic mobility. For Formerly Incarcerated Individuals (FII) self-employment and business ownership can be a factor to contribute meaningfully to their family economic security. Many face insurmountable challenges when they return to their communities; unemployment, lack of asset, few networks, which is one reason many re-offend. This summit focused on self-employment as a viable solution for individuals with criminal histories when traditional career opportunities are limited.
- In collaboration with the Ezra Jack Keats Foundation, and the Atlanta Public School System, hosted the 2019 Ezra Jack Keats Atlanta Bookmaking Competition Awards Presentation. This event featured an artist keynote address by award winning fine artist and illustrator Charly Palmer, who discussed illustrating books and his Coretta Scott King Award winning book, "Mama Africa!: How Miriam Makeba Spread Hope with Her Song". At every Ezra Jack Keats Atlanta Bookmaking Competition Awards Presentation, young writers and artists walk onstage to accept their awards, cheered on by their families and teachers. This event was made possible by the generous support of the Ezra Jack Keats Foundation whose mission is to bring the multicultural, creative spirit of Keats into children's lives and literature.
- In recognition of National Poetry Month (April), and in collaboration with the Global Arts Partners and the Atlanta Poetry Kitchen, hosted "Lyrics and Flows: A Spoken Word Poetry Slam". This event, curated by renowned Atlanta poet Felton Eaddy, featured regional poets presenting original work that speaks to the Africana experience and honors poetry's vital place in Black culture. National Poetry Month was inaugurated by the Academy of American Poets in 1996. Over the years, it has become the largest literary celebration in the world.
- In collaboration with the Hammond House Museum, hosted "Beyond the Barbershop: Conversations About Black Masculinity", a panel discussion on the subject of Black manhood. Leatrice Ellzy, Executive Director of the Hammond House Museum, lead the panel Young Hughley, Johnnie Kornegay, Rico Rebels, Rebels, Leon Parham and James Warren Jackson in a discussion. The discussion illuminated issues having to deal with the weight of managing a life while being a Black man in America.

ADULT OUTREACH

- Some of the larger events in April included Atlanta Streets Alive, Dogwood Festival, Johns Creek International Festival, Roswell Moves, and a visit by the OverDrive Digital Bookmobile.
- We had to turn down 14 Adult Outreach requests because we were already booked, including requests at Georgia Tech, Creative Xpo, Sweet Auburn, Civic Hack Night, and others.
- Elizabeth Puckett was hired as the new Outreach Librarian. Elizabeth is coming from the Cobb County Library where she served as a Librarian II/Youth Program Manager.
- The TechMobiles are projected to arrive in Summer 2019.

HAPEVILLE

- The Hoyt Recreation Center's After School Program visited the library and were given Summer Reading Kick-off flyers and the flyers for Comic Books Day on May 4. The children were delighted to hear about both of the programs, and spoke highly of looking forward to them. They enjoyed their visit, and checked out plenty of books.
- June 6 at 2:30 at the Hapeville Park, next to the library, has been scheduled for the GEEARS (Georgia Early Educational Alliance for Ready Students). This special event story time in particular will be hosting the Mayor's Summer Reading Club (MSRC). The story time will consist of books that are provided by MSRC.

SOUTHEAST

- The Home Buyer Information program facilitated by Tori Nunley will be offered every 4th Saturday. Topics covered were *I want to buy a home but where do I start; What is Credit Karma, FICO and Tri-Merge Credit Report; Why is the Bank Denying my Mortgage Loan; How Much Does an Agent cost; What do Agents Do? Bad Credit; Facts about Down Payment Assistance; Fixer Upper; and Rent to Own*. The first five attendees received a free credit report with their score. This was an excellent class and those in attendance were very excited that this free course will be offered on a continuous basis. One of the attendees stated that "this class was great, thorough, and informative. The presenters were very knowledgeable, interesting and not boring."
- T. Oliver is the facilitator of our Meditation Class series. Those who have been attending these classes since last year have discovered that meditation has made them happier, healthier and smarter? Many have stated that this Meditation class has increased their happiness and helped calm their mind's constant chatter. They have learned that Meditation strengthens their mindfulness which in turn enhances all aspects of their life. T. Oliver stated that "when you meditate you tune into a consciousness that has many lasting benefits while also decreasing stress and increasing one's well-being. This can produce significant changes in your brain and overall well-being." This is a very engaging and powerful class. These classes are offered every month.

