

GLA Reference and Instruction Interest Group Midwinter Meeting

Location: Middle Georgia State University, Macon, GA

Date: 01/19/2018

Chair: Angiah Davis, Atlanta-Fulton Public Library System

Introductions:

All members were greeted and introduced themselves. A total 17 members attended the meeting.

Election:

A call for nominations for the positions of Vice Chair Elect and Secretary was held.

- Nominations:
 - Secretary, Teresa Nesbit, University of North Georgia
 - Vice Chair/Chair Elect, Catherine Mancini, Savannah College of Art and Design

Discussion:

The Interest Group sponsored a program titled "How to Market Programs on a Budget." The program was a panel presentation featuring librarians from various types of libraries: school, public and for the Georgia Libraries Conference in Columbus, Georgia.

Suggestions:

- Reference discussion unconference
- Shar-a-rama
- Accessibility best practices, handouts, in general, timely topic
- How to handle a reference question in general. Doing a reference interview? Interactive; round table
- Training program for instruction librarians; developing a mentor program and improve quality of instruction
- Student assistants and reference

Suggestions from the Georgia Libraries Conference, Macon, GA. 10/2017:

- Critical information literacy style and presentation things are moving beyond access. Are the learning? Is it changing their lives Information behavior? Use information to benefit instead determent.
- Fake news? Social justice? How can Critical Information literacy be applied?
- How to develop a You Tube channel and podcast?
- How to go beyond the web to find information? How to make it relevant ? How our own biases can hold us back as far as information literacy is concerned.
- Reference consultations in the 21st century

A call for proposals will go out to the group and the officers of the group will select the program to be sponsored by our Interest Group the Georgia Conference.

Professional development opportunities:

Funding is available for the group to participate in professional development. Brittani Sterling, Georgia State University, and Kristen Bailey, Mercer University, will search for professional development opportunities. The due date is January 26th. Ms. Davis will contact the GLA president for an extension.

Officers were introduced to the group.