



**Vestavia Hills
Library Board of Trustees Agenda
September 24, 2025
4:00 PM**

Meeting Items

1. Call to Order - April Jackson MacLennan, Chair
2. Approval Of The Agenda
3. Approval Of August 27, 2025, Minutes
4. Director's Report - Taneisha Tucker

Library Board Packet Items

5. News Articles and Correspondence
6. Marketing Report
7. Monthly Statistical Report
 - a. Summer Reading 2025 Statistics
8. Current Budget Report
9. Balance Sheets, Funds 12 and 13

Unfinished Business

10. Library Budget Presentation

New Business

11. Extended Hours for Exams
12. Library Holidays and Staff Meetings 2026
13. Desirable Qualifications for Library Board Members

Committee Reports

Friends Report - Dave Melvin

Foundation Report - John Hubbard

Informational Items

Library Board Meeting Minutes August 27, 2025

I. Call to Order – April MacLennan, Chair

The Vestavia Hills Library in the Forest Board of Trustees met in regular session on Wednesday, August 27, 2025 at 3:59pm.

Present:

Ms. April MacLennan – Chair
Ms. Susan Swagler – Vice Chair
Mr. Christopher Gerety – Member
Ms. Erica Barnes – Member
Dr. Jimmy Bartlett – Board Emeritus
Ms. Elise Bodenheimer – Friends Chair
Ms. Taneisha Tucker – Library Director
Mr. Daniel Tackett – Deputy Director
Mr. Todd Richardson – Marketing Department Head
Ms. Marie Nash – Administrative Assistant
Ms. Bethany Mitchell – Recorder

Absent:

Mr. Larry Cochran – Member
Mayor Ashley Curry – City Liaison
Ms. Ann Hamiter – Foundation Chair
Mr. Jeff Downes – City Manager

II. Approval of Today’s Agenda

Mr. Gerety motioned to approve the August 27, 2025, agenda. Ms. Swagler seconded the motion. The agenda for today’s meeting was unanimously approved.

III. Approval of Minutes from Wednesday, June 25, 2025

Mr. Gerety motioned to approve the minutes from June 25, 2025. Ms. Swagler seconded the motion. The BOT minutes from June 25, 2025, were unanimously approved.

IV. Director’s Report – Ms. Tucker

Included in the packet. Ms. Tucker summarized the strategic priorities set by the city and the library’s 2025 metrics for output and outcome measures. Some output measures include building use, collections and circulation, programs and outreach, and technology. Some outcome measures include requesting a part-time custodian and a full-time Makerspace Manager, as well as securing fundraising consultants.

The final budget hearing with the council will take place before the next scheduled council meeting. Highlights of the proposed budget include the following facility improvements: interior and exterior light replacements; interior painting; ice maker replacement; interior water valve replacement; exterior siding repair; exterior pressure washing; a book drop replacement; and a washer/dryer connection, installation, and purchase. The interior water valve has already been replaced.

Lastly, the board discussed compliance with APLS and the issuance of state aid. Ms. Tucker stated that the library typically receives \$35,000 in state aid. However, potential policy changes for state aid may change the library's compliance status in the future. As a result, Ms. Tucker has budgeted \$35,000 in case compliance is not met. She emphasized that the city prefers the library to remain in compliance if possible.

V. Library Board Packet Items

a. News Articles and Correspondence

Included in the packet.

b. Marketing Reports

Included in the packet. Mr. Richardson stated that engagement in the library's social media posts has increased, particularly after creating more reels. The Social Media Strategy Team has an upcoming meeting to explore, create, and schedule social media content for the library.

c. Monthly Statistical Reports – April - July 2025

Included in the packet.

d. Current Budget Report

Included in the packet.

e. Balance Sheets, Fund 12 and Fund 13

Included in the packet. There is approximately \$600,000 in Fund 13, the donations account.

VI. Unfinished Business

a. Pedestrian Bridge – Ms. Tucker

The completion date for the pedestrian bridge is TBA. As a result, the Foundation will host a donor celebration event separate from the bridge completion date this fall. The date is TBA.

b. Eastside Library – Ms. Tucker

Doster Construction Company has been selected as the Construction Manager for the city's FY 2026-2027 capital projects. Planning for the Eastside library will take place this fiscal year, while building the library will take place in fiscal year 2027.

c. Fines – Mr. Tackett

The library did not collect overdue fines on items for Summer Reading for a Fine-Free Summer during May, June, and July. Lost item costs were still enforced. The waiving officially began on May 19. The library collected a total of \$2,870 in fines during Summer Reading this year. Last year, the library collected \$4,493 during the same timeframe. The library thus collected approximately \$1,600 less in fines than last year.

Approximately \$3,078 in total fines were waived in the 3-month period for Summer Reading. During that timeframe, overdue materials did not increase, and material circulation remained comparable to last year's Summer Reading, which did have overdue fines enacted.

The O'Neal Library and Hoover Library are already fine-free. This year, the Homewood Library waived fines for Summer Reading and then brought them back upon the conclusion of Summer Reading. The board discussed whether to reinstate fines or stay fine-free. Fine revenue, including lost item costs, is projected to be less than \$15,000. Last year, the library collected approximately \$8,000 in fines. After careful consideration, the board decided to maintain the current fines policy but to allow the staff to waive fines at their own discretion.

Ms. Bodenheimer suggested that staff could state to the patron, “The fine is _____, but if you would like us to waive it, we can.” If the patron does pay the fine, the staff member might say, “Thank you for supporting the library.” Ms. Barnes motioned to maintain the current fines policy but to allow staff to waive fines at their own discretion as needed. Ms. MacLennan seconded the motion. The fines policy, which allows staff to waive fines at their discretion, was unanimously approved.

d. Study Room Policy – Ms. Barnes

The revised study room policy includes the following changes:

- No alcoholic beverages, smoking or vaping of any kind, illegal drugs, or tobacco products are allowed.
- Rooms must remain unlocked and are not to be used for any inappropriate or sexual behavior.
- The library’s food policy also extends to study rooms. No meals, fast food, or food delivery service is permitted in the study rooms. Drinks with lids and snacks (such as those found in vending machines) are allowed.
- The following uses are expressly prohibited in the library study rooms: buying, selling, advertising, or trading products or services (for example, if you are a paid consultant or charging someone for their time or for providing a service).

Ms. Barnes motioned to approve the Study Room Policy. Mr. Gerety seconded the motion. The Study Room Policy was unanimously approved.

VII. New Business

a. Notary Public Policy – Ms. Barnes

Notaries are susceptible to legal liability. The library’s two notaries have insurance through the city, but it is limited. Ms. Barnes stated that the library’s notaries should be able to notarize commonly needed documents, but not those of a more controversial nature. She stated that the library’s policy is similar to the Homewood Library’s policy but more expansive than the Birmingham Public Library’s policy. The board decided to remove item 4F from the policy. Ms. Swagler motioned to approve the amended Notary Public Policy with the removal of item 4F. Ms. Barnes seconded the motion. The amended Notary Public Policy was unanimously approved.

b. Board Meeting Schedule – Mr. Gerety

The board meets on the fourth Wednesday of the month unless the meeting is canceled due to no business or no quorum, or if an emergency meeting is scheduled. The bylaws state that the board must meet a minimum of four times per year.

c. City Council Meeting Attendance – Ms. Swagler

The board plans to attend city council meetings on a more regular basis. Ms. Swagler created a SignUpGenius for it that is open to board members and Foundation members. She thanked the board and the Foundation for the current signups. She stated that she will send out another signup list towards the beginning of the new year as needed.

VIII. Committee Reports

IX. Friends Report – Ms. Bodenheimer

The Friends have \$21,000 in their checking account and \$52,764 in a CD as of the end of July. On September 25, they will host a Bingo program. Dolores Hydock returns in October for a program. Tickets are available on September 1.

X. Foundation Report – Ms. Tucker

The Foundation will work with the BOT to attend upcoming City Council meetings. They will also host a donor event sometime in the fall. Moorhouse and Corley signed the contract to serve as fundraising consultants for the Eastside Library. The consultants will participate in the Foundation's annual meeting on September 10 at 8:30 am. They have already begun building a fundraising database.

XI. Informational Items

a. ALA Report – Mr. Gerety

Mr. Gerety summarized his ALA conference experience. Some key highlights included considering sensory experience in libraries, exploring generative AI adoption and an internal AI policy for libraries, execution of disaster recovery planning, and more.

b. ALA Written Report – Derek Anderson

Available in the packet. The board was impressed with the staff's written reports and stated their appreciation. Some applicable highlights include the possibility of partnering with local businesses, such as creating a farmers' market, creating a quiet room in the new Eastside Library, and more.

c. ALA Written Report – Wendy Bridges

Available in the packet.

d. ALA Written Report – Lauren Headrick

Available in the packet.

e. NES Report: Vestavia Hills Staff Survey – Ms. Tucker

Ms. Tucker clarified that the IT department listed in the report is the City's IT department, not the library's IT department.

f. Library Board Committee Assignments – Ms. Tucker

The Library Board Committee Assignments were included for the BOT's convenience.

XII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:19pm. The next BOT meeting is Wednesday, September 24, 2025 at 4pm at the Vestavia Hills Library.

Taneisha Tucker
Director’s Report to the Library Board of Trustees
August and September 2025
September 19, 2025

News and Correspondence

News Articles

September 05, 2025 Alabama Public Library Service opens public comment period on gender ideology code change
1819 News | Caleb Taylor

September 06, 2025 Alabama Public Library Service Announces Proposed Rule Changes on State Administrative Code for Public Libraries
Bibb Voice | Mike Hobson

September 19, 2025 Alabama library board will continue to withhold Fairhope funding
Alabama Reflector | Ralph Chapoco

September 19, 2025 APLS delays vote reinstating Fairhope Public Library funding; Board chairman John Wahl calls for unity following death threat
1819 News | Erica Thomas

Statistics and Programming Overview

Please review reports for details.

August 2025	
Total Visits	46,116 5.61% increase
Program and Outreach Attendance	25% decrease 42 programs 974 patrons
Circulation	40,688 items .54% increase

Budgets and Balance Sheets

Budget Reports as of September 18, 2025

General Fund 01 Balance: \$393,972.08

Fund 12 / State Aid Balance: \$17,192.28
Fund 13 / Donations Balance: \$76,509.91

Balance Sheets as of September 18, 2025

Fund 12 / State Aid Balance: \$6,498.60
Fund 13 / Donations Balance \$595,713.13

Director's Notes

APLS September 18, 2025 Board Meeting

- Articles are included in the packet.
- The JCLC Librarians discussed how administrative code changes would impact the system. We also discussed tiered cards.

Summer Reading

Congratulations on a summer well read. An updated statistical report is included in the packet.

