Public Library Division Meeting
at the Georgia Library Association Midwinter Planning Meeting
January 19, 2018 at 11:00 AM
Meeting held in Room 211 of the Middle Georgia State University PSC in Macon, Georgia

Officers:
Stephanie Irvin, Georgia Libraries for Accessible Statewide Services - Chair
Angel Abounader, Commerce Public Library – Co-Chair
Ben Bryson, Marshes of Glynn Libraries - Secretary

Attendees:
Stephanie Irvin, Georgia Libraries for Accessible Statewide Services - Chair
Ben Bryson, Marshes of Glynn Libraries - Secretary
Ashley Dupuy, Atlanta Fulton Public Library
Brenda Poku, Live Oak Public Library
Suzanne (Suzy) McCullough, Middle Georgia Regional Library
Cristina Trotter, Oconee Regional Library
Nancy Homes, Piedmont Regional Library
Linh Uong, Northeast Georgia Regional Library
James O’Neal, Middle Georgia Regional Library
Oscar Gittemeier, Atlanta Fulton Public Library
Wendy Cornelisen, Georgia Public Library Service
Jean Mead, Hart County Library
Elizabeth McKinney, Georgia Public Library Service
Ben G. Carter, Uncle Remus Regional Library System
Beth McIntyre, Piedmont Regional Library
Nancy Condon, Uncle Remus Regional Library System
John Mack Freeman, Gwinnett County Public Library
Mary Young, Uncle Remus Regional Library System
Catie Tierney, Middle Georgia Regional Library
Muriel M. Jackson, Middle Georgia Regional Library
Jennifer Lautzenheiser, Middle Georgia Regional Library
Justin Nobles, West Georgia Regional Library System
Harriet Speer, South University – Savannah
Amy Eklund, Gwinnett County Public Library
T. Wesley Stewart, Atlanta Fulton Public Library (Volunteer)

Minutes
Ms. Irvin called the meeting to order and thanked the previous Chair, Beth McIntyre, and previous Secretary, Geri Mullis, for their service to the Division. Ms. Irvin introduced Mr. Bryson as the new Secretary and Ms. Abounader (absent) as the new Co-Chair.

Ms. Irvin briefly reviewed the PLD activities at the 2017 Georgia Libraries Conference, which included the author lightning talks and the All-Conference Reception. The option to sponsor a talk or presentation next year was raised.

Ms. Cornelisen noted that there would be no Pinnacle presentations to sponsor this year, but encouraged other presentations.
Ms. McIntyre gave a brief history of the Authors’ Reception at the annual conference and how it was transformed over the years from a contact list of authors across the state into the All-Conference Reception with a current cost of approximately $10,000.

Ms. Mead related her experience as a participating author and the difficulty of giving the lightning talk.

The idea of a conference scavenger hunt was discussed. The shift in focus for the reception from authors to networking was also discussed.

Ms. Trotter informed the meeting that no Author Alley was planned for this year’s conference.

Ms. Cornelisen encouraged members to attend the Governmental Relations Committee meeting later in the day.

Sofia Slutskaya, webmaster for the GLA website, announced an informal lunch meeting with others interested in further development of the website.

Mr. Gittemeier called for a brainstorm session following the meeting to generate ideas for a PLD-sponsored presentation at the GLC.

Ms. Irvin, receiving no further suggestions for topics of discussion, closed the business meeting and began the door prize portion of the meeting.