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From the President

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From the PRESIDENT

Greetings to my favorite Georgia Library Association members! Over the summer, our minds have been engaged with webinars by multi-talented, cutting-edge Georgia librarians to educate and inspire us, and the summer reading programs with all their energy and creativity have come to a close. A new school year has begun, and we are looking forward to renewing connections to each other. And what better place to do that than at COMO XXII in Athens, Oct. 13-15!

GLA, the Georgia Library Media Association and the Georgia Association for Instructional Technology are proud of their collaboration as the Georgia Council of Media Organizations to bring all types of Georgia library people together at our annual state library/media conference. Whether we work within libraries or work outside in support of libraries, we'll come together to "Celebrate With One Voice!"

Opening night of the conference will be different than what you have experienced. Come to "Library Movie Night"! The library documentary "The Hollywood Librarian" will be shown, and then a second fun library-themed movie (to be announced) will conclude the double feature. There will be prizes and movie munchies. So, come into Athens and get settled in your hotel and then head on over to the Classic Center for an evening of fun, networking and entertainment. Thursday and Friday will offer a

myriad of programs as well as plenty of time to visit the exhibits. Michael Porter, aka "Libraryman," will be our keynote speaker on Thursday. Michael is a librarian, presenter, author, practical technology fan and PEZ collector. He has 20 years of experience working in Libraryland and has presented hundreds of times to library staff around the world. In 2009 he was selected as a *Library Journal* "Mover & Shaker" and in 2010 was elected to the American Library Association's governing Council board. He currently works at WebJunction.org in Seattle as communications manager. Find out more at www.libraryman.com.

Later that evening, ALA President Roberta Stevens will be speaking at our Awards Banquet. It is sure to be a special night with the recognition of special folks, the induction of officers for 2011 and special entertainment. The conference will end Friday with the GLA Scholarship Raffle.

Speaking of conferences, we welcome to Georgia the Online

Audiovisual Catalogers (OLAC) Biennial Conference to be held in Macon Oct.15-17. So, catalogers, after COMO, head on down to OLAC. In honor of ALA's proclamation of 2010 as the "Year of Cataloging Research" and hosting OLAC in Georgia, the GLA board has proclaimed the week of Oct.11-17 "Georgia Library Cataloging Appreciation Week"! So, give a cataloger a hug this week.

Congratulations to Jeff Heck, GLA's secretary, who is now also associate editor of *GLQ*. We are so very proud of our association's journal. Thanks to all who serve on the editorial board and to the contributors who keep us aware of the best practices in Georgia libraries. Speaking of being connected, remember to visit our Web site and Facebook page for the latest happenings of GLA. I look forward to seeing you at COMO XXII. Start saving for your Scholarship Raffle tickets! ▶▶

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