FULTON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM
MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT - TOTAL LIBRARY

AS OF APRIL 30, 2019

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SERVICE	2019 BUDGET	APRIL	2019 YTD	2019 YTD	2019 YTD	2019%	BUDGET
DESCRIPTION	ALLOCATION	EXPENDITURES	EXPENDITURES	ENCUMBRANCES	COMMITTED	COMMITTED	BALANCE
REG SALARY	14,581,075	1,031,532	5,129,737	-	5,129,737	35%	9,451,338
PART TIME SALARY	524,440	36,558	173,409	-	173,409	33%	351,031
BENEFITS	7,507,765	532,883	2,266,216	-	2,266,216	30%	5,241,549
BOOKS	2,615,837	172,315	185,433	1,102,866	1,288,299	49%	1,327,538
OFFICE EQUIP. REPAIR	10,260	-	480	2,650	3,130	31%	7,130
EQUIPMENT	40,791	5,999	10,536	9,906	20,442	50%	20,349
OFFICE FURNITURE	3,082	-	-	-	-	0%	3,082
PROFESSIONAL SERV	109,305	2,265	7,836	7,394	15,229	14%	94,076
COPIER MACHINE LEASE	159,824	9,524	38,520	-	38,520	24%	121,304
COPIER PAPER	15,000	640	8,063	1,120	9,183	61%	5,817
SUPPLIES	146,640	2,144	16,448	4,690	21,139	14%	125,501
SOFTWARE MAINTENANCE	555,392	-	-	1,500	1,500	0%	553,892
BUILDING RENT	203,641	18,043	60,249	143,127	203,376	100%	265
LYRISIS CHARGES	200	-	-	21	21	11%	179
OTHER SERVICES	200,839	5,043	38,633	23,486	62,119	31%	138,720
SECURITY SERVICES	332,000	32,127	134,017	122,778	256,795	77%	75,205
TRAVEL	40,000	2,578	2,348	-	2,348	6%	37,652
VEHICLE MAINTENANCE	21,850	-	1,334	-	1,334	6%	20,516
GENERAL INSURANCE	585,361	48,780	195,120	-	195,120	33%	390,241
CONTINGENCY	19,720	-	-	-	-	0%	19,720
ENHANCEMENT	150,000	-	-	-	-	0%	150,000
TOTAL	27,823,022	1,900,430	8,268,379	1,419,538	9,687,917	35%	18,135,105

FULTON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM
MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT - ORG TYPE

AS OF APRIL 30, 2019

ORGANIZATION	SERVICE	2019 BUDGET	APRIL	2019 YTD	2019 YTD	2019 YTD	2019 YTD	BUDGET
TYPE	DESCRIPTION	ALLOCATION	EXPENDITURES	EXPENDITURES	ENCUMBRANCES	COMMITTED	% COMMITTED	BALANCE
PUBLIC SERVICE	REG SALARY	12,310,377	874,311	4,361,011	-	4,361,011	35%	7,949,366
	PART TIME SALARY	524,440	36,558	173,409	-	173,409	33%	351,031
	BENEFITS	6,321,240	452,783	1,928,335	-	1,928,335	31%	4,392,905
	BOOKS	2,615,837	172,315	185,433	1,102,866	1,288,299	49%	1,327,538
	OFFICE EQUIP. REPAIR	1,000	-	-	-	-	0%	1,000
	EQUIPMENT	37,500	5,999	10,536	9,906	20,442	55%	17,058
	OFFICE FURNITURE	2,785	-	-	-	-	0%	2,785
	PROFESSIONAL SERV	81,563	525	2,261	2,048	4,308	5%	77,255
	COPIER MACHINE LEASE	141,524	9,213	36,934	-	36,934	26%	104,590
	SUPPLIES	89,945	-	4,131	3,848	7,979	9%	81,966
	BUILDING RENT	203,641	18,043	60,249	143,127	203,376	100%	265
	OTHER SERVICES	50,926	867	3,167	5,284	8,451	17%	42,475
	SECURITY SERVICES	332,000	32,127	134,017	122,778	256,795	77%	75,205
	VEHICLE MAINTENANCE	2,000	-	-	-	-	0%	2,000
	GENERAL INSURANCE	400,866	33,406	133,622	-	133,622	33%	267,244
	CONTINGENCY	12,420	-	-	-	-	0%	12,420
	ENHANCEMENT	150,000	-	-	-	-	0%	150,000
Total		23,278,064	1,636,145	7,033,105	1,389,856	8,422,962	36%	14,855,102

