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From the PRESIDENT

Happy spring, GLA! Brrr... the snow is behind us, and summer reading is around the corner as 2010 rolls right along. And we've already been "making a splash" — that's this summer's reading theme for those of you not in the know about life in children's services in public libraries!

We had record attendance at our GLA Mid-Winter Planning Conference at Clayton State University on Jan. 29. Before we scattered to meet in divisions, committees and interest groups, Dr. Jim Carmichael, professor of library and information studies at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, regaled us as one. His entertaining tales of those early librarians of the South included one whose "face could stop a clock," but SHE got that Atlanta Young Men's Library whipped into shape while the men gambled and drank. But for those who didn't have a chance to listen to these shocking tales of days gone by, we hope to have Jim back down to his home state again soon.

Georgia's inaugural Library Photo Contest (see page 18) was a success, with more than 70 entries for the 10 categories for pictures taken between Jan. 1-Feb. 14. Congratulations to Vickie Horst for winning for Best Overall Photo! Thanks go to David Baker and Julie Walker for coordinating the contest and to David for creating the Library Day display.

Library Day was rescheduled due to the called recess of the Georgia

General Assembly. We asked the governor to change his Georgia Library Day Proclamation to reflect our change in plans, and he did! The proclamation was drafted by Joe Barnes, of the GLA Governmental Relations Committee, with contributions from others. Our coinciding Virtual Library Day through ALA's sponsored Capwiz legislative alert program made it easy for those who could not attend in person to participate. It takes all of us to make this advocacy day a success! I'd like to thank Chris Huff, Governmental Relations Committee chair; GLA Administrative Services personnel Kara Mullen, Bob Fox and Gordon Baker; and Lyn Hopper and Lamar Veatch and all the GPLS staff involved.

ALA President Camila Alire will be giving a workshop on "Frontline Advocacy" on April 26 in Decatur at DeKalb Public Library. Her workshop will help all of us on the frontlines to be able to spread the message of the valuable services we offer every day to anyone. Registration forms are available on the GLA Web site.

More fantastic learning opportunities are available from the GLA Professional and Continuing Education Interest Group, co-chaired by Sarah Steiner and Pat Carterette.

And lastly, your COMO Steering Committee has shifted into high gear for another wonderful annual library media joint conference in Athens, Oct. 13-15. This year's theme will be "Celebrate With One Voice — COMO XXII." A year of celebration is called for as our partnerships and collaborations flourish. We will also be celebrating GALILEO's 15th birthday, so our conference will be a celebration of all types of libraries coming together to learn and share from each other. Presentation Proposal forms are available online.

Don't "unfriend" GLA ... renew your commitment to attend GLA "CAMP"— Celebrating Advocacy Membership and Partnership — throughout 2010! ►►

— **Carol Stanley**
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