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Georgia Library Association - New Members Round Table

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NMRT Conference Scholarship

In May 2018, to provide a conference experience to a new or existing GLA member, NMRT placed a call for presentation proposals for the 2018 Georgia Libraries Conference. The guidelines stipulated the presenter would need to provide a 45-minute session focusing on a topic that would benefit new and prospective librarians or new attendees of the conference. The chosen presenter would receive a scholarship covering the cost of a full-conference registration. We had a number of quality submissions, and in the end, the NMRT officers selected two presenters: Janice Shipp and Cliff Landis.



Janice Shipp, founder of the Coastal Georgia Library Collaborative (CGLC); alongside Kristi Smith, CGLC secretary; Autumn Johnson, CGLC social media/technology administrator; Vivian Bynoe, CGLC hospitality leader; and Brittani Sterling, Atlanta Emerging Librarians (AEL) leader, presented “The Secret to Organizing and Maintaining a Successful Networking Group.” The group shared CGLC’s strategy in forming a

profession-based social and networking organization in the Savannah area and included tips on finding and maintaining active participants, and Brittani spoke to the experience of maintaining a legacy program like AEL. The presentation was honest and insightful and provided the audience with a framework of how to form a group of like-minded individuals.



Cliff Landis, digital initiatives librarian for the Atlanta University Center’s Robert W. Woodruff Library, offered advice to all new and experienced job seekers during his presentation, “Get a Library(ish) Job!.” He discussed how to self-assess your skills and interests, evaluate job descriptions to determine areas of improvement, and provided his method for managing professional accomplishments in order to compile and submit a successful application packet. The session was informative while engaging, and the audience walked away with a practical strategy to make their next career move.

NMRT thanks both of the 2018 sponsored presentations for providing such valuable content to the Georgia Libraries Conference. If you are interested in seeing their slides, both presentations have been made available

through the Georgia Libraries Conference archive: <https://www.slideshare.net/gacomo>.

NMRT & Interest Group Meet & Mingle at the Conference

The NMRT officers and the Interest Group Council Chair, Casey Long, and Vice Chair/Chair Elect, Mack Freeman, hosted a social and networking event on the Thursday night of the



Georgia Libraries Conference at the Cannon Brew Pub in Columbus, Georgia. With approximately 50 people in attendance, fellow conference goers spent the evening meeting new people, catching up with colleagues, playing games, and sharing food. Interest Group

chairs elected the 2019 Interest Group Council Vice Chair/Chair Elect, Mary Ann Cullen, and NMRT Conference Buddies got to know one another. It was a fun night, and NMRT looks forward to co-hosting the meet-up next year at the conference in Macon.

2019 NMRT Officers

NMRT is pleased to announce the leadership team for 2019 (L-R):

Brittani Sterling, Programming Coordinator
Autumn Johnson, Vice Chair/Chair Elect
Holly Hampton, Chair
Mary Block, Secretary

