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From the President

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From the PRESIDENT

Have you heard what is going on in Athens, Georgia on October 7–9, 2015? It is the 27th annual Georgia state library conference and the theme this year is “Adventures in Libraries: The Quest for Success.”

Here are some great reasons why you should join the library adventure:

The members of Team COMO have worked really hard this year to keep your suggestions in mind as we have planned the conference.

We had so many wonderful responses from the request for program proposals that we extended the conference sessions from Wednesday afternoon until Friday afternoon.

There is a GALILEO mini-conference on Wednesday morning and regular program sessions begin at 2 p.m. on Wednesday. That means you can pay one full conference rate and go for all three days. There are single day rates as well, if you can't make it to the full conference.

For the first time, this year TNT will sponsor Movie Night with a free showing of *The Librarian—Quest for the Spear*. As always, there will be lots of fun trivia, snacks, and prizes.

We have really exciting library adventure guides coming to join us too.

Appearing for the first time at COMO, our opening keynote session titled “A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Library” will be brought to you by the creators of the *Unshelved* comic strip, Gene Ambaum and Bill Barnes. Plan to attend both their keynote and breakout

session and drop by to meet them at their book signing on Thursday morning.

Our luncheon speaker will be George Needham, international speaker, library consultant, blogger, and former Michigan State Librarian, Executive Director for Public Library Association, and VP for Global Relations with OCLC. Drawing from over forty years of library experience, George will share his wisdom on library leadership in today's world.

Not to be missed, former ALA President Courtney Young will participate in a panel discussion on Thursday afternoon titled “Adventures in Leadership: Libraries as Change Agents in the Quest for Success.”

Our own Georgia State Librarian Julie Walker and former Georgia Deputy State Librarian and current Director for the Charlotte Mecklenburg Library David Singleton will share their insights on training new library leaders on Thursday as well.

We also made sure to keep some of your all-time favorites too.

For those of you who start your adventures early, the annual Pat Carterette Memorial Walk/Run will begin at 5:55 a.m. Thursday morning. Check the COMO website at <http://www.georgiacomo.org/> for updates and details.

Make time on Thursday afternoon for Meet the Authors, a showcase of some of Georgia's current and up-and-coming authors. Meet the Authors will be followed by the 2015 Scholarship, Awards, and GLA Officer Induction

ceremony. Plan to come celebrate and congratulate your colleagues on their outstanding accomplishments.

Last but certainly not least, everyone's favorite scholarship raffle always promises to bring lots of excitement at the close to the conference on Friday afternoon.

There are lots of fun and interesting sessions on best practices and successful programs on all

three days to make your 2015 professional journey an interesting one.

Come to Athens and create your own exciting library adventure!

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