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

Georgia Library Association 2016 GLA Awards

The Georgia Library Association (GLA) announced award winners at the Georgia Council of Media Organizations (COMO) 2016 annual conference, held in Athens in early October. Miriam Nauenburg, GLA Awards Committee Chair, announced the GLA Award recipients.

Bob Richardson Memorial Award

Evelyn Merk, retired from the Houston County Public Library System, was the recipient of the Bob Richardson Memorial Award, which is given each year in recognition of those who have given outstanding service to GLA. Through her leadership on the Constitution and Bylaws



Committee, Evelyn has provided GLA with valuable input based on her years of involvement with the organization, its individual members, presidencies, and her extensive knowledge of GLA's bylaws and handbook. She

also provided valued service as GLA's Parliamentarian in 2014. Evelyn served as secretary of the Interest Group Council from 1987 to 1989 and chair of the Reference Services Interest Group (formerly the Reference Services Division) from 1987 to 1991. She continues to serve with the interest group and is also a member of the Scholarship Committee. Evelyn has been active with GLA's Library

Trustees, Friends, and Advocates Association Division and has worked to involve Friends of Georgia Libraries with the division.

McJenkin-Rheay Award

Jean Cook, instruction librarian at the University of West Georgia, was the recipient of the McJenkin-Rheay Award, which recognizes a librarian early in their career who has outstanding contributions to GLA. Jean has been an active



member of GLA from the very beginning of her involvement with GLA in 2007. From 2008 to 2009, Jean served on the committee to judge research papers submitted to GLA's Academic Library Division, and in 2012 she was appointed to serve as co-chair of the Awards Committee. From 2013 to 2015 Jean served as chair of the Awards Committee. Currently Jean is serving her second year as a member of the Georgia COMO Conference Planning Committee and is also a member and past chair of GLA's Reference Service Interest Group.

Nix-Jones Award

Dr. Linda Golian-Lui, associate dean and director of library services at Kennesaw State University (KSU), was the recipient of the Nix-Jones Award, which is given to a librarian for their service and contributions to Georgia librarianship. Linda has established professional development programming, a library-wide



mentoring program, and succession planning to develop new leaders for the growing KSU library system. Linda has mentored numerous librarians both informally and for organizations such as the

Library Leadership and Management Association (LLAMA), the Georgia Association of Women in Higher Education, the GLA New Members Round Table, and the Association of College and Research Libraries.

GLA Team Award

The GLA Team Award is given to honor a team of librarians that have collaborated in the past year to produce an excellent program, service, or support of Georgia libraries. This year's award was presented to several long-serving members of the Georgia Student Media Festival Committee: Gordon Baker, dean of libraries at Clayton State University in Morrow, Georgia; Heidi Benford, administrative assistant to the dean of libraries at Clayton State University; Barbara Dantzler, circulation supervisor at Clayton State University; Amy Eklund, collection development librarian at Gwinnett County



Michelle Lenderman, Barbara Dantzler, Linda Johnson, Amy Eklund, and Gordon Baker

Public Library in Lawrenceville, Georgia; Linda Johnson, media specialist at Riverdale High School in Riverdale, Georgia; Michelle Lenderman, director of media services for the Bibb County Schools in Macon, Georgia; and Rebecca Rose, head librarian at the University of North Georgia's campus in Cumming, Georgia. These long-serving team members have carried on a tradition of ensuring that the annual festival is done well with the highest standards to support the creative efforts of the students in Georgia. The team has assisted in the preparation of the annual event, which includes coordinating volunteers, sorting projects, serving as trainers and mentors, maintaining the website, and representing GLA to others throughout the state.

Congratulations to this year's award winners!