A Message from the Director

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It is hard to believe that we are already through February of 2020! If you’re anything like the 60% of Americans that make New Year’s resolutions in January, February is when a lot of us start to give up on those goals. In fact, only about 8% of us achieve our resolutions each year.

The good news is, the library wants to help you reach those resolutions. Whether you need a great cook book to help you with your healthy eating resolutions, or a fitness book to help you with your fitness goals in the new year, we’re here to help keep you on track. Maybe you've resolved to learn a new language, the Library has Mango Languages to help you with your goals!

All of these resolutions have one thing in common ... they all involve reading. In 2020, the Fulton County Library System wants you to #resolvetoread. Resolve to read a book with your newborn, through our Books for Babies program. Resolve to read a book with your child every night, because we know that reading to children early increases their chances for educational success later in life. Resolve to read for yourself every night. Read during your morning and evening commute with our eBooks and audiobooks.

There are so many positive outcomes when you read at any age. Join us and make 2020 the year you #ResolvetoRead.

Look out for more ways to participate in our #ResolvetoRead campaign in 2020. In the meantime, tag us (@fulcolibrary) in your photos on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram and show us how you are reaching your reading goals and perhaps even, some of those resolutions.

Check Out What You're Checking Out!

Top 20 Checked Out Books of 2019

Ever wonder what books are among Fulton County Library System's most borrowed books? We did too!

@FulcoLibrary News
an e-newsletter of the Fulton County Library System
Thanks to the awesome staff on our Technical Services team, we are pleased to share with you the most checked out adult books of 2019. To see a full list of top 20 books checked out for children and young adults, click here to check out the article with all the details, including how many times each title was checked out!

Top 20 Adult Books of 2019:
1. “Where the Crawdads Sing” by Delia Owens
2. “Becoming” by Michelle Obama
3. “Educated: A Memoir” by Tara Westover
4. “An American Marriage” by Tayari Jones
5. “The Reckoning” by John Grisham
6. “Nine Perfect Strangers” by Liane Moriarty
7. “Past Tense” by Lee Child
8. “The Great Alone” by Kristin Hannah
9. “Little Fires Everywhere” by Celeste Ng
10. “The Silent Patient” by Alex Michaelides
12. “The Woman in the Window” by A. J. Finn
13. “Long Road to Mercy” by David Baldacci
14. “Liar Liar” by James Patterson
15. “A Gentleman in Moscow” by Amor Towles
17. “Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine” by Gail Honeyman
18. “The Tattooist of Auschwitz” by Heather Morris
19. “Redemption” by David Baldacci
20. “The President Is Missing” by Bill Clinton

How many of these have you read? Tag us on Facebook or Twitter with your “top read books” of 2019 with the hashtag #ResolvetoRead. We’re looking forward to seeing what our patrons are checking out in 2020!

Celebrate National Read an E-book Week
Sign-up for the New Library Download Newsletter!

The second week of March is National Read an eBook week, and Fulton County Libraries are celebrating with this first-ever edition of our Library Download Newsletter, which launches Friday, March 6. This email newsletter will follow in the path of our hit New Books Newsletter,
sending links to the latest downloadable library content and containing fun giveaways for subscribers. Sign up today for the latest links to movies, television, eBooks, eAudiobooks delivered right to your inbox just once per month.

Make 2020 the year you Resolve to Read by downloading an eBook from Fulton County Libraries.

What Activities Would You Like to See Outside This Summer? Take the Survey!

The Library is preparing to get outside this summer while Central continues its renovation. Please tell us what programs and events would attract you and your family to outdoor library activities downtown. Thank you! Click here to take the survey today!

Harlem Renaissance Traveling Exhibit - Evelyn G. Lowery Library @ Cascade

Join the Evelyn G. Lowery Library @ Cascade for the Harlem Renaissance Traveling Exhibit. The program will feature storytimes at the Cascade Library, hosted by local members of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

March 1, 2020: 2 - 4 p.m.
March 7, 2020: 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. (storytime)
1 - 3 p.m. (children's activity)
3 - 5 p.m. (storytime and art)
March 8, 2020: 2-4 p.m. (youth activity)
March 14, 2020: 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. (storytime)
4 - 6 p.m. (A Night in Harlem Poetry Slam)

Visit the Cascade Branch for more information about this exciting partnership.
The Library Renovation Project continues to make excellent progress with 11 libraries currently under construction and/or nearing completion.

The following libraries have been given estimated completion dates, but re-opening dates have not yet been scheduled. Please stay tuned as we prepare to announce those in the near future.

Completion March-May 2020:
- Adamsville-Collier Heights Library
- Buckhead Library
- Cleveland Avenue Library
- East Atlanta Library
- Mechanicsville Library
- Northside Library
- Ocee Library

Completion May-June 2020:
- Northeast/Spruill Oaks Library
- Ponce de Leon Library (being renamed to Joan P. Garner Library)

Completion September-November 2020:
- Hapeville Library
- Central Library

The Central Library renovation and the new construction at the Hapeville Library continue to make excellent progress and are scheduled to re-open in late 2020. More details about these exciting projects coming soon.

East Point and Fairburn Libraries Achieve LEED Status

The East Point and Fairburn Libraries have received a very distinguished honor. On January 16, 2020, each branch was awarded the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) GOLD CERTIFICATION by the U.S. Green Building Council.

LEED Certification is an internationally recognized green building certification system, providing third-party verification that a building or community was designed and built using strategies aimed at
improving performance across all the metrics that matter most: energy savings, water efficiency, CO2 emissions reduction, improved indoor environmental quality, and stewardship of resources and sensitivity to their impacts.