Library Staff

- Greg Wallace has officially retired. Aaron Langston began work on September 2, 2025.
- Patron Regina Bordelon is leaving Vestavia Hills. Before leaving, she gave gift cards to circulation staff as a thank you for helping her all these years. Circulation staff created a thank you card and mailed it to her.

FY 2025/2026 Budget Hearing Highlights

- A copy of the PowerPoint presentation is included in the packet.

Library Happenings

- **Better Basics** – Patrons donated 91 books to our August community initiative which was Better Basics.
- **Eastside Library** – Daniel, Todd and I met with the Foundation's fundraising team to discuss and develop marketing and fundraising strategy.

Building and Technology Updates

BUILDING

- Lighting on the main level has been updated and replaced.
- Turf Management completed overdue lawn maintenance.

TECHNOLOGY

- New public PCs will be ordered to replace out of date machines which cannot be upgraded to Windows 11.

Director's Meetings, Events Schedule included:

- Library Board of Trustees
- Daniel Tackett – facilities, library happenings, personnel updates
- Todd Richardson – marketing, publications, Friends, Foundation, strategic planning
- Library Department Heads
- Alabama Standards Committee
- APLS Board Meetings
- City Department Heads (2)
- JCLC Library Directors' Meeting
- Pam Parson – budgets and purchases
- JCLC Executive Board Meeting (Contracts)
- Jeff Downes – monthly check-in
- April Moon – departmental concerns
- Billy Conner – building maintenance
- Over the Mountain Library Directors
- Library Budget Hearing
- Julie Reynolds – PALS Chair
- Ann Martha Corley and Courtney Moorehouse – Fundraising
- Todd Richardson – fall outreach programs, social media strategy
- Chris Sheedy, Daniel Tackett – to discuss lawn maintenance concerns
- JCPLA Storytelling Workshop
- Library Foundation
- Outreach at the Zoo
- Aaron Langston – welcome and onboarding

Alabama library board will continue to withhold Fairhope funding

BY RALPH CHAPOCO
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Fairhope Public Library Board Chair Randal Wright reads a prepared statement before the Alabama Public Library Service on Thursday, September 18, 2025. The APLS voted to continue withholding state funding from the library amid an ongoing fight over the access to books. (Ralph Chapoco/Alabama Reflector)

The Alabama Public Library Service will continue withholding state funding from the Fairhope Public Library amid an ongoing dispute over how the library handles challenges to some books.

Members of the APLS Board Thursday voted to review some of the challenged books and decide for themselves if they meet the APLS' definition of sexually explicit materials.

The decision was the latest battle in an ongoing fight over books in libraries around the state that conservative groups have claimed are sexually explicit but which opponents say amount to attacks on literature with LGBTQ+ characters or themes.

“We are very disappointed that they are putting this off again,” said Randal Wright, chair of the board of trustees for the Fairhope Public Library, in an interview following the decision. “We believe very strongly that we are in compliance, and that the definition of sexually explicit is a subjective thing. You just can’t define it with words; it is emotional as well as objective.” Representatives from the library addressed APLS board members after the public comment period in the hopes of getting their funding reinstated. Board member Ronald Snider requested the board take a vote to authorize that funding be released, but no one else on the board supported his request.

“I think it is very troubling that we, who espouse small government, are here saying that we are going to decide what is appropriate, that these books are obscene,” Snider said. “What we are doing is listening to a small minority of people in Fairhope who are never going to be satisfied.”

Instead, the board voted for Chair John Wahl’s motion for the Fairhope Public Library to provide APLS with a list of the challenged books, in order for each member to review the materials themselves and decide if they are sexually explicit and should be removed from the teenagers’ section of the library.

“If it is a book that contains sexually explicit content, as defined in the definition created by this board, we want parents to make that call,” Wahl said. “We are not saying the book is bad, we are not saying the book doesn’t have literary value, but what we are saying is that we want parents to make those decisions when it comes to materials that are challenging.”

APLS voted to [suspend state aid](#) for the library after some patrons spoke out against the library. The library's supporters responded [by fundraising](#) to help offset the \$21,000 in state aid that APLS withheld. The library began to review the books that parents said should not be in the section for minors.

Since the suspension, roughly 10 patrons of the Fairhope Public Library who attended APLS meetings have accused Fairhope Public Library of shelving books they consider sexually explicit, in violation of the administrative code APLS adopted in the summer of 2024, which required libraries to adopt policies that restrict library materials to minors that are “inappropriate for children and youth.” It also prohibits libraries from purchasing such materials and requires advance approval for placing materials on display meant for minors.

Libraries must also have a policy that requires minors to receive permission from their parents before checking out library materials in the adult section.

The APLS board last year approved an update to the administrative code to further [define the term “sexually explicit”](#) and include materials with sexual intercourse, sexual excitement, nudity and masturbation.

After the administrative code was adopted, parents told the APLS board that the Fairhope Public Library continued to have books in the minors' section that are sexually explicit.

Wright said the library completed the review of the books that were challenged and moved seven of the 14 book titles that patrons challenged. Wright said he believed the library complied with the directive from APLS as well as the updated administrative code.

APLS board members and library officials discussed the issue for almost an hour on Thursday.

During the meeting, Wright asked APLS to provide the titles of the books they wanted reshelfed and the reason that Fairhope was singled out as the library that had its funding rescinded.

Wahl said there was not a list of specific books that were targeted to be reshelfed.

“When you refused parents’ redress or grievance, you left this board with a vote of no choice but to get involved,” Wahl said to Wright. “I think that is what made Fairhope different, was the refusal of giving redress of grievance for parents.”

Wright said the books that parents challenged were reviewed before the administrative code was updated in the summer of 2024, and the director at the time decided to keep the books in the same location.

She then said that the library’s policy was to keep the books that were challenged in place for the next five years, a standard practice for most libraries.

“It wasn’t so much that we were refusing, we were just saying they had already been reviewed,” Wright said. “Fill out an appeal, and we will do it again if we need to because we were willing to talk about it.”

She said that patrons who challenged the books did not approach the library board after that but instead went before the Fairhope City Council and the APLS board.

Prior to requesting that funding for the Fairhope Public Library be restored, Snider said that the APLS board is on a path of censoring library materials. He criticized the decision, saying he believes in local control, and that decisions about library materials should be left to local library boards who oversee the content.

“Is this board going to decide for itself what book in Fairhope, in Birmingham, or Ashland, Alabama, what we think is obscene?” Snider asked facetiously.

Snider then asked if libraries are supposed to remove a book if even one patron challenges its location.

“If it goes against state code, they must,” Wahl said.

Wahl then requested the titles of the books that were challenged and the decisions that the library made about where the books will be placed.

Alabama Public Library Service Announces Proposed Rule Changes On State Administrative Code for Public Libraries

Proposed Rule Changes Pertain to Public Library Sections for Minors and Sexual Content

By
Mike Hobson
-
September 6, 2025



On Friday, September 5, 1819 News reported on recent proposed rule changes being considered by the Alabama Public Library Service. Selections of that report follow:

“The Alabama Public Library Service (APLS) announced on Thursday the opening of a [public comment period](#) for a proposed code amendment addressing material containing gender ideology in Alabama’s libraries.

The code change follows a vote by the APLS Board at its July meeting to approve moving forward with amending state code.

The proposed amendment came in response to requests from concerned parents regarding books containing positive depictions of transgender procedures aimed at children. The change seeks to strengthen existing guidelines by making clear that library sections designated for minors under the age of 18 must remain free from sexual topics deemed inappropriate for children and youth.

The new language specifically states: “Under this section, any material that promotes, encourages, or positively depicts transgender procedures, gender ideology, or the concept of more than two biological genders shall be considered inappropriate for children and youth.”

If adopted, this language will be incorporated into state code and will require that books containing such content be relocated to an adult section, where parents can decide whether their children should have access. The comment period will remain open until October 14. After reviewing all input, the APLS Board will determine the final wording to be adopted.”

John Wahl, a professional butterfly farmer and political strategist, was re-elected as chairman of the Alabama Republican Party for a third consecutive term recently. The vote took place during the party’s Winter Meeting, where Wahl ran unopposed, solidifying his position as a key figure in state and national Republican politics.

Wahl, 37, has led the Alabama GOP since 2021 and is also vice chairman of the Republican National Committee’s Southern Region. Under his leadership, the party has achieved significant victories, including gains in majority-minority districts and record-breaking fundraising efforts. He is presently serving as chairman of the Alabama Public Library Service (APLS) board. He recently announced that he will step down from his ALGOP role to run for the office of Alabama Lt. Governor in 2026.

The Alabama Public Library Service (APLS), under the leadership of Wahl, is moving forward with its continued efforts to protect parental rights through a proposed code change amendment.

“The Alabama Public Library Service (APLS) board’s priority has been listening to parents. For us, the priority is making sure that Alabama libraries represent the parents of our state. We’re going to make sure that we move forward, that we listen to the public, and that we stand for the people,” the APLC Chairman John Wahl said in a phone interview with 1819 News.

The new proposed code change follows a vote by the APLS Board at its July meeting. It would amend the state code to state specifically:

“Under this section, any material that promotes, encourages, or positively depicts transgender procedures, gender ideology, or the concept of more than two biological genders shall be considered inappropriate for children and youth.”

Wahl encouraged everyone to participate in the public comment process, saying, “whatever people’s perspective, left, right, center, wherever they’re coming from,” he said, “through hearing people’s thoughts on any subject that we can better represent the public.”

He explained, “What we have heard overwhelmingly from both sides is that controls should rest with parents on what their children are exposed to.”

