

# NEW MEMBERS ROUND TABLE

A division of the Georgia Library Association

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## MINGLE WITH THE ADMINS VIRTUALLY JANUARY 30, 2021

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Every year, the Atlanta Emerging Librarians kick off the new year with an annual Mingle with the Admins event.

While this year is quite different, AEL did not want to miss out on the opportunity to hold this important event. It is now virtual!

This event is free and open to the public as well as a great opportunity to meet administrators and managers from libraries where you are interested in building your career. There will be talks, networking, and karaoke! We hope to see you there.

**More information about this event and how to contact AEL can be found on the last page of this newsletter.**

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## HIGHLIGHTS

- **Hear from our featured GLA Division: Library Services for Persons with Disabilities**
- **Check out our guide to navigating virtual conferences**
- **Find out how to catch up on the virtual conference sessions that you may have missed**
- **Discover the Middle Georgia Emerging Librarians, a new subgroup within NMRT**

## A REMINDER FROM NMRT

We're all working in new ways as libraries re-open across the country. Whether you're a seasoned librarian working from home, a part-time shelver wondering what's next, or a library student doing coursework online, your NMRT leaders want you to know that we're all in this together. We've always intended this group to be a community, and there's never been a greater need for such togetherness.

If you're struggling, or just need a friendly ear, please send us an email at [nmrt@georgialibraryassociation.org](mailto:nmrt@georgialibraryassociation.org). We're happy to talk to you anytime!

# FEATURED GLA INTEREST GROUP

## Library Services for Persons with Disabilities

Asha Hagood, 2020 Chair

### What is LSPD?

The Library Services for Persons with Disabilities (LSPD) interest group is a GLA supported group whose primary objective is to promote an integrated library experience utilizing assistive technology and accessibility resources to ease the access of information for persons with disabilities.

### Who is a part of LSPD and what do they do?

LSPD is comprised of members from various sectors of the library industry, from public libraries to special libraries and academic institutions. The members lend their insights and expertise to create content to raise awareness of accessibility issues and further the mission of the organization. The current Chair is Asha Hagood, the Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect is Vanessa Garafalo, and Priscilla Dickerson serves as Secretary (pictured).

### How does LSPD interact with the greater GLA?

The LSPD occasionally partners with other GLA interest groups, for instance we collaborated with a member of the Black Caucus group to present on Sharing & Collaboration for the 2019 GaLibCon.

### What's next for LSPD?

Collaborating more with Georgia Libraries for Accessible Statewide Services (GLASS) and beginning to build an accessibility toolkit on our new website, which is still under development. This would be an ongoing project where the LSPD interest group could collaborate with other GLA groups, as well as librarians and staff from libraries across Georgia, to build a toolkit of resources and information that would help libraries create more inclusive and accessible spaces, services, resources, and programs for their patrons, as well as staff. This is a goal that we've discussed as a team and the current webinar we are developing on accessibility in libraries that Asha has been spearheading is a great step in that direction!

### How does someone become a member of LSPD?

To become a member of LSPD, one would contact the GLA interest group council.



Asha Hagood, Chair



Vanessa Garafalo, Vice-Chair



Priscilla Dickerson,  
Secretary



## LEARN SOMETHING

### **Missed some of the 2020 Georgia Libraries Conference with SELA sessions?**

No worries! Although the conference is over, they can still be accessed on Whova or here:

<https://bit.ly/2JuWTax>

Click on the title of each session to view the recordings!

### **Interested in open access resources for your library?**

Check out Kennesaw State University's 2020 Open Access Week and watch the recordings! Link: <https://bit.ly/3kVX8ma>

### **GLA Midwinter is coming up!**

This event will be split. One will be on Friday, January 8 and the other Friday, January 15th. You can register today!