FULTON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM
MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT - ORG TYPE

AS OF APRIL 30, 2019

SUPPORT SERVICE	REG SALARY	2,270,698	157,221	768,726	-	768,726	34%	1,501,972
	BENEFITS	1,186,525	80,101	337,881	-	337,881	28%	848,644
	OFFICE EQUIP. REPAIR	9,260	-	480	2,650	3,130	34%	6,130
	EQUIPMENT	3,291	-	-	-	-	0%	3,291
	OFFICE FURNITURE	297	-	-	-	-	0%	297
	PROFESSIONAL SERV	27,742	1,740	5,575	5,346	10,921	39%	16,821
	COPIER MACHINE LEASE	18,300	311	1,586	-	1,586	9%	16,714
	COPIER PAPER	15,000	640	8,063	1,120	9,183	61%	5,817
	SUPPLIES	56,695	2,144	12,317	842	13,160	23%	43,535
	SOFTWARE MAINTENANCE	555,392	-	-	1,500	1,500	0%	553,892
	LYRASIS CHARGES	200	-	-	21	21	11%	179
	OTHER SERVICES	149,913	4,177	35,466	18,202	53,668	36%	96,245
	TRAVEL	40,000	2,578	2,348	-	2,348	6%	37,652
	VEHICLE MAINTENANCE	19,850	-	1,334	-	1,334	7%	18,516
	GENERAL INSURANCE	184,495	15,375	61,498	-	61,498	33%	122,997
	CONTINGENCY	7,300	-	-	-	-	0%	7,300
Total		4,544,958	264,285	1,235,274	29,681	1,264,955	28%	3,280,003

Atlanta-Fulton Public Library System April 2019

Activity and Description	2019		2018		YTD
	April	YTD	April	YTD	
Circulation					
Total number of items checked out of the library	228,121	952,932	259,191	1,030,655	-8%
Holds					
Number of requests by patrons	44,001	182,297	45,616	191,910	-5%
Inter-Library Loans					
Number of items lent to or borrowed from another library system	395	1,689	583	2,069	-18%
Visits					
Number of people entering a library for any reason	255,216	1,032,062	356,045	1,314,266	-21%
Computer/Internet Usage					
Number of computer sessions (Internet access and office software)	41,112	151,185	59,684	299,526	-50%
Number of hours of computer use	22,504	172,438	29,454	168,428	2%
Web hits					
Number of times people have visited the library's website	618,109	2,521,201	636,943	2,692,771	-6.4%
Online Resources					
Number of times a resource is logged into or a searched performed	230,109	926,296	174,083	688,232	35%
Computer Classes					
Number of classes	14	40	20	72	-44%
Number of attendees	70	270	205	629	-57%
Virtual Circulation					
Number of e-books and e-audiobooks checked out	61,769	170,426	43,280	164,704	3%
Children's programs					
Library sponsored programs offered for children (birth - 12)	333	1,319	395	1,484	-11%
Number of people attending programs	11,741	41,605	10,475	41,135	1%
Teen Programs					
Library sponsored programs offered for teens (13 - 17)	64	330	73	284	16%
Number of people attending programs	1,065	7,265	2,282	5,391	35%
Adult Programs					
Library sponsored programs offered for adults (18 +)	497	1,967	474	1,911	3%
Number of people attending programs	11,628	39,855	7,563	28,452	40%
Programs - Total					
Library sponsored programs offered - total of all programs	894	3,553	942	3,679	-3%
Number of people attending programs	24,434	87,660	20,320	74,978	17%
Meeting Rooms					
Non-library sponsored meetings or activities scheduled	297	1,482	523	1,995	-26%
Number of people attending meetings or activities	5,957	24,685	6,067	28,508	-13%

