

## **Columbia County Library Board Meeting**

Wednesday, March 12, 2025 • 11:30 pm

### **In attendance:**

#### **Columbia County Library Board**

- Dr. Sandra Carraway, Chair
- Windy Bedingfield, Treasurer
- David Davis
- Pat Goodwin
- Hillary Millar
- Amanda Hullum

#### **Vacant**

- District 3

#### **Library Staff**

- Keisha Evans, Columbia County Libraries Manager
- Devin Morris, Regional Admin Coordinator

#### **Other**

- Glenn Kennedy, Deputy County Manager
- John Luton, Division Director, Community Services

#### **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 11:30 am.

#### **Approval of Agenda**

The March agenda was approved.

#### **Approval of Minutes**

The February minutes were approved.

#### **Introduction of New Board Member**

Amanda Hullum appointed by Commissioner Couch.

#### **Friends of the Libraries**

See Friends report.

#### **Treasurer Report**

- Two CD have matured. The Board voted to give Windy permission to renew the CDs at the highest rate and best terms with Edward Jones.

#### **County Library Manager Report**

- Summer Reading planning is coming along.
- AARP Tax Aide program is open select days February 1 – April 15 at the Evans branch.

## **GCHRL Report**

Windy gave an update about the search for a new GCHRL Director.

### **New Business:**

- Election of Chair, Vice Chair, and Treasurer
  - Chair: David Davis
  - Vice Chair: Hillary Millar
  - Treasurer: Windy Bedingfield
- Request to Change Meeting Day
  - Meetings will remain on Tuesdays to coincide with the quarterly GCHRL meetings.
  - Start time will be moved to 11:45 am or when the GCHRL meeting concludes, whichever is later.
- Confirmation of 2025 Meeting Dates
  - Meetings will be on the second Tuesday of each month, except for April and November. These will occur on the third Tuesday due to conflicts.

### **Unfinished Business:**

- Request for Appeal of Reconsidered Titles
  - The Library Board has reviewed the following Appealed Reconsidered Titles:
    - Teo's Tutu
      - Board voted to affirm the decision of the Columbia County Libraries Manager; the title will remain in Picture books according to the Commissioners' Guidelines.
    - And Tango Makes Three
      - Board voted to affirm the decision of the Columbia County Libraries Manager; the title will remain in Picture books according to the Commissioners' Guidelines.
    - Ryan and Avery
      - Board voted to affirm the decision of the Columbia County Libraries Manager; the title will remain in the Teen section according to the Commissioners' Guidelines.
    - Gracefully Grayson
      - Board voted to affirm the decision of the Columbia County Libraries Manager; the title will remain in the Teen section according to the Commissioners' Guidelines.
    - The Other Boy
      - Board voted to affirm the decision of the Columbia County Libraries Manager; the title will remain in the Teen section according to the Commissioners' Guidelines.
    - Drama
      - Board voted to affirm the decision of the Columbia County Libraries Manager; the title will remain in the Middle Ground according to the Commissioners' Guidelines.

**Request to speak**

- Marlena Bergeron
- Katherine Cook
- Greta Newman
- Karin Parham

Next meeting: Tuesday, April 15, 2025, at 11:45 am at the Columbia County Library.

Meeting adjourned at 12:23 pm.

Columbia County, Georgia  
COLUMBIA COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD  
ACCOUNT BALANCES REPORT  
As of March 31, 2025

ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	BANK	ACCOUNT NUMBER	2/28/2025 BALANCES	March 2025 Additions	March 2025 Subtractions	3/31/2025 BALANCES
<b><u>LIBRARY BOARD CHECKING ACCOUNT:</u></b>						
Reserved for purchase of books	Queensborough		\$ 102.76	-	(6,363.43)	\$ (6,260.67)
Reserved for ECGR	Queensborough		-	-	-	-
Reserved for ops materials & supplies	Queensborough		2,660.00	-	-	2,660.00
Reserved for Harlem Long Memorial	Queensborough		895.00	-	-	895.00
UNRESERVED	Queensborough		386,880.01	19,599.80	(151.13)	406,328.68
			\$ 390,537.77	\$ 19,599.80	\$ (6,514.56)	\$ 403,623.01
<b><u>GENERAL CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT:</u></b>						
Columbia County Libraries	Edward Jones	CD 1 Matures 3/12/25	100,000.00		(100,000.00)	-
Columbia County Libraries	Edward Jones (Wells Fargo)	CD 2 Matures 3/25/26	105,101.05	100,000.00	(5,101.05)	200,000.00
Columbia County Libraries	Edward Jones (Morgan Stanley)	CD 3 Matures 2/26/26	72,036.54	4,963.46	-	77,000.00
			\$ 277,137.59	\$ 104,963.46	\$ (105,101.05)	\$ 277,000.00
						277,000.00
TOTALS			\$ 667,675.36	\$ 124,563.26	\$ (111,615.61)	\$ 680,623.01
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Evans Branch	
Circulation	
	Mar 2025
Adult Books	11,708
Teen Books	2,729
Juvenile Books	15,220
Middle Ground	111
Music	144
Magazines	0
DVDs	1,629
Audio books	153
State Park Pass	17
KITS	24
Realia	19
Equipment	156
Launchpads	51
Wonderbooks	167
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>32,128</b>

Grovetown Branch	
Circulation	
	Mar 2025
Adult Books	2,058
Teen Books	864
Juvenile Books	5,241
Middle Ground	23
Music	3
Magazines	20
DVDs	756
Audio books	51
State Park Pass	11
KITS	24
Realia	24
Equipment	13
Launchpads	15
Wonderbooks	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>9103</b>

Harlem Branch	
Circulation	
	Mar 2025
Adult Books	1,066
Teen Books	184
Juvenile Books	2,464
Middle Ground	6
Music	23
Magazines	0
DVDs	903
Audio books	47
State Park Pass	2
KITS	2
Realia	22
Equipment	0
Launchpads	27
Wonderbooks	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4746</b>

Database Usage	
Libby	
	Feb 2025
Audio books	5,982
E-books	4,333
E-magazines	2,387
Comics	

Hoopla	
Audio books	4,115
Binge Pass	28
Comics	155
E-books	840
Movies	118
Music	63
TV	139

In-House Use	
Adult Reference	8
Adult Circulating	330
Teen Circulating	33
Middle Ground	10
Children's Circ	8
Wonderbooks	4
Launchpads	0
Music	4
Mags/Newspapers	0
AudioBooks	0
DVDs	166
KITS	6
Microfilm	0
Equipment	0

In-House Use	
Adult Reference	0
Adult Circulating	76
Teen Circulating	33
Middle Ground	1
Children's Circ	0
Launchpads	548
Music	0
Mags/Newspapers	0
AudioBooks	0
DVDs	12
KITS	0
Microfilm	0
Equipment	0

In-House Use	
Adult Reference	0
Adult Circulating	18
Teen Circulating	4
Middle Ground	2
Children's Circ	0
Launchpads	340
Music	1
Mags/Newspapers	0
AudioBooks	0
DVDs	27
KITS	0
Microfilm	0
Equipment	0

All Others	
Boundless	
Vidcode	
Galileo	
AtoZ	638
Newsbnk	1124
IndieFlix	2
Qello	2
Transparent Lang	56
Universal Class	1,609
Gale Virtual	
Artists Works	3
Value Line	1044
Weiss Financial	44
NYT	909

Other Usage	
New Patron Registrations	336
Quipu Registrations	41
Public Computer Use	576
Classroom/Theater Wi-Fi	2711
Wi-Fi Logins	3,269
Outside Wi-Fi	239
Voter Registration	0
Reference Questions***	3,286
Total Door Attendance	16,950
Notary	221
Proctors	9

Other Usage	
New Patron Registrations	92
Quipu Registrations	23
Public Computer Use	342
Wi-Fi Logins	
Voter Registration	1
Reference Questions***	3514
Total Door Attendance	3694
Notary	28
Proctors	0

Other Usage	
New Patron Registrations	45
Quipu Registrations	8
Public Computer Use	159
Wi-Fi Logins	318
Voter Registration	0
Reference Questions***	1860
Total Door Attendance	2726
Notary	0
Proctors	1

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