

**Wednesday, October 15**  
**Pre-Conference Workshops and Meetings**

**Meeting**  
**Wednesday, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.**

**GLA Executive Board Meeting and Lunch**  
*Athena Ballroom H*

**Pre-Conference Session**  
**Wednesday, 12:30 p.m. – 4 p.m.**

**Maps in the UGA Libraries: a Tour of the Collections**

*Hallie Pritchett*

*University of Georgia*

Tour offers a rare look at the UGA Libraries' extensive map collections, including the Hargrett Rare Book and Manuscript Library's Rare Map Collection which includes maps dating back to the 16<sup>th</sup> century, and the UGA Map Library.

Transportation from the Main Library to the Map Library and back will be provided.

UGA Main Library

**Pre-Conference Session**  
**Wednesday, 12:30 p.m. – 4 p.m.**

**Tour of the Digital Library of Georgia**

*Toby Graham & Sheila McAlister*

*University of Georgia*

Tour the facilities of the Digital Library of Georgia based at the University of Georgia Libraries. (There is no charge, but participants must provide their own transportation.)

UGA Main Library

**Pre-Conference Session**  
**Wednesday, 1 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.**

**Building Public Libraries – An Overview**

*Carla Beasley, Jon McDaniel, Bobby Williams*

*Forsyth County Public Library*

You have funding for a new library, now what? Presenters will take you through the public library construction process. Gain an understanding of choosing a site, reading blueprints, handling a budget and much more.

**Pre-Conference Session**  
**Wednesday, 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.**

**Taking on Technology!**

*Brenda Hough & Kendra Morgan*

*WebJunction*

Keeping up with technology is a challenge for busy librarians and we have the tools to help! Learn to use free resources available to manage technology and discuss best practices. Explore the MaintainIT technology cookbooks and WebJunction.

*Athena Ballroom I*

**Pre-Conference Session**  
**Wednesday, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.**

**Read Aloud and Think Aloud to Teach Reading Strategies**

*Jeanette Russell*

*Scholastic Classroom and Library Group*

Share your thoughts for effective reading strategies!

*Athena Ballroom A*

**Pre-Conference Session**  
**Wednesday, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.**

**Riding the High Tide of Web 2.0 in Academic Libraries**

*LiLi Li*

*Georgia Southern University*

This presentation intends to explore and promote Web 2.0 and Web 2.0 applications in web-based library information services in the digital age.

*Athena Ballroom A*

**Meeting**  
**Wednesday, 3 p.m. – 3:50 p.m.**

**GAIT Business Meeting**

*Athena Ballroom A*

**First Timers' & Presenters' Reception**  
**Wednesday, 4 p.m. – 5 p.m.**

Open to first-time COMO attendees, officers and new members of sponsoring organizations, and COMO speakers.

*Athena Ballroom D*

**Wednesday, October 15**  
**First General Session**

**5:30 p.m. – 7 p.m.**  
*Convention Center, Atlantic Hall*

Featuring Vicki Davis, a teacher and the IT director at Westwood Schools in Camilla, Georgia. Vicki co-created three award winning international wiki-centric projects, the Flat Classroom project, the Horizon project, and Digiteen with teacher Julie Lindsay currently at Qatar Academy. These projects have linked more than 500 students from both

public and private schools around the world in collaborative projects harnessing the most powerful Web 2.0 tools including wikis, blogs, digital storytelling, podcasts, social bookmarking, and more. Vicki will publish her first book in August of 2008 entitled *ClickSmart*.

**Wednesday, October 15**  
**PINNACLE Leadership Institute Graduation Dinner**  
**7:30 p.m. – 9 p.m.**  
*Athena Ballroom D*

Chancellor Errol B. Davis will keynote the PINNACLE Class of 2008 Graduation.

**Wednesday, October 15**

**NMRT Sponsored Dinner at the Grill**  
**7:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.**

Are you interested in an evening of dinner and conversation with fellow librarians? Join us at The Grill in downtown Athens at 7:30 for food and camaraderie. This is an NMRT sponsored "dutch treat" event. Please direct questions to Sarah Steiner.

**Thursday, October 16  
Sessions**

**Thursday, October 16  
Concurrent Sessions and  
Business Meetings  
8 a.m. – 8:50 a.m.**

**AHA! Ideas to Rejuvenate Your Staff Development**

*Pat Carterette*

*Georgia Public Library Service*

Are you running out of ideas to keep your Staff Development Day inspiring and fun? Learn tips and suggestions for rejuvenating the event and possibly making Staff Development the most anticipated event of the year.

*Empire Room 2*

**Ask Technical Services**

*Tessa Minchew*

*Georgia Perimeter College*

Join the GLA Technical Services Interest Group for a discussion of topics related to technical services and election of officers.

*Athena Ballroom A*

**Cataloging Internships via Distance Education**

*Guy Frost, Elaine Yontz*

*Valdosta State University*

Learn how to implement a successful model for providing cataloging internships using Instant Messenger, email, Microsoft Word, and eReserves.

*Parthenon Room 2*

**Find It @ GALILEO: Open URL and SFX Within the GALILEO Environment**

*Katie Gohn*

*GALILEO*

What is OpenURL, SFX, and Find It @GALILEO? If you have ever asked this question, attend this session for an overview of the GALILEO SFX implementation Find It @GALILEO.

*Athena Ballroom B*

**Georgia History and Culture: The Civil Rights Digital Library**

*Toby Graham*

*Digital Library of Georgia*

Discover the Civil Rights Digital Library initiative, the most ambitious effort to date to deliver educational content on the Civil Rights Movement via the web.

*Parthenon Room 1*

**Georgia Peach Awards for Teen Readers**

*Amy Golemme*

*Georgia Peach Award Committee*

The Georgia Peach Award for Teen Readers was established 5 years ago to help promote reading and literacy in teens; come hear book talks of the 20 newly nominated titles to promote to your teen readers.

*Cypress Room 1*

**GLMA Grants for Your Media Program**

*Jenny Holloman, Gwen Bailey, Anne*

*Prichard*

*Georgia Library Media Association*

Join these award-winning media specialists to learn the secrets of their success.

*Athena Ballroom C*

## **GPS and the Public Library**

*Anne Bowen*

*Ocmulgee Regional Library System*

Navigating the path from the public library to GPS (Georgia Performance Standards!)

*Willow Room*

## **Harnessing Web 2.0 Tools to Enhance Your Professional Knowledge**

*Buffy Hamilton*

*Creekview High School*

Learn about Web 2.0 resources that librarians and media specialists can use to enhance their professional knowledge, and cultivate a professional learning network.

*Athena Ballroom J*

## **How to Start a Friends Group**

*Lyn Hopper, Liza Newsome, others*

*Georgia Public Library Service*

Need a support group for your public or academic library, but not sure how to begin? Get tips on best practices and pitfalls in starting a Friends of the Library group from those who have done it!

*Oconee River Room 1*

## **Meeting the Challenges for Literacy Needs in a Bilingual Society**

*Sarah Hepler, Leann Boyd*

*Georgia Highlands College, South Georgia College*

This panel will focus on meeting the challenges for literacy needs in a bilingual society through Spanish-language materials and services in academic libraries.

*Oconee River Room 2*

## **Networking ILL 2.0 Style**

*Michelle Jones*

*Columbus State University*

Don't be overwhelmed with expectations to include Web 2.0 technologies in interlibrary loan! Come see what Kennesaw State University is doing with Facebook to encourage patron and interlibrary loan department interaction.

