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SELA/GENERAL NEWS:

SELA/COMO Joint Conference

The deadline to submit COMO 2015 proposals has been extended to May 22, 2015, so you have a few more weeks to brainstorm!

The following program topics have been requested for 2015 Georgia COMO! Are you doing this already in your work site? If so, please submit a proposal!

- Workplace environment
- Managing students and volunteers
- Recruiting volunteers
- Financial literacy
- Leadership
- Consortiums
- Collaboration between different types of libraries
- GALILEO
- Creating infographics
- Geo-caching 101
- Dress for success/Successful interviews
- E-books
- E-magazines
- Library safety and security
- Banned books/Freedom of information
- STEM programs
- STEAM programs
- Starting book clubs
- Stress management
- Maker spaces
- Friends groups
- Library marketing
- Grant writing
- Continuing education
- Managing local history collections
- Story time ideas
- Managing change
- Genealogy programs
- Georgia Archives

Guidelines and forms for submitting your proposal(s) can be found on the Georgia COMO website at <http://www.georgiacomo.org/presentation-proposal-form/>.

For questions regarding proposal submissions, please contact Chris Sharpe at csharpe@kennesaw.edu.

We look forward to seeing you at the Classic Center in Athens, Georgia, October 7-9th!

Frankenthaler Scholarship

The Frankenthaler Scholarship information is now updated on the SELA website:

<http://selaonline.org/about/scholarships.htm> The deadline for completed applications is June 1st.

SELA Mentoring Program

SELA has developed a mentoring program that can provide you with the necessary assistance to either make change in your current position or move on to a more fulfilling job within a library. The SELA Mentoring Program was created by and for librarians, library paraprofessionals and library science students. The mentoring program connects a mentee with a mentor whose background matches the mentee's area of interest.

Interested in finding out more about the SELA Mentoring Program? Please take a few minutes and check out the SELA Mentoring Program at <http://selaonline.org/membership/mentoring.htm> or at the SELA Web Page (<http://selaonline.org>) under the Membership link. If you have any questions about the SELA Mentoring Program, contact Hal Mendelsohn, Chair, Membership and Mentoring Committee at hal@ucf.edu.

List of Winners --ALLA/SELA 2015 Free Give Away At Membership Mentoring Table

- 1 Year Free Membership (New Member) – Lynn Hutchins, Mobile (AL) Public Library
- 1 Year Free Membership (Renewal Member) – Sue Knoche – ETSU Quillen College of Medicine Library (Johnson City TN)
- Basket (TN) – Crystal Gates – Jackson Parish Library (LA)
- Basket (GA) – Jamie Cutlip – Ingram Books
- Auburn T-Shirt – Muriel Nero – University of South Alabama
- Auburn T-Shirt – Camille McCutcheon – University of South Carolina Upstate
- Auburn T-Shirt – Blair Stapleton – Young Harris College (GA)
- Pin/Pendant – Asteria Ndulute – Tuskegee University (AL)
- Univ. Central Florida items – Amanda Scott – Auburn University (AL)
- Computer wrist rest and mouse pad – Becky Akins - Kennedy Public Library
- Friends of Sterne Library bag – Rebecca McKenzie – Library Media Center, Calera AL
- Friends of Sterne Library bag – Alisa McLeod – APLS
- Friends of Sterne Library bag – Lisa Hullett – Wallace State (AL)
- Friends of Sterne Library bag – Linda Harris – Univ. of Alabama Birmingham
- Friends of Sterne Library bag – Jeff Simpson – Troy University (AL)

- Friends of Sterne Library bag – Sheryl Somathilake – Mobile Public Library (AL)
- Friends of Sterne Library bag – Margaret Alexander – Tuskegee University (AL)
- Friends of Sterne Library bag – Laura Poe – Athens-Limestone Public Library (AL)
- Friends of Sterne Library bag – Janette Curry – Mobile Public Library (AL)
- Friends of Sterne Library bag – Jia He – University of South Alabama
- Russell Stover gift bag – Doris Young – Emmett O’Neal Public Library (AL)
- Ghirradelli candy – Della Darby – Samford University (AL)
- Cupcakes – Leasha Martin – Education Dept. – Poarch Creek Indian Band (AL)
- Cupcakes – James Gilbreath – University of Alabama

LIBRARY NEWS

Georgia

Technical College System of Georgia

Central Georgia Technical College held their 5th Annual Poetry Contest from March 1 through March 23, 2015. One hundred and five entries were received. Prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners in the categories of Student Haiku, Student Free Verse, Employee Haiku, and Employee Free Verse were awarded at the Poetry Contest Celebration on April 8 at the Macon Campus. Reading their original poetry at the Celebration were Hilde Holmes, Freddie O’Connor Riley, Judson Mitcham, and Ron Self. The winning entries were also read.

Mississippi

Mississippi Library Commission Announces 2014 Mississippi Library Leadership Graduating Class

The Mississippi Library Commission is pleased to announce the graduation of the 2014 class of the Mississippi Library Leadership Institute. Twenty rising stars in the library profession participated in a year-long program designed to grow the next generation of library leaders in the state of Mississippi.

The Mississippi Library Leadership Institute is a transformational experience requiring participants to attend four three-day training sessions, study leadership theory between sessions, and undertake a community project. The Institute emphasizes experiences that build strong relationships with community partners and involve a very high level of intensity and risk-taking.

“Through MLLI, I was given the extraordinary opportunity to create a meaningful project for my library and my community, which I would not have pursued otherwise. In doing so, I learned about managing my first large-scale project, met dedicated and talented librarians from around

the state, and tested my potential as a leader. For these things I am so very grateful.” – Hilary Richardson, Mississippi State University

The goals of the Mississippi Library Leadership Institute are to improve participants’ abilities to:

- Make judgments and decisions by effectively analyzing evidence, arguments, claims, beliefs and alternate points of view; make connections between information and arguments; interpret information on the best analysis; reflect critically on learning experiences and processes.
- Communicate clearly by articulating thoughts and ideas effectively using oral, written and nonverbal communication skills; listen effectively to decipher meaning; use communication for a range of purposes; utilize multiple media and technologies and know how to judge their effectiveness in communication.
- Guide and lead others through the use of interpersonal and problem solving skills to influence and guide others toward goals; leverage strength of others to accomplish common goals; inspire others to reach their very best via example & selflessness; demonstrate integrity and ethical behavior in using influence and power.

Participants in the 2014 Mississippi Library Leadership Institute represented nineteen different institutions from across the state including K-12 schools, public libraries, community colleges, private colleges, four-year universities, and state agencies. Participants were selected in a competitive application process that required written statements on the future of librarianship, the applicant’s vision of service, and how participation in the Institute would benefit the individual and his or her community.

“What can you say about a program that literally changes your vision and much of your outlook on life? While I am still fearful of being the “center of attention,” and through the institute I have learned to adapt and overcome that fear in ways I never thought I could. I have learned to look at myself through the eyes of others and also to accept and to use the leadership ability that has always been buried in my fear.” – Darlene Morgan, Pike-Amite-Walthall Library System



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