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The newly-formed Coastal Georgia Library Collaborative (CGLC) group, sponsored by the Georgia Library Association’s (GLA) New Members Round Table, has been pretty busy this year! CGLC set out on a mission to connect library staff in the Coastal Georgia area with each other, while seeking to increase membership in GLA at the same time; CGLC’s efforts are proving successful. The committee has grown with Brenda Poku now serving as the vice-chair/chair elect and Autumn Johnson jumping into the role of social media/technology committee chair. They bring their boundless energy, ideas, and industry knowledge to these roles.

The group’s first local meet-up of the new year was held at Savannah State University’s Asa H. Gordon Library in March. Library Dean Mary Jo Fayoyin welcomed the group, and Autumn Johnson and Ivy Brannen provided an in-depth tour of the library, its history, and its impressive information literacy program. Ann Ogden guided visitors through the library’s special collections, which exhibits historically unique items. Following the tours, a discussion amongst attendees highlighted National Library Week programming ideas. This discussion, which was accompanied by presentations, sparked librarians to try new outreach activities at their own libraries.

In May, CGLC held another meet-up at Buffalo Wild Wings in Savannah, where participants mingled and networked over good food and good drinks! Library workers from public, academic, special, and school libraries joined the conversation.

In July, CGLC is hosting an ACRL webinar viewing party at Armstrong State University’s Lane Library. The webinar, “Essentials of Usability Design for Library Research Guides,” is sponsored by GLA’s Academic Library Division (ALD). In August, CGLC will host a previously-aired ACRL webinar viewing party at Lane Library. This webinar, “Fighting Fake News with the ACRL Framework,” will originally air in July, with the recorded viewing also sponsored by ALD.

The group’s next gathering will be held in July at Georgia Historical Society’s Reading Room in downtown Savannah. Research Center Director Lynette Stoudt
will provide a tour of the library’s archives and will also discuss the society’s roots.

The group’s fall meet-up will be held at Georgia Southern University’s (GSU) Zach S. Henderson Library in Statesboro. CGLC looks forward to touring their facility and learning about the initiatives taking place at GSU! For more information about CGLC please visit glacoastal.wordpress.com or follow CGLC on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram @glacoastal.