AGENDA HOUSTON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD May 9th, 2024 – Perry Branch

- 1. Call to order
- 2. *Approval of minutes*
- 3. Public comments
- 4. Trustee comments
- 5. Treasurer's Report *Acceptance of Treasurer's Report*
- 6. Director's Report
- 7. Committee Reports
- 8. Old Business

Reading into minutes Nola Brantley Land agreement with MGSU.

9. New Business

Approval of 2024-2025 Trustee meeting schedule

10. *Adjournment*

means a board vote is required

The next meeting is : June 13th at Nola Brantley Memorial Library in Warner Robins

Houston county Public Library System Board of Trustees

Minutes- April 11, 2024- Centerville Branch, Centerville, Georgia

The Houston County Public Library System Board met in regular session on April 11, 2024. Board members attending were Daniel Bibler, Denisa Davis, Johanna Goff, Samantha Hulbert, Linda Jones, Julie Layne, George Nunn, Jessica Perdue, Wilhemenia Jackson Sibley, Emily Silva, Jeff Washington and Pam Yates. Also attending was J. Sara Paulk. Chair Davis called the meeting to order at 6:07pm.

Minutes – Davis called for the approval of the Minutes from the March 14, 2024 meeting. On a motion by Yates and a second by Sibley, the minutes were approved.

Public Comments – None

Trustee Comments – Yates reminded Trustees about the dates and volunteer needs for the upcoming Friends of the Library book sale. Perdue reminded the board of National Library Week.

Treasurer's report – Financials for the month of March were presented by Layne. On a motion by Bibler and a second by Sibley, the report was accepted as presented.

Director's Report – Presented at meeting by Paulk.

Committee reports – Davis announced that Goff and Washington have agreed to serve on the Personnel Committee.

Personnel Committee Chair Bibler presented Paulk's yearly evaluation to the board.

Old Business – None.

New Business – Paulk presented the new Employee Artificial Intelligence (AI) Use Policy. On a motion by Goff and a second by Layne, the policy was approved as presented.

Paulk presented a list of items to be declared surplus. On a motion by Silva and a second by Goff, the list was approved.

Paulk presented updated library brochure.

Adjournment – Davis called for a motion to adjourn at 6:43pm. On a motion by Nunn and a second by Goff, the motion passed.

Respectfully submitted

Samantha Hulbert – Secretary

One of our partners – the AARP Tax-Aide Program gave us the following information.

The AARP Tax-Aide Program volunteers completed 350 filings at the Perry Branch in 2024. This was an increase of 11% or 38 more returns. Our partnership of free tax services to the community resulted in taxpayers receiving refunds totaling over \$219K. We also facilitated the IRS collection of taxpayers' balance dues totaling \$222K. Here are the final numbers for the 2023 tax year:

That's a total of **350** returns. With a national average return preparation fee of \$325; that translates to a savings of over **\$113K** to the taxpayers of Perry and Houston County.

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An additional section of training has been added to new employee training checklist. New employees make a return trip to Perry (admin) around their tenth day of employment. Topics include : Services provided for patrons who are blind or print disabled ; Advanced PINES functions ; Social media ; Interlibrary loan beyond PINES.

Billy Tripp, the director of the Peach County libraries, has agreed to take the lead on a joint grant that would include Houston County, Middle GA Regional Library, Lake Blackshear Regional Library and Pine Mountain Regional Library. The grant to the Flint Energies Foundation, if granted, would provide additional funding for e-book and e-audio content purchases of popular titles especially those titles with long waiting lists.

To quote from the grant application -

Since its launch in 2008, Georgia Download Destination has built a collection of over 40,000 items, checked out those items to library users over 2.5 million times, and helped over 97,000 library users. During the COVID-19 pandemic, GADD member libraries (50 library systems in Georgia) saw a dramatic increase in usage of digital eBooks and audiobooks, as readers were unable to visit their libraries to check out physical books. In 2022, GADD experienced the highest year over year circulation growth (+49%) among worldwide users of OverDrive, the vendor providing access to digital eBooks and audiobooks for users served by this request. This increase has contributed to longer wait times for items. Funding this request will decrease the wait time, getting books in the hands and on the e-devices of users at a much quicker rate. Currently there is an average of 52 days wait per title, with over 194,000 pending hold requests. In addition, patrons can request the purchase of titles that are not currently owned.