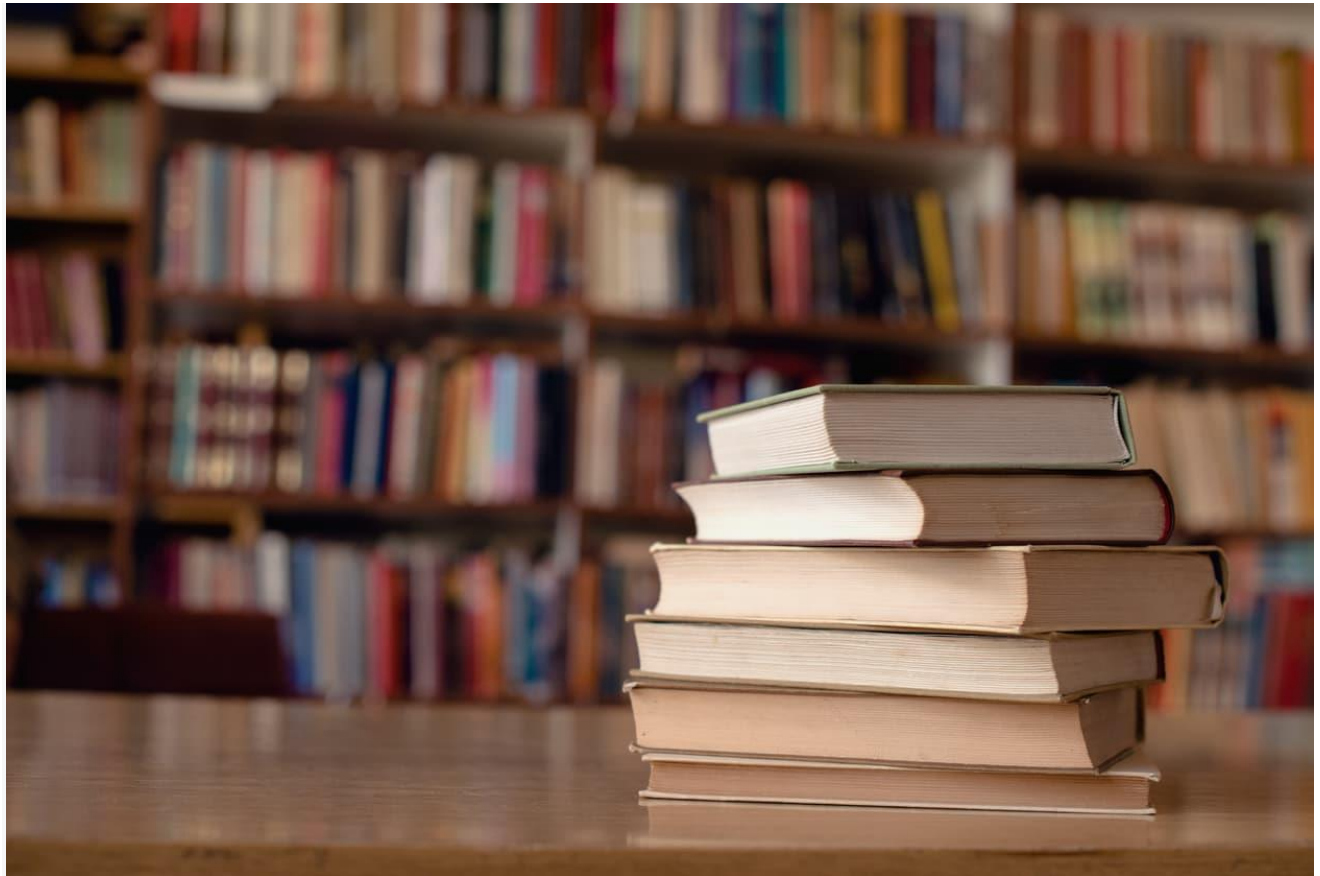
While this rule would apply to libraries within the APLS system, it would not protect children from such books in school libraries or classrooms. “That accountability does not go into our school libraries. Those are independent, and I would encourage the state legislature and parents to be involved in that process because it’s incredibly important that we don’t assume that just because our local libraries are being cleaned up and we’re making sure they represent the people of Alabama, that does not necessarily go into our school systems.”

The board previously moved to remove sexually explicit books from children’s and youth sections to the adult sections of the library. May guidance issued said, “At its meeting on May 8, 2025, the APLS Executive Board approved the following definition of ‘sexually explicit’ for the purposes of APLS code and policy compliance. This definition is based on existing state and federal guidelines and is intended to serve as a clear and practical reference as you address this matter in your libraries. In order to comply with state code, please move all books with these ‘sexually explicit’ topics to the adult section of the library effective immediately, as they do not require a patron reconsideration form to be submitted or individual library board’s review.”

Written comments must be signed and include a full name and address. All comments must be received by the Alabama Public Library Service by 4:30 p.m. on October 14. A public hearing will be held at APLS on October 21 at 10:00 a.m. at the agency’s Montgomery office.

Alabama Public Library Service opens public comment period on gender ideology code change

[Caleb Taylor](#) | 09.05.25
1819 News



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John Wahl, chairman of the Alabama Public Library Service Board, said the amendment is ultimately about protecting young people and supporting parents.

“This amendment establishes a clear standard for Alabama libraries and preserves their role as trusted, family-friendly spaces in our communities. Libraries should be places of learning and literacy—not a battleground for social experiments. The goal of this amendment is to address the growing concerns of parents and community members about the accessibility of sexual topics in library sections dedicated to minors. We have a duty to protect children from sexualization and radical ideologies that seek to confuse them about who they are. Alabama families deserve to know they can trust our library youth sections to be safe and age-appropriate,” Wahl said. “This amendment provides that safeguard. It does not remove books from adults or silence public debate, but it does make clear that sensitive issues surrounding gender ideology and transgender procedures should not be pushed on children without parental involvement.”

Wahl underscored the balance APLS is trying to achieve between providing access to information and respecting the rights of parents.

“Our libraries are an important part of education and community life in Alabama. Our priority is to put Alabama families back in control of what their children are exposed to. It should be parents—not government institutions—guiding their children through complex issues about identity, gender, and sexuality. This policy ensures that libraries support, rather than undermine, that parental role,” Wahl said.

APLS officials noted that this process is part of the agency’s standard procedure for considering code changes and that community input is vital to the final decision.

“We want to hear from the public,” Wahl said. “This is an open process, and every citizen has the right to weigh in. Whether people support the amendment or have concerns, we value that feedback. Public libraries are funded by the people of Alabama, and it’s important that their voices are part of shaping these standards.”

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APLS delays vote reinstating Fairhope Public Library funding; Board chairman John Wahl calls for unity following death threat

Erica Thomas | 09.19.25



MONTGOMERY — The Alabama Public Library Service (APLS) once again voted to postpone a decision on funding the Fairhope Public Library. Board members sought more time to review materials provided by the local board. Meanwhile, APLS chairman John Wahl pleaded for both sides to come together to end the dangerous rhetoric that has led to him receiving a credible death threat.

Fairhope Public Library

Fairhope Public Library director Robert Gourlay and board members Randal Wright and secretary Anne Johnson attended the meeting to request that funding be resumed.

After hearing public comments, the APLS board met in the boardroom to discuss the measures taken in Fairhope. The library has reviewed 13 books and has moved seven of them from the teen section to the adult section.

Wright, the chairman of the board, said she believes some APLS board members are making decisions based on partisan positions. She requested a list of titles the APLS board wants moved and asked why Fairhope was being singled out.

Wahl said there isn't a list of titles but a clear definition of what is prohibited. He said Fairhope was the first library to lose funding because citizens approached the APLS after the local board failed to address their concerns.

"We were willing to talk about it, but they didn't come to us and ask us to do that. They didn't come to sit down to talk about it," Wright responded.

However, concerned citizens have been pleading with the library board and the Fairhope City Council to review what they believe are [inappropriate materials since 2023](#).

Wright said the policy for book challenges was to review each challenged title every five years. Since many of the challenged books had already been reviewed and approved, the library did not revisit those titles after they were challenged again within those five years.

After funding was paused, the board voted to revisit the titles.

The rise in book challenges, Wright said, represents a misguided attempt to ban books on LGBTQ topics and racial diversity. She said books do not "damage teens," but "guns, food insecurity and the inability to read on grade level" do.

Wahl countered, saying no restrictions have been put on racial and LGBTQ content, only on sexually explicit obscenity.

Name-calling and a death threat

While Wright said those asking for books to be reviewed have called people in the audience of public meetings groomers and pedophiles, Wahl said he received a death threat last year.

"Look, this is a very simple concept, and I think we have created so much division through false information," Wahl said to Wright. "And I'm not going to defend – you talk about people who call people groomers. Look, I have had a death threat on my life, and I take that a little more seriously than I did two weeks ago. We have to stop the negative and we have to stop the lies."

After reporting the threat to the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency (ALEA), Wahl told 1819 News that investigators tracked the threat to a man in Maine. Wahl decided not to press charges, but said after the death of Charlie Kirk, he is taking threats more seriously.

Wahl said protecting children is the goal, similar to how Hollywood rates movies.

Wright said the problem is that the definition of "sexually explicit" is subjective. She said none of the books sexually arouses the reader.

"They might have a paragraph that you find offensive, but it's not sexually explicit. It doesn't arouse," Wright continued.

Let's Talk About It

However, before the library lost funding, a book titled "[Let's Talk About It: The Teen's Guide to Sex, Relationships, and Being a Human](#)" was offered in the teen section. It depicted sexual activity, explained how to use fingers and butt plugs, showed illustrations and explained how online pornography can be used to help discover aspects of sexuality. The book has since been moved to the adult section of the library.

After the meeting, 1819 News asked Wright if she believed the moving of the book because of parents coming forward was a positive thing. Although some books have been moved because the board determined they were inappropriate for younger teens, Wright said she doesn't think any of the books should've been moved.

"Personally, I don't think they should be moved," Wright told 1819 News. "Because there are thousands of books on the shelves in the teen section. Thousands. The thought that they would single in on one of those books is unrealistic to me."

When asked about the book discussing butt plugs and putting fingers up the anus, Wright said, "Well, I'm just not in favor of censorship. I'm in favor of parents making decisions about what their child should read."

Wright admitted there is no situation in which it would be okay for a child to see a man sitting on another man's face, as depicted in the book.

The APLS has opened a [public comment period](#) for a proposed code amendment addressing material containing gender ideology. Clean Up Alabama has created a [letter form](#) to submit to APLS in support of the amendment.



