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Meaning: Especially for those without other access to the digital world, libraries provide an entry point to the wider world.

Application: Contrary to dealing only with an obsolete information-sharing technology (printed books), many libraries are ahead of the curve, providing access to digital media from books to music to film/video programs.

Benjamin Franklin is often credited with forming the first library in what is now the United States. But it was not the famous, elder statesman Franklin who did this, but the struggling lower-middle-class printer, who sought to improve himself, his business, his circle of friends, and his community. Just as in Philadelphia of the mid-1700s, money spent on libraries in the 21st century help provide a “poor man’s university,” access to a larger world, and a place where people can interact with knowledge, each other, and their wider community. Far from being obsolete, they are essential.

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Keith Jones serves as Chairman of the Board of Directors for the Mountain Regional Library System. He is a Baptist minister, writer/editor, and storyteller who likes to say, “I tell the truth for a living and lie for fun!” He and his wife Debbie live in Fannin County. His love for libraries started early with trips to the bookmobile and helping his mother, a school librarian, update the card catalogs for his school library.

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Georgia State University Librarian named to Library Journal’s list of “Movers & Shakers”

Georgia State University Library’s Sarah Steiner is already a prolific scholar and a successful instructor. She has nine high-quality publications and numerous awards, as well as an excellent teaching record. Now Sarah can add one more notch to her belt, as Library Journal has added her to its highly regarded list of “Movers & Shakers.”

The March 2011 issue of the magazine recognizes new leaders who will guide libraries through their changing role in the 21st century. In place since 2002, the Movers & Shakers award recognizes people like Steiner as shapers of the future of libraries. Movers

& Shakers try new ideas and strategies, use technology to solve problems creatively, and make a difference for libraries and their users.

Library Journal recognized Steiner as a “community builder” because of her commitment to professional development in the library discipline. Here are just a few examples of her accomplishments:

- Steiner co-founded the Atlanta Emerging Librarians group, which has provided a needed forum to connect library students and new professionals in a city where library programs are only available via distance education.
- She is heavily involved in the Georgia Library Association and currently chairs two of its committees.
- Steiner also co-founded and organizes GLA’s Cartrette Series webinars, which has proven popular and drawn attendees from all over the country. Two one-hour sessions are held every other month.
- She has published nine articles and book chapters, while continuing to regularly present at conferences. In 2008, the Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL) published her best seller with co-editor Leslie Madden, *The Desk and Beyond: Next Generation Reference Services*.



Steiner did all of this while finishing her second master’s degree, in Georgia State’s English program, from which she graduates this spring. As a Library Journal Mover & Shaker, Steiner continues to research, write, mentor and present innovative ideas. She extends these practices as a highly valued member of Georgia State’s community, serving as both a faculty senator and our Social Work and Virtual Services

Librarian.

Steiner serves as the associate editor of the GLQ, and she has been instrumental in beginning its peer review program for journal articles. -- The Editor

New Houston County Library Director Named

Karen Odom, one of GLQ’s book review staff, has been named director of the Houston County Public Library.



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GLQ Board Member Co-Authors Local History Book

Lora Mirza, associate library director of the Dunwoody campus of Georgia Perimeter College and a GLQ Editorial Board member, published in April 2011.

Co-author Paul Hudson and Ms. Mirza, who are annual unlimited-pass holders at the park and faculty members at GPC, published "Atlanta's Stone Mountain: a Multicultural History" through The History Press.

Reviewer John C. Inscoc, New Georgia Encyclopedia editor, says, "Full of new information and fresh perspectives, this is as complete and multifaceted a treatment of the mountain and its history yet, and it is a major contribution to both Atlanta and Georgia history."