FULTON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM
CIRCULATION REPORT
APRIL 2019

ORGANIZATION NAME	ADULT	JUVENILE	Y/A	OTHER	APRIL 2019 DATA	APRIL 2018 DATA	INCREASE/ DECREASE	PERCENT CHANGE	YTD 2019 CIRC	YTD 2018 CIRC	INCREASE/ DECREASE	PERCENT CHANGE
ADAMS PARK	956	526	23	8	1,513	2,733	(1,220)	-45%	8,299	6,731	1,568	23%
ADAMSVILLE/COLLIER HEIGHTS	1,473	792	76	5	2,346	1,420	926	65%	9,718	6,088	3,630	60%
ALPHARETTA	9,900	19,966	681	57	30,604	23,598	7,006	30%	126,019	95,228	30,791	32%
BUCKHEAD	6,565	5,829	342	17	12,753	11,903	850	7%	54,582	46,828	7,754	17%
CLEVELAND AVENUE	726	683	52	2	1,463	1,448	15	1%	7,236	6,240	996	16%
COLLEGE PARK	1,779	1,321	128	7	3,235	1,666	1,569	94%	11,413	6,731	4,682	70%
DOGWOOD	26		3	0	29	1,990	(1,961)	-99%	100	7,417	(7,317)	-99%
EAST ATLANTA	2,683	4,310	217	7	7,217	5,307	1,910	36%	30,030	21,043	8,987	43%
EAST POINT	100	67	3	1	171	3,344	(3,173)	-95%	756	14,046	(13,290)	-95%
EAST ROSWELL	10,497	12,181	500	42	23,220	14,097	9,123	65%	96,253	55,169	41,084	74%
FAIRBURN	91	48	7	0	146	1,735	(1,589)	-92%	648	7,453	(6,805)	-91%
HAPEVILLE	617	355	28	4	1,004	1,035	(31)	-3%	4,744	4,359	385	9%
KIRKWOOD	77	157	11	0	245	2,956	(2,711)	-92%	685	12,157	(11,472)	-94%
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR	1,112	669	80	7	1,868	758	1,110	146%	7,110	3,217	3,893	121%
MECHANICSVILLE	537	550	31	4	1,122	1,970	(848)	-43%	4,817	8,665	(3,848)	-44%
METROPOLITAN	4,200	4,580	214	5	8,999	5,390	3,609	67%	34,956	24,360	10,596	43%
MILTON	7,694	16,310	543	24	24,571	15,509	9,062	58%	103,089	65,673	37,416	57%
NORTHEAST/SPRUILL OAKS	3,064	9,964	421	28	13,477	20,345	(6,868)	-34%	65,194	87,908	(22,714)	-26%
NORTHSIDE	4,695	5,840	313	28	10,876	10,414	462	4%	47,755	41,588	6,167	15%
NORTHWEST	2,370	4,215	252	5	6,842	4,787	2,055	43%	28,499	19,024	9,475	50%
OCEE	6,713	14,610	980	137	22,440	28,486	(6,046)	-21%	94,557	106,142	(11,585)	-11%
PALMETTO	1,134	1,313	45	3	2,495	1,798	697	39%	10,475	6,783	3,692	54%
PEACHTREE	3,689	3,817	312	73	7,891	7,019	872	12%	36,055	29,520	6,535	22%
PONCE DE LEON	6,198	5,190	276	48	11,712	10,980	732	7%	45,038	44,896	142	0%
ROSWELL	1,008	728	50	1	1,787	19,865	(18,078)	-91%	7,249	84,132	(76,883)	-91%
SANDY SPRINGS	1,595	1,898	65	3	3,561	18,756	(15,195)	-81%	14,290	78,766	(64,476)	-82%
SOUTHEAST	1,395	2,238	113	2	3,748	2,977	771	26%	16,306	11,228	5,078	45%
SOUTH FULTON	3,063	4,210	159	6	7,438	5,756	1,682	29%	28,941	26,068	2,873	11%
SOUTHWEST	154	64	10	0	228	5,771	(5,543)	-96%	920	15,214	(14,294)	-94%
WASHINGTON PARK	40	34	3	0	77	1,746	(1,669)	-96%	308	6,481	(6,173)	-95%
WEST END	58	34		0	92	1,882	(1,790)	-95%	397	5,927	(5,530)	-93%
WOLFCREEK	4,229	5,168	446	47	9,890	7,741	2,149	28%	43,368	32,891	10,477	32%
BRANCHES TOTAL	88,438	127,667	6,384	571	223,060	245,182	(22,122)	-9%	939,807	987,973	(48,166)	-5%
CENTRAL	544	171	23	11	749	7,341	(6,592)	-90%	3,158	26,911	(23,753)	-88%
OUTREACH SERVICES	107	32	6	0	145	164	(19)	-12%	529	1,524	(995)	-65%
AUBURN AVENUE	3,965	190	6	6	4,167	6,504	(2,337)	-36%	9,438	14,247	(4,809)	-34%
SYSTEM TOTAL	93,054	128,060	6,419	588	228,121	259,191	-31,070	-12%	952,932	1,030,655	-72,914	-7%

