



Library, Extension, Alliance for Dade Present Reports Highlight Services and Community Resources

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TRENTON, Ga. (January 12, 2026) — The Dade County Commission received reports from the Dade County Public Library, the UGA Extension office, and Alliance for Dade during its January 2026 meeting.

Lydia Soucy, manager of the Dade County Public Library, presented library usage statistics covering the period from Nov. 23 through Dec. 20, 2025. During that time, the library recorded a door count of 1,485 visits. Computer use totaled 156 sessions, while printer use reached 606. Study rooms were used by 113 individuals, and staff logged 38 instructional sessions with teachers. Circulation for November totaled 4,072 items.

Soucy also reported growth in the library's Ready to Read story time program, which serves children pre-K and younger. Due to increased attendance, the program has expanded to two sessions, offered at 10:30 a.m. and 2 p.m., in an effort to reduce crowding and provide additional access. Attendance for the morning session averages approximately 35 children, not including parents.

Additional programming updates included an adults-with-disabilities story time scheduled for Jan. 13 at 10:30 a.m., with monthly themes focusing on winter, animals, and hibernation.

Soucy also announced an upcoming author event featuring local author Mandy McBriar, who is scheduled to visit the library on Jan. 13 at 5 p.m. to read from her book, *The Adventures of Buzzwing in Davis*, which features Davis Elementary School and includes several local teachers.

In addition, Soucy reported that the library secured a special grant through Tech Goes Home Tennessee and the Northwest Georgia Area Agency on Aging to offer a free computer class for Dade County residents age 60 and older. The four-week course includes two classes per week and has already reached capacity due to limited space.

The commission also acknowledged receipt of online reports from the UGA Extension office and Alliance for Dade. Those reports were submitted for informational purposes and required no action by the commission.