*Athena Ballroom I*

## **P-16 Collaboration Does Work! A Case Study**

*Monica Pereira*

*University of Georgia Libraries*

Come hear how teachers and P-12 librarians collaborated to bring 50 fifth-graders to UGA for research, and no one got hurt (or fired!)

*Athena Ballroom G*

## **Partnering With Faculty In Library Common Spaces**

*Charlie Bennett, Jon Bodnar*

*Georgia Institute of Technology*

Members of the Georgia Tech Library discuss ways to engage university faculty and students in the life of the library through the design of common spaces and event programming.

*High Shoals Room 1*

## **Patron Privacy**

*Amy Hailey, Robin Wofford*

*Cobb County School District*

If you are using overdue notices as scrap paper for everyone to use, then join us as we nail down patron privacy and what it means in the K-12 setting.

*High Shoals Room 2*

## **Sticky Note Wikis: A Research Tool to Model Outline Wikis**

*Craig Coleman*

*Mundy's Mill Middle School*

Learn to use Sticky Note Wikis – a combination of simple learning strategies that allows students to conduct collaborative research, stimulate the creation of an online Wiki, and demonstrate the pros and cons of online Wikis.

*Athena Ballroom F*

**COMO 2.0**

**Georgia Council of Media Organizations 2008 Conference  
The Classic Center, Athens**

## **What Does Circulation Services Have to Offer?**

*Stella Richardson, Georgia Institute of Technology, Denita Hampton, GSU, Daron Mitchell and Viki Timian, UGA, Wendy Wilmoth, Griffin Technical College*  
Please join us as we discuss current trends and issues related to Circulation Services in academic and public libraries.  
*Athena Ballroom D*

## **Write On!**

*Diane Z. Shore*  
*Children's Book Author*  
Take the stress out of assess, and put your students on the "write track" for the statewide writing assessment with these fun, interactive hands-on writing activities.  
*Empire Room 1*

## **Yes, Virginia, There IS Assessment in Library Media Instruction!**

*Andy Spinks*  
*Cobb County School District*  
Learn how assessment can motivate (not just measure) student learning in the library media context. Better yet, learn how to accomplish more with the same amount of instructional work (or maybe even less!)  
*Athena Ballroom H*

**Thursday, October 16**  
**Exhibits ONLY**  
**9 a.m. – 9:50 a.m.**

**Thursday, October 16**  
**Concurrent Sessions**  
**10 a.m. – 10:50 a.m.**

## **A Conversation with Media Coordinators**

*Judy Serritella*  
*Georgia Department of Education*  
This session is limited to the school system's Media Coordinator or the System Media Contact Person. Round table discussions, conversations, and a question and answer period as well as planning for the future of the library media program are some of the topics for this meeting.  
*Cypress Room 1*

## **Beyond Ben's Guide and FirstGov for Kids**

*Jim & Justine Veatch*  
*Bartram Trail Regional Library*  
Attendees will learn the basic offerings of Ben's Guide to US Government for Kids on GPO Access and Kids.gov, also other government information for kids, teachers, and librarians.  
*Athena Ballroom D*

## **Café Read-A-Latte: If You Serve It They Will Come!**

*Susan K. S. Grigsby*  
*Fulton County Schools*  
See how one media specialist increased circulation and generated interest in reading across all ethnic and economic groups in her school by creating a coffeehouse atmosphere in the library media center.  
*High Shoals Room 2*

### **Collection Development for the Culturally Diverse**

*Marie Richardson & Joyce Jelks  
DeKalb Technical College*

Benefits of using International Conferences and Book Fairs as a Collection Development tool to strengthen the ethnic materials in a collection with original material culturally specific.

*Oconee River Room 2*

### **Explore WebJunction Georgia**

*Kendra Morgan  
WebJunction*

WebJunction Georgia is the free online community where public library staff can find great library resources, participate in online learning and join in discussions with colleagues around the state and country. Join us as we explore these resources.

*Athena Ballroom B*

### **HRRB Coach's Swap**

*Barbara K. Hallstrom, Mary J. Thomas,  
Stephen L. Williams  
DeKalb County Schools*

*Georgia Helen Ruffin Reading Bowl*

Come see how to start and maintain a winning Helen Ruffin Reading Bowl team of readers.

*Athena Ballroom H*

### **Lap Puppet Shows for Public Library Children's Services**

*Jackie Elsner, Children's Librarian  
Athens Regional Library System*

Lap puppet shows; no puppet theater required. Story selection, script adaption, puppet preparation, performance techniques for public library children's specialists and elementary media specialists.

*Willow Room*

### **Make It Count: Evaluation Tips and Techniques**

*Dr. Diane Dees & Dr. Elaine Willis  
Valdosta State University*

Media specialists impact learning, address curriculum needs, promote literacy, integrate technology, support professional development of teachers – learn ways to toot your own horn!

*Athena Ballroom J*

### **The New Georgia Encyclopedia: Accessibility, Authority, and Why Metadata Matters**

*Kristy Dixon & Sarah McKee  
University of Georgia*

Highlights of the ongoing changes and growth of the New Georgia Encyclopedia, including how metadata is enhancing this dynamic resource.

*Athena Ballroom C*

### **Read-Alouds Across the Curriculum**

*Diane Z. Shore  
Children's Book Author*

READ ALOUDS THAT ROCK! Rhyming read-alouds are not just for storytime anymore. They're great for introducing new concepts, themes, and chapters in EVERY subject (yes, even math!) Discover lesson plans and activities to go with rhyming picture books.

*Empire Room 1*

### **Taking the Conference Home With You**

*Lori Lester & Alan Bernstein  
Georgia Southern University & Valdosta State University*

How can all the valuable and useful information gleaned at conferences be put to good use and saved from simply being filed under "Conferences Attended" or lost in the endless morass of papers and forever forgotten once you get back to your library?.

*Parthenon Room 2*

### **Using Your Library Management System to Support Instruction**

*Mary Barbee*  
*Gwinnett County Public Schools*  
Your LMS is more than an administrative tool. See how Gwinnett Public School media specialists use Destiny Library Manager features to support instruction and promote student achievement. Time for sharing included!  
*Athena Ballroom I*

**What Do You Really Know About Accelerated Reader?**

*Ellen Gadberry*  
*Renaissance Learning, Inc.*  
Learn about the program's historical and current potential to place great books in the hands of young readers while affording classroom, school, and district-level educators opportunity to assess and impact reading growth.  
*Athena Ballroom A*

**Whiz! Bang! Pow! Developing and Cataloging Graphic Novel Collections**

*Amy Eklund & Sherry Durren*  
*Georgia Perimeter College, JCLRC*  
Graphic novels from the public services and technical services perspectives: creating a successful collection and providing access through effective cataloging.  
*Athena Ballroom G*

**Thursday, October 16**  
**Double Sessions**  
**10 a.m. – 11:50 a.m.**

**From Ravel to Radiohead: Music Collection Development Demystified**

*Joyce Clinkscales*  
*Emory University*  
Get acquainted with music formats and terminology, and learn how to select, acquire, and maintain a collection tailored to your patrons – the basics for any type of library.  
*High Shoals Room 1*

**Georgia Library Association Academic Papers**

The Academic Division of the Georgia Library Association presents the thirteenth edition of the Academic Papers providing academic librarians the opportunity to present peer reviewed papers on topics of interest to their colleagues.  
*Cypress Room 2*

**PRIME TIME Family Reading Time in Georgia**

*Faye Flanigan, Jamila Smith Owens, & PT team members*  
*Georgia Public Library Service*  
PRIME TIME and bilingual PRIME TIME provide a unique, intergenerational six week program of reading, discussion, and storytelling at public libraries and other venues. This family literacy initiative is currently implemented at seven public libraries in Georgia.  
*Oconee River Room 1*

**Thursday, October 16**  
**Concurrent Sessions**  
**11 a.m. – 11:50 a.m.**

**Adult Reading Incentive Programs on a Shoestring Budget**

*Colleen Knight*  
*Bartow County Library System*  
Reading incentive programs are not just for children anymore. Come learn how to plan an adult program on a small budget. See how it can increase your circulation and program attendance, and foster community goodwill. A PINNACLE PROGRAM  
*Willow Room*

### **Assessment 101**

*Jennifer Link Jones*

*Georgia State University Library*

If you're struggling with assessment, stop! During this panel discussion, members of GLA's Assessment Interest Group will provide you with ideas for assessing library programs and services.

