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From the President

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From the PRESIDENT

For those of you who know me, you know that I do not like to write. I am a reader and a worker. There are several things, however, that I want to share with you, so here I am again writing an article for *GLQ*. I consider it an honor to be able to write for such a great library periodical.

First, in January libraries and librarians lost a true friend when Patricia Carterette succumbed to cancer. Although we in Georgia only knew her well during her three years with Georgia Public Library Service, she made such an impression that we will remember her fondly in the years to come. She helped with planning Georgia COMO, Georgia Library Association events, and she presented training in public libraries. She began a series of Wednesday webinars in which many of us participated, along with our staffs. These webinars will continue as the Carterette Series Webinars.

Second, Susan Cooley, the long-time editor of *GLQ*, tendered her resignation which I accepted with regret. Susan, along with her editorial staff, has made *GLQ* a very meaningful periodical. We will miss her as editor and we extend our heartfelt appreciation for her contributions to us. On the bright side, Jeff Heck has agreed to step in as editor. Jeff has worked closely

with Susan and the others and so *GLQ* will continue uninterrupted and with its quality undiminished.

Third, this is the first issue of the *GLQ* that will only be available in an online version. Most of us have very mixed feelings about this and will miss receiving the shiny print version. The decision had been made to produce both print and online for this year. Costs for printing and postage, however, forced our decision to go "online only" going forward. I'm sure that we will learn to enjoy the online version as we did the print version.

Next, Georgia Library Association Mid-winter at Clayton State University was a good event this year beginning with Jason Griffey as the keynote speaker. Jason, a *Tech Set* author, shared some of the new technologies that we are seeing and explained how they will impact the ways that libraries deliver services.

A lot of things have happened since the New Year began. Unfortunately, a financial windfall is not one of them. So what do librarians do when we have no money? We spend time reading and trying to come up with ways to do more with less. I have spent much time reading during this first quarter and I would like to share some of the book titles that I found

interesting and informative. I am reading my way through the 10 volumes of *The Tech Set* published by Neal-Schuman. This set is very informative about many new technologies available to us and how to implement them. There are many examples of the technology being used by all types of libraries. *Inside, Outside, Online: Building Your Library Community*, by Chrystie Hill, was full of ideas for rethinking and revitalizing your library. *No Shelf Required*, by Sue Polanka, explores e-books and all the challenges that everyone is facing with this new resource. Finally, *Thinking Outside The Book: Essays For Innovative Librarians* edited by Carol Smallwood is full of ideas for progressive librarianship. It is a collection of examples of "what works."

Last, keep your eyes on proposed cuts to libraries and museums. Once an idea is on the table even though it was defeated the first time, the door is open! Keep contacting your local, state, and federal representatives about how important funding for libraries is during the current economic situation. ►►

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