As of early May, 2024, there are 200,000 individual titles that users of this service wished their libraries would purchase. Our grant request is made in conjunction with a similar request from Lake Blackshear Regional Library, Middle Georgia Regional Library, Pine Mountain Regional Library and Peach County Libraries. Funding each of these five individual requests will combine the impact of Foundation funds across five (5) organizations, serving every resident in the Flint Energies service areas and public library users across the state of Georgia.

An identical grant through the Robins Financial Credit Union was also submitted. There is no specific subject, titles or intended audience in either of these grants. These are simply a request for funds to address huge existing demand.

The library received notification of funding for part of the Internet services for 2024-2025. We are going up in speed and down a bit in cost. The monthly amount per branch is \$1125 for 1 GBps. \$13,500.00 per branch in a year or a total of \$40,500 per year. E-Rate (federal funds) will provide for an 80% discount or covering \$10,800 per branch or a total of \$32,400.00 leaving \$8100. Georgia Public Library Service will pay this remaining amount from their budget that allows it to cover the non-discounted portion for internet service at each of our library systems. This allows Christopher to send monthly disbursements to cover the non-discounted portion for each E-Rate Funding Year.

Perry had a family night for Tucker Elementary tonight, 5:00 - 6:30.

James Floyd and Yolanda Young signed up 18 kids for library cards and Ms. Young talked to parents and teachers about VRP.

Staffing

Heather Tuttle (Nola Brantely) resigned. Brianna Beattie was hired. In anticipation of the two Centerville staff previously mentioned leaving after the summer programs, two new staff members were hired in early May so they can overlap with existing staff before and during VRP. These new employees are Sonya Petrona and Kaitlyn Roberts.

Houston County Library Board Meetings

2024-2025 / Regular meetings – 2nd Thursday at 6pm.

July 11, 2024	No Meeting
August 8 th , 2024 ^^	Perry Branch
September 12 th , 2024	Nola Brantley Memorial Library
October 17 th , 2024	Centerville Branch (*Note* 3 rd Thursday)
November 14 th , 2024	Perry Branch
December 12 th , 2024	No Meeting
January 9th, 2025 #	Centerville Branch
February 13 th , 2025 ** ##	Perry Branch
March 13 th , 2025 *** @	Nola Brantley Memorial Library
April 10 th , 2025 @@	Centerville Branch
May 8 th , 2025 %	Perry Branch
June 12 th , 2025 ^	Nola Brantley Memorial Library

Finance committee reports on library budget for 2025-2026

** Nomination and election of new officers / ## Budget presented to whole board for approval

*** New officers take office / @ Personnel committee meets to discuss Director's annual evaluation

@@ Director's evaluation presented to whole board

% NB land passage read into minutes ^ & ^^ State application forms approved/signed

HOUSTON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES ATTENDANCE RECORD

	2023	2023	2023	2023	2023	2023	2023	2024	2024	2024	2024	2024
Board Member	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.
Daniel Bibler		V	V	х	V		V	Х	Х	v		
Denisa Davis		V	х	V	V		V	V	V	٧		
Johanna Goff		V	V	V	х		V	Х	V	٧		
Samantha Hulbert		V	V	V	V		V	V	V	٧		
Jean Jones		V	V	V	V		V					
Linda Jones		V	V	V	V		V	V	V	٧		
Julie Layne		V	V	х	V		V	V	Х	٧		
George Nunn		V	V	V	V		V	V	Х	٧		
Jessica Perdue		V	V	V	V		V	V	V	٧		
Wilhemenia Jackson Sibley		V	V	V	х		V	V	V	٧		
Emily Silva		V	V	V	V		V	V	V	٧		
Pam Yates		V	V	٧	V		V	٧	V	٧		
Jeff Washington									٧	٧		

