Greetings new (and not so new) members!

A few weeks ago, we all had to set our clocks and “spring forward.” Like many others, I mourned the extra hour that we lost. However, we might be able to look at things a bit differently. As you read through this newsletter, I’d like you to think about how we can spring forward into:

- New opportunities
- Positive relationships
- Making ourselves a priority
- Whatever you want!

Sincerely,
Sarah
Gwinnett County Public Library (GCPL) is the public library system of Gwinnett County, Georgia, in the metro Atlanta area. Established in 1936, this public library system has 15 branches. Two new buildings for the Duluth and Norcross branches will open this year. These branches experience high material circulation and have special items like children's bilingual materials, WiFi hotspots, and launchpads available for checkout. Several current and upcoming branch buildings house Learning Labs, rooms that act as makerspaces for the public, where customers can come to use and learn how to use 3D printers, sewing machines, audio equipment, and other tools. GCPL also hosts thousands of programs every year. This year, they created hundreds of virtual programs and other digital content.

As GCPL weathered the storm of COVID-19, the system was involved in much-needed outreach activities for its community. Working with local food banks, coalitions, and even a local chef, Hank Reid, GCPL gave meals to community members throughout the pandemic when many jobs were lost or put on hold. The library system also created teams made up of staff members to sew masks for local hospitals and collect donated items for the North Gwinnett Coalition. GCPL prides itself on community, innovation, and partnerships, and it shows in everything that they do.
RESOURCES
Advocate for GA Libraries
GLA Advocacy Committee has created a website to make it easier to take action:
https://cqrcengage.com/alaga/home?0

UPCOMING EVENTS
The GIL Users Group Meeting (GUGM 2021) - May 11-13
Register here: https://tinyurl.com/gilcon2021

Reference and Instructional Services Meetup - May 21, 12-1 PM
On Zoom: https://tinyurl.com/risigmeet
Password: Dmudt7

GALILEO Conference - June 15-17
FREE Registration!
https://tinyurl.com/galcon2021

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