*Parthenon Room 2*

### **Creating a Participatory Culture in Your Library**

*Beth Friese & Janie Cowan*

*University of Georgia*

Explorations and demonstrations of ways for patrons to become fully engaged participants in the library; focusing on developing an active library blog, diversification of collections, and tailored programming.

*Athena Ballroom B*

### **CSI: Cultivating Skilled Investigators**

*Media Daniels, Sheila Howard, Lexcine Wall, Katherine Weaver, and Jerol Smith*  
*Atlanta Public Schools*

Exciting techniques implemented in the CSI Project designed to teach library research skills to millennial learners by combining technology and research strategies to help students become savvy investigative reporters will be shared.

*Athena Ballroom C*

### **Georgia Library Media Wiki**

*Andy Spinks*

*Cobb County School District*

Finally a wiki for us. The new Georgia Library Media Wiki is a forum for online collaboration among Georgia's school library media community – a "Web 2.0" cousin of the GeorgiaMedia email distribution list!

*Athena Ballroom A*

### **GeorgiaStandards.Org – An Educational Online Resource Toolbox to Support the GPS**

*Beth Caraccio*

*Georgia Department of Education*

GeorgiaStandards.org – The One Stop Shop for All Educators – come explore all the fabulous freebies for educators with just one click.

*Athena Ballroom J*

### **GPB Education: More Than You Can Imagine!**

*Katherine Aiken & Patrice Weaver*

*GPB Education*

GPB Education offers a wide variety of free services and resources to Georgia Educators. Learn about GPB Education Streaming, our numerous blogs, our new delivery method for educational programming and more.

*Athena Ballroom G*

### **How to Get the Gusto from GALILEO!**

*Phyllis R. Snipes*

*University of West Georgia*

Want to really connect your students and faculty to the information they need???

Come participate in an enlightening discussion on how you can better prepare students and faculty for using GALILEO based on solid data gathered from Georgia media specialists.

*High Shoals Room 2*

### **Library Media Specialist of the Year Panel Discussion**

*Susan Grigsby (Fulton County Schools) & 2008 LMSOTY District winners*

District Library Media Specialists of the Year will discuss their programs, activities, and accomplishments for which they earned the honor of District LMSOTY. Participants will come away with great ideas and inspiration from these exemplary women and men.

*Athena Ballroom D*

### **Many Faces of Paraprofessionals**

**COMO 2.0**

**Georgia Council of Media Organizations 2008 Conference  
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*Karen Manning, Felecia Henderson, Roland Garner, Beth Russell*  
*Georgia Institute of Technology*  
Paraprofessionals are stepping in and stepping up...your staffing solutions at hand.  
*Athena Ballroom I*

### **Media Festival Judging Tips**

*Deborah Gray, Mary Tyner, Alayne Smith, Gordon Baker, Michelle Lenderman*  
*Gwinnett County Schools, Clayton State University, Bibb County Schools*  
This session will present tips for making you a more effective judge at the Georgia Student Media Festival.  
*Cypress Room 1*

### **My Life in Pictures (or Should I Say, Picture Books!)**

*Grady Thrasher III*  
*Children's Book Author*  
Author Grady Thrasher, a retired lawyer and native Georgia has turned his pen from securitites to writing children's books reminiscent of the days gone by. Discover how his life in picture books journeyed from a dream to reality.  
*Empire Room 1*

### **Policy Considerations for Virtual School Libraries**

*Judi Repman & Beth Downs*  
*Georgia Southern University*  
As school libraries enter the world of wikis, blogs, twitter, flickr, and nings, we need to update our school library policies for the 21<sup>st</sup> century!  
*Athena Ballroom H*

### **When the Answer is No – Using LHRs to Deflect ILL Requests**

*Cathy Jeffrey, Adam Kubik, Katherine Ott*

*Clayton State University*  
Learn how OCLC's LHRs can be used to deflect ILL requests for materials which a library chooses never to supply through Interlibrary Loan such as Reference or Special Collections books.  
*Oconee River Room 2*

**Thursday, October 16**  
**Luncheons**  
**Noon – 1:30 p.m.**

### **Academic Library Luncheon**

Join the Academic Library Division for lunch and an informative presentation by Paul Butchart on Athens music history and the challenges of finding and preserving information on this phenomenon.  
*Parthenon Room 1*

### **Public Library Luncheon**

Featuring Patricia Sprinkle, an author of mysteries from the Atlanta area.  
*Empire Room 2*

### **GLA School Division/Georgia Library Media Association Luncheon**

Featuring Janet Lee Carey, author of the award winners *Dragon's Keepers*, and *The Beast of Noor*.  
*Athena Ballroom E*

**Thursday, October 16**  
**Concurrent Sessions**  
**1:40 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.**

### **NMRT Resume Review**

*Sarah Steiner, NMRT Division Chair*  
*Georgia State University*  
Bring your current resume to COMO for a personal expert review. Employees from all library types and departments welcome.  
Downstairs Foyer next to the Vendor area.

**Thursday, October 16**  
**Concurrent Sessions**  
**1:40 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.**

### **Assessing the Use of Your Print Collection**

*Kathryn Bonnell*

*Newton High School*

Come see how you can precisely examine what types of electronic and print sources from the media center collection students are using in research papers and the implications for collection development and budgetary allocations.

*High Shoals Room 2*

### **Cataloging Sound Recordings**

*Adam Kubik*

*Clayton State University*

Learn the elements of a good catalog record for all those CDs you have – what every MARC record should have, and what will make a record higher-quality.

*Cypress Room 2*

### **Circulation and Access Services Sharing Session on E-Reserves**

*Joy Garmon*

*Georgia Gwinnett College*

Come join us as we discuss different aspects surrounding electronic reserves including systems, maintenance and copyright issues.

*Oconee River Room 2*

### **Educate Georgia's Voters**

*Lori Lester*

*Georgia Southern University*

Learn how to educate eligible voters and future voters on the basics of voting, and do your part to help raise Georgia's voter turnout with knowledgeable voters.

*High Shoals Room 1*

### **Free! Alternatives to Expensive Technology**

*Andrew Shuping*

*Mercer University*

Check out these free alternatives, both downloadable and online, to expensive software programs.

*Athena Ballroom J*

### **GALILEO at the Reference Desk**

*Karen Minton*

*GALILEO*

Reference questions run the gamut from business reference to health questions, readers' advisory to consumer information, and GALILEO resources can help by extending your collection and putting information right at the tips of your fingers.