**Better
Basics**

**DONATE
New Books**

Preschool to 4th Grade

vestavialibrary.org/community



MARKETING REPORT

August 2025

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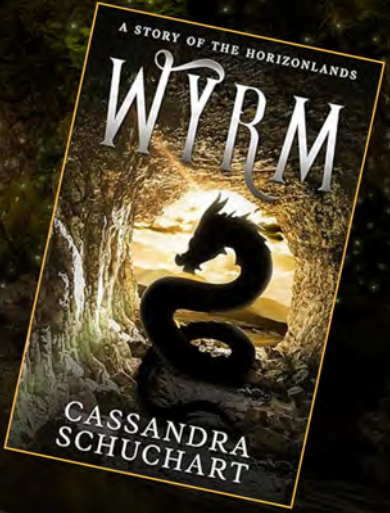


SENIOR DAY





FANTASY WRITING WORKSHOP
Mondays 6 - 7:30 pm
Sept 8 - Nov 10
Register: vestavialibrary.org/fantasy



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Fall Festival
COMMUNITY NIGHT OUT

THURSDAY,
OCTOBER 2
5:00PM - 7:30PM
VESTAVIA HILLS CITY HALL



LIBRARY DAY AT THE ZOO
Free for first 150 People (starts at 10 am)



VHLF Statistics Report August 2025

August	August	August	% Month	# Month	FYTD	FYTD	% FYTD	# FYTD
Hours	2025	2024	2025	2025	2025	2024	2025	2025
Total Days Open	30	31	-3.23%	-1	319	319	0.00%	0
Total Hours Open	248	273	-9.16%	-25	2,814	2,841	-0.95%	-27

Library Visits

Gate Count	31,055	29,404	5.61%	1,651	306,660	305,439	0.40%	1,221
Curbside Appointments	5	13	-61.54%	(8)	65	125	-48.00%	-60
Website Visits	14,368	13,358	7.56%	1,010	163,256	164,009	-0.46%	-753
Mobile App Sessions	688	890	-22.70%	(202)	8,043	11,560	-30.42%	-3,517
Total Library Visits	46,116	43,665	5.61%	2,451	478,024	481,133	-0.65%	(3,109)

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Programs and Events

	2025		2024		2025 FYTD		2024 FYTD	
	Programs	Attend.	Programs	Attend.	Programs	Attend.	Programs	Attend.
Adult								
In person	5	134	5	142	91	1,999	96	1,762
Outreach (Remote Book Clubs)	1	18	0	0	14	172	6	26
Virtual and Passive	0	0	0	0	2	131	0	0
Total Adult Programs	6	152	5	142	107	2,302	102	1,788
YoY % Change & # Value	20%	7%	1	10	5%	29%	5	514
Teens								
In person	15	136	14	101	166	1,913	167	1,602
Outreach (School Visits)	0	0	0	0	1	550	0	0
Virtual and Passive	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Teen Programs	15	136	14	101	167	2,463	167	1,602
YoY % Change & # Value	7%	35%	1	35	0%	54%	0	861
Children								
In person	2	75	2	28	302	11,427	289	11,660
Outreach (School Visits)	0	0	0	0	11	2,064	4	1,200
Virtual and Passive	0	0	0	0	8	573	3	2,321
Total Children's Programs	2	75	2	28	321	14,064	296	15,181
YoY % Change & # Value	0%	168%	0	47	8%	-7%	25	-1,117
Makerspace								
In person	11	22	6	37	126	290	68	240
Virtual and Passive	0	0	0	0	0	0	49	334
Total Makerspace Programs	11	22	6	37	126	290	117	574
YoY % Change & # Value	83%	-41%	5	-15	8%	-49%	9	-284
Technology								
In person	3	30	4	29	18	327	20	315
Virtual and One on one	1	28	1	27	3	82	1	71
Total Technology Programs	4	58	5	56	21	409	21	386
YoY % Change & # Value	-20%	4%	-1	2	0%	6%	0	23
Circulation								
Passive	3	331	0	0	3	331	0	0
Tours	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	20
Total Circulation Programs	3	331	0	0	3	331	1	20
YoY % Change & # Value	0%	0%	3	331	200%	1555%	2	311
Outreach Events								
Birmingham (Location)	0	0	0	0	2	20,800	2	3,700
City of VH (Sponsor & Location)	1	200	1	185	4	3,200	6	1,112
Chamber of Commerce (Sponsor)	0	0	0	0	3	7,550	4	9,150
Cabaha Heights (Focus & Location)	0	0	1	380	0	0	3	2,555
Liberty Park (Focus & Location)	0	0	1	365	2	1,225	3	715
Library (Sponsor & Location)	0	0	0	0	6	260	0	0
Neutral (Location)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other (Sponsor & Location)	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3,775
Total Outreach	1	200	3	930	17	33,035	21	21,007
YoY % Change & # Value	-67%	-78%	-2	-730	-19%	57%	-4	12,028
Total Programs and Events								
	42	974	35	1,294	762	52,894	725	40,558
YoY % Change & # Value	20%	-25%	7	-320	5%	30%	37	12,336

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Services	August	August	% Month	# Month	FYTD	FYTD	% FYTD	# FYTD
	2025	2024	2025	2025	2025	2024	2025	2025
Borrowed from Other Libraries	2,277	2,301	-1.04%	-24	22,744	23,457	-3.04%	-713
Coffee	51	46	10.87%	5	677	700	-3.29%	-23
Holds for Liberty Park Lockers	299	183	63.39%	116	2,884	2,270	27.05%	614
Interlibrary Loans	29	53	-45.28%	-24	339	387	-12.40%	-48
Loans to Other Libraries	2,232	2,252	-0.89%	-20	23,083	21,647	6.63%	1,436
Notary Service	3	7	-57.14%	-4	127	75	69.33%	52
Passports	131	149	-12.08%	-18	1,627	1,201	35.47%	426
Public Computer Usage	7,970	5,698	39.87%	2,272	71,342	57,635	23.78%	13,707
Reserves	361	398	-9.30%	-37	4,223	4,496	-6.07%	-273
Self-Checkout Machine Usage	10,524	11,676	-9.87%	-1,152	112,677	120,878	-6.78%	-8,201
Test Proctoring	1	1	0.00%	0	33	85	-61.18%	-52
Voter Registration	0	5	-100.00%	-5	2	26	-92.31%	-24
Wireless Network Usage	7,021	4,582	53.23%	2,439	60,706	46,766	29.81%	13,940
Reference Questions Total (Department Breakdown)	2,648	2,454	7.91%	194	2,648	2,454	7.91%	194
Adult	1,015	942	7.75%	73	11,033	11,042	-0.08%	-9
Teens	805	784	2.68%	21	10,041	8,157	23.10%	1,884
Children	500	375	33.33%	125	7,974	6,043	31.95%	1,931
Technology	222	247	-10.12%	-25	2,716	2,507	8.34%	209
Makerspace	106	106	0.00%	0	1,195	834	43.29%	361
Total Services	33,547	29,805	12.55%	3,936	336,071	310,660	8.18%	25,411

Memberships

Adult Residents	79	111	-28.83%	-32	770	959	-19.71%	-189
Child Residents	11	14	-21.43%	-3	202	179	12.85%	23
Adult Non-Residents	73	83	-12.05%	-10	641	701	-8.56%	-60
Child Non-Residents	6	8	-25.00%	-2	42	31	35.48%	11
Out of County	2	3	-33.33%	-1	23	21	9.52%	2
Total Memberships	171	219	-21.92%	-48	1,678	1,891	-11.26%	35,158

Meeting Room Use

	Rented	Attend.	Rented	Attend.	R. FYTD	A. FYTD	R. FYTD	A. FYTD
	2025	2025	2024	2024	2025	2025	2024	2024
Community Room	12	510	7	408	101	4,810	87	4,781
Historical Room	1	12	0	0	12	138	5	36
Tree House	3	31	2	15	28	336	19	153
Children's Program	5	65	5	143	64	1,090	36	688
Outdoor Classroom	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rooftop Garden	1	30	0	0	1	30	1	50
Total Rental Usage	22	648	14	566	206	6,404	148	5,708

Study Room Use

	Reserved	Users	Reserved	Users	R. FYTD	U. FYTD	R. FYTD	U. FYTD
	2025	2025	2024	2024	2025	2025	2024	2024
All Rooms	352	541	345	480	3,919	5,978	3,758	5,742
Total Study Room Usage	352	541	345	480	3,919	5,978	3,758	5,742

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Library Materials Usage - Physical	August 2025	August 2024	% Month 2025	# Month 2025	FYTD 2025	FYTD 2024	% FYTD 2025	# FYTD 2025
Physical Book Circulation								
Adult Books	6,314	6,180	2.17%	134	63,282	62,026	2.02%	1,256
Adult Large Print	1,413	1,366	3.44%	47	14,986	14,292	4.86%	694
Teen Books	1,883	1,874	0.48%	9	19,211	18,734	2.55%	477
Children's Books	10,496	11,451	-8.34%	-955	107,623	115,025	-6.44%	-7,402
Total Physical Books	20,106	20,871	-3.67%	-765	205,102	210,077	-2.37%	-4,975
Adult Physical Non-Book Circulation								
Non-Fiction DVDs / Rokus	79	145	-45.52%	-66	891	1,227	-27.38%	-336
Audiobooks	193	265	-27.17%	-72	2,102	3,060	-31.31%	-958
Blu-rays	508	546	-6.96%	-38	4,934	4,746	3.96%	188
DVDs	1,740	1,638	6.23%	102	15,277	17,175	-11.05%	-1,898
Games and Puzzles	31	30	3.33%	1	308	278	10.79%	30
Launchpads	0	0	0.00%	0	19	35	-45.71%	-16
Magazines	49	51	-3.92%	-2	671	465	44.30%	206
Mixed Media	8	16	-50.00%	-8	102	86	18.60%	16
Music - Discontinued 6-1-25	0	220	-100.00%	-220	1,589	2,414	-34.18%	-825
WiFi-Hotspots	52	60	-13.33%	-8	541	709	-23.70%	-168
Other: Kits	0	1	-100.00%	-1	6	16	-62.50%	-10
Other: Hammocks	2	0	2.00%	2	11	4	175.00%	7
Other: Walking Sticks	0	0	0.00%	0	2	3	-33.33%	-1
Total Adult Physical Non-Book Circulation	2,662	2,972	-10.43%	-310	26,453	30,218	-12.46%	-172
Teen Non-Book Circulation								
Teen Audiobooks - Discontinued	0	12	-100.00%	-12	29	95	-69.47%	-66
Teen Blu-rays	121	87	39.08%	34	1,002	931	7.63%	71
Teen DVDs	198	234	-15.38%	-36	2,171	2,435	-10.84%	-264
Teen Games	650	543	19.71%	107	6,325	5,514	14.71%	811
Total Teen Physical Non-Book Circulation	969	876	10.62%	93	9,527	8,975	6.15%	552
Children's Non-Book Circulation								
Audiobooks	34	46	-26.09%	-12	443	531	-16.57%	-88
Augmented Reality	8	17	-52.94%	-9	55	152	-63.82%	-97
Blu-rays	46	70	-34.29%	-24	626	553	13.20%	73
DVDs	535	640	-16.41%	-105	7,290	7,327	-0.50%	-37
Launchpads	30	42	-28.57%	-12	367	510	-28.04%	-143
Magazines	14	16	-12.50%	-2	215	228	-5.70%	-13
Mixed Media	533	580	-8.10%	-47	5,985	6,641	-9.88%	-656
Music	0	14	-100.00%	-14	103	190	-45.79%	-87
Self-playing Audio	29	53	-45.28%	-24	340	344	-1.16%	-4
Views	0	30	-100.00%	-30	11	193	-94.30%	-182
Other: Kits	10	0	10.00%	10	51	21	142.86%	30
Total Children's Physical Non-Book Circulation	1,239	1,508	-17.84%	-269	15,486	16,690	-7.21%	-1,204

