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## **SELA/GENERAL NEWS:**

### **SELA Summer Conference**

The 2015 SELA Summer Conference will be held Friday, August 14<sup>th</sup> – Saturday, August 15<sup>th</sup> at the University of Alabama Birmingham Mervyn H. Sterne Library.

All SELA members are invited to attend.

The mystery writer Miranda James (pseudonym of Dean James) and John Meador, Dean of the UAB Libraries, will be the two keynote speakers.

### **GACOMO/SELA Joint Conference**

The 27<sup>th</sup> Annual GACOMO (Council of Media Organizations) will be held on Wednesday, October 7 through Friday, October 9, 2015. It will be at The Classic Center in Athens, Georgia. The theme this year is “Adventures in Libraries: The Quest for Success.”

We are excited to share that this year's opening keynote speakers will be Gene Ambaum and Bill Barnes of Unshelved fame!

From the Unshelved website: “Libraries provide access to information, entertainment, and the Internet. They are the backbone of democracy; sacred places where anyone can find answers to their questions. Unfortunately, people who come there for help behave just as badly they do everywhere else.”

For more information on the conference see: <http://www.georgiacomo.org/>

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### **SELA Committee Name Change**

The name of the SELA Online Search Librarians Round Table has been changed to the SELA Electronic Resources Round Table.

If you work with and/or are interested in electronic resources, please consider becoming a member.

### **South Carolina Shooting Tragedy**

The southeastern library community expresses its sympathies to the victims of the South Carolina church shootings, especially to the family, friends and co-workers of Cynthia Graham Hurd, manager of the St. Andrews Regional branch of the Charleston County Public Library. More news at <http://www.ccpl.org>

## **LIBRARY NEWS**

### **Georgia**

#### **2015 Southeastern Library Assessment Conference**

Building upon the success of the inaugural event in 2013, the Southeastern Library Assessment Conference returns this fall to continue the library assessment and user experience conversation among library assessment professionals. The 2013 conference attracted over 100 attendees from across the United States and Canada and received high praise, with nearly three-fourths responding that they definitely would attend the conference again and 85% indicating they would recommend the conference to a colleague. This year, we anticipate hosting 125 attendees, and have accepted proposals from library professionals from all over the Southeast as well as several states in the Midwest and New England.

The Southeastern Library Assessment Conference was created for professionals from all library types who would like to learn more about assessment and share practical ideas and information. Conference sessions range from general assessment topics like fostering a “culture of assessment,” to more focused topics such as space assessment and the impact of e-resource discovery layers. Previous attendees appreciated the conference’s diverse and practical nature noting the “variety of presentation topics” and that “there was plenty of opportunity to mingle and chat with fellow library assessment professionals ... a