Link: <https://bit.ly/2HAkoaU>

## ARTICLES TO READ

### **Georgia Public Library Service Is Empowering Libraries**

Link: <https://bit.ly/3oPFV09>

### **Beyond the Pandemic, Libraries Look Toward a New Era**

Link: <https://nyti.ms/3kYxc9i>

### **Check out the Fall 2020 issue of Georgia Library Quarterly!**

Link: <https://bit.ly/3exrLMf>

## RESOURCES

### **Impacts of COVID-19 on Education and Remote Learning. What Comes Next?**

ACRL Choice

Link: [bit.ly/35mYMG0](https://bit.ly/35mYMG0)



## MEET SOMEONE NEW

**Tomeka Jackson**

**Kennesaw State University**

"My name is Tomeka, and I am currently one of the administrators for the 2020 Atlanta Emerging Librarians Planning Committee. My involvement in this committee has taught me about organization skills, networking, marketing, and hosting events.

I also work at Kennesaw State University as a Catalog and Metadata Assistant. With the Catalog and Metadata Librarian, I copy and catalog print and e-books. I also serve on various KSU library committees. Previously, I worked at the Cobb County Public Library and Smyrna Public Library as a Library Assistant. In that role, I provided reference and customer service to the public.

From my work in libraries, I was inspired to pursue my Master's in Library and Information Science at the University of South Carolina, which I will complete in Spring 2021.

My library field aspirations are to provide accessible print and e-resources to students and the community at large. I also want to write a book or become involved in research publications on student success and e-resources. I am pleased to be a part of the New Member Round Table. I will continue to seek networking opportunities and learn more in-depth knowledge to advance in the library profession."

# THE NMRT/SELA VIRTUAL CONFERENCE GUIDE

Although the 2020 Georgia Libraries Conference with SELA is over, the New Members Round Table still hopes that you will utilize some of the tips and tricks that it contains for other virtual conferences, meetings, and presentations.

Some of these tips include virtual meeting etiquette, how to make connections with people despite not being right in front of them, and other pointers.

The guide, created with SELA, can be accessed here:

<https://bit.ly/32c1Tk9>

## WANT TO BE FEATURED IN A FUTURE NEWSLETTER?

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Fill out this short form:

[forms.gle/Y98ZiDoCBBB2PtzT6](https://forms.gle/Y98ZiDoCBBB2PtzT6)



## LEARN FROM EXPERIENCE

**Angiah Davis**

**Gordon State College**

"Though I am currently Director of Library Services/Assistant Professor at Gordon State College, I have worked in both academic and public libraries in the position of Reference Librarian, Instruction Coordinator, Collection Development Coordinator, Youth Services Librarian, and Assistant Branch Manager. My research interests include instructional design, library leadership and management, and professional development.

I am an Atlanta native and have been actively involved with GLA for over 10 years. I joined GLA when I was a LIS student at Florida State University. I have served on numerous committees, including the Conference Planning Committee, the Membership Committee, and the Constitution and Bylaws Committee. I am currently Vice-Chair of the GLA BCALA Interest Group. I was also the Coordinator of a NMRT Resume Review session at GaCOMO. In the course of my involvement with GLA, I have developed several friendships and met some smart people who are interested in making meaningful contributions to the profession.

Being involved locally is extremely important. For one, you have the opportunity to meet and network with new librarians. These could be your future colleagues. Secondly, it's your duty to be involved and give back. We are experts and practitioners, so who better to share our story than us?"



# NEW GROUP ALERT:

## MIDDLE GEORGIA LIBRARIANS

We are honored and excited to announce that we now have a new group that we are bringing into the fold: the Middle Georgia Librarians!

This regional group, founded by Kate Fisher, will function much like the Atlanta Emerging Librarians does and offer social and networking opportunities. Look out for future news and events from them!

### STAY CONNECTED

#### NMRT

[nmrt@georgialibraryassociation.org](mailto:nmrt@georgialibraryassociation.org)  
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#### Atlanta Emerging Librarians

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**@ATLEmergingLib** on Instagram  
**Atlanta Emerging Librarians** on Facebook

#### Middle Georgia Emerging Librarians

Stay tuned!

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