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The Georgia Chapter of the Special Libraries Association recently presented the program “Community influence: Successful program planning and economic tools for survival.” The presenter was Christeen Snell, head of the Fayette County Public Library. She has been noted in the Atlanta Journal-Constitution for her success in bringing community members together. Chris was asked by the programming committee to share how she makes it all work in her Fayette community and service to others. The program included remarks from County Administrator Jack Krokeel, who urged attendees to consider constituents as customers. Comparing librarians to firefighters, he said librarians within the community must: be fast and have a quick response, be professional, be empathetic and have great customer service.

The Georgia Chapter held its annual spring luncheon on April 29 in Atlanta. The speaker was Jodi Upton Kuehl, account services/EBSCO manager and supervisor of the field support team in Birmingham, Ala. Kuehl reminded attendees that they are in a position to prove the importance of the library and urged them to utilize the EBSCO training and built-in tutorials and continue to be responsive to end-user needs.

On Feb. 25, the James Earl Carter Library on the campus of Georgia Southwestern State University in Americus presented the documentary Briars in the Cotton Patch in celebration of Black History Month. The program, a joint venture with Koinonia Farm and Faith Fuller, director of communications for the Fuller Center for Housing, included an introduction to the film, an hour-long viewing and a panel discussion with Fuller, former resident Alma Jackson, Koinonia program director Bren Dubay and current residents Amanda Moore and Ellie Castle.

After the panel discussion, Fuller held a surprise viewing of never-before-seen footage of a 1965 Americus High School reunion in which former classmates of a Koinonia resident discussed the ways they mistreated him and apologized for their actions. The program was a great success, generating lively participation by members of the audience of more than 70 people.

Emily Hasson Anthony, age 83 of Sautee, passed away on May 7. From 1972 until 1988, she was director of the Northeast Georgia Library System, where she was instrumental in the growth of libraries in White, Rabun, Habersham and Towns counties.

Camille Ann Brewer, a student in the MLIS program at Valdosta State University in Valdosta and proprietor of CAB Fine Art Services, has been selected for a full-time internship in the Smithsonian Archives of American Art in Washington, D.C., during summer 2009. Her duties will include assisting with digital conversion and creation of metadata for at-risk audio and video materials. The archives holds approximately 16 million documents and artifacts that chronicle the history of the visual arts in the United States.