

Fulton County Libraries: Building for the Future – Key Messages

All community interactions should be viewed as marketing opportunities, so it is vital that all communications are consistent and coordinated in order to achieve the goal. Key messages will communicate succinctly the benefits of the bond issue to all voters.

- On November 4, 2008 voters will decide on a \$275 million bond referendum for new, expanded and renovated libraries in the Atlanta-Fulton Public Library System
- 8 new branch libraries, 2 expansions and 23 renovations, including \$85 million to build a new Central Library, with the additional funds to come from the private sector
- A \$150,000 Fulton County home would see a library tax impact of \$18.96 per year to support this plan, or \$1.58 per month. A \$300,000 home would pay \$37.92 per year.
- Last year, citizens made over 3.7 million visits to our 34 libraries; numbers continue to increase every year in our system and nationwide – libraries are more relevant today than ever



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Atlanta-Fulton Public Library System
Facility Master Plan
Summary of Recommended Projects
Final Recommendations of the Library Board of Trustees
March 2008

New Libraries (8)

Alpharetta

New 25,000 sq ft branch library to replace current 10,000 sq ft facility on a different parcel. Requires land acquisition, the cost of which could be offset by the sale of the current site.

Chattahoochee Hill Country

New 10,000 sq ft branch library; possible sites do not incur land acquisition costs.

East Roswell

New 15,000 sq ft branch library on land provided at no cost by the City of Roswell.

Milton/Birmingham

New 25,000 sq ft branch library centrally located within the Milton area; requires land acquisition.

Northwest Atlanta

New 25,000 sq ft branch library; requires land acquisition. Replaces service currently provided at one leased facility and two owned—current square footage of these three libraries totals 5500 sq ft.

Southeast Atlanta (Georgia-Hill/Carver Homes/Thomasville Heights)

New 15,000 sq ft branch library centrally located; would incur land acquisition costs. Replaces service currently provided at two leased facilities and one owned facility—current square footage at these three libraries totals 8200 sq ft.

Stewart-Lakewood

New 25,000 sq ft branch library located along the Metropolitan Parkway corridor. Replaces service currently provided at the 10,000 sq ft existing facility. Requires land acquisition which could be offset by the sale of the current site.

Wolf Creek

New 25,000 sq ft branch library located on property already owned by Fulton County.

Renovated and Expanded Libraries (2)

Auburn Avenue Research

Major renovation and expansion of the 50,000 sq ft Auburn Avenue Research Library on African American Culture and History.

South Fulton

Renovation and expansion that adds 10,000 sq ft to the existing 15,000 sq ft structure for a total of 25,000 sq ft.

Renovated Libraries (24)

Adams Park

Renovate the existing 7500 sq ft branch library.

Adamsville/Collier Heights

Renovate the existing 10,000 sq ft branch library.

Buckhead

Renovate the existing 20,000 sq ft branch library.

Central

Major renovation for the existing 265,000 sq ft library.

Cleveland Avenue

Renovate the existing 8400 sq ft branch library.

College Park

Renovate the existing 7500 sq ft branch library.

Dogwood

Renovate the existing 6000 sq ft branch library.

East Atlanta

Renovate the existing 8000 sq ft branch library.

East Point

Renovate the existing 10,000 sq ft branch library.

Fairburn

Renovate the existing 8100 sq ft branch library.

Hapeville

Renovate the existing 5000 sq ft branch library.

Kirkwood

Renovate the existing 7500 sq ft branch library.

Martin Luther King, Jr.

Renovate the existing 4100 sq ft branch library.

Mechanicsville

Renovate the existing 8000 sq ft branch library.

Northeast/Spruill Oaks

Renovate the existing 25,000 sq ft branch library.

Northside

Renovate the existing 10,000 sq ft branch library.

Ocee

Renovate the existing 25,000 sq ft branch library.

Peachtree

Renovate the existing 10,000 sq ft branch library.

Ponce de Leon

Renovate the existing 10,000 sq ft branch library.

Roswell

Renovate the existing 20,000 sq ft branch library.

Sandy Springs

Renovate the existing 25,000 sq ft branch library.

Southwest

Renovate the existing 25,000 sq ft branch library.

Washington Park

Renovate the existing 7500 sq ft branch library.

West End

Renovate the existing 7500 sq ft branch library.

Existing Libraries Where Service Will Be Replaced By New Libraries (Current Facilities Recommended for Demolition or Lease Cancellation (7))

Bankhead Courts

1600 sq ft branch library on land owned by Atlanta Public Schools.

Bowen Homes

1600 sq ft branch library on land owned by Atlanta Housing Authority.

Carver Homes

1800 sq ft branch library in leased space at the Birdine Center.

Georgia-Hill

4800 sq ft branch library in leased space at the Georgia-Hill Neighborhood Center.

Perry Homes

2300 sq ft branch library in leased space at a former funeral home.

Stewart-Lakewood

10,000 sq ft branch library built in 1957.

Thomasville Heights

1600 sq ft branch library on land owned by the Atlanta Housing Authority.

Libraries Recommended in the Original Facility Master Plan But Not Included in the Currently Recommendations (4)

Carver/Thomasville Heights

Proposed 5000 sq ft branch library in the original plan; a 15,000 sq ft Southeast Atlanta (Georgia-Hill/Carver Homes/Thomasville Heights) library was recommended instead.

Donald Lee Hollowell

Proposed 5000 sq ft branch library in the original plan; a larger, 25,000 sq ft Northwest Atlanta library (originally 15,000 sq ft) was recommended instead.

Old National

Proposed 7500 sq ft branch library in the original plan; an expanded 25,000 sq ft South Fulton library was recommended instead.

Red Oak

Proposed 5000 sq ft branch library in the original plan; service will be provided by the new 25,000 sq ft Wolf Creek library.