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Library Materials Usage - Digital	August	August	% Month	# Month	FYTD	FYTD	% FYTD	# FYTD
	2025	2024	2025	2025	2025	2024	2025	2025
Adult Digital Usage								
eBooks (Overdrive & Hoopla)	4,215	4,330	-2.66%	-115	47,220	47,154	0.14%	66
Graphic Novel Downloads (Hoopla)	75	52	44.23%	23	562	550	2.18%	12
Audiobook Downloads (Overdrive & Hoopla)	6,471	6,064	6.71%	407	68,305	64,615	5.71%	3,690
Downloadable Music (Hoopla)	62	71	-12.68%	-9	630	690	-8.70%	-60
Movies/Documentaries/TV Downloads (Hoopla & Kanopy)	632	486	30.04%	146	5,637	5,864	-3.87%	-227
Magazine Downloads	1,545	836	84.81%	709	15,851	13,934	13.76%	1,917
Adult Digital Usage Total	13,000	11,839	9.81%	1,161	138,205	132,807	4.06%	5,398
Teen Digital Usage								
Teen eBooks (Overdrive)	541	466	16.09%	75	5,780	6,224	-7.13%	-444
Teen Audiobook Downloads (Overdrive)	453	372	21.77%	81	4,298	4,539	-5.31%	-241
Teen Digital Usage Total	994	838	18.62%	156	10,078	10,763	-6.36%	-685
Children's Digital Usage								
eBooks (Overdrive & Hoopla)	878	858	2.33%	20	9,478	11,760	-19.40%	-2,282
Graphic Novel Downloads (Hoopla)	45	42	7.14%	3	428	340	25.88%	88
Audiobook Downloads (Overdrive & Hoopla)	754	627	20.26%	127	7,884	6,431	22.59%	1,453
Downloadable Music (Hoopla)	6	1	500.00%	5	62	58	6.90%	4
Movies/TV Downloads (Hoopla)	35	37	-5.41%	-2	352	469	-24.95%	-117
Children's Digital Usage Total	1,718	1,565	9.78%	153	18,204	19,058	-4.48%	-854
Circulation Totals By Category								
Books	20,106	20,871	-3.67%	-765	205,102	210,077	-2.37%	-4,975
Adult Non-Books	2,662	2,972	-10.43%	-310	26,453	30,218	-12.46%	-3,765
Teen Non-Books	969	876	10.62%	93	9,527	8,975	6.15%	552
Children's Non-Books	1,239	1,508	-17.84%	-269	15,486	16,690	-7.21%	-1,204
Adult Digital Usage	13,000	11,839	9.81%	1,161	138,205	132,807	4.06%	5,398
Teen Digital Usage	994	838	18.62%	156	10,078	10,763	-6.36%	-685
Children's Digital Usage	1,718	1,565	9.78%	153	18,204	19,058	-4.48%	-854
Total Library Materials Usage	40,688	40,469	0.54%	219	423,055	428,588	-1.29%	-5,533

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Electronic Retrieval Sessions / Database Usage	August	August	% Month	# Month	FYTD	FYTD	% FYTD	# FYTD
	2025	2024	2025	2025	2025	2024	2025	2025
Alabama Virtual Library	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0	0.00%	0
Ancestry	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0	0.00%	0
Creative Bug	27	8	237.50%	19	182	359	-49.30%	-177
Niche Academy	0	0	0.00%	0	0	112	-100.00%	-112
Reference USA	0	0	0.00%	0	0	0	0.00%	0
Universal Class	4	59	-93.22%	-55	330	408	-19.12%	-78
Other Databases	155	519	-70.13%	-364	5,483	9,050	-39.41%	-3,567
Total Electronic Retrieval Sessions	186	586	-68.26%	-400	5,995	9,929	-39.62%	-3,934

Marketing

Facebook Reach: Main	29,266	13,000	125.12%	16,266	166,368	124,200	33.95%	42,168
Facebook Reach: Kids	37	131	-71.76%	-94	6,210	20,592	-69.84%	-14,382
Instagram Users: Main	2,974	2,201	35.12%	773	27,780	22,757	22.07%	5,023
Instagram Users: Kids	148	73	102.74%	75	1,250	698	79.08%	552
TikTok: Teens	2,969	1,834	61.89%	1,135	16,374	28,539	-42.63%	-12,165

Library Holdings

Book Volumes	67,781	67,893	-0.16%	-112	742,661	748,600	-0.79%	-5,939
Serial Volumes	89	86	3.49%	3	994	946	5.07%	48
Audiobooks	2,500	3,575	-30.07%	-1,075	33,262	39,555	-15.91%	-6,293
Digital Collections	146,414	131,666	11.20%	14,748	1,560,851	1,357,532	14.98%	203,319
Music CDs	100	2,380	-95.80%	-2,280	17,082	26,170	-34.73%	-9,088
DVDs and Blu-rays	8,438	10,301	-18.09%	-1,863	106,373	112,833	-5.73%	-6,460
Other	175	218	-19.72%	-43	1,968	2,216	-11.19%	-248
Library Holdings Total	225,497	216,119	4.34%	9,378	2,463,191	2,287,852	7.66%	175,339

Volunteers

	Volunteers	Hours	Volunteers	Hours	FYTD Vol.	FYTD Hrs	FYTD Vol.	FYTD Hrs
	2025	2025	2024	2024	2025	2025	2024	2024
Acquisitions	0	0	0	0	6	1	0	0
Adult	0	0	0	0	2	4	1	2
Children's	0	0	0	0	266	969	182	653
Circulation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Outreach	5	10	36	72	51	98	37	83
PALS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Technology	1	8	1	6	10	137	18	107
Teens	4	19	4	14	64	326	52	301
Volunteers Total	10	37	41	92	399	1,535	290	1,146

Staff Training By Department

	Staff	Staff	% Month	# Month	FYTD	FYTD	% FYTD	# FYTD
	2025	2024			2025	2024		
Acquisitions	6	6	0.00%	0	28	43	-34.88%	-15
Administration	0	1	-100.00%	-1	5	9	-44.44%	-4
Adult	3	6	-50.00%	-3	27	49	-44.90%	-22
Children's	0	6	-100.00%	-6	12	33	-63.64%	-21
Circulation	6	12	-50.00%	-6	77	102	-24.51%	-25
Technology	6	4	50.00%	2	37	39	-5.13%	-2
Teens	0	3	-100.00%	-3	14	20	-30.00%	-6
Staff Training Total	21	38	-44.74%	-17	200	295	-32.20%	-95



Vestavia Hills Library in the Forest

2025 Summer Reading Statistics

Sign Ups	2025	2024	% Change
Adults	253	226	12%
Children	2228	1554	43%
Teens	134	120	12%
TOTAL	2615	1900	38%

Books Logged	2025	2024	% Change
Adults	1355	1193	14%
Children	2126	2950	-28%
Teens	1188	1019	17%
TOTAL	4669	5162	-10%

Program Attendance	2025	2024	% Change
Adults	288	336	-14%
Children	6137	4676	31%
Teens	418	396	6%
TOTAL	6843	5408	27%

Materials Circulated	2025	2024	% Change
Adults	69115	69708	-1%
Children	47724	49116	-3%
Teens	12165	12124	0%
TOTAL	129004	130948	-1%

Volunteers	2025	2024	% Change
Adults	N/A	N/A	0%
Children	214	77	178%
Teens	21	19	11%
TOTAL	235	96	145%

Volunteer Hours	2025	2024	% Change
Adults	N/A	N/A	0%
Children	822	541	52%
Teens	214	187	14%
TOTAL	1036	728	42%



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Monthly Budget Report Account Summary

For Fiscal: 2024-2025 Period Ending: 09/30/2025

	September Budget	September Activity	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	Percent Remaining	YTD Budget	YTD Activity	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	Percent Remaining	Total Budget	
Fund: 01 - GENERAL FUND										
Expense										
01-70-5010-000-500	COMPENSATION	145,713.00	72,865.56	72,847.44	49.99%	1,743,988.00	1,591,618.04	152,369.96	8.74%	1,743,988.00
01-70-5015-000-500	PAYROLL TAX EXP	11,030.00	5,472.31	5,557.69	50.39%	133,415.00	119,912.79	13,502.21	10.12%	133,415.00
01-70-5016-000-500	FRINGE BENEFITS EXP	31,287.00	17,534.32	13,752.68	43.96%	367,074.00	365,864.54	1,209.46	0.33%	367,074.00
01-70-5045-000-500	EMPLOYEE TRAINING	1,537.00	0.00	1,537.00	100.00%	15,000.00	9,687.75	5,312.25	35.42%	15,000.00
01-70-5050-000-500	MEMBERSHIP & DUES	254.00	0.00	254.00	100.00%	4,000.00	1,600.00	2,400.00	60.00%	4,000.00
01-70-5051-000-500	TRAVEL & CONFERENCE	1,520.00	0.00	1,520.00	100.00%	6,000.00	3,154.90	2,845.10	47.42%	6,000.00
01-70-5055-000-500	UNANTICIPATED EXPENSE	30,372.00	0.00	30,372.00	100.00%	121,485.00	0.00	121,485.00	100.00%	121,485.00
01-70-5065-000-500	PHYSICALS/DRUG SCREEN	36.00	27.20	8.80	24.44%	500.00	254.00	246.00	49.20%	500.00
01-70-5070-000-500	VEHICLE ALLOWANCE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	500.00	0.00	500.00	100.00%	500.00
01-70-5090-000-500	POSTAGE	504.00	0.00	504.00	100.00%	1,150.00	1,113.95	36.05	3.13%	1,150.00
01-70-5100-000-500	SUPPLIES/PRINT & OFFICE	2,307.00	0.00	2,307.00	100.00%	8,000.00	4,145.88	3,854.12	48.18%	8,000.00
01-70-5101-000-500	SUPPLIES/LIB PROCESS	605.00	3,602.79	-2,997.79	-495.50%	10,000.00	9,438.11	561.89	5.62%	10,000.00
01-70-5105-000-500	SUPPLIES/OTHER	278.00	0.00	278.00	100.00%	9,000.00	9,652.93	-652.93	-7.25%	9,000.00
01-70-5110-000-500	SUPPLIES/JANITORIAL	233.00	0.00	233.00	100.00%	10,000.00	7,790.98	2,209.02	22.09%	10,000.00
01-70-5140-000-500	GASOLINE	96.00	0.00	96.00	100.00%	1,800.00	1,646.44	153.56	8.53%	1,800.00
01-70-5210-000-500	MAINTENANCE CONTRACTS	16,619.00	4,212.25	12,406.75	74.65%	220,242.00	170,400.85	49,841.15	22.63%	220,242.00
01-70-5310-000-500	MAINT/REP-OFFICE EQUIP	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	100.00%	1,000.00
01-70-5350-000-500	MAINT/REP-SMALL EQUIP	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	1,500.00	1,178.84	321.16	21.41%	1,500.00
01-70-5370-000-500	MAINT/REP-VEHICLES	125.00	129.26	-4.26	-3.41%	1,600.00	1,551.12	48.88	3.06%	1,600.00
01-70-5380-000-500	MAINT/REP-BUILDING	2,277.00	0.00	2,277.00	100.00%	40,000.00	45,101.85	-5,101.85	-12.75%	40,000.00
01-70-5385-000-500	MAINT/REP-HVAC	596.00	0.00	596.00	100.00%	25,000.00	29,858.07	-4,858.07	-19.43%	25,000.00
01-70-5390-000-500	MAINT/REP-ELEC & PLUMB	923.00	0.00	923.00	100.00%	15,000.00	17,661.63	-2,661.63	-17.74%	15,000.00
01-70-5700-000-500	UTILITIES	14,708.00	0.00	14,708.00	100.00%	150,000.00	143,604.41	6,395.59	4.26%	150,000.00
01-70-5720-000-500	COMM(INTERNET & TELEPHONE)	1,640.00	734.99	905.01	55.18%	19,000.00	14,305.51	4,694.49	24.71%	19,000.00
01-70-5840-000-500	PROFESSIONAL CONSULTANTS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	7,000.00	0.00	7,000.00	100.00%	7,000.00
01-70-5940-000-500	COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT	1,139.00	1,068.67	70.33	6.17%	40,000.00	39,813.06	186.94	0.47%	40,000.00
01-70-5940-002-500	OUTREACH/LIB PARK & CH	497.00	2,592.50	-2,095.50	-421.63%	7,000.00	7,367.50	-367.50	-5.25%	7,000.00
01-70-5940-003-500	MARKETING - LIBRARY	312.00	0.00	312.00	100.00%	10,455.00	9,102.97	1,352.03	12.93%	10,455.00
01-70-8150-000-500	PURCHASES-SMALL EQUIP	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	700.00	514.02	185.98	26.57%	700.00
01-70-8205-000-500	PURCHASES/PERIODICAL REPLACE	2,744.00	27.50	2,716.50	99.00%	174,230.00	168,630.58	5,599.42	3.21%	174,230.00
01-70-8610-000-500	PURCHASES/BOOKS	3,282.00	7,940.91	-4,658.91	-141.95%	175,000.00	150,696.20	24,303.80	13.89%	175,000.00
	Total Expense:	270,634.00	116,208.26	154,425.74	57.06%	3,319,639.00	2,925,666.92	393,972.08	11.87%	3,319,639.00
	Total Fund: 01 - GENERAL FUND:	270,634.00	116,208.26	154,425.74	57.06%	3,319,639.00	2,925,666.92	393,972.08	11.87%	3,319,639.00