**There will be no meeting in July 2023 or December 2023

 $\sqrt{1}$ represents meetings attended

"X" represents meetings not attended

OFFICERS LIBRARY BOARD	2024-2025 (effectiv	2024-2025 (effective March 2024)						
CHAIRPERSON	DENISA DAVIS	DENISA DAVIS						
VICE CHAIR	GEORGE NUNN	JEORGE NUNN						
SECRETARY	SAMANTHA HUI	LBERT						
TREASURER	JULIE LAYNE							
COMMITTEES 2023-2024	FINANCE	BUILDINGS / GROUNDS						
*Indicates Chairperson	*Julie Layne	Samantha Hulbert						
	Linda Jones	Linda Jones						
	Jessica Perdue							
PERSONNEL	CONTENT CONS	IDERATION	CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS					
*Daniel Bibler	*Jessica Perdue		George Nunn					
Denisa Davis	Linda Jones		Emily Silva					
Wilhemenia Sibley	Julie Layne		Pam Yates					
Pam Yates	Emily Silva							
	Pam Yates							

Houston County Public Library System Balance Sheet by Fund As of 4/30/2024

	General	Friends of the Library	State Grants	SPLOST	Permanent/Lo Investments
Assets					
Cadence Bank Operating Acct	281,108.17	23,468.92	(14,818.81)	39,313.50	5,489.19
Cadence Bank SPLOST Acct	0.00	0.00	0.00	129,452.28	0.00
Morris Bank Merchant Acct	265,629.39	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
NB Restricted CD	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	27,045.10
Unemployment CD 2	7,848.45	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Cash On Hand	1,176.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Assets	555,762.01	23,468.92	(14,818.81)	168,765.78	32,534.29
Liabilities					
	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Liabilities	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Fund Balance					
Beginning Fund Balance					
Nonspendable Fund Balance	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	26,839.40
Assigned Fund Balance - Op Contingency	230,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Assigned Fund Balance - Donations	10,645.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Assigned Fund Balance - Cash on Hand	1,176.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Restricted Fund Balance	0.00	48,360.07	0.00	205,736.37	5,694.89
Unassigned Fund Balance	247,477.39	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Beginning Fund Balance	489,298.39	48,360.07	0.00	205,736.37	32,534.29
Current YTD Change	66,463.62	(24,891.15)	(14,818.81)	(36,970.59)	0.00
Total Fund Balance	555,762.01	23,468.92	(14,818.81)	168,765.78	32,534.29
Total Liabilities and Ending Fund Balance	555,762.01	23,468.92	(14,818.81)	168,765.78	32,534.29

Statement of Revenues and Expenditures by Fund From 7/1/2023 Through 4/30/2024

100 - General

		Total Budget - Annual	Percent Total Budget
	YTD Actual	Budget	Remaining
Revenues			
Local Revenue	756,000.00	906,000.00	(16.56)%
Library Generated Revenue	67,383.02	70,700.00	(4.69)%
Donations	4,103.87	1,040.00	294.60%
Other Revenue	15,524.80	9,000.00	72.50%
Total Revenues	843,011.69	986,740.00	(14.57)%
Expenditures			
Salaries and Wages	389,786.23	497,602.00	21.67%
Benefits and FICA	151,870.28	205,431.80	26.07%
Professional Services	8,098.52	23,000.00	64.79%
Copiers and Equipment	6,579.31	10,000.00	34.21%
Utilities	62,955.94	74,500.00	15.50%
Insurance	39,878.80	38,101.00	(4.67)%
Maintenance & Repairs	68,723.96	78,000.00	11.89%
Materials	426.53	1,000.00	57.35%
Motor Vehicle Costs	1,113.84	3,000.00	62.87%
Other Purchased Services	5,231.30	9,500.00	44.93%
Supplies	19,946.96	26,160.00	23.75%
Technology & Telecommunications	14,119.98	16,500.00	14.42%
Travel and Training	1,141.07	1,200.00	4.91%
Dues & Memberships	1,775.00	1,800.00	1.39%
Miscellaneous	4,900.35	6,250.00	21.59%
Total Expenditures	776,548.07	_992,044.80	21.72%
Net Revenue Over Expenditures -	66,463.62		