FULTON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM
SYSTEM STATS AT A GLANCE
APRIL 2019

AGENCY NAME	APRIL *CIRCULATION	TOTAL REGISTRATIONS	COMPUTER USAGE	LIBRARY VISITS	NUMBER OF PROGRAMS	PROGRAM ATTENDANCE	NUMBER OF MEETINGS	MEETING ATTENDANCE	VOTER REGISTRATIONS
ADAMS PARK	1,513	87	1,183	1,432	4	165	0	0	0
ADAMSVILLE/COLLIER HEIGHTS	2,346	117	2,077	4,120	13	183	7	64	0
ALPHARETTA	30,604	452	1,878	17,602	59	898	24	822	8
BUCKHEAD	12,753	380		9,101	40	1,916	28	252	0
CLEVELAND AVE	1,463	57	1,339	4,167	6	78	3	16	0
COLLEGE PARK	3,235	122	2,257	3,813	17	271	6	39	1
DOGWOOD	29	22	0	0	12	171	0	0	0
EAST ATLANTA	7,217	186	3,132	12,226	30	583	13	120	4
EAST POINT	171	59	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
EAST ROSWELL	23,220	363	1,837	6,005	76	1,318	18	161	13
FAIRBURN	146	57	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
HAPEVILLE	1,004	39	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
KIRKWOOD	245	46	0	0	13	198	0	0	0
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR	1,868	87	1,845	9,101	0	0	0	0	0
MECHANICSVILLE	1,122	64	1,499	4,347	3	69	14	159	0
METROPOLITAN	8,999	154	5,152	13,350	37	547	0	0	0
MILTON	24,571	302	639	9,920	83	1,444	13	112	14
NORTHEAST/SPRUILL OAKS	13,477	676	459	17,021	38	657	2	32	0
NORTHSIDE	10,876	165	465	14,702	19	418	10	87	1
NORTHWEST	6,842	233	3,331	11,330	22	340	23	560	13
OCEE	22,440	309	471	19,370	76	1,351	1	6	3
PALMETTO	2,495	46	732	7,540	17	545	50	2,087	0
PEACHTREE	7,891	255	1,926	7,891	38	880	9	106	0
PONCE DE LEON	11,712	317	2,049	19,040	34	584	16	113	0
ROSWELL	1,787	229	0	0	14	117	0	0	0
SANDY SPRINGS	3,561	214	0	0	48	2,743	1	7	0
SOUTHEAST	3,748	88	2,386	12,870	39	885	25	292	
SOUTH FULTON	7,438	389	4,014	34,075	21	1,073	0	0	3
SOUTH WEST	228	108	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
WASHINGTON PARK	77	17	0	0	8	257	0	0	0
WEST END	92	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
WOLFCREEK	9,890	238	2,185	13,722	36	518	26	885	18
BRANCHES TOTAL	223,060	5,900	40,856	252,745	803	18,209	289	5,920	78
CENTRAL	749	207	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
OUTREACH SERVICES	145	18	0	0	73	5,358	0	0	0
AUBURN AVENUE RESEARCH	4,167	5	256	2,471	18	867	8	59	0
SYSTEM TOTAL	228,121	6,130	41,112	255,216	894	24,434	297	5,979	78