Atlanta-Fulton Public Library System Announces New Hours

Atlanta – The Atlanta-Fulton Public Library System has new hours in effect at each of its locations as of February 12, 2014.

On January 27th the Fulton County Board of Commissioners approved the 2014 Budget which included a reduction in operating funds for the Atlanta-Fulton Public Library System. Library hours of operation will go from 1,562 a week to 996; however, Fulton County’s libraries continue to offer more hours of service than any of the surrounding counties. Please see the attached flyer for the new library hours.

The 2014 budget also includes operating funds to open the new libraries currently under construction that will open in 2014 and early 2015. These include the East Roswell, Palmetto and Wolf Creek libraries.

Branch libraries will be closed on Fridays and many on another day of the week. The Central Library and the Auburn Avenue Research Library will remain open 7 days per week. The new operating hours include Saturday and Sunday service, as statistics indicate heavy use on these days.

Current usage was factored into the recommendation to reduce hours. Annual circulation statistics, computer use, visits to the library and the results of the user survey all indicate Friday is the least used day of the week. Hours were planned to include morning services for seniors and preschoolers and afternoon and evening hours for students and adults.

For more information please visit our website 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 2.5 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 3.6 million items, made 4 million visits to the libraries and our website had over 5 million hits.