*Athena Ballroom H*

### **GPB Technology in Education (TIE) Network**

*Katherine Aiken*

*GPB Education*

Learn more about the TIE network, a free professional/social networking group which believes in sharing resources, ideas, and experiences while integrating technology in Georgia's schools.

*Athena Ballroom G*

### **History and Culture: New Georgia Encyclopedia and Digital Library of Georgia**

*Ed Johnson & Kelly Caudle*

*GALILEO & New Georgia Encyclopedia*

Explore the history, culture, and life of the state through New Georgia Encyclopedia articles and Digital Library of Georgia primary resources – see how these distinct by closely related major online sources can dovetail to provide integrated approaches.

*Athena Ballroom C*

### **The Image as Message: Visual Literacy for Deep Learning**

*Dave Chatterjee, Emy Nelson Decker,  
Monica Pereira  
University of Georgia*

If a picture paints a thousand words, you could be saying a whole lot more! And so could your learners. Visuals enhance understanding and extend learning when they are contextually meaningful. Learn why and how to design visuals with messages.

*Athena Ballroom A*

### **Learning When There's No Time (or Money) to Learn**

*Pat Carterette  
Georgia Public Library Service*

Even without much money or time, you can improve your skills and increase your knowledge. How? By becoming an effective learner, knowing available resources and creating a learning toolbox. Attend this session for plenty of tips.

*Willow Room*

### **Library Service to Older Adults**

*Beverly A. Williams  
Georgia Library for Accessible Services*

Interested in improving library service to older adults? This presentation will include programming, marketing to seniors, providing information of interest to seniors, and enhancing your website.

*Athena Ballroom D*

### **Measuring Student Learning Outcomes in Small College Libraries**

*Wendy Wilmoth, David Bunnell  
Griffin Technical College*

Learn how to measure your library's student learning outcomes and communicate your results to your college's institutional effectiveness office.

*Parthenon Room 2*

### **Memories Are Made of This**

*Jackie K. Cooper  
Mercer University*

Memoirs are for the living and for those who come after. The possibility of assembling a memoir or memory collection is enhanced by keeping journals. All ages should be encouraged to journal and to collect the thoughts and stories of their family and friends.

*Empire Room 1*

### **Planning is Really All About the User**

*Leigh Wiley  
Worth County Library System*

Is the future so bright, you gotta wear shades? Using the PLA Planning Model to prepare, imagine, design, build, communicate, and implement a strategic plan.

*Oconee River Room 1*

### **News About SALSA: Spanish for Young Learners**

*Elizabeth Webb, GPB*

Come learn how your school district can utilize the SALSA series of videos and new teacher training materials to provide Spanish instruction to students in grades K-2, without breaking the budget. Districts that have elementary Spanish programs in place can use SALSA to supplement the program, while districts that have not been able to provide world language instruction for their students will find that it is now within reach.

*Athena Ballroom I*

### **Take Us With You! Library Services for UGA Study Abroad Students**

*Lynn Cahoon, Diane Hartle, & Elizabeth White  
University of Georgia*

University of Georgia librarians present their newest online service: pilot websites for Study Abroad Students.

*Athena Ballroom B*

## **Using State Study Data to Improve Your School Library Program**

*Louis M. Greco, AASL Region V Director  
St. Johns County School District  
St. Augustine, Florida*

Learn how to take data points from School Library Media studies around the U.S. and individualize them to your program to change policies and procedure and influence teachers and administrators to understand “best practices” for school library media programs. Blank trifold brochures will be shared with each participant.  
*Cypress Room 1*

**Thursday, October 16**  
**Concurrent Sessions**  
**2:40 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.**

## **Creating a Culture of Possibility: PLCMC and Innovation**

*David W. Singleton  
Public Library of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County*

The Public Library of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County has been widely recognized for innovative facilities, programs, and services. We will look at successful shared-use facilities, gaming, and technology, and a user-friendly approach to subject headings.  
*Cypress Room 1*

## **Fair Use in the Digital Age: What Can We Do?**

*Ray Calvert  
Coastal Georgia Community College*

What do you know about the license that came with your digital media and how does that relate to fair use?  
*Athena Ballroom G*

## **If It's Raining Outside – How Can We Be in a Drought?**

*Cynthia L. Prosser  
University of Georgia – Science Library*  
Water, water, nowhere, and barely a drop to drink – understanding drought: causes and reactions.  
*Athena Ballroom J*

## **Introduction to FRBR**

*Debra Skinner  
Georgia Southern University*  
What is FRBR and what will it mean to libraries? An introduction to the concept of FRBR and the impact on libraries, cataloging, and OPACS.  
*Oconee River Room 2*

## **How To Prepare for the Public Library Management Interview**

*Robin Shader  
Live Oak Public Libraries*  
Be prepared for your next public library management interview by hearing tips from a recent (successful) interviewee.  
*High Shoals Room 1*

## **Lift Up Your Staff!**

*Karen Odom  
Houston County Public Library System*  
All library employees need to feel their work is appreciated by their supervisors, peers and patrons. Each library system should develop and maintain an employee appreciation program to help foster employee development, morale, and fellowship. A PINNACLE PROGRAM  
*Oconee River Room 1*

## **Making Use of Stat-USA**

*Ken Smith  
Valdosta State College*  
If Stat-USA is a convenient, single point for accessing federal business, trade, and economic information, why is it not being used more often? Learn how to make better use of this under-utilized resource.  
*Athena Ballroom A*

## **Meet Your Professor: Bringing the Classroom to You**

*Dr. George Gaumond, Dr. Anita Ondrusek, Dr. Elaine Yontz*

*Valdosta State University*  
Meet professors from Valdosta State University's  
Master of Library and Information Science  
Program and get your questions answered.  
*Empire Room 1*

**Mr. Dewey Had a Zoo!**

*James Campbell*  
*Lee Street Elementary School*  
Come meet the animals that make their home in  
Mr. Dewey's Zoo and see what kind of books  
each animal likes.  
*Cypress Room 2*

**Next Generation Cataloging**

*Rebecca Holman*  
*Gainesville State College*  
The future of the public access catalog is  
changing. We want to be a driving force behind  
the changes we face. Join us for a discussion of  
what technology is bringing to GIL.  
*Athena Ballroom B*

**One 4 All and All 4 One: Collegial  
Collaboration**

*Kathi Vanderbilt and Kathleen Lyons*  
*Cobb County Schools*  
D'Artagnan had Athos, Porthos, and Aramis!  
There are 12 musketeers in Cobb County ready  
to serve in the name of learning! Come see what  
this ingenious, and honorable, group of  
colleagues created to help teachers learn about  
valuable educational tools.  
*High Shoals Room 2*

**Online Teaching for Media Specialists:  
Why and How**

*Jane Zahner*  
*Valdosta State University*  
Bring the students to your media center from  
any where, any time, through web-based  
modules and courses – you CAN teach  
media skills online!  
*Parthenon Room 1*

**Online and On the Go: Using the Web to Work  
Easier, Faster and Better!**

*Trudi Green & Sarah Boyd*

*Athens Regional & West Georgia Regional  
Libraries*  
Learn how wikis, Google Docs, and other online  
tools can help you and your staff collaborate,  
innovate, and work more efficiently.  
*Athena Ballroom I*

**Reading Is A Superpower! Using Superhero  
Graphic Novels to Spur Creative Writing**

*Dan Verdick*  
*ABDO Publishing Group*  
In this informative and fun session, learn how to  
use superheroes to promote a knowledge of the  
popular graphic novel genre, and how to foster  
creativity across content areas with a "How to  
Create a Superhero" program for students.  
*Athena Ballroom C*

