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

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The Coastal Georgia Library Collaborative (CGLC) celebrated the end of a successful year with a Holiday Hoopla at the Learning Commons on the

Armstrong campus of Georgia Southern University. Library staff from Savannah and surrounding areas gathered to eat, socialize, and catch up with their colleagues.

The committee chair of two years, Janice Shipp, passed the torch to incoming chair, Brenda Poku, and Nikki Cannon-Rech was elected as the new vice-chair. Janice's dedication to CGLC will always be remembered. Mrs. Shipp will continue to be involved with the committee as a liaison for paraprofessional/library support staff.



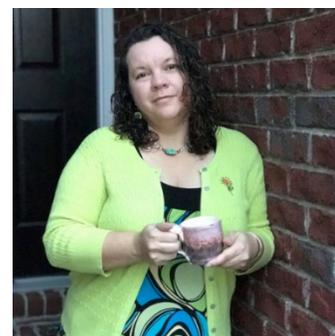
CGLC has two wonderful people joining the team! Brenda Poku is an associate chair of library services for the Live Oak Public Library System in Savannah, Georgia and oversees central and east Chatham County as well as Liberty County branches.



Brenda considers herself a non-traditional librarian because of her extensive background in the corporate world. With over 35 years of executive management experience, Brenda believes that “libraries are in the midst of a historical arc as we transition out of the industrial era and find our way in the ever expanding information and digital age.”

Brenda has held a vast array of positions, yet none were more rewarding than working in the villages of West Africa. There, she renewed her lifelong love of reading and led literacy efforts for village children then considered to be "unteachables." Years later, what many in the Hilltop School of Daban in West Africa learned was that unteachable children are indeed teachable. That experience led Brenda full circle to her present career in librarianship. CGLC is excited to see what the new year brings under her leadership!

Nikki Cannon-Rech is a research services librarian and assistant professor at Georgia Southern University in Statesboro. She brings with her 13



years of experience in the academic library and liaises with the College of Science and Mathematics. Nikki has also worked as a research librarian at Savannah State University and Rhodes College in Memphis, Tennessee. She will present CGLC's first professional development workshop of the year along with Autumn Johnson, information literacy librarian at Savannah State University.

This year CGLC plans to continue offering a professional development series, which will begin with a workshop focused on creating effective library displays using the ACRL framework. Look for more exciting events to come! For more information about CGLC please visit glacoastal.wordpress.com or follow CGLC on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram @glacoastal.