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		September Budget	September Activity	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	Percent Remaining	YTD Budget	YTD Activity	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	Percent Remaining	Total Budget
Fund: 12 - LIBRARY-STATE AID										
Expense										
13-70-5050-000-500	MEMBERSHIP & DUES	2,878.03	0.00	2,878.03	100.00%	34,385.00	17,192.28	17,192.72	50.00%	34,385.00
Total Expense:		2,878.03	0.00	2,878.03	100.00%	34,385.00	17,192.28	17,192.72	50.00%	34,385.00
Total Fund: 12 - LIBRARY-STATE AID:		2,878.03	0.00	2,878.03	100.00%	34,385.00	17,192.28	17,192.72	50.00%	34,385.00
Fund: 13 - LIBRARY-BOOKS/DON										
Expense										
13-70-5045-000-500	EMPLOYEE TRAINING	753.30	0.00	753.30	100.00%	9,000.00	1,119.92	7,880.08	87.56%	9,000.00
13-70-5050-000-500	MEMBERSHIP & DUES	41.85	0.00	41.85	100.00%	500.00	0.00	500.00	100.00%	500.00
13-70-5051-000-500	TRAVEL & CONFERENCE	920.70	0.00	920.70	100.00%	11,000.00	2,655.73	8,344.27	75.86%	11,000.00
13-70-5052-000-500	EMPLOYEE MISC EXPENSE	41.85	0.00	41.85	100.00%	500.00	0.00	500.00	100.00%	500.00
13-70-5090-000-500	POSTAGE	418.50	0.00	418.50	100.00%	5,000.00	3,200.35	1,799.65	35.99%	5,000.00
13-70-5100-000-500	SUPPLIES/PRINT & OFFICE	41.85	0.00	41.85	100.00%	500.00	0.00	500.00	100.00%	500.00
13-70-5105-000-500	SUPPLIES/OTHER	167.40	0.00	167.40	100.00%	2,000.00	137.97	1,862.03	93.10%	2,000.00
13-70-5110-000-500	SUPPLIES/JANITORIAL	83.70	0.00	83.70	100.00%	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	100.00%	1,000.00
13-70-5210-000-500	MAINTENANCE CONTRACTS	418.50	0.00	418.50	100.00%	5,000.00	192.00	4,808.00	96.16%	5,000.00
13-70-5220-000-500	COMPUTER SERVICES	209.25	0.00	209.25	100.00%	2,500.00	0.00	2,500.00	100.00%	2,500.00
13-70-5310-000-500	MAINT/REP-OFFICE EQUIP	167.40	0.00	167.40	100.00%	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00	100.00%	2,000.00
13-70-5380-000-500	MAINT/REP-BUILDING	334.80	0.00	334.80	100.00%	4,000.00	1,649.10	2,350.90	58.77%	4,000.00
13-70-5605-000-500	RENTAL/STORAGE FACILITY	334.80	0.00	334.80	100.00%	4,000.00	4,609.10	-609.10	-15.23%	4,000.00
13-70-5840-000-500	PROFESSIONAL CONSULTANTS	2,594.70	0.00	2,594.70	100.00%	31,000.00	30,000.00	1,000.00	3.23%	31,000.00
13-70-5940-000-500	COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT	2,552.85	0.00	2,552.85	100.00%	30,500.00	14,706.08	15,793.92	51.78%	30,500.00
13-70-5990-000-500	BANK CHARGES	209.25	0.00	209.25	100.00%	2,500.00	0.00	2,500.00	100.00%	2,500.00
13-70-5992-000-500	MERCHANT FEES	209.25	0.00	209.25	100.00%	2,500.00	2,696.84	-196.84	-7.87%	2,500.00
13-70-8100-000-500	PURCHASE/OFFICE & COMP EQUIP	510.57	0.00	510.57	100.00%	6,100.00	1,935.97	4,164.03	68.26%	6,100.00
13-70-8150-000-500	PURCHASES-SMALL EQUIP	318.06	0.00	318.06	100.00%	3,800.00	0.00	3,800.00	100.00%	3,800.00
13-70-8205-000-500	PURCHASES/PERIODICAL REPLACE	41.85	0.00	41.85	100.00%	500.00	0.00	500.00	100.00%	500.00
13-70-8500-000-500	PURCHASES-CAP (UNDER \$5K)	3,523.77	0.00	3,523.77	100.00%	42,100.00	38,012.03	4,087.97	9.71%	42,100.00
13-70-8600-000-712	PURCHASES-CAP (OVER \$5K)	1,255.50	0.00	1,255.50	100.00%	15,000.00	3,875.00	11,125.00	74.17%	15,000.00
13-70-8610-000-500	PURCHASES/BOOKS	25.11	0.00	25.11	100.00%	300.00	0.00	300.00	100.00%	300.00
Total Expense:		15,174.81	0.00	15,174.81	100.00%	181,300.00	104,790.09	76,509.91	42.20%	181,300.00
Total Fund: 13 - LIBRARY-BOOKS/DON:		15,174.81	0.00	15,174.81	100.00%	181,300.00	104,790.09	76,509.91	42.20%	181,300.00
Fund: 20 - CAPITAL PROJECTS										
Expense										
20-70-5610-000-500	LEASE/VEHICLE	1,039.99	1,429.18	-389.19	-37.42%	12,424.00	17,150.16	-4,726.16	-38.04%	12,424.00
20-70-5611-000-500	LEASE/VEHICLE-INTEREST	395.63	0.00	395.63	100.00%	4,726.00	0.00	4,726.00	100.00%	4,726.00
20-70-5630-000-500	LEASE/EQUIPMENT	1,128.45	0.00	1,128.45	100.00%	13,482.00	15,885.96	-2,403.96	-17.83%	13,482.00
20-70-5631-000-500	LEASE/EQUIPMENT-INTEREST	200.88	0.00	200.88	100.00%	2,400.00	0.00	2,400.00	100.00%	2,400.00
20-70-8100-000-500	PURCHASE/OFFICE & COMP EQUIP	1,037.88	0.00	1,037.88	100.00%	12,400.00	12,371.38	28.62	0.23%	12,400.00
20-70-8500-000-500	PURCHASES-CAP (UNDER \$5K)	9,625.50	0.00	9,625.50	100.00%	115,000.00	112,647.00	2,353.00	2.05%	115,000.00

Monthly Budget Report

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[20-70-8600-000-712](#)

	September Budget	September Activity	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	Percent Remaining	YTD Budget	YTD Activity	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	Percent Remaining	Total Budget
PURCHASES-CAP (OVER \$5K)	15,400.80	0.00	15,400.80	100.00%	184,000.00	215,477.80	-31,477.80	-17.11%	184,000.00
Total Expense:	28,829.13	1,429.18	27,399.95	95.04%	344,432.00	373,532.30	-29,100.30	-8.45%	344,432.00
Total Fund: 20 - CAPITAL PROJECTS:	28,829.13	1,429.18	27,399.95	95.04%	344,432.00	373,532.30	-29,100.30	-8.45%	344,432.00
Report Total:	317,515.97	117,637.44	199,878.53	62.95%	3,879,756.00	3,421,181.59	458,574.41	11.82%	3,879,756.00