Surplus/(Deficit)

Statement of Revenues and Expenditures by Fund From 7/1/2023 Through 4/30/2024

112 - Friends of the Library

		Total Budget - Annual	Percent Total Budget
	YTD Actual	Budget	Remaining
Expenditures			
Materials	22,344.88	30,000.00	25.52%
Other Purchased Services	485.00	3,000.00	83.83%
Supplies	2,061.27	6,000.00	65.65%
Total Expenditures	24,891.15	39,000.00	36.18%
Net Revenue Over Expenditures -	(24,891.15)		

Surplus/(Deficit)

Statement of Revenues and Expenditures by Fund From 7/1/2023 Through 4/30/2024

310 - State Grants

		Total Budget - Annual	Percent Total Budget
	YTD Actual	Budget	Remaining
Revenues			
State Grants	378,203.32	448,443.00	(15.66)%
Other Grants	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00%
Total Revenues	379,703.32	449,943.00	(15.61)%
Expenditures			
Salaries and Wages	197,783.60	238,432.66	17.05%
Benefits and FICA	69,646.51	79,909.34	12.84%
Copiers and Equipment	37,981.66	0.00	0.00%
Utilities	0.00	14,000.00	100.00%
Materials	87,610.36	115,687.00	24.27%
Supplies	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00%
Travel and Training	0.00	414.00	100.00%
Total Expenditures	394,522.13	449,943.00	12.32%
	(14.010.01)		

Net Revenue Over Expenditures -Surplus/(Deficit) (14,818.81)

Statement of Revenues and Expenditures by Fund From 7/1/2023 Through 4/30/2024

390 - SPLOST

		Total Budget - Annual	Percent Total Budget
	YTD Actual	Budget	Remaining
Revenues			
Local Revenue	86,000.00	172,000.00	(50.00)%
Library Generated Revenue	<u>1,596.9</u> 5	0.00	0.00%
Total Revenues	87,596.95	172,000.00	(49.07)%
Expenditures			
Copiers and Equipment	21,910.00	17,000.00	(28.88)%
Maintenance & Repairs	36,117.24	58,000.00	37.73%
Materials	63,091.39	87,000.00	27.48%
Supplies	3,448.91	10,000.00	65.51%
Total Expenditures	124,567.54	172,000.00	27.58%
Net Revenue Over Expenditures -	(<u>36,970.59</u>)		

Surplus/(Deficit)

Circulations	Centerville	Nola Brantley	Perry	Houston Totals						
Check outs						IICT(DN CO			
Print items	11,685	5,718	9,692	27,095		0310				
Non-Print items	4,491	2,709	3,757	10,957		DIIC	C LIBF			
Check Out Totals	16,176	8,427	13,449	38,052	NPU	DLI	, LIDI			
n-Library Use				-						
Internet Computers	1,442	1,249	834	3,525						
Technology Equipment	9	9	6	24						
Children's Computers	118	37	157	312						
WiFi Sign-ins	249	90	136	475						
Notary Public Service	40	-	21							
Reference Asked	269	385	333	987						
In House OPAC/KPAC Use	205	146	189							
In-Library Use Totals	1,818	1,385	1,133	5,949						
Total Circulation	17,994	9,812	14,582	44,001			-			
		erville	ville Nola E		rville Nola Bran		Pe	rry	Total Patron	Count
Programs & Attendance	# of Prog	Attendance	# of Prog	Attendance	# of Prog	Attendance	Active Patrons	44,139		
Adult programs			2	42			New Patrons	253		
YA Programs	2				1	8				
Children (Ages 0-11)	21		18		17					
All Ages	6		10		2					
Meeting Room	40	146	14		20	201				
Study Room			72				Total Door (
Door Count		4,145		4,865	1560	5,457	14,467			
New Items Add	ed		Transits			Volunteer H	ours	1		
Centerville	182	Cente		5,509		erville	61			
Nola Brantley	252			4,537		Brantley	2			
Perry	161		1	4,889		erry	52			
Total Added	595	Total T	rancite	14 025	Total Volur	atoor Hours	115			

