

Georgia Library Association (GLA)  
Special Libraries and Information Services Division (SLIS)  
Fall Membership Meeting  
Virtual, via Zoom  
3:30 PM  
October 27, 2021

## **MINUTES**

Attendees: Dawn Bell, Sharon Bradley, Sheila Devaney (Vice-President & Secretary), Kim George, Gina Martin, Kim Oliver, Rob Sarwak, Stephen Sherman (President)

Our October meeting began with introductions and new attendees to the division introducing themselves and telling us about their roles.

Kim Oliver works with Clayton County Library System, Kim George works with Fulton County Library System, and Rob Sarwak works with the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta.

Gina Martin previously worked with the Fayette County Public Library and also worked for an executive search firm with a speciality in research. She also has worked for 20+ years in different capacities in libraries.

Sharon Bradley is a law librarian at Mercer University in Macon and hopes to bring creative programming to the division in 2022 as she is on the ballot for incoming Vice-President. Sheila and Sharon both worked at the University of Georgia together and are eager to brainstorm programming ideas.

After introductions, the group began a discussion of ongoing programming ideas that were planned for 2021 and looked towards 2022.

### **Meeting Agenda**

- 2021 Event Wrap-up
- 2022 Event Planning

## **2021 Event Wrap-up**

August 2021: we hosted an in-person program with SCAD Atlanta, and toured the Albert Watson exhibition as well as the Afrofuturism exhibition. The group also met Theresa Burke, SCAD Librarian. The attendance was capped at 15 people and was enjoyed by all. There is a write-up coming soon in Georgia Library Quarterly (GLQ) about the event.

September 2021: Hosted PracticeCon, a new virtual event with NMRT, GLA as well as Middle Georgia Emerging Librarians (MGEL). PracticeCon is a mini-conference dedicated to practicing presentation skills, getting feedback, and working on public speaking. Mack Freeman, from Georgia Tech, was the keynote speaker. His talk covered tips and tricks to help people become better public speakers.

## **2022 Event Planning**

Consulting Panel: We would like to present a stand-alone program about working as a consultant for libraries. We had submitted it to GLC as a conference program but it was not accepted. So we would like to revisit it for 2022. The idea is to have Jennifer Price, an independent consultant, based in Macon talk about her work as well as draw on some other consultants such as Gordon Baker.

We would like to reach out to the Atlanta Emerging Librarians group as well as NMRT and MGEL to see if they would like to collaborate on this panel. We are envisioning working with these groups to promote career pathways with librarianship that mesh well with the work of special libraries and information services as well.

We also would like to forge stronger working partnerships with SLA Georgia and the Society of Georgia Archivists.

Possible Tours:

Historic Macon, working with the Historic Macon Foundation

Chik-Fil-A Archives

Coca-Cola Archives. We will want to contact Elliot MacNally. Perhaps we could meet and talk to the Embedded Librarians at Coca-Cola.

Morris Museum, Augusta, We can set up a virtual tour and, perhaps work with SGA as a partner on this event.

Publishing Panel: Virtual (?) How to break into publishing

PracticeCon 2022

Delta Flight Museum

Another potential tour of SCAD-Atlanta Library in 2022. Limit to 15 people

***With all of our planning for 2022, we thought as a guiding principle that we can be more strategic than serendipitous with what we plan and who we partner with.***

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila Devaney, Secretary/Vice-President.