

GLA Executive Board Meeting – 2010/07/23

Report of the Interest Group Council – Tessa Minchew

Interest Group Activities of Note:

Professional and Continuing Education Interest Group

The Wednesday Webinar series, co-sponsored by the Professional and Continuing Education Interest Group and the Georgia Public Library Service, has been a big success.

The first two webinars had roughly 70 attendees each. (Many were not the same people.) The second two had 150 and 80 attendees, respectively. Of 79 attendees who rated the sessions, 65 were satisfied or very satisfied. 9 were neutral. 5 were very unsatisfied.

The assessment form asked, "To our Georgia attendees: the Georgia Library Association wants to generate learning and engagement opportunities that will encourage member involvement. Did this learning opportunity inspire you to engage with the organization?" Of 42 respondents who answered this questions, 32 said yes, sometimes even citing the action they had already taken. Some said they were already involved, and some said that they were more active in GLMA or some other association that was already keeping them busy. On the whole, response to this question was highly positive.

Interlibrary Cooperation Interest Group

The Interlibrary Cooperation Interest Group held a one-day unconference on Friday, May 21, 2010. (The Board voted, on April 30, to contribute \$100 to funding the refreshments for this event.)

Twenty-five people were in attendance. Academic, public, and special libraries were all well-represented. Topics included a wide-ranging discussion on tools, tips, and tricks to make ILL easier, a top 20 list of things to do/not do in ILL world, a short discussion on copyright, and a talk by Rusty Palmer about Lyrasis and new exciting ventures in the ILL world.

The Chair, Andrew Shuping, feels that the program was very successful for a first time effort and that the attendees really enjoyed it. He had hoped for more people to step up and be willing to lead a discussion, but he suspects that that didn't happen because of shyness. He feels that the format would work well for other interest groups and that this was a great opportunity for Georgia ILL librarians to meet, some for the first time, and discuss common issues. Andrew would like to have another unconference, and has hopes that attendance will continue to increase.

Government Documents Interest Group

Yadira Payne, chair of the Government Documents Interest Group would like to report that she developed and executed the first all-day conference and training event for the CSRA Library Association (Central Savannah River Area Library Association, serving libraries in the

Savannah River area of Georgia and South Carolina). It was well received and survey responses show that all venues were a success. Due to the responses and the need for continued growth in this event, she will be sending a call for papers/presenters through the GLA listserv in a couple of months.

Interest Group Survey:

Tessa submitted a draft survey to the Board and asked for their input on the questions. She will make the changes outlined by the Board and construct the survey on Zoomerang, publicizing it on the GLA listserv, blog, and possibly the website.

Interest Group Council Business Meeting at GaCOMO:

Tessa's proposal, "Around the Globe with the GLA IGC" was accepted for the annual GaCOMO conference. The Interest Group Council business meeting will be held at The Globe on 10/13/2010 at 5:00pm, so as to not conflict with other evening activities at the conference. The hope is that we will have enough IG chairs present to elect a Vice-Chair.