

## **GLA Reference Services Interest Group (RSIG)**

Fall Meeting at the 2014 COMO and SELA Joint Conference

Augusta Convention Center, Augusta, GA

Friday, October 3, 2014, 9:00 am

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS (Jean Cook)**

Welcome to RSIG and Introduction of Officers:

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### **BUSINESS**

#### **INSTRUCTION AND REFERENCE**

The discussion of including instruction issues into the group's mission was continued from the last RSIG meeting (January 17, 2014). More library reference departments, especially academic, are doing more instruction. It was proposed that it would not be a dis-serve to include the two together since reference is a teaching tool. The two services are not competing with each other. A number of libraries have added instruction to the name of their reference departments. The public librarians said it was important to keep reference in the title of the group. It was agreed to incorporate instructional services into the mission of the RSIG. Jean and Claudia will review the RSIG mission in the GLA Handbook. They will present an updated description of the RSIG at the next meeting in January.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Claudia suggested building a better rapport between reference and instructional services libraries across the public and academic libraries to serve our mutual communities. She has worked in both public and academic libraries and sees how the many services in public libraries can benefit academic libraries and visa versa. An example is the trend of academic libraries going to a combined reference and access services desk. Many public libraries have been doing this for years. Academic libraries can also profit by the public libraries experience with programming. It was suggested that the RISG COMO session(s) for next year should involve and appeal to both academic and public librarians. The group agreed. For the next meeting in January, members were asked to come up with ideas for the RSIG presentation(s) at COMO.

Since the majority of the participants at the meeting were from academic libraries, it was asked how the group gets members. Members usually find out about the group at COMO or the Mid-Winter GLA meeting. Officers also solicit participants. Since we were on the topic of membership... It was decided it would be a good time to discuss the elections of new officers. The two offices up for election are RSIG

Vice-Chair/Chair Elect and RSIG Secretary. Oscar Gittemeir, Atlanta Fulton Public Library, said he would consider running for RSIG Vice-Chair/Chair Elect. Pat Ziebart, Georgia Perimeter College would consider running for RSIG Secretary. Claudia will contact them about the elections.

The next RSIG meeting will be at the Mid-Winter GLA Meeting at Clayton State on January 16, 2015.

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