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Last year, the Executive Board of the Georgia Library Association voted to move the Georgia Library Quarterly (GLQ), the official journal of GLA, to an online publishing platform. The original plan was to publish in both paper form and electronic form for the four issues of volume 48, then change to electronic format only.

Given the high cost of printing and postage, however, beginning with v.48 no.2 GLQ will be produced only in electronic format. Current issues, and back issues dating to 2007, are available from the Digital Commons at Kennesaw State University at http://digitalcommons.kennesaw.edu/glq/.

The move to digital format provides these benefits:

■ allows the journal to more quickly produce and distribute its content.

■ the number of pages is more flexible, as previous issues were restricted to set sizes based on multiples of printed sheets; the new format will allow publication of any size.

■ the new system allowed us to implement a peer-review process for the journal, available as an option for any article author.

The most current issue will be restricted to GLA members and GLQ subscribers only. To reach that issue, which will change each quarter, members and subscribers will need to register at the site at the My Account section, using the same email address associated with their GLA membership.

Current plans are for all issues of the journal to become available to all viewers with the beginning of volume 49, which will be the Winter 2012 issue. If you believe access to the journal should be handled differently (ongoing password-only access, etc.) please contact Jeff Heck at jheck@aug.edu, by phone at 706-737-1745, or by mail at Reese Library, Augusta State University, 2500 Walton Way, Augusta, Ga., 30904-2200.

For those members who do not have email addresses, a paper copy will be made available on request through the contact information above.

The GLQ Board looks forward to continuing to serve librarians across the state as we move into new opportunities.

Webinar series title changed to honor founding member

The Georgia Wednesday Webinar Series title has been changed to the Carterette Series Webinars in honor of founding member Pat Carterette.

Carterette worked with Sarah Steiner and Buffy Hamilton to begin the series last year, and she worked tirelessly to promote and run it. The series Web site has been moved to the homepage of the GLA PACE Interest Group, and can be accessed at this url: http://tinyurl.com/66hnwa6.