Monthly Budget Report

For Fiscal: 2024-2025 Period Ending: 09/30/2025

Group Summary

Account Typ...	September Budget	September Activity	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	Percent Remaining	YTD Budget	YTD Activity	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	Percent Remaining	Total Budget
Fund: 01 - GENERAL FUND									
Expense	270,634.00	116,208.26	154,425.74	57.06%	3,319,639.00	2,925,666.92	393,972.08	11.87%	3,319,639.00
Total Fund: 01 - GENERAL FUND:	270,634.00	116,208.26	154,425.74	57.06%	3,319,639.00	2,925,666.92	393,972.08	11.87%	3,319,639.00
Fund: 12 - LIBRARY-STATE AID									
Expense	2,878.03	0.00	2,878.03	100.00%	34,385.00	17,192.28	17,192.72	50.00%	34,385.00
Total Fund: 12 - LIBRARY-STATE AID:	2,878.03	0.00	2,878.03	100.00%	34,385.00	17,192.28	17,192.72	50.00%	34,385.00
Fund: 13 - LIBRARY-BOOKS/DON									
Expense	15,174.81	0.00	15,174.81	100.00%	181,300.00	104,790.09	76,509.91	42.20%	181,300.00
Total Fund: 13 - LIBRARY-BOOKS/DON:	15,174.81	0.00	15,174.81	100.00%	181,300.00	104,790.09	76,509.91	42.20%	181,300.00
Fund: 20 - CAPITAL PROJECTS									
Expense	28,829.13	1,429.18	27,399.95	95.04%	344,432.00	373,532.30	-29,100.30	-8.45%	344,432.00
Total Fund: 20 - CAPITAL PROJECTS:	28,829.13	1,429.18	27,399.95	95.04%	344,432.00	373,532.30	-29,100.30	-8.45%	344,432.00
Report Total:	317,515.97	117,637.44	199,878.53	62.95%	3,879,756.00	3,421,181.59	458,574.41	11.82%	3,879,756.00

Fund Summary

Fund	September Budget	September Activity	Variance		YTD Budget	YTD Activity	Variance		Total Budget
			Favorable (Unfavorable)	Percent Remaining			Favorable (Unfavorable)	Percent Remaining	
01 - GENERAL FUND	270,634.00	116,208.26	154,425.74	57.06%	3,319,639.00	2,925,666.92	393,972.08	11.87%	3,319,639.00
12 - LIBRARY-STATE AID	2,878.03	0.00	2,878.03	100.00%	34,385.00	17,192.28	17,192.72	50.00%	34,385.00
13 - LIBRARY-BOOKS/DON	15,174.81	0.00	15,174.81	100.00%	181,300.00	104,790.09	76,509.91	42.20%	181,300.00
20 - CAPITAL PROJECTS	28,829.13	1,429.18	27,399.95	95.04%	344,432.00	373,532.30	-29,100.30	-8.45%	344,432.00
Report Total:	317,515.97	117,637.44	199,878.53	62.95%	3,879,756.00	3,421,181.59	458,574.41	11.82%	3,879,756.00



Vestavia Hills, AL

Balance Sheet

Account Summary

As Of 09/19/2025

Account	Name	Balance	
Fund: 12 - LIBRARY-STATE AID			
Assets			
12-00-1031-000-000	CLAIM ON CASH	6,498.60	
12-00-1941-000-000	DUE FROM GENERAL FUND	0.00	
	Total Assets:	6,498.60	<u>6,498.60</u>
Liability			
12-00-2000-000-000	ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	0.00	
12-00-2005-000-000	ACCOUNTS PAYABLE/OTHER	0.00	
12-00-2741-000-000	DUE TO GENERAL FUND	0.00	
12-00-2830-000-000	ENCUMBRANCES	0.00	
12-00-2840-000-000	RESERVE FOR ENCUMBRANCES	0.00	
	Total Liability:	0.00	
Equity			
12-00-2950-000-000	FUND BALANCE/RESTRICTED	0.00	
	Total Beginning Equity:	0.00	
Total Revenue		23,690.88	
Total Expense		17,192.28	
Revenues Over/Under Expenses		6,498.60	
	Total Equity and Current Surplus (Deficit):	6,498.60	
	Total Liabilities, Equity and Current Surplus (Deficit):		<u>6,498.60</u>

Balance Sheet

As Of 09/19/2025

Account	Name	Balance	
Fund: 13 - LIBRARY-BOOKS/DON			
Assets			
13-00-1010-000-000	PETTY CASH	600.00	
13-00-1031-000-000	CLAIM ON CASH	595,113.13	
13-00-1230-000-000	ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE	0.00	
13-00-1341-000-000	PREPAID EXPENSES	0.00	
	Total Assets:	<u>595,713.13</u>	<u>595,713.13</u>
Liability			
13-00-2000-000-000	ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	0.00	
13-00-2005-000-000	ACCOUNTS PAYABLE/OTHER	0.00	
13-00-2741-000-000	DUE TO GENERAL FUND	0.00	
13-00-2830-000-000	ENCUMBRANCES	0.00	
13-00-2840-000-000	RESERVE FOR ENCUMBRANCES	0.00	
	Total Liability:	<u>0.00</u>	
Equity			
13-00-2900-000-000	NONSPENDABLE	0.00	
13-00-2950-000-000	FUND BALANCE/RESTRICTED	528,068.51	
	Total Beginning Equity:	<u>528,068.51</u>	
Total Revenue		172,434.71	
Total Expense		<u>104,790.09</u>	
Revenues Over/Under Expenses		67,644.62	
	Total Equity and Current Surplus (Deficit):	<u>595,713.13</u>	
	Total Liabilities, Equity and Current Surplus (Deficit):		<u><u>595,713.13</u></u>



Taneisha Tucker, Library Director

Library Connections: Relationships & Community

Performance Metrics: Output Measures

BUILDING USAGE



325,000

PROGRAMS & OUTREACH



50,000

TECHNOLOGY USAGE



210,000

Performance Metrics: Output Measures

CHECKOUTS



430,000

STANDING IN COUNTY



4th Overall

DIGITAL CIRCULATION



3rd Highest

Performance Metrics: Outcome Measures

QUALITY FACILITIES

**PT Custodian
Improvements
New Book Drop**

TECHNOLOGY

**Makerspace Manager
Enhance Creativity
Technology Awareness**

FUNDRAISING

**Eastside Library
Library Foundation
Corley & Morehouse**

Departmental Goals

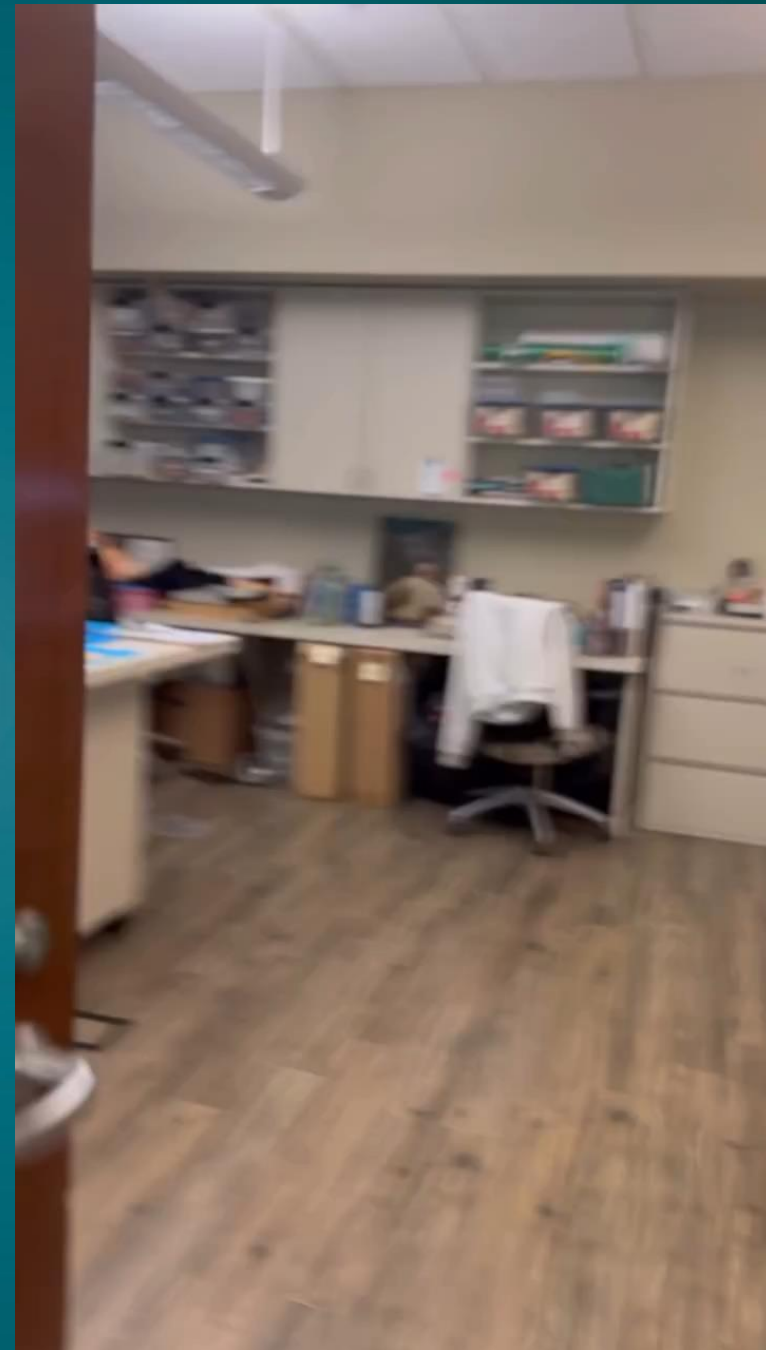
Meet people where they
are

**Most Popular
2025:**

10,108 Views

367 Likes

27 Shares



Departmental Goals

Increase Community
Engagement



Children's of Alabama



ALABAMA AUDUBON



Steel City SPEECH



Departmental Goals

Provide exemplary customer service

The Library in the Forest

The Lockers at Liberty Park

Community Outreach

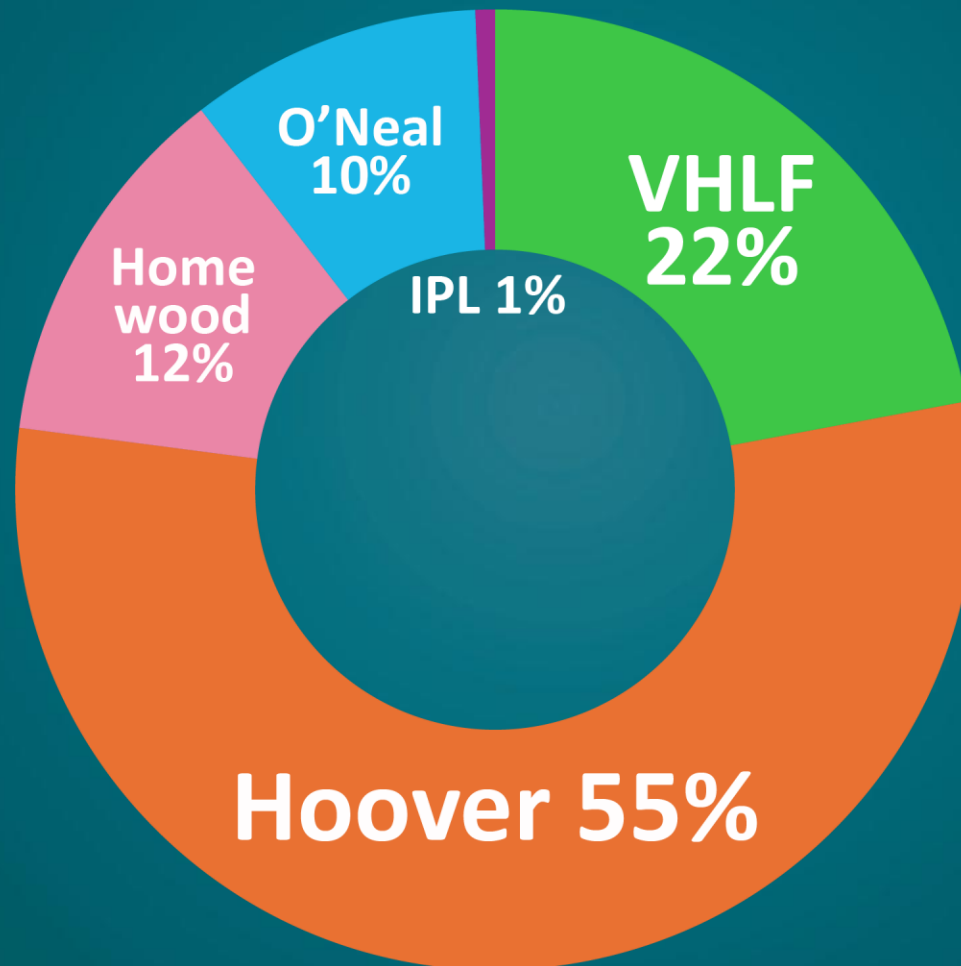
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Eastside Library

