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News - Gwinnett County Public Library

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and Agencies* **IN THE NEWS**

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GCPL Hosted Citizenship Naturalization Ceremony Wednesday Morning

Gwinnett County Public Library (GCPL) hosted a Citizenship Naturalization Ceremony Wednesday morning on April 13, 2016 at the Hamilton Mill branch.



Forty-seven participants took the oath of allegiance, completing the process of becoming a US citizen, and received a Certificate of Naturalization as official proof of US citizenship. Twenty-four of those participants registered to vote following the ceremony.



Dacula Mayor Jimmy Wilbanks opened with welcoming remarks.

The Naturalization Ceremony is part of an ongoing partnership between GCPL and the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) to provide workshops assisting with the naturalization process in English, Spanish, Vietnamese, and Korean.

"We're very excited to work with the USCIS to bring these important programs to the Gwinnett community," said GCPL Adult Programming Associate Ben Mann.

A Spanish language workshop explaining the process of bringing family to the United States from abroad will be held at the Five Forks branch on June 1 at 6:30 p.m.

For more information about upcoming GCPL's Global Gwinnett Series, Citizenship and Immigration programs, email: events@gwinnettpl.org.

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Gwinnett County Public Library to Expand and Unify Open Hours

The Gwinnett County Public Library Board of Trustees voted Monday evening to expand and unify open hours for the county's fifteen branch library system.

Branches currently use an alternating schedule with two sets of operating hours.

The new hours, which will go into effect on Monday, May 16, are as follows:

Monday–Thursday: 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Friday & Saturday: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Sunday: 12 p.m. to 5 p.m.

“We no longer need to memorize complicated sets of hours,” said Library Executive Director Charles Pace. “By adjusting staff schedules and our service model, we’re able to increase library access to the community while providing more morning and evening hours for our patrons.”

The change will net a weekly gain of seven additional open hours for each branch.

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Donation Helps Launch High School Completion Program at GCPL

Gwinnett County Public Library will launch Career Online High School this spring, an accredited high school completion program offered by database partner Gale Cengage Learning.

GCPL will be the first library in Georgia to offer the program and among the first in the Southeast.

Career Online High School, accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, is part of the world’s first accredited private online school district.



“Through the generosity of Clyde and Sandra Strickland, we’ll be able to help adults in the Gwinnett community complete their high school education and give them the tools to start or advance their careers,” said library Executive Director Charles Pace.

Students can complete the program in as little as five months and graduate with an accredited high school diploma and a certificate in a high-growth, high-demand career field, along with a resume and cover letter.

The library is currently seeking matching donations to help fund the initial twenty-five adult students that will earn a high school diploma and become career and college ready. There is no cost to program participants.

For more information about donating to the program, contact Executive Director Charles Pace at 770-822-5321.