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*People, Libraries
and Agencies* **IN THE NEWS**

Georgia Public Library Service Pat Carterette Memorial Run/Walk

Each year since 2011, the Georgia Library Association (GLA) and the Georgia Public Library Service (GPLS) have hosted the Pat Carterette

Memorial Run/Walk to honor their beloved colleague who lost her battle with cancer in January of that year. Julie Walker, state librarian, planned the initial run to continue Pat's spirit and excitement for health and fitness. This year will mark the fifth annual Pat Carterette Memorial Run/Walk.

Registered participants will receive badge ribbons signifying their participation in the event. Run/walk t-shirts will also be available for pre-purchase. Details for the shirts and this year's run at the COMO conference in October 2015 are forthcoming.

As director of continuing education for GPLS, Carterette's work positively influenced hundreds of librarians across Georgia, and, through her involvement with numerous American Library Association initiatives,

nationwide. She found time to run at every conference she attended and frequently organized group runs through her BiblioRunners group on social media outlets. Pat always encouraged others to be active with her "you can do it" philosophy.



In the photo: Lois Roberst, retired director of Statesboro Regional Library; Jessica Crowe Garner, librarian at Live Oak Public Libraries; Pat Carterette; Elizabeth McKinney, PINES Program Director

In 2009 she organized a run at Tybee Island with librarians that spanned five decades of age groups. Jessica Crowe Garner, librarian at Live Oak Public Libraries, represented the 20–29 age group. Jessica trained for the 10k but Pat persuaded her to try for the half marathon. Pat stayed behind to do

a Galloway run/walk method with her. Elizabeth McKinney represented the 40–49 age group. With Pat's encouragement and advice, Elizabeth placed in her age group and finished with a personal best time. Lois Roberts, who was the Director of the Statesboro Regional Library at that time, represented the 60s and came in first in her age group. Pat's spirit and enthusiasm propelled everyone to excel at that race. This was just one example of her contagious spirit.