



GWINNETT COUNTY
PUBLIC LIBRARY

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MEDIA ALERT

DACULA BRANCH BEHAVIOR CONCERNS

April 1, 2023 - The Gwinnett County Public Library welcomes students into the Dacula branch. We acknowledge that it can be noisy between the afternoon hours of 2:30 pm and 6 pm.

There have been some recent concerns voiced about the behavior of some teenagers on a specific day.

After several concerns earlier in the school year, the Gwinnett County Public Library took some immediate steps. Since November 2022, we have had a private security guard on the inside of the branch and will be adding additional security as the end of the school year approaches. We communicate regularly with the Gwinnett County Police Department in the event of any issues.

In addition, the Gwinnett County Public Library's Board of Trustees Chair and members of the Library leadership team met with Dacula High School administrators on Thursday, November 3, 2022, to address ongoing concerns about students who visit our Dacula branch.

The library has increased the number of programs for teens during weekday afternoons to engage students and has also provided additional training for branch staff.

Again, during each school year, teenagers choose to visit the Dacula branch after school, and we welcome them to participate in our programs, work on homework, and respectfully spend their afternoons. For customers who prefer a less crowded option, there are nearby libraries that can offer a quieter environment during this time.