		CENTE	RVILLE B	RANCH - April 024				
CIRCULATION			PINES Cards	5	Door Count			
	Print			New Patrons	98			
Adult Non-Fiction	1,089			Active Patrons	19,078	4145		
Adult Fiction	3,156			Notary Public Service		40		
Young Adult	782			Items Added	1	82		
Junior Non-Fiction	1,057			Reference Questions Asked	ł	269		
Junior Fiction	2,022]
Easy	3,576							
Magazines	3			TR	ANSITS			
Print Total	11,685			Incoming	2,797	Total		
Ν	on Print Mate	erial		Outgoing	2,712	5,509		
Kanopy Streaming		82		Technolo	gy Equipment			
Georgia State Park F	Pass	10		Internet Computers		1,442		
Parks Discovery Bac				ChromeBook/Projector/Tab	let/Harddrive	9		
Go Fish Pass		4		Children's Computers		118		
Puppetry Arts Pass		1		WiFi Sign-ins		249		
Zoo Atlanta DVD		18			Total	1,818		
Carlos Museum		1		VOLUNTEERS	Volunteers	Volunteer Hours		
Breman Jewish Muse	eum			Adult	3	11.95		
Chattahoochee Natu	re Center			YA	9	48.71		
Macon Museum Pas	s	4		Summer Ambassadors				
Galileo Sessions		25		Total	12	12 60.66		
eRead Kids		24		PROGRAMS	& ATTENDAN	CE		
GADD Audiobook		1929		Type of Program Total	# of Programs	# Patrons/Views		
GADD eBook		1164		Children's	21	650		
GADD Magazines		449	3,711	Young Adult	2	25		
Audiobook CD	Adult	152		Adult				
DVD	Adult	254		All Ages	6	209		
Kits	Adult	1		Grand Total	29	884		
Music CD	Adult	7	414	MEETI	NG ROOM			
Audiobook CD	Easy			Times Used	Atte	ndees		
DVD	Easy	51		40	1	46		
Kits	Easy	21		In-House OPAC/KPAC Use	2	205		
Music CD	Easy		72	Videogames				
Audiobook CD	Juv	31		Alliance Theatre Pass	1			
DVD	Juv	230		Kill-A-Watt Power Meter				
Kits	Juv	15		Computer Museum Pass	1			
Music CD	Juv	1	277	Shakespeare Tavern	2			
Audiobook CD	YA	11		Atlanta History Center	1			
DVD	YA			Radon Detector				
Music CD	YA		11	Pollinator Kit	1			
		on Print total	4,491					
TOTAL	CIRCULATION	N	16,176					