2M Design Consultants, Inc. (2M), on behalf of the CBRE-Herry/Russell JV Team, congratulated Fulton County Government, Fulton County Library System (FCLS), and Build Smart/Tebarco JV, the awarded design-build company along with their entire team for what the firm described as “beautifully designed and renovated state-of-the-art high performance green libraries.”

Once the LEED Certificates and plaques are received, visitors to the East Point & Fairburn Libraries will be able to view the LEED GOLD plaques that will be on display at the entrance to these very important libraries.

Featured Library Renovation: Dogwood Library

The Adams Park Library re-opened to the public Monday, August 12, 2019 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.

Project Overview: The Dogwood Library is a 6,200 square foot facility. The renovations consist of updating the building envelope including new windows, upgrading the technology and MEP (mechanical, electrical and plumbing) systems. In addition, the renovation design of Dogwood Library proposes several features which make it more flexible for everyone. More collaboration and study spaces have been added in order to accommodate the nearby schools and neighborhoods that use this library. More computers positioned in close proximity to the front of the building allow for better librarian visibility and quicker access to patrons in need of assistance. The new layout also features group study rooms, which will include a digital display for collaboration.

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

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Monday, March 2, 10:30 a.m.
Children will enjoy listening to stories and making crafts in celebration of Dr. Seuss' birthday. Ages 3-5. 25 participants maximum.
College Park Library

Read Across America
Monday, March 2, 10:30 a.m.
Dr. Seuss's 113th Birthday Celebration! Calling on all children and youth to join our special guests, Ruby Foster / Chattahoochee Hills City Council, as she reads to children on this year's Read across America.
Palmetto Library

Read Across America Day, Celebrating Diversity in Picture Books
Monday, March 2, 3:00 p.m.
Please join the Milton Library as we celebrate READ ACROSS AMERICA DAY! Come and read wonderful new and diverse picture books with us! All are welcome. Target ages 4 - 9.
Milton Library

Dr. Seuss' Read-A-Thon
Monday, March 2, 3:30 p.m.
Join us as we celebrate the birthday of Dr. Seuss with stories and a craft on National Read Across America Day. Ages 0-12. Registration is required for groups.
Northwest Library at Scotts Crossing

Make a Cat in the Hat Mask
Monday, March 2, 4:00 p.m.
Come celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday and make a mask to become his best-known character and have some Seussical treats! Ages 3-8
Fairburn Library

Read Across America
Monday, March 2, 4:00 p.m.
Children ages 4-10 celebrate Dr. Seuss and his special birthday. Registration is required for groups.
Gladys S. Dennard Library @ South Fulton

Dr. Seuss Storytime at Brownwood Park Recreation Center
Monday, March 3, 10:30 a.m.
Celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday by reading some classics.
*East Atlanta Library

Come and Read Just Like the Cat
Wednesday, March 4, 10:00 a.m.
Celebrate Read Across America with the Cat in the Hat. All ages. Reservations required.
Washington Park Library

Happy Birthday Dr. Seuss
Wednesday, March 4, 10:00 a.m.
Join us as we celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday with stories in National Read Across America Day. Ages 0-12. Registration is required for groups.
Dogwood Branch Library

Happy Birthday Dr. Seuss
Wednesday, March 4, 10:30 a.m.
Celebrate Dr. Seuss's Day as we attempt to solve the mystery of Fozzie Fox the Snoop from Dr. Seuss's classic I Can Read with My Eyes Shut! Ages 3-5.
Metropolitan Library

Read Across America Celebration
Wednesday, March 4, 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Join us as we celebrate a nation of diverse readers and host a very special guest storyteller, City of South Fulton Councilwoman Carmalitha Gumbs.
Wolf Creek Library

Share Your Favorite Dr. Seuss Book
Wednesday, March 4, 3:30 p.m.
Come and celebrate Dr. Seuss' day with your favorite book. All ages. Reservations required.
Washington Park Library

"Cat in the Hat" Craft
Wednesday, March 4, 4:00 p.m.
Join us as we honor Dr. Seuss' birthday and Read Across America Week as make a "Cat in the Hat" craft. You bring the creativity and we provide the supplies. All ages.
Adams Park Library
**Saturday, February 29, 12 pm.**

RSVP for the Opening Reception on Friday and view films on Saturday

**Auburn Avenue Research Library**
101 Auburn Avenue NE, Atlanta, GA 30303

**Big Top Pee Wee at the Plaza and Drag Queen Storytime**
Saturday, February 29, 1 pm

The Ponce de Leon Branch Library proudly presents: **Big Top Pee Wee, hosted at the Plaza Theatre by Miss Terra Cotta Sugarbaker.** The movie will be preceded by a storytime with Miss Sugarbaker. All attendees should bring their library card. Don't have one? Register online at AFPLS.org and pick up your card at the Plaza.

**Monday, March 2. 4:00 p.m.**

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**Fairburn Library**
60 Valley View Dr, Fairburn, GA 30213

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**Monday, March 2. 10:30 a.m.**

**Read Across America Day! It's Dr. Seuss' Birthday!**

**College Park Library**
3647 Main Street
College Park, GA 30337

Children will enjoy listening to stories and making crafts in celebration of Dr. Seuss' birthday. Ages 3-5. 25 participants maximum. Reservations required.

**Stop, Drop, and Read**

**Cleveland Avenue**
47 Cleveland Avenue SW, Atlanta, GA 30315

Find new authors off the shelves and come together in April to Celebrate D.E.A.R. on April 9. 4:00 p.m.