

Georgia Library Association (GLA)
Special Libraries and Information Services Division
(SLIS) Mid-winter Planning Meeting
Virtual, via
Zoom
10:00am
January 28, 2022

MINUTES – Meeting convened at 10:08am

Attendees: Sheila Devaney (President), Gina Martin (Secretary), Sarah Trowbridge, Stephen Sherman (Past-President)

Our January planning meeting began with introductions. One new member, Sarah Trowbridge was welcomed by the group.

Sarah Trowbridge works at the Georgia Library Service for the Blind and Print Disabled as an Outreach Librarian.

After introductions, the group reviewed the agenda, upcoming programs and minutes from the October 2021 meeting.

No Meeting Agenda for Planning Meeting

To email everyone in the group, simply email slislist@georgialibraryassociation.org.

- We'll use this group to communicate amongst ourselves—to announce events, initiatives, and news items, and start conversations among the GLA Special Libraries & Information Services Division. We can share ideas throughout the year.
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2022 Upcoming Programs

February 2022: SCAD/FASH event planned for February 11, 2022, at 11:00am. Event registration announced. Will limit registration to about 15 people. Free admission. SCAD Library Director Emily Roberts will lead a tour along with her staff.

2022 Event Planning

Stephen Sherman revisited the idea for a Consulting Panel (we would like to present a stand-alone program about working as a consultant for libraries.) Possibly submitting the idea to SLA Conference in Charlotte for a panel discussion with consultants.

Brainstorming of ideas for programs revealed the following ideas:

- Contact Gordon Baker to research ideas on tours and programs in the Savannah area.
- Tour Sapelo Library in Hogs Hammock on Sapelo Island, GA. Tour could include overnight stay at Reynolds Mansion and guided tour of island and culture. Explore collaboration with Coastal Collaboration of Libraries. Discussed sending a survey to determine feelings on inclusion and support from GLA felt by regions outside of Metro Atlanta area.
- PracticeCon – huge success in 2021. Definitely want to include in programs for 2022. Consider asking Angela Glowcheski – Advocacy Chair, to speak.
- Other tours suggested:
 - Historic Macon Tour
 - Dekalb Historical Society
 - Computer Museum of America
 - Paper Museum
 - Tools for Life (GA Tech)

Gina Martin suggested the group consider Fulton County Public Library Central Branch's meeting space for in-person events.

Theme for 2022: Off the beaten path: Libraries of the Unexpected.

Goal for 2022: Enhancing the library experience through new discovery and exploration.

Meeting adjourned at 10:50am.

Respectfully submitted by
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SLIS Secretary