

SUMMER 2022

THE NMRT ROUNDUP

The quarterly newsletter of the GLA's New Members Round Table.

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SUMMER SUN & LOOKING TO FALL

A word from the NMRT Secretary

Hello from NMRT! We hope you've all been enjoying the summer thus far and that you're taking time to rest or go on vacation. NMRT has been hard at work making plans for the Georgia Library Conference this October, which will be in-person for the first time since COVID! Rest assured, there are also virtual options for GLC for those doing limited traveling. We look forward to connecting and reconnecting with many of you at GLC this year. Keep an eye out for us and we hope to see you there!

Sincerely,
Michelle

CHAT WITH US!

We're On the Hunt for New Ideas

How can your NMRT leaders best serve you? What would help you get into all the activities and fun of GLA? What tips or tricks would you offer a newbie?

Send us an email at nmrt@georgialibraryassociation.org if you have ideas, and you could be featured in our next newsletter!



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SPOTLIGHT ON: CUBING HANGOUT AT COBB COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

How long do you think it would take you to solve the Rubik's Cube? A day? A week? Even longer? Well, the tweens and teens who attend the Cubing Hangout at Cobb County Public Library can do it in a matter of seconds! This program has been a fantastic avenue for tweens and teens with a shared interest to come together and learn from one another under the auspices of the library.

I hosted programs similar to this as early as 2018, but there were always issues preventing it from being successful. At first, I tried to make the program instructional, but it wasn't possible to teach a whole group of kids to solve a Rubik's Cube when I didn't have the time to sit down with each of them one on one. Even when I shifted the focus of the program from teaching to community, there just wasn't enough interest from patrons at the branch I was working at then.

However, when I started working at Switzer Library, the main library in our system, the program really started to take off. Cubing Hangout met monthly in the fall of 2021, then shifted to twice a month in 2022 due to the



Cobb County Public Library patrons taking part in the Cubing Hangout program.

participants' strong interest. As the months have gone by, I've been incredibly proud to see many attendees go on to compete in official speedcubing competitions, with one particularly talented teen placing third overall in just his second competition!

Of course, I do have many years of experience with the Rubik's Cube, but my knowledge isn't crucial to the program. Instead of having a detailed "lesson plan", all I have to do is show up and provide a space for everyone to share and learn from each other. That's something any library staff member with a passion for programming can do!

-Raymond Goslow

(<https://tinyurl.com/3uxnd4xd>)

Senior Library Assistant at Cobb County Public Library



A variety of Rubik's Cubes at one of the Cubing Hangout programs.

**EVENT SPOTLIGHT:
GLA GENDER & SEXUAL DIVERSITIES
INTEREST GROUP GAME NIGHT**



GLA GENDER AND SEXUAL DIVERSITIES INTEREST GROUP GAME NIGHT

**Join us for a relaxed evening of
Jackbox party games and
conversation!**



Location: Virtual
(In the GLA Rainbow Cafe
Discord server)

Thursday, August 18th
7PM – 9PM

Join the Discord Server:
discord.gg/hGp8zJqHep

RESOURCES

The Library Staff Division is offering grants to full-time library staff for the GLA 2022 Conference!

For more information, email rhondaboozer@clayton.edu.

Nominate your colleagues for an award!

Nominations are due by August 1st, 2022.

<https://tinyurl.com/y3amcvys>

JOBS BOARD

FEATURED RESOURCE: INALJ.COM

([HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/5N7BFPFH](https://tinyurl.com/5N7BFPFH))

GEORGIA JOBS:

Teaching and Learning Librarian

Georgia College

Apply online at

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Head of Technical Services, Cataloging

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Apply online at

<https://tinyurl.com/ymymd3v9>

UPCOMING EVENTS

Georgia Library Conference 2022

October 12th-14th

Registration opens August 8th:

<https://tinyurl.com/jdfdys52>

Adult Programming Palooza

Friday, September 9th, 9:30am-3:30pm

Gilmer County Library

Registration opens August 3rd and space is

limited, so sign up for registration

notifications here:

<https://tinyurl.com/2uskt7u2>



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