

“My Own Private Library”

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The Georgia Library Quarterly (GLQ) features the regular column “My Own Private Library” (MOPL) to showcase the personal book collections of librarians or library employees. This column is casual, personal, and often features photos of the author’s library or selected books. You can find previous MOPL columns in back issues of GLQ at: <https://digitalcommons.kennesaw.edu/glq/>.

Guidelines for “My Own Private Library” submissions

Write a personal essay in APA style of approximately 1,000 words about your private library. (Use of the first person is not only encouraged -- it’s required!). Do not include in-text citations or a references page; APA style in this case means writing style and not formatting.

Please keep the essay’s focus on the books in your library (themes, organization, display, interesting anecdotes related to how you acquired them or when you first read them, etc.).

Publishable essays will:

- Be written in clear, grammatical prose with correct punctuation
- Feature a strong narrative voice and interesting anecdotes
- Avoid offensive or polarizing speech
- Uphold professional courtesy and respect for others and institutions

Examples of typical MOPL columns are [here](#) and [here](#).

Format the essay in MS Word thusly:

- 11 pt. Calibri font
- 1-inch margins
- Single-spaced
- No headers/footers/page numbers, please
- Include at the top of the essay the date, your name, email address, your library or affiliation, and your work title (your email address will not be published in the final column).

As a separate file(s), please include 1-3 photos related to the content of your essay. Image files should be high-quality JPGs with dimensions no smaller than 640 pixels by 480 pixels, approximately.

Please email MOPL submissions directly to the column editor Kelly Williams at kwilliams@gwinnettpl.org.

Essays that do not conform to these guidelines may receive a rejection.

Essays may be edited for brevity, clarity, or to conform to APA guidelines.

Accepted essays may be published in a later issue of Georgia Library Quarterly at the editor’s discretion.