		NOL	A BRANTI	_EY - April 2024		
	CIRCULATIO	N		PINES Card		Door Count
Print				New Patrons	74	
Adult Non-Fiction	799			Active Patrons	14,058	4865
Adult Fiction	1,814			Notary Public Service		25
Young Adult	266			Items Added	2	52
Junior Non-Fiction	450			Reference Questions Aske	ed	385
Junior Fiction	759					
Easy	1,630					
Magazines	0			Т	RANSITS	
Print Total	5,718			Incoming	2,406	Total
	Non Print			Outgoing	2,131	4,537
Kanopy Streaming		82		Technol	ogy Equipment	
Georgia State Park P	ass	11		Internet Computers		1,249
Parks Discovery Bac				ChromeBook/Projector/Tal	blet/Harddrive	9
Go Fish Pass	•			Children's Computers		37
Puppetry Arts Pass				WiFi Sign-ins		90
Zoo Atlanta DVD		13			Total	
						,
Carlos Museum				VOLUNTEERS	#of Volunteers	Volunteer Hours
Breman Jewish Muse	eum			Adult	2	2
Chattahoochee Nature Center				YA		
Macon Museum Pass		3		Summer Ambassadors		
Galileo Sessions	Galileo Sessions 26			Total	2	2
eRead Kids		23		PROGRAM	S & ATTENDAN	CE
GADD Audiobook		1087		Type of Program Total	# of Programs	# Patrons/Views
GADD eBook		711		Children's	18	
GADD Magazines		177	2,133	Young Adult		-
Audiobook CD	Adult	84	,	Adult	2	42
DVD	Adult	264		All Ages	10	
Kits	Adult			Grand Total	30	
Music CD	Adult	24	372		TING ROOM	
Audiobook CD	Easy			Times Used		ndees
DVD	Easy	34		14		52
Kits	Easy	6		n-House OPAC/KPAC Use		46
Music CD	Easy	5	40	Videogames	6	
Audiobook CD	Juv	18		Alliance Theatre Pass		
DVD	Juv	126		Kill-A-Watt Power Meter		
Kits	Juv	12		Computer Museum Pass		
Music CD	Juv		156	Shakespeare Tavern	-	
Audiobook CD	YA			Atlanta History Center	1	
DVD	YA			Radon Detector	1	
Music CD	YA		0		· ·	
		Print Total	2,709	Study Po	oms Times Usec	<u> </u>
	CIRCULATION		8,427		72	
IUTAL	GINGULATION		0,427		12	

		PERR		I - April 2024		
	CIRCULATION			PINES Card	ls	Door Count
	Print			New Patrons	81	
Adult Non-Fiction	868			Active Patrons	11003	5457
Adult Fiction	2,710			Notary Public Service		21
Young Adult	459			Items Added		161
Junior Non-Fiction	871			Reference Questions Ask	ed	333
Junior Fiction	1,598					
Easy	3,185					
Magazines	1			Т	RANSITS	
Print Total	9,692			Incoming	2,450	Total
	Non Print Material			Outgoing	2,439	4,889
Kanopy Streaming		82		Techno	logy Equipmen	t
Georgia State Park P	ass	5		Internet Computers		834
Parks Discovery Back	kpack			ChromeBook/Projector/Ta	ablet/Harddrive	6
Go Fish Pass		4		Children's Computers		157
Puppetry Arts Pass				WiFi Sign-ins		136
Zoo Atlanta DVD		8		-	Total	1,133
Carlos Museum				VOLUNTEERS	Volunteers	Volunteer Hours
Breman Jewish Muse	um			Adult	3	32
Chattahoochee Natur	e Center			YA	3	20
Macon Museum Pass	;	3		Summer Ambassadors		
Galileo Sessions		25		Total	6	52
eRead Kids		23		PROGRAM	S & ATTENDA	NCE
GADD Audiobook		1510		Type of Program Total	# of Programs	# Patrons/Views
GADD eBook		962		Children's	17	954
GADD Magazines		197	2,819	Young Adult	1	8
Audiobook CD	Adult	81		Adult		
DVD	Adult	414		All Ages	2	45
Kits	Adult			Grand Total	20	1007
Music CD	Adult	4	499	MEE	TING ROOM	
Audiobook CD	Easy	1		Times Used	Atte	endees
DVD	Easy	116		20	2	201
Kits	Easy	21		n-House OPAC/KPAC Us		189
Music CD	Easy		138	Videogames	1	
Audiobook CD	Juv	59		Alliance Theatre Pass		
DVD	Juv	209		Kill-A-Watt Power Mete	r	
Kits	Juv	29		Computer Museum Pass		
Music CD	Juv		297	Shakespeare Tavern		
Audiobook CD	YA	2		Atlanta History Center		
DVD	YA	1		Radon Detector		
Music CD	YA		3			
		rint Total	3,757			
TOTAL	CIRCULATION		13,449			