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and Agencies* **IN THE NEWS**

Georgia Library Association 2015 GLA Scholarship Winners

The Georgia Library Association (GLA) Scholarship Committee was pleased to announce the 2015 winners of the Beard and Hubbard scholarships at the 2015 COMO conference. The awards are given annually by GLA to provide financial assistance for students pursuing a Master's degree in library science.

This year's C.S. Hubbard Scholarship winner is Rebecca Ballard. Rebecca is from Athens, Georgia and is an honor graduate from the University of Georgia (UGA) with a Bachelor of Arts in Theatre Costume Design. She began working part-time in the Athens Regional Library System in 2005 while working at UGA. Rebecca discovered a passion for librarianship and moved full-time to the children's department as quickly as she could, and she enjoys creating new programming that combines literature with music and other creative arts. She is currently pursuing her Master's degree in Library and Information Science at Valdosta State University and plans to continue her work in youth services, developing innovative new programming and teaching workshops to encourage lifelong learning.



Rebecca Ballard and Karen Manning

Karen Manning is the Charles Beard Scholarship winner this year. Manning has progressive experience working in libraries in a variety of public service, technical, and administration roles. Currently, Karen assists with the development, implementation, management, and maintenance of digital collections for institutional repositories. About winning the award, Manning said, "Being a recipient of the Beard Scholarship is a great honor that will assist with gaining my educational goals. Receiving this generous support will lighten my financial burden and allow me to focus more on my studies. It has motivated me to succeed and inspired me to help others in

their educational endeavors. I am passionate about the library profession and the Beard Scholarship will help toward achieving a lifelong goal of becoming a librarian. After graduating, I plan to pursue a career as a digital scholarship librarian."

Complete information about the scholarships offered by GLA, including application information, is available through the GLA website at: <http://gla.georgialibraries.org/scholarship.htm>

Congratulations to the 2015 scholarship winners!