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Georgia Library Association Interlibrary Loan Interest Group

The Georgia Interlibrary Loan Code is Updated and Approved

Most non-interlibrary loan (ILL) personnel probably do not know that an ILL code exists, or why. Though not “the law,” ILL codes do offer ILL staff a common point of reference, reflecting current practices among the majority of ILL departments. There has been a national ILL code since 1919, and most states have a code that falls in line with the national code.

The latest version of the American Library Association (ALA) National ILL Code was adopted in January 2016 after a year-long process. The Georgia Library Association (GLA) Interlibrary Loan Interest Group realized that the code for Georgia had not been touched since 2002. It was decided at COMO 2015 to revise the Georgia Code as soon as the National Code was approved. At the MidWinter meeting 2016, ILL chair Janice Shipp of the Savannah College of Art and Design (SCAD) appointed Susan Morris of the University of Georgia (UGA) to spearhead the revision of the Georgia Code. Besides Janice, other members of the review committee were Rosemary Humphrey of Kennesaw State University and Michelle Jones of Columbus State University. Since all involved at that point were from academic libraries, Elaine Hardy at the Georgia Public Library Service (GPLS) was contacted to help identify other reviewers from the public- and special-library sectors, since the code is for all types of libraries in the state and should be acceptable to all library types.

The resulting document was then posted on the ILL Interest Group page of the GLA website for final review. The code was fine-tuned and

approved at the ILL interest group meeting on October 7 at COMO 2016. The final version was presented to and approved by the GLA Executive Board at the MidWinter meeting at Clayton State University on December 15, 2016. The newly updated code can be viewed at the GLA website:

http://gla.georgialibraries.org/interest_ilc_GAILLCode_2016_approved.pdf

In the future, the GLA ILL Interest Group will update the code as needed.

ILL Overview Workshop

On Friday, November 4, 2016, the Interlibrary Loan (ILL) Interest Group presented the ILL Overview Workshop. The free event, which took place at Georgia Gwinnett College’s Daniel J. Kaufman Library & Learning Center, was created to help those who were new to ILL as well as those who supervise interlibrary loan staff to have a better understanding of the basic best practices of ILL. The idea for this workshop developed from observations and discussions with ILL practitioners across the state that many people took on the responsibility of ILL for their library with little or no training. Interest in the workshop was overwhelming, and the organizers had to create a waitlist. The workshop had thirty-five attendees from all over Georgia.

Janice Shipp of SCAD, 2016 ILL Interest Group Chair, kicked off the day with a welcome to the attendees. Susan Morris of the University of Georgia provided the group with the “History of ILL” and an introduction to the National and Georgia ILL Codes. Janice returned to present “Borrowing Best Practices” while Rosemary Humphrey of Kennesaw State University, 2016 ILL Interest Group Vice-Chair, then presented “Lending Best Practices.” A boxed lunch break

allowed the attendees to socialize with each other and learn what others are doing in the field. After lunch, Meg Butler of Georgia State Law Library presented on copyright issues and Holly Heitman of Georgia Gwinnett College presented "ILL Consortia, Networking, and Support." A short open discussion closed the event with attendees asking questions to the group.

Because of the feedback received, the ILL Interest Group hopes it will be annual event that can accommodate all those who are interested. The ILL Interest Group would like to give special thanks to everyone at the Daniel J. Kaufman Library and Learning Center for hosting the event, especially Holly Heitman, Gene Ruffin, Frank Roberts, Margaret McGauhey, and Joy Cauthen.