**Seniors.gov and Beyond**

*Jim & Justine Veatch*  
*Bartram Trail Regional Library*  
Presentation featuring online government  
information for Senior patrons, discussion of  
selection and cataloging of items for the Web-  
based catalog, including both English and  
Spanish-language publications.  
*Athena Ballroom D*

**Stay Right, Stay Right: New Employee  
Orientation Programs**

*Pat Carterette*  
*Georgia Public Library Service*  
A well-planned New Employee Orientation  
program does wonders to help new  
employees feel welcomed, adjust quickly to  
their new workplace, open lines of  
communication and reduce staff turnover.  
Attend this session for ideas for your  
program.  
*Willow Room*

**Technology Competencies for Public Services**

*Ted Bazemore*  
*Clayton County Library System*  
Don't train in the dark. What does your staff need  
to know? A PINNACLE PROGRAM  
*Empire Room 2*

**The Life Cycle of a Focus Group: From Recruitment to Follow-up**

*Jennifer Link Jones*

*Georgia State University*

How can you make improvements and implement changes without knowing what needs to be improved or changed? This session will guide you through planning for and executing a focus group to help you discover your patrons' needs.

*Parthenon Room 2*

Featuring Sharon M. Draper, a professional educator as well as an accomplished writer. She has been honored as the National Teacher of the Year, is a five-time winner of the Coretta Scott King Literary Award, and is a New York Times bestselling author. Actively involved in encouraging and motivating all teachers and their students as well, she has worked all over the United States, as well as internationally.

**Tuesday Tech Talk: Teaching Teachers about Technology**

*Jane Roberts & Marcia Ellis*

*Cobb County - Hillgrove High School*

Introduce your staff to new technology and offer a PLU for learning technology that both teachers and students can use.

*Athena Ballroom F*

**Thursday, October 16**  
**Authors' Reception**

**6:10 p.m. – 7:15 p.m.**  
*Courtyard*

Come and talk with your favorite authors and meet new authors. Books will be available for purchase.

**Who Let The Books Out? Revisiting Library Outreach Services and Reaching the Unreached**

*Donna Brumby, Kim James-Kibbey, Judy Atwood,*  
*Athens Regional Library System*

*Sandy Hester, Fitzgerald-Ben Hill County Library*

Explore creative ways to deliver library outreach services when facing limited budgets and reduced staff.

*Athena Ballroom H*

**Thursday, October 16**  
**Georgia Library Association**  
**Awards Dinner**

**7:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.**  
*Athena Ballrooms E & F*

**Thursday, October 16**  
**Exhibits ONLY**  
**3:40 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.**

**Thursday, October 16**  
**Second General Session**

**4:30 p.m. – 6 p.m.**  
*Athena Ballroom E & F*

opportunities for institutions to broaden the use and impact of their scholars' research.

*Empire Room 2*

**Building a Sense of Community in Online Courses – Georgia Virtual School Update**

*Paula Galland*

*Georgia Virtual School*

Interested in Web 2.0? Heard of Georgia Virtual School but want more details? Teaching or

**Friday, October 17  
Sessions**

**Friday, October 17  
GAIT Breakfast  
7 a.m. – 8 a.m.  
*Parthenon Room 2***

**Friday, October 17  
Business Meeting  
7:30a.m. – 8:20 a.m.**

**Government Documents Interest Group  
Business Meeting**

General business meeting for Government Documents depositories.

*Willow Room*

**Friday, October 17  
Concurrent Sessions  
8 a.m. – 8:50 a.m.**

**Advances in Scholarly Communication and  
Institutional Repositories in Georgia**

*Rebecca Drummond, Sara Fuchs*

*Georgia State University, Georgia Institute of  
Technology*

This panel discussion will address the broader changes taking place in the scholarly communication system, some local responses to these changes, and the benefits and

developing an online course? This session is for you!

*Parthenon Room 1*

**GaDOE Update**

*Judy Serritella*

*Georgia Department of Education*

This session will focus on the K-12 Library Media Specialist. An update from the Georgia Department of Education concerning new programs, policies, and initiatives will be discussed.

*Athena Ballroom E& F*

**The Georgia Review: Your In-state National  
Literary Treasure**

*Stephen Corey, David Ingle, Brenda Keen, Mindy  
Wilson*

*The Georgia Review, University of Georgia*

This panel will offer a brief argument for the historical and current importance of literary journals to the holdings of public and academic libraries, and the Georgia Review held up by its editors as a prime example.

*Athena Ballroom I*

**Growing Your Own: Developing Future  
Leaders**

*Lisa MacKinney*

*Hall County Library System*

As the baby boomer generation retires, it has become critical for public libraries to develop replacement leaders at the local level. The Hall County Library System will share their experiences with PLA's Grow You Own program.  
**A PINNACLE PROGRAM**  
*Athena Ballroom D*

**IT'S A MYSTERY: Different Techniques from the Media Center to Support GPS**

*Anne C. Pritchard*  
*Sandersville Elementary School*  
For the school with limited realia, object based inquiry learning can lead to mystery boxes supporting GPS.  
*Oconee River Room 1*

**K-16 Information Literacy**

*Nadine Cohen, Tim Wojcikt, Judi Repman*  
*University of Georgia, GLA School Division*  
How P-16 librarians are taking action by collaborating to make information literacy an organic part of the P-16 curriculum in Georgia.  
*Athena Ballroom B*

**Revolutionary Cataloging: The 2.0 Difference for School Libraries**

*Mary Ann Fitzgerald*  
*University of Georgia*  
Explore the possibilities of 2.0 for school library cataloging and learner access to information: recommendation engines, the open source movement, social networking – and a whole new meaning for “tags” that has nothing to do with MARC.  
*Empire Room 1*

**Successful Library Stores**

*Sarah Hoskins and others*  
*GLA Friends & Trustees Division, Friends of Georgia Libraries*  
Proven strategies for establishing and running a profitable library store.  
*Cypress Room 1*

**Technical Services Pecha Kucha**

*Guy Frost, Suzanne Graham, Rebecca Homan, Tessa Minchew, Wendy Moore, Elaine Yontz*  
*Valdosta State University*  
Concise, lively updates on current issues. Learn new acronyms and have fun! Topics include next-gen OPACS, FRBR, ERMS, future of authority control, GIL upgrade, and future of bibliographic control.  
*Athena Ballroom J*

**“To Be or Not To Be?” – Is That Really the Question? – A Reference Interview Workshop**

*Beth Broyles, Bill Richards*  
*Georgia College and State University*  
Learn the basic reference interviewing skills and how to identify a patron's “real” information need.  
*Athena Ballroom G*

**What Do You Do With Those Unsupervised Children? Child Care @ the Library**

*Bea Mengel*  
*Clayton County Headquarters Public Library*  
People go to IKEA or the gym and have a place where their young children can be looked after. But, what do they do with their young children at the library? Learn how the public library can provide child care services for young children while parents are using the library.  
**A PINNACLE PROGRAM**  
*Oconee River Room 2*

**TRS News and Update**

*Mike Zarem*  
*Teacher Retirement System of Georgia*  
Mr. Zarem will provide updates and general information on the Teacher Retirement System and answer questions.  
*Athena Ballroom C*

**Friday, October 17**  
**Exhibits ONLY**  
**9 a.m. – 9:50 a.m.**

**Friday, October 17**  
**Concurrent Sessions**  
**10 a.m. – 10:50 a.m.**



**Distance and Immediacy: The Challenges of Learning Archives Management and Theory**

*Deborah S. Davis, Jacquelyn Royal, Maureen Hill, Denise Wallace, Myron McGhee  
Valdosta State University*

Teachers and students in an online library science class explore strategies for creating an effective and connected learning community in an online environment.

