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## From the President

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*From the* **PRESIDENT**



As I sit down to write my second column, it is the season of midterm exams and certain hallowed traditions on my campus. A new generation of Agnes Scott College sophomores just received their black onyx class rings and joined the “Black Ring Mafia” of women’s college kinship. We’re planning a “Careers in Libraries” session to perhaps entice a few juniors and seniors into that affiliation before Spring Break mania descends.

It has been a busy couple of months for GLA too. My thanks to the good folks at Clayton State University for hosting about 110 of us for the Midwinter Planning Meeting on January 27. Jay Turner, the Director of Continuing Education at the Georgia Public Library Service, gave a lively and insightful keynote address to kick off the day. Jay also ceremoniously joined GLA at the end of his talk, so we welcome him as a new member and applaud his example!

Much appreciation goes out to all those who stepped forward to lead and contribute to committees, divisions, and interest groups this year.

The association collaborated with GAIT, GLMA, and GPLS to host Georgia Library Day at the State Capitol on February 15. About 80 librarians and library trustees attended the morning’s mingling and a briefing with State Librarian Dr. Lamar Veatch before heading out to connect with their elected officials.

In a project coordinated by Carolyn Fuller, GLA’s Past President, each legislator received a “Georgia Libraries 2012” matted limited edition print of The Little White House in Warm Springs. A dedicated group of volunteers walked all over two large state office buildings to ensure that each representative and senator received a print after Speaker Ralston announced they would be coming. Artist Debi Davis has been creating such prints of state landmarks for the library associations of Florida, Georgia, and North Carolina for the past 18 years. GLA is grateful to Mumford Books for making the prints possible.

EBSCO Publishing showed support for Georgia’s libraries by coordinating a professionally voiced radio spot on stations in Atlanta and

Augusta just before Library Day.

The COMO 2012 Planning Committee meets in Macon for a site visit soon. It’s fun to see the conference start to take shape. There has been a suggestion of adding Poster Sessions for this year’s conference. Poster sessions might expand the opportunities for newer librarians or those with a simple research project to quickly communicate its findings. Posters in a hallway or atrium allow viewers to study displayed information and perhaps discuss it with the presenter one on one. We hope to make that happen in Macon along the passageway leading from the hotel to the convention center.

What other new events or formats could we add this year? Email any ideas or suggestions. Get ready for “Macon It Happen@Your Library: GaCOMO & SELA”!

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