A Message from the Director

Dr. Gabriel Morley

The excitement continues this week, with another library re-opening, our Adams Park Library opens Thursday, December 19th at 10 a.m. and it will not disappoint. The new design, furniture, and technology are beautiful. After the new year we will open the eagerly anticipated 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, Wednesday, December 25th, for the Christmas holiday and Tuesday, December 31st and Wednesday, January 1st for the observance of New Year's Eve/Day.

Adams Park Library Grand Re-opening Celebration

The Adams Park Library is preparing to re-open after recent renovations. The Library System will unveil the newly renovated branch on Thursday, December 19th 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, guests can also
tour the recently unveiled Library Outreach "Innovation Station" van.

The renovation of the Adams 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.

Join the Winter Reading Challenge

Beanstack Announces Penguin Random House U.S. Children’s Divisions to Sponsor 3rd Annual Beanstack Winter Reading Challenge

The Fulton County Library System will take part in this exciting program, encouraging all residents to register online and start their new year off with a resolution to read! This year, a record number of over 1,500 schools and libraries are expected to participate, with reading to surpass last year’s collective goals of at least 5M minutes and 75,000 books during the month of January. Top-performing libraries and schools will earn “Golden Penguin” and “Golden House” awards. PRH has pledged to donate $50,000 in prizes, including author visits and new books, to be shared among the winners.

Participating libraries will use Beanstack, a web and mobile application, to track self-directed reading time and help build a culture of reading in school and at home. Beanstack is marking the 2020 Winter Reading Challenge with the release of its new Badge Book, an activity log and sticker book that motivates young readers while working hand-in-hand with the online portion of various national reading challenges.

For more information or to register today, visit https://fultoncounty.beanstack.org/.
The Roswell Library is preparing to re-open after recent renovations. The Library System will unveil the newly renovated branch on Friday, January 3 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, guests can also tour the recently unveiled Youth and Adult Library Outreach "Innovation Station" vans.

The renovations consist of upgrades to the building envelope including new roof, windows, and upgrades to the Technology and MEP systems. In addition, a new entrance with direct access from Norcross Street has been added. The interior has been opened, lightened and brightened with the help of raised ceilings, new children’s wing, study rooms and more.

Get Revved Up for Reading

To "rev up" motor sports fans, Monster Jam and Supercross are partnering with public libraries to encourage reading, while helping kids earn a ticket to either one of the competitions. Readers will earn a voucher good for either Supercross or Monster Jam (their choice). There is NO cost enroll. Children ages 2 - 12 are encouraged to participate.

The program will run through the end of February 2020. Children are required to read five (5) books or 25 hours of his/her choice. Each participating family must purchase one (1) full price ticket for every three (3) free kids tickets.

Monster Jam Show will be from Feb. 22-23 and Supercross will be on Feb. 29, 2020. Parents/guardians will be able to redeem a free voucher at the stadium’s box office one (1) week prior to Monster Jam and two (2) weeks prior to Supercross. The voucher is good for either event.

Click here for more information.
The Fairburn Library re-opened to the public Thursday, May 16, 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 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 technology, including new computers for patrons, are among the many technology upgrades at the renovated Fairburn Library.

Work and reading stations throughout the branch like these allow patrons to enjoy some natural light while reading, studying, checking email or just relaxing.
Electronic Resources: Homework Help & Tutoring

Need homework help? The Library System has resources for students of all ages! All free with a library card. From tutor.com to Infobase, there is a resource for all your school needs.

Whether you need help with homework or you need help researching a school project, the Digital Library has a resource to get you on your way.

Click here to get started today!

Upcoming Library Events (December 18 - December 31)

Cookbook Club-Nigella Lawson
Monday, December 19, 5 pm
Alpharetta Library
10 Park Plaza
Alpharetta, GA 30009

Make any recipe from one of her books and bring it to share. Please email dawn.spencer@fultoncountygov to register.

Kwanzaa Celebration
Monday, December 30, 3 pm
Auburn Avenue Research Library
101 Auburn Avenue NE
Atlanta, GA 30303

In celebration of Kwanzaa and in recognition of Nia, the fifth principle the Auburn Avenue Library presents a Kwanzaa Celebration of drumming and dance performances featuring GIWAYEN MATA, the All Sistah Dance Ensemble. The Communal Libation Candle Lighting ceremony will be presented by international educator Dr. Chike Akua.

Home Buying Education Series
Saturday, December 28, 12 pm
Southeast Atlanta Library
1463 Pryor Road
Atlanta, GA 30315

The Home Buying Education classes will help prepare potential homeowners in the home buying process. This class will focus on a 10-step process. Topics covered are obtaining a mortgage, role of the real estate agent, protecting your investment, and credit. Tori Nunley is the facilitator.
Prodigies of Music - Concert and Master Class
Saturday, December 21, 2 pm
Evelyn G. Lowery Library
@ Cascade
3665 Cascade Road SW, Atlanta GA 3033

Join us for a Jazz Concert and Master Class featuring Prodigies of Music. Program hosted by Rosemary Robertson and presented by COMAS Music Group. All ages are welcome. 404-613-7000

Metropolitan Girls Who Code Club
Saturday, December 28, 10 am
Metropolitan Library
1332 Metropolitan Parkway
Atlanta, GA 30310

In this club, girls will work on a team and use fun and simple online coding tutorials to design and build a project. Grades 6-12.

AstroKids and Milton Astronomy Club
Saturday, December 28, 2 pm and 3:15 pm.
Milton Library
855 Mayfield Road
Milton, GA 30009

Join Mr. Jeff or Mr. Phil as they lead us on a journey through the stars in his exploration of the universe. AstroKids ages 8+ with parent. AstroKids at 2:00 p.m., Astronomy Club at 3:15 p.m.