*Athena Ballroom B*

**Focus on the Future: Learning about Tomorrow's Library User Today**

*Lisa Smith & Sonya Shepherd  
Georgia Southern University*

Based on recent research findings and observations, librarians consider the projected research habits of the "Google® Generation" and how those habits may direct a variety of library services, such as instruction, collection development, and more.

*Athena Ballroom H*

**From Parapro to Professional**

*Rubye Cross, Trina Holloway, Lori Lester  
Georgia Institute of Technology*

What a difference a Library Science degree makes!

*High Shoals Room 2*

**Georgia Student Media Festival Student Showcase & 2009 Update**

*Michelle Lenderman, Gordon Baker, Ann Grantham  
Bibb County Schools, Clayton State University*  
Examples of Georgia Student Media Festival winners will be showcased and updates for the 2009 SMF will be presented.

*Parthenon Room 2*

**Got Game?**

*Holly Canup, Jennifer Saine, Andrea Waldrip  
Jackson County Schools*

Teachers and media specialists will see a variety of review games used at elementary, middle and high school level; Blowout!, Pick Your Nose, and Media Squares are just a few of the many games we will review.

*Empire Room 2*

**Job Descriptions for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Library**

*Ashley Moore  
Dougherty County Public Library*  
Discover the key to effective human resource management – the job description.

A PINNACLE PROGRAM

*Athena Ballroom D*

**Kracking the Kiosk Kode!**

*Julie Pelletier and Sherri McKendree  
Loyd Elementary School, Ft. Benning*  
Kreating Kool Kiosks to promote high-Kaliber Klassroom Konnections! Demonstrating and discussing how kiosks can promote your school and media center activities and bring the school environment to your stakeholders.

*Oconee River Room 1*

**Library Sources and Services Provided to Grandparents Raising Grandchildren**

*Jo Lahmon  
Cobb County Public Library System*  
Participants will come away with ideas, knowledge, and tools to help provide assistance that grandparents raising grandchildren need in order to fulfill their care-giving role.

A PINNACLE PROGRAM

*Oconee River Room 2*

**One-Stop Public Library Policy Shopping**

*Lecia Eubanks  
Cherokee Regional Library*  
Learn about a new resource for searching and viewing public library personnel, operations, and financial policies. Learn how to take advantage of this electronic resource.

*Athena Ballroom G*

**Project Management Skills: Library Construction and Renovation**

*Jeff Tomlinson  
Uncle Remus Regional Library System*

Learn techniques for effective project management that will assist you in any project and make your next building project a success. A PINNACLE PROGRAM  
*Athena Ballroom A*

### **SHHHH: Managing Library Noise in the Age of Digital Natives**

*Fred Smith, Callie McGinnis, Alan Bernstein  
Georgia Southern University, Columbus State University, Valdosta State University*

How do you balance the continuing need for places of quiet study with the need for potentially noisy interaction in today's environment.

*Athena Ballroom J*

### **This Is How We Roll! Serving the Unique Needs of 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Readers**

*Emily Salmon, Henry County Schools*

Find out what happened when one purple cart and a laptop changed the way 8<sup>th</sup> graders checked out books at Ola Middle School.

*Willow Room*

### **Writing Center/Library Collaborations for Student Achievement**

*Julie Poole, Andrea Stanfield*

*Mercer University, Gwinnett Technical College*

Many libraries/writing centers are sharing locations in the library commons areas, but are not taking advantage of the opportunity to collaborate. What projects can libraries/writing centers use to increase students' information?

*Athena Ballroom I*

### **Time Saving Helplets**

*Judi Repman, Beth Downs, Ken Clark  
Georgia Southern University*

Learn how to quickly and easily create short, step-by-step web videos that SHOW and TELL your library users how to do something!

*Cypress Room 2*

### **Personal Relations Between Librarians and Readers: Anachronism or Foundation?**

*Jim Rettig, ALA President  
University of Richmond*

Changes in technology, changes in users' and potential users' behaviors and expectations, and the emergence of powerful competing ways of finding information have challenged reference service and created ambiguity about the role of the reference librarian and the cohesion of the dyadic relationship long at the center of this service.

*Cypress Room 1*

**Friday, October 17**  
**Double Sessions**  
**10:00 a.m. – 11:50 a.m.**

### **Bridging the Gap: Services to the Latino Community**

*Kathryn Ames, Miguel Vicente, Clare Auwarter, & Claire Benson, Director of the Lyndon House Arts Center*

*Athens Regional Library System*

With its emphasis on education and learning, this Museum and Library partnership has built a model outreach program to serve the growing Latino community; the program has won numerous awards and it can be implemented at your library!

*Parthenon Room 1*

### **Get Ready To Read! Preparing Young Children for a Lifetime of Literacy Success**

*Charmaine Godley*

*United Way of Metropolitan Atlanta*

Get Ready to Read! Is a national literacy program designed to help early childhood professionals and parents ensure that young children (3-5 years) are equipped with the skills necessary for learning to read. Come hear about this resource.

*High Shoals Room 1*

### **National School Library Media Program of the Year: How Did We Get There?**

*Anne Wallace, Donna Johnson, & Dr. Beth Anne Wallace*

### *Henry County Schools*

Staff and volunteers from the 2008 National School Library Media Program of the Year will share how they achieved this award using Information Power, the Georgia Performance Standards and creative license in less than four years.

*Athena Ballroom E & F*

### **Your TRS Retirement: In the “Red Zone”**

*Mike Zarem*

*Teacher Retirement System of Georgia*

TRS members within five years of retirement are considered in the “red zone.” Mr. Zarem will discuss members’ retirement options and answer questions concerning specific situations.

*Athena Ballroom C*

**Friday, October 17**  
**Concurrent Sessions**  
**11 a.m. – 11:50 a.m.**

### **An Academic Library’s Successful Pay Equity Proposal**

*Camilla B. Reid, Yadira V. Payne*

*Reese Library, Augusta State University*

Reese Library at Augusta State University submitted a successful pay equity proposal to the university which affected the majority of the library’s paraprofessional staff.

*Cypress Room 1*

### **Developing Your Library Marketing and Public Relations Plan**

*Jill Prouty*

*Peachtree City Public Library*

Learn how to increase your visibility in the community as well boost circulation and/or attendance at library programs by developing your own Library Marketing and Public Relations Plan.

*Athena Ballroom A*

### **Discovering GALILEO**

*Jimmy Bass*

### *Coweta Public Library System*

Value is proven by utility; we know as librarians how valuable GALILEO is but do our patrons and if not, what can be done to help them “Discover GALILEO?” A PINNACLE PROGRAM  
*Athena Ballroom I*

### **Enriching Service Learning Opportunities in Accreditation**

*Karen O’Brien, Director, ALA Office for Accreditation*

Enhance your career and profession by becoming an external review panelist in the ALA accreditation process.

*Willow Room*

### **Georgia On Your Mind?**

*Pam Alexander*

*Be Sweet Publications*

Students and teachers will be thrilled to learn more about Georgia from regions and habitats to historical events while covering many state standards.

