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*People, Libraries
and Agencies* **IN THE NEWS**

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Almost 300 library advocates celebrated their love for and support of libraries at the annual Georgia Library Day, held Feb. 26 at the Floyd Building in downtown Atlanta. The sold-out event was again co-sponsored by the Georgia Library Association (GLA), the Georgia Association for Instructional Technology (GAIT), the Georgia Library Media Association (GLMA) and Georgia Public Library Service.

Among the morning's highlights was the address delivered by Sen. Jack Hill (R-Reidsville), chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee. Hill commended Gov. Sonny Perdue's budget recommendations for fiscal year 2010, which included almost \$19 million to assist with the design and construction of 11 important new library projects throughout the state. "I don't think you could invest in a better piece of infrastructure than libraries," Hill said.



GLA President Jim Cooper addresses part of the crowd who attended Georgia Library Day at the state Capitol.

Other speakers included Jim Cooper, president of GLA; Dr. Lamar Veatch, state librarian; Pam Smith of the Georgia Department of Education; Merryll Penson, executive director of Library Services for the University System of Georgia; Giselle Escobar, president of GAIT; Susan Grigsby, president of GLMA; Christian Kruse, chairman of the Georgia Council of

Public Libraries; and Wally Eberhard, president of Friends of Georgia Libraries.

Following the program, attendees walked across the street to the Capitol, where they visited a number of legislators to thank them for their support and to further advocate on behalf of their local libraries. Attendees then returned to the Floyd Building for lunch.

Rep. Bob Smith (R-Watkinsville), vice chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, hosted an afternoon gathering for library directors and board members who have capital projects recommended by the governor on this year's list.

Held at the Capitol, the meeting afforded library representatives and advocates the opportunity to express their enthusiastic support for the construction projects in their communities. ►►

GSU's Long named "2009 Mover & Shaker" by *Library Journal*

In its March issue, *Library Journal* added Georgia State University librarian Casey Long to its list of "Movers & Shakers" for 2009.

The magazine selected Long because of her determination to improve student information literacy. As a business liaison librarian for the Georgia State University

Library, Long found that many seniors in the business program were not adequately prepared to do their research. In 2006 and 2007, she received instruction awards from the College of Business and the University Center for Teaching and Learning. Both were for developing an instruction session that she quantitatively proved to be effective at improving how students find