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## Georgia Library Association 2018 GLA Scholarship Winners

The Georgia Library Association (GLA) Scholarship Committee is pleased to announce the 2018 winners of the Beard and Hubbard scholarships. These two awards are given annually by GLA to provide financial assistance for students pursuing a master's degree in library science.

### The Beard Scholarship

This year's Charles Beard Scholarship winner is Amanda Baldowski. Amanda works as a



children's library specialist at the Columbia County Library. Over the last four years, she has grown to love providing programs for the littles, reading great picture books, and encouraging

all the play she can. Amanda also has experience working as a library assistant at a small community college and interning at a school media center. Amanda is currently pursuing her MLIS from Valdosta State University. Upon graduation, she intends to continue her career in children's library services. She received her BA in English and Women's Studies from the University of Georgia in 2014. Amanda fulfills her library stereotype by living in Augusta, Georgia, with three cats (and a dog). In her spare time, she

likes to craft, take scenic walks, and play with her furbabies.

Amanda said: "I am so grateful to the Georgia Library Association for this award, which will be incredibly helpful in my pursuit of a children's services career at the professional level. Children's librarians serve not only children but the entire family, and I hope to continue connecting families to vital resources that will improve their quality of life—with plenty of dancing babies, dinosaur-roaring preschoolers, and young readers with interests as diverse as they are."

### The Hubbard Scholarship

Sarah Brubaker is this year's C. S. Hubbard Scholarship winner. Sarah has worked at Gwinnett County Public Library for three years in four different positions, and now serves as a library associate in Dacula. She coordinates tween programs and writing camps, as well as teaching Spanish, English, and American Sign Language classes. Sarah received her BA in English Literature from Lee University. She began the MLIS program at Valdosta State University this fall. She lives in Lawrenceville, Georgia, with her family. Sarah also writes young adult science-fiction and fantasy novels;



she plans to pursue publication once she revises her current 450-page manuscript.

Sarah wrote, “Though I have worked in both academic and public libraries for the past six years, I prefer the diversity and challenges presented by the public library. This service platform allows me to utilize my complete skill set, particularly in the areas of multilingualism, writing, youth services, and innovative technology, to reach a unique group of people. I could see myself in a number of positions: branch manager or youth services coordinator, to name two that interest me. It’s not enough for libraries just to ‘stay current’ so as to avoid obsolescence, but to render ourselves

indispensable to our communities. With my wide range of interests and abilities, I want to lead the way in bringing innovations into the public library system—and to the community it serves.”

Complete information regarding the scholarships offered by GLA, including application information, is available on the GLA website at:

<http://gla.georgialibraries.org/resources/scholarships/>

Congratulations to GLA’s 2018 scholarship winners!