*High Shoals Room 2*

### **Get Organized!**

*Lyn Hopper*

*Georgia Public Library Service*

Learn a few simple but powerful techniques for more effective time and paper management.

*Parthenon Room 2*

### **How to Succeed in an Academic Library**

*Christopher Shaffer, Kent Snowden, John Upchurch*

*Troy University, University of West Alabama*

Learn how to become a published author, what constitutes valid service to the profession, and other secrets to gaining tenure and promotion in an academic library.

*Athena Ballroom H*

### **How to Survive 9 Book Challenges in One School Year**

*Faye Curlee*

*Gwinnett County Public Schools*

Are you prepared for a book challenge? Do you have policies and procedures in place to address parental concerns about books? Come hear how

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one media specialist survived 9 book challenges in one year – some went all the way to the Superior Court of Georgia.  
*Oconee River Room 2*

### **Library Book Clubs: Sharing the Moment**

*Susan Kendall, Cobb County Public Library*  
*Tammy Gerson, Athens-Clarke County Library*  
*Jo Davich, DeKalb County Center for the Book*  
Panel discussion promoting and supporting book clubs, effective methods, use of the “one book” concept and the nature of discussion groups.  
*Athena Ballroom G*

### **Lights, Camera, Film Festival**

*Ann Shaw, Jennifer Claxton, Renee Kitchens,*  
*Dianne Brannon, Mary McDaniel, Shelby*  
*Henderson, Belinda Chaney, Laurie Griffin, Leigh*  
*Ann Howell*

*Jones County Public Schools*  
What better way to assess a student’s understanding and talents than with student-produced video. Why not showcase their “films” and talent by hosting your very own district film festival? This session will showcase the authentic, educational purpose of student-produced video.  
*Oconee River Room 1*

### **MySpace is the Library Place!**

*Gina W. Jenkins*  
*DeKalb County Public Library*  
The transformation of the Redan-Trotti Library to a place where people find more than books, technology, and information, but a place where people meet – a community center – the new social hub of the community.  
A PINNACLE PROGRAM  
*Empire Room 2*

### **Population Information at Your Fingertips – How to Find It, How to Use It**

*Patricia E. Kenly & Bette M. Finn*  
*Georgia Institute of Technology*  
From the Greatest Generation to Baby Boomers to Millennials – discover government gateways to

vital population and social data important to you and your community.  
*Athena Ballroom B*

### **Rethinking Teen Services: Online Teen Summer Reading Program**

*Brijin Boddy*  
*Chattahoochee Valley Regional Library System*  
Keeping teens interested and engaged during the summer can be a challenge. Come learn about a new idea in Teen Summer Reading Programs and share your ideas about Teen Services. A PINNACLE PROGRAM  
*Athena Ballroom D*

### **Sharing, Privacy and Trust in Our Networked World**

*Cal Shepard*  
*SOLINET*  
This presentation reviews the privacy implications of social networking as revealed in the OCLC Report “Sharing, Privacy, and Trust.”  
*Athena Ballroom J*

### **Using Picture Books to Teach the GPS**

*Jamie Nobles, Suzanne Skeen*  
*Gwinnett County Public Schools*  
This session will provide media specialists with the tools they need to incorporate the GPS with picture books.  
*Empire Room 1*

**Friday, October 17**  
**Hubbard Scholarship Raffle**  
**11: 00 a.m. – 11:50 a.m.**  
***Fire Hall***

**Winners will be posted and can pick up their winnings between 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.**

**Friday, October 17**  
**Second General Session**

**Noon- 1:30 p.m.**  
*Athena Ballroom E & F*

Carmen Agra Deedy has been traveling around the world, writing and telling stories for almost twenty years. She received her most cherished review from a third-grade student named Brad, following one of her classroom storytelling visits. In a handwritten letter, Brad thanked Deedy for visiting his class and wrote, “We 'lauff' so hard, Casey's retainer fell out.” The award-winning storyteller and author of numerous best-selling books for children draws from her love of laughter, Cuban folklore, family and café cubano in her newest picture book which will be released simultaneously in English—*Martina, the Beautiful Cockroach: A Cuban Folktale*—and Spanish—*Martina, Una Cucarachita Muy Linda: Un Cuento Cubano*. Deedy promises readers may never think of cockroaches in the same way again.

## Georgia Association for Instructional Technology, Inc.

The **Georgia Association for Instructional Technology, Inc.** (GAIT) is open to all who are interested in improving education through the use of media and technology. The membership is diverse and includes public school educators, corporate trainers, vocational instructors, college media directors, university professors, library/media specialists, commercial vendors and many, many more. All unite in activities designed to expand and diversify information and communications technology to improve instruction through the systematic development, utilization and management of learning resources including people, processes and technology.

GAIT is the Georgia affiliate of the international Association for Educational Communications and Technology (AECT) [ [www.aect.org](http://www.aect.org) ] Being a member of GAIT plugs one into a network of colleagues who provide one another with informal information exchange and who join together to work on various committees and activities. Because GAIT is a diverse organization, members may often interact with others outside their own work setting who share common interests in teaching, learning and technology.

### GAIT Membership Benefits

GAIT Co-Sponsors (with GaCOMO) an annual joint professional development conference. The organization participates in the annual Georgia Library Legislative Day at the State Capitol; co-Sponsors, with the Georgia Library Media Association (GLMA), the Georgia Library Media Specialist of the Year Award; and co-Sponsors, with the Georgia Library Association (GLA), the Georgia Student Media Festival. Georgia annually has a large number of winners in AECT's International Student Media Festival (ISMF) which is hosted as part of the annual AECT Convention. [ [www.ismf.net/](http://www.ismf.net/) ]

GAIT members keep current with association news and information through the **GAIT Web Connection**, an online news-letter, and GAIT website. (<http://www.gait-inc.org>)

### 2008 Officers

President: Michelle Lenderman, Bibb County Schools, Macon

President Elect: Giselle Escobar,

Secretary: Dr. Dianne Dees, Valdosta State University, Valdosta

Treasurer: Leslie Wantland, Henry County Schools, Stockbridge

## Georgia Library Association

The Georgia Library Association is an umbrella organization encompassing members from public, school, academic, and special libraries, including professional and paraprofessional staff, public library trustees and friends of libraries. GLA was founded in 1897 for the purpose of promoting public library funding, establishing a library training program in the state, and setting up a state commission to oversee the library interests of the state. Its current focus lies along similar lines, with attention to legislative, financial, technological, and library training issues and advocacy for libraries of all types being among its chief concerns. With membership approaching 1000, GLA makes a significant impression on legislators, particularly since it represents all of the library interests in Georgia. The Georgia Library Day and the state's participation in the ALA National Library Legislation Day are major activities of the association. GLA has memberships in, is affiliated with, or sponsors the following professional organizations: the American Library Association (ALA); American Association of School Librarians (AASL); Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL); Council of Library Administration and Management Association (LAMA); Public Library Association (PLA); Freedom to Read Foundation (FTRF); Southeastern Library Association (SELA); and Georgia Association of Media Assistants (GAMA). It can draw upon considerable resources to facilitate workshops and other training programs for librarians, media specialists, and paraprofessionals. The GLA Hubbard Scholarship is given each year to a student enrolled in a program leading to a Master's Degree in library/information science. Noteworthy achievements of members and "lay" persons in the advancement of and advocacy for Georgia's libraries are recognized through the association's awards program. In over 100 years of existence, GLA has been instrumental in the growth of Georgia's libraries, and will continue to throughout the twenty-first century. (<http://gla.georgialibraries.org>)

