

Cusseta-Chattahoochee County Library Board Meeting
Tuesday, March 17, 2026 - 6:00 pm
Cusseta-Chattahoochee Public Library

In attendance:

Chair Amanda Hollomon
Vice Chair Tanya Jones
Treasurer Christina Young
Linda Englebert
Charlotte Richards
Teresa Williams

Staff members

Branch Manager Mallie Brossett
Director Alan Harkness
Assist. Director for Public Service Katie Burnett
Administrative Specialist Lizette Cruz

- I. Call to Order
The meeting was called to order by Chair Hollomon at 6:00 PM.
- II. **Approval of the Minutes**
Chair Hollomon asked for a motion to approve the minutes from January 27, 2026. Young made the motion to accept the minutes as presented. Jones seconded the motion. Unanimously approved by Hollomon, Englebert, Jones, Richards, Williams, and Young.
- III. Public Comment
There were none.
- IV. Treasurer's Report
Branch Manager Brossett gave the Treasurer's Report. She went over the Quarterly Financial Review with end date of February 28, 2026.
- V. Director's Report & Local Library Report
Director Alan Harkness presented the director's report. The *Food & the Soul of America* event has been very well received. Last Thursday's event with James Beard Award winning author, Michael W. Twitty, had over 150 in attendance. Director Harkness invited the board to visit the exhibits on cookbooks and Pimento Cheese located on the second floor of CPL.

He reminded the board of the upcoming Columbus Children's Book Festival on May 9th. The MCLF's Friends & Foundation Spring Book Sale is this weekend at CPL. Director Harkness wanted to inform the board that Georgia Senate Bill 74 has passed the crossover and is awaiting a final vote. The wording has changed enough to lay the responsibility more on the directors and the library boards than on library staff. The new Strategic Plan is on track to be ready by summer.
- VI. Local Library Report
Branch Manager Brossett gave the Local Library Report. CCPL had a great Family Night with the Chattahoochee County Education Center. There was a total of 75 in attendance. The last two events with the Pastoral Institute have had 10 and 8 in attendance respectively. The Pastoral Institute wishes to continue the program in the Fall. CCPL has implemented a monthly Family Fun Take and Make. These are sets of activities, books and resources for families to pick up and do with their children at home. In January they had 25 families participate and in February 16 families participated. March's Family Fun Take and Make is based on botany.

Historic Westville Village hosted two Adult Crafternoons events at CCPL on the 5th and the 12th of March. CCPL hopes to have them return in the fall. Manager Brossett presented the School Board last week with a Dashboard Report on CCPL statistics and information. She included this report in the packet for the library board to review.

Upcoming Programs include Gen Level 2 (Genealogy), during Spring Break CCPL will be hosting crafts and events every day for all ages, and the Community Baby Shower in April. Summer Reading theme this year is Unearth a Story. CCPL will have all kinds of dinosaur themed events. Other planned events include Rock Painting for Rocky the Snake. a Juneteenth Food for The Soul Party with all kinds of activities provided by CCPL and food provided by Sweet Potato Heaven. CCPL will also begin having Technology Classes for adults on the 3rd Thursday of every month.

VII. Unfinished Business: there was none.

VIII. New Business

i. Vote on Revised FY 2025-2026 Budget

After some discussion Jones made the motion to approve the revised FY 2025-2026 Budget as presented. Englebert seconded the motion. Unanimously approved by Hollomon, Englebert, Jones, Richards, Williams, and Young.

ii. Vote to authorize Manager Brossett to spend up to \$1,000 to have ACOM assess and repair the security camera system.

After some discussion Richards made the motion to approve the expenditure up to \$1,000 on the security camera system. Young seconded the motion. Unanimously approved by Hollomon, Englebert, Jones, Richards, Williams, and Young.

iii. Vote on candidate Jaymee Kuhn for vacancy on the Board

After some discussion Englebert made the motion to approve the nomination of Jaymee Kuhn to the Cusseta-Chattahoochee County Library Board. Jones seconded the motion. Unanimously approved by Hollomon, Englebert, Jones, Richards, Williams, and Young. Manager Brossett will bring the nominated candidate to the Consolidated Government for approval in April.

iv. Vote on Preliminary FY27 Budget

After some discussion Young made the motion to approve the Preliminary FY27 Budget. Jones seconded the motion. Unanimously approved by Hollomon, Englebert, Jones, Richards, Williams, and Young.

IX. Chair's Report: Chair Hollomon did not have a report.

X. Board Education: None

XI. Next meeting date: July 21, at 6:00 p.m.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:35 PM