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Atlanta-Fulton Public Library System Announces
Restored Library Hours for 2015

Atlanta – The Fulton County Board of Commissioners voted on Wednesday to restore the Atlanta-Fulton Public Library System budget to levels that will allow hours to be restored at the libraries. These changes will take place as of April 1, 2015.

Fulton County Commissioners unanimously passed the Fulton County’s 2015 budget on Wednesday. It included allocation for the restoration of hours for the branches of the Library System. It also included an increase to the Library System’s materials budget to $1.9 million.

“This is a great day for our libraries and the communities we serve throughout Fulton County,” said Interim Library Director Anne Haimes. “We are meeting critical needs by restoring hours and public confidence in our libraries.”

In 2014, budget reductions meant significant cuts to library hours including the elimination of Friday hours at many branches. As a result of the action taken by the Board of Commissioners, hours will be restored to their 2013 levels.

The Library System’s Building Program is also progressing, with the new Wolf Creek and Palmetto Libraries open and additional new libraries opening this year. The Auburn Avenue Research Library and the South Fulton Branch are both currently closed for renovation and expansion projects that are part of the Library Building Program.

For more information please visit www.afpls.org or call 404-730-1977.

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Atlanta-Fulton Public Library System is the largest in the state, with 34 libraries and a collection of more than 2.3 million items. It offers innovative programs, services and virtual resources tailored to meet the needs of each branch’s community. Children, teens and adults may choose from a variety of classes, visit exhibitions, listen to authors discuss their work, check out videos, DVDs and CDs, attend book club discussions, get homework help, hear music and see live performances. Last year patrons borrowed more than 2.7 million items, made 3.4 million visits to the libraries and our website had over 7.9 million hits.