### 2008 Officers

President: Betty Paulk, Valdosta State University, Valdosta

1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President/Elect: Jim Cooper, West Georgia Regional Library, Carrollton

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President: Jane Hildebrand, Three Rivers Regional Library, Brunswick

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Secretary: Elizabeth Bagley, Agnes Scott College McCain Library, Decatur

## Georgia Library Media Association, Inc.

The Georgia Library Media Association dates back to 1930 when the Department of School Libraries of the Georgia Education Association was formed. In 1947 the Children's and Young People's Section of GLA and the Georgia Education Association joined together to foster library services to schools and children, and this union continued until 1970, when the Georgia Library Media Department (GLMD) of the Georgia Association of Education (GAE) was formed. In 1975 the Georgia Educational Media Association and the Georgia Library Media Department merged as GLMD, and in 1988 the organization separated from the GAE and reorganized as the current GLMA. It became incorporated in 1993, and continues as the largest professional organization serving school library media professionals in Georgia. Our members are dedicated to the advancement and empowerment of school library media specialists and to promote the nine literacy standards for student learning as stated in Information Power Building Partnerships for Learning by ALA. GLMA a state affiliate of the American Association of School Librarians (AASL), a division of the American Library Association and GLMA, Inc. is affiliated with the Georgia Association of Educators (GAE).

### What does GLMA do for our members?

- GLMA represents your interest in an active liaison and advisory role with other state library organizations and with national and regional professional organizations.
- GLMA supports your professional development by keeping you in touch with current trends and issues in the profession.
- GLMA gives school media specialists a voice in the Georgia legislature and the State Board of Education through the Governmental Relations Committee, and through networking of GLMA members.
- GLMA maintains a web site and publishes an online newsletter to keep our members informed of issues concerning our organization and profession.
- GLMA uses the Georgia Media Listserv to have ongoing discussions on topics of interest to all library media specialists.
- GLMA presents district meetings that provide an opportunity for each member to become involved in the organization by holding office, serving on various committees and being able to present at conferences.
- GLMA participates in an annual conference (GaCOMO) that provides quality programs and outstanding speakers to provide ongoing professional learning experiences for Library Media Specialists.
- GLMA presents the Summer Leadership Conference in which media specialists contribute to updating the documents used by Library Media Specialists throughout the state. It also provides exciting

- professional learning and networking opportunities.
- GLMA recognizes professional excellence by presenting awards for outstanding service such as the Media Specialist of the Year Award, the Freedom of Information Award, and Mini-Grants.
- GLMA sponsors the state-wide Helen Ruffin Reading Bowl, a successful reading competition that encourages teams of students to engage in award-winning books.
- GLMA supports the Georgia Peach Teen Book Award with the state's public libraries.
- GLMA supports Library Media Specialists who are National Board Certification Candidates.

### 2008 Officers

President: Dr. Sherry Grove, Cobb County Schools

President Elect: Susanne Grigsby,

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## **Pre-Conference Workshops & Tours**

There will be two pre-conference tours. The first will be the "Tour of the Digital Library of Georgia" (Participants must provide their own transportation. Suggested parking is in the North Campus parking deck on Jackson St.)

The second will be the "Maps in the UGA Libraries: a Tour of the Collections" Participants are to meet at Georgia Main Library at 12:30. Transportation from the Main Library to the Map Library and back will be provided.

## **Exhibits**

Exhibits are located in the Grand Hall North and Grand Hall South on the lower level of the main building at The Classic Center. The Grand Opening will be held on Thursday, October 16, 2008 at 9:00 a.m. Exhibits are open Thursday from 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. and Friday from 8:00 a.m. – 10:50 a.m. "Exhibits Only" times are scheduled for Thursday, 9:00 – 9:50 a.m., 3:40 – 4:30 p.m., and Friday, 9:00 – 9:50 a.m. Plan to spend some quality time with these vendors. They are extremely important to the success of this conference, and they have a lot to show you! Your badge is required to enter the Exhibits Hall. Guest Badges are available for \$15.00 each at the Registration Desk in the Fire Hall.

## **General Session and Concurrent Sessions**

All three general sessions will be held in the Athena Ballroom E at the Classic Center in Athens. Concurrent Sessions are scheduled in the meeting rooms of the Classic Center. Please refer to the floor plan/map.

## **Meals and Meal Ticket**

All meals are ticketed functions, and no tickets will be sold on site. See conference program for meal times and locations.

## **Authors' Reception**

A number of noted authors will be available to autograph their books at the Authors' Reception following the Second General Session on Thursday. Copies of their books may be available for sale at the time. Guest passes are available for \$15.00 each and will provide admission to the Authors' Reception. This reception will be held at the lower level of the Foundry Building and the Foundry Plaza.

## **Badges**

Your Conference Badge is required for admittance at all Conference Sessions and Events. Non-registrants will not be admitted. Guest Badges for Exhibits only and Guest Badges of the Authors' Reception will be sold at the Registration Desk in the Fire Hall.

## **Information, Messages, etc.**

A message board is provided for your convenience at the Registration Desk. Ask the Desk for note paper and push pins. Announcements of meeting rooms and schedule changes will also be posted here. Check the Board frequently.

## **GLA Scholarship Raffle Booth Located in the Fire Hall**

The GLA Scholarship Raffle Booth will be in the Fire Hall on Thursday, October 16, 2008 from 8:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. and Friday, October 17, 2008 from 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Plan to stop by between sessions. To save yourself from printing your name 10 times on raffle tickets, remember to bring adhesive labels with your name and home address on them. Proceeds from this annual raffle support two GLA scholarships for library graduate programs.



## Conference Overview

### **Wednesday, October 15**

12:00 noon – 7:00 p.m. Registration  
Fire Hall in The Classic Center  
12:00 noon – 4:30 p.m. Pre-conference Workshops  
4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. First Timer's & Presenter's  
Reception  
5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. General Session 1  
Organization Meetings on Wednesday  
11:00 – 12:50 p.m. GLA Executive Board  
Meeting and Lunch  
3:00 – 3:50 p.m. GAIT Business Meeting  
7:00 – 9:30 p.m. GLMA Business Meeting  
and Dinner

### **Thursday, October 16**

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Registration  
8:00 a.m. – 8:50 a.m. Concurrent Session 1  
9:00 a.m. – 9:50 a.m. Exhibits Opening  
10:00 a.m. – 10:50 a.m. Concurrent Sessions 2  
11:00 a.m. – 11:50 a.m. Concurrent Sessions 3  
12:00 noon – 1:30 p.m. Luncheons  
GLA School Division/ GLMA Luncheon  
Academic Library Luncheon  
Public Library Luncheon  
1:40 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. Concurrent Sessions 4  
2:40 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. Concurrent Sessions 5  
3:40 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Exhibits Only  
4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. General Session 2  
6:10 p.m. – 7:15 p.m. Author's Reception.  
7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. GLA Banquet

### **Friday, October 17**

7:00 a.m. – 7:50 a.m. GAIT Breakfast  
8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Registration  
8:00 a.m. – 8:50 a.m. Concurrent Sessions 6  
9:00 a.m. – 9:50 a.m. Exhibits Only  
10:00 a.m. – 10:50 a.m. Concurrent Session 7  
11:00 a.m. – 11:50 a.m. Concurrent Session 8  
11:00 a.m. – 11:50 a.m. GLA Scholarship Raffle  
12:00 noon – 1:30 p.m. General Session 3