

# NEW MEMBERS ROUND TABLE

A division of the Georgia Library Association

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## 2020 GLC CALL FOR PROPOSALS

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The New Members Round Table (NMRT) Division of the Georgia Libraries Conference is seeking a presenter on a topic that would be of benefit to new and prospective librarians or new attendees of the Georgia Libraries Conference. The presentation should encourage members to further their knowledge of the library profession and/or Georgia Library Association (GLA).

Proposal Submission  
Guidelines: Presentation Title;  
Abstract (300 words); Brief  
Biography of Presenter

Submit here:  
<https://forms.gle/rDXLKxB31wiBcsu5>

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## HIGHLIGHTS

- ALA Emerging Leader: Damiana Fortenberry
- NMRT Featured Member: Jenni Jacobs
- 2020 National Library Week Membership Drive

## WE'RE HERE TO HELP

We're all working in new ways as libraries close across the country. Whether you're a seasoned librarian working from home, a part-time shelver wondering what's next, or a library student doing coursework online, your NMRT leaders want you to know that we're all in this together. We've always intended this group to be a community, and there's never been a greater need for such togetherness. As you work, read, bake, watch webinars, and wonder about the coming days, reach out to your peers and commiserate with them about what's going on. Although individual circumstances may be different, we are still united in our fight to stay calm and safe. Use your network to find new people to get to know; read articles from librarians about virtual programs; enrich yourself and focus on the now, rather than worry about the future.

If you're struggling, or just need a friendly ear, please send us an email at [nmrt.gla@gmail.com](mailto:nmrt.gla@gmail.com). We're happy to talk to you anytime!

## LEARN SOMETHING

### **The Six-Week [Assessment] Project: How to Get from Ideas to Results in a Hurry**

GLA Carterette Series Webinars

Link: <http://bit.ly/33xO8f5>

### **How to Keep Library Projects on Track: Project Management for Everyone**

Available as a recording.

Link: <https://bit.ly/3dWuAWp>

### **Libraries Responding to COVID-19**

Webinar series from the Public Library Association. Link: <https://bit.ly/34jgytM>

## ARTICLES TO READ

### **Librarians bring digital services to their communities**

Link: <https://bit.ly/2yyUpeV>

### **Curbside pickup for books in some areas**

Link: <https://bit.ly/2wiM8ep>

### **Little Free Libraries becoming Little Free Pantries**

Link: <https://lat.ms/2xaDRK3>

## RESOURCES

### **Library Link of the Day**

A free daily newsletter that brings you information about a variety of topics addressing libraries.

Link: [tk421.net/librarylink/](http://tk421.net/librarylink/)

### **American Library Association's Pandemic Preparation resources**

Link: <https://bit.ly/34gkXNY>

### **Public Library Health Resources**

Compiled by librarians to be a resource for customers and library staff.

Link: [publiclibrary.health](http://publiclibrary.health)

## ALA EMERGING LEADER

### **Damiana Fortenberry, Gwinnett County Public Library, talks about her experience attending ALA Midwinter**

I had expected to meet passionate and knowledgeable librarians through the Emerging Leaders program and the Midwinter Conference and I was not disappointed. As this was the first ALA conference I had ever attended, I wanted to learn as much as I could about the Emerging Leaders program, meet experienced ALA members, and share my passion for libraries with other like-minded librarians. What I hadn't expected was that every librarian I met during the conference and through the Emerging Leaders program was funny, outgoing, experienced, friendly, and so excited to be a part of something that could really help people. I had gone in with the mindset of being as productive as possible, and my experience at the conference and with the Emerging Leaders exceeded that expectation.

Much of my time with my Emerging Leaders cohorts was spent organizing, networking, and training so that every one of us could be as prepared as possible for the coming months. The ALA played a big role in providing us training opportunities, workshops, seminars, and networking events so that we could get to know senior ALA members and each other a little better while we worked hard towards our goals. I, and I'm sure my fellow group members as well, were honored to have been welcomed and encouraged by ALA President Wanda Brown. The experience was one I'm so glad to have had. I'm honored to be considered a part of such an amazing group of librarians and am excited to see what the rest of the Emerging Leaders groups come up with. I'm confident it will be impressive and move the ALA and libraries across the nation in a positive direction.

*Editor's Note: GLA sponsors an ALA Emerging Leader each year. Traditionally, ALA Emerging leaders attend ALA Midwinter and the ALA Annual Conference.*



## FEATURED MEMBER



My name is Jennifer (Jenni) Jacobs and I currently work at Kennesaw State University. I'm early in my career--I'm going into my third-ish year so I'm just starting out, though I've worked in libraries since I was a grad student working on my English Masters degree.

I would like to eventually be a director of a library marketing team. I'm very passionate about library marketing and outreach and would like to lead a team of library marketers!

I am currently the chair of the GLA marketing and Branding committee and have presented and attended at GLA.

A fun fact about me would be that I lived overseas for a majority of my life. My dad is ex-military but works now for them as a contractor in Germany, so each Christmas I get to return to Germany, where we spent a good chunk of my life.

## ATLANTA EMERGING LIBRARIANS HOST A VIRTUAL HAPPY HOUR!

Come and be merry with AEL's first Virtual Happy Hour event through the Zoom app! Limit 25 people so hurry ☐. We would love to see you! Sign up through our event page or Google form here:

<https://tinyurl.com/t4kqau7>

## WANT TO BE FEATURED IN A FUTURE NEWSLETTER?

Let us know!

Fill out this short form:

[forms.gle/Y98ZiDoCBBB2PtzT6](https://forms.gle/Y98ZiDoCBBB2PtzT6)

If chosen, you will be asked to write 2-3 paragraphs about yourself and your career.

## STAY CONNECTED

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