A Message from the Director

Dr. Gabriel Morley

We are very excited to share information about three new libraries re-opening after renovation in the coming weeks! Read more in this week’s edition of @FulcoLibrary News about re-opening events at Adams Park Library, College Park Library and the Roswell Library! We invite friends and patrons of each of these branches to come out and celebrate with us during these special programs. We will have great activities for kids, tours for the adults and activities throughout the day to welcome you back to your favorite branches.

Please take a moment to share this newsletter with a friend or family member and encourage them to stop by a branch today to get a library card ... the most important card in your wallet.

All Libraries will be closed Tuesday, December 24th and Wednesday, December 25th for the Christmas holiday.

College Park Library Grand Re-opening Celebration

The College Park Library is preparing to re-open after recent renovations. The Library System will unveil the newly renovated branch on Thursday, December 12th at 10 a.m. The event will feature a ceremony with local officials and county staff, ribbon cutting ceremony, light refreshments and tours of the new space.

In addition to the re-opening, the Library will also unveil the new Library Outreach "Innovation Station" van. Guests will have the opportunity to tour the vans, enjoy STEAM activities and check out materials.
The renovation of the College Park Library includes an updated interior layout to maximize visibility and efficiency, new shelf space for books, tutoring and training areas, updated building HVAC and MEP systems, as well as new upgraded technology, computers and displays.

There's Still Time to Support the Library for #givingtuesday

It's not too late to support the Fulton County Library System, in partnership with the Atlanta-Fulton Public Library Foundation, this #givingtuesday.

You can support your local library this holiday season by making a donation during this nationwide day of giving. Simply visit the GA Gives Atlanta-Fulton Public Library Foundation page and make your donation!

In 2018, your Fulton County Libraries served over 12 million patrons both in our branches and through our online digital library, hosted nearly 5,000 youth programs and circulated over 3.2 million books and materials.

The 2019 work of the Library Foundation has included providing Summer Reading programs to over 35,000 children, conducting STEAM programs, drone workshops, and Pop-Up Libraries.

Give thanks this season to the important work our libraries do in our communities. Join the Atlanta-Fulton Public Library Foundation with your gift of support this #givingtuesday!

Upcoming Library Re-openings - Adams Park & Roswell
The Library is pleased to announce the reopening of two additional branches in the library renovation project.

On Thursday, December 19th at 10 a.m., the Fulton County Library System will re-open the Adams Park Library with a ribbon-cutting ceremony, library tours and more.

On Friday, January 3rd at 10 a.m., the Library System will re-open the Roswell Library with a ribbon-cutting ceremony, library tours and more.

We look forward to sharing this exciting time with all our patrons, residents, local businesses and County and City officials.

Look out for details on both events at www.afpls.org.

Did You Know? CLASS PASS @ APS

Fulton County Library System and Atlanta Public Schools have partnered to bring a new "fine-free" library card to all APS students and teachers!

If you are an Atlanta Public Schools student or employee you already have access to dozens of resources, including online databases, eBooks, eAudiobooks, streaming videos, as well as hundreds of thousands of books available at libraries throughout the city of Atlanta and Fulton County. If you are an APS student, all you need is your student username and your lunch code to get started. If you are an APS employee, have your Employee ID ready and click here to get started.

CLASS PASS @ APS students have books and other resources already curated and ready to download based on grade level. Simply visit CLASS PASS @ APS to get started today!

Featured Library Renovation: East Point Library

The East Point Library re-opened to the public Tuesday, May 28, 2019 to the public after a
remarkable renovation project! The new look was unveiled to a crowd of neighborhood supporters, local and county officials and included a full day of activities for patrons of all ages! Check out the beautiful new building in the images below or stop by and see for yourself. You will love the new open layout, new finishes, study rooms and more.

The renovated library includes self check-out machines, lowered shelving, for better visibility across the branch and more book display areas.

Open layouts and more natural light make the branch easier to navigate while providing better security for branch staff with increased visibility across the main floor.

New artwork throughout the branch was purchased from artists through a partnership with the Fulton County Department of Arts and Culture.

Small reading nooks like these allow patrons to enjoy some natural light while reading, studying, checking email or just relaxing.

Electronic Resources: World Book Online

World Book Online has all the resources students at every level need for reports and projects.

From pre-K to high school and beyond, we have databases for every learner at every level. World Book Online hosts thousands of articles, as well as hundreds of maps, videos, and other media for an immersive learning experience.

Teacher resources, curriculum correlations, learning standards, and other useful tools for educators are included across all databases.
Upcoming Library Events (December 3 - December 16)

READ With Echo
Wednesdays, 4:00 pm.
Alpharetta Library
10 Park Plaza
Alpharetta, GA 30009

Reluctant or anxious readers can sign up to read with Echo, a trained therapy dog. Registration is required. For more information, email Erin Parks.

Author Discussion: Jelani M. Favors
Sunday, December 8, 3 pm.
Auburn Avenue Research Library
101 Auburn Avenue NE
Atlanta, GA 30303

The Auburn Avenue Research Library in collaboration with the Baton Foundation will host Jelani M. Favors, who will discuss his latest publication, Shelter in a Time of Storm: How Black Colleges Fostered Generations of Leadership and Activism.

International Holiday Card Making Workshop
Saturday, December 14, 2 pm.
East Point Library
2757 Main Street
East Point, GA 30344

Unique homemade cards or ornaments or digital cards to make for friends and family.

B is For Books and Babies Storytime
Wednesdays, Dec. 4-18, 10:30 am.
Evelyn G. Lowery Library @ Cascade
3665 Cascade Road SW,
Atlanta GA 3033

Infants, crawlers and wobblers. Early literacy starts here with play with a purpose. Parents

Family Craft Night: Holiday Craft Series
Wednesdays, 6:00 pm.
December 4, 11, 18, 6:00 pm.
Sandy Springs Library
395 Mount Vernon Hwy
Sandy Springs, GA 30328

Join us and enjoy a family night to do craft together! Supplies will be provided.

Adult Art Class: Let It Snow Wood Art
Saturday, Dec. 7, 2:30 pm.
East Roswell Library
2301 Holcomb Bridge Rd,
Roswell, GA 30076

are introduced to materials and activities that enhance infants’ language and motor skills through toys, stories and songs. Ages. 0 -2. Registration is required for groups of 10 or more. 404-613-7000