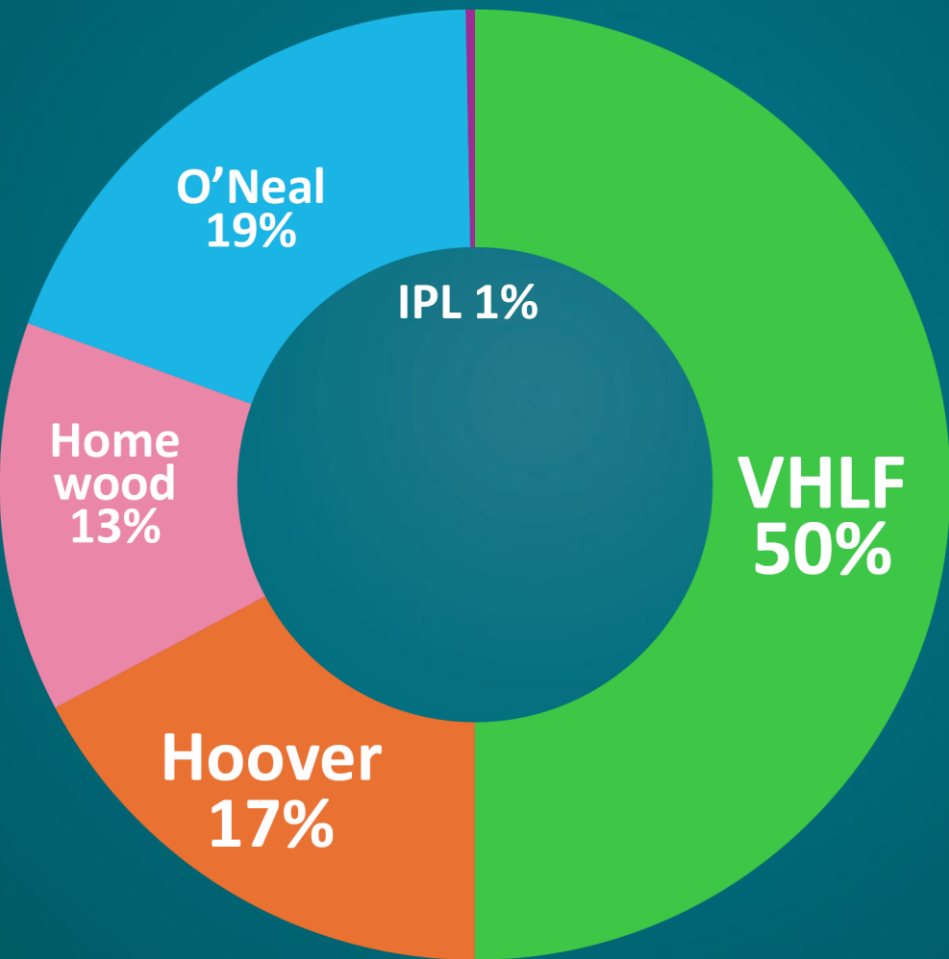
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Dissatisfied with
Library Services in
Liberty Park &
Cahaba Heights

LIBERTY PARK LEAKAGE



CAHABA HEIGHTS LEAKAGE



\$4 MIL

600 Donors

\$10 from Piggy Banks

**\$40 for 40 years
of Library Service**

\$350,000 Grant



Essential
Innovative
Indispensable



Thank You



VESTAVIA HILLS

MEMORANDUM

TO: Department Heads
FROM: Jeff Downes, City Manager *JFD*
DATE: September 2, 2025
RE: 2026 Holiday Schedule

CITY HOLIDAYS 2026

JANUARY 1	THURSDAY	NEW YEAR'S DAY
JANUARY 19	MONDAY	MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY
APRIL 3	FRIDAY	GOOD FRIDAY
MAY 25	MONDAY	MEMORIAL DAY
JULY 3	FRIDAY	INDEPENDENCE DAY OBSERVED
SEPTEMBER 7	MONDAY	LABOR DAY
NOVEMBER 11	WEDNESDAY	VETERANS DAY
NOVEMBER 26	THURSDAY	THANKSGIVING DAY
NOVEMBER 27	FRIDAY	DAY AFTER THANKSGIVING
DECEMBER 24	THURSDAY	CHRISTMAS EVE
DECEMBER 25	FRIDAY	CHRISTMAS DAY
DECEMBER 31	THURSDAY	NEW YEAR'S EVE



LIBRARY
IN THE FOREST
VESTAVIA HILLS

Vestavia Hills Library in the Forest Holiday Schedule 2026

January 1	Thursday	New Year's Day
January 19	Monday	Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
April 3	Friday	Good Friday (Library Open 8 hours float)
April 5	Sunday	Easter (No staff scheduled)
May 24	Sunday	Memorial Day Weekend (No staff scheduled)
May 25	Monday	Memorial Day
July 3	Friday	Independence Day Observed
July 4	Saturday	Independence Day Weekend (No staff scheduled)
September 6	Sunday	Labor Day Weekend (No staff scheduled)
September 7	Monday	Labor Day
November 11	Wednesday	Veteran's Day (Library Open 8 hrs. float)
November 25	Wednesday	Library closes at noon.
November 26	Thursday	Thanksgiving Day
November 27	Friday	Day After Thanksgiving
December 3	Thursday	Staff Training Day
<i>December 23</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Library closes at noon pending City approval.</i>
December 24	Thursday	Christmas Eve
December 25	Friday	Christmas Day
<i>December 30</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Library closes at noon pending City approval.</i>
December 31	Thursday	New Year's Eve



LIBRARY
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**Vestavia Hills Library in the Forest
Staff Meeting Schedule 2025
Meetings Scheduled 8 am – 10 am
Library will open late.**

Wednesday, February 04, 2026

Thursday, April 02, 2026

Wednesday, May 06, 2026

Thursday, August 06, 2026

Wednesday, October 07, 2026

Thursday, December 03, 2025 (Library closed for staff training.)

Desirable Qualifications for Vestavia Hills Library in the Forest Board Applicants

The Vestavia Hills Library in the Forest Board of Trustees plays a crucial role in the community, carrying out fiduciary, advisory, and strategic responsibilities to ensure that the Library operates from a solid and trusted foundation.

Desirable Qualifications Include:

Interest in the Library and its services; knowledge of the Library and community, their needs, and diversity; active with groups or organizations within the community; a general understanding of the social and economic conditions of the City.

Support for the Library's contemporary mission and the ability to communicate it to the public.

Mission of the Library in the Forest

As an innovative and vibrant community center, the Vestavia Hills Library in the Forest cultivates dynamic resources, environmentally conscious facilities, and opportunities for life-long learning, cultural enrichment, personal empowerment, and entertainment for all.

As a provider, the Library will:

- Circulate collections of current high-demand, high-interest materials in a variety of formats for all ages.
- Maintain collections in a variety of formats representing a broad spectrum of knowledge on a variety of subjects.
- Offer reference services providing timely and accurate information in a variety of formats with access from diverse sources.
- Plan and implement programs and services for all ages that encourage reading, learning, and cultural enrichment.
- Create environmental educational opportunities as the first "green" Library in the state.

As a partner, the Library will:

- Coordinate the development of informational collections, current reading lists, and other materials for the school system of Vestavia Hills.
- Facilitate connections with local businesses and the Chamber of Commerce.

- Collaborate with other agencies and organizations to provide relevant community information.
- Foster the development of programs and services offered by local groups such as The Vestavia Hills Historical Society, Vestavia Hills Art Association, and other similar groups.
- Always listen and respond to the best of its ability to the Library needs of the residents of Vestavia Hills.

Ability to attend all Board meetings and participate appropriately, including preparing for Board meetings by reading Board minutes, Board packets, and other materials sent out before the Board meeting, and serving on committees as assigned by the Board chair.

Awareness and understanding of the Library's role in the community as the center for education, enrichment, empowerment, and entertainment.

Willingness to lend expertise and leadership to the Board and devote up to 10 hours per month for the purpose of carrying out the fiduciary duties of trusteeship; must be able to attend meetings of the Board regularly, represent the Library at meetings and public functions, serve as an advocate for Library services for the community, and have excellent communication skills and ability to relate to the public.

Skill in establishing policies and long-term goals for the successful and efficient operation of the Library, and willingness to review policies and by-laws regularly, updating as needed.

Remain informed about the services offered by the Library and stay abreast of current Library trends and practices, including reading the literature, talking to staff and trustees from other libraries, and attending professional meetings as needed.

Ability to think and plan creatively, to question objectively, and to effectively support the strategic plan of the Library.

Sound judgment, a sense of fiscal responsibility, and community awareness. Understand and promote Library tenets.

Regularly review financial reports with the director and fellow trustees and represent the Library at budget hearings.

An open mind, intellectual curiosity, and respect for the opinions of others; ability to collaborate and work cooperatively with fellow Board members, the Library director and staff, City government, and the public.

Alabama Public Library Service Trustee Handbook (source)

Although not required, past service as a Board member or similar position having governing and fiduciary responsibilities is highly desirable. Candidates with Vestavia Hills community relations, marketing, legal, or fundraising expertise are also encouraged to apply.