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

Georgia Library Association GLA Officer Candidates for 2020

First Vice-president / President Elect

Wendy Cornelisen, Georgia Public Library Service

Wendy Cornelisen is the assistant state librarian for library innovation and collaboration at Georgia Public Library Service, a unit of the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia. She serves as GPLS's primary liaison with boards, agencies, commissions, and all library types, ensuring coordination and collaboration.

Prior to joining GPLS, she worked at the Tennessee State Library and Archives, running that state's version of GALILEO. Wendy began her library career as a part-time circulation clerk at Nashville Public Library. She serves on the boards of the Deal Center for Early Language & Literacy, the Friends of Georgia Libraries, the Georgia Center for Book, and the GALILEO Steering Committee.

Wendy is an advocate for equal access to information resources, no matter where you live. She has 15 years of experience working in and with public libraries. As libraries of all types across the state continue their role as the center of their community, GLA is strategically poised to support their efforts and spread the word about the power of the library in today's world.

Wendy has been a member of the Georgia Library Association since moving to this state. She has served as chair of the Advocacy Committee (formerly known as the Governmental Relations Committee), chair of the Nominations & Elections Committee in 2017, and is an active member of both the Public Library and the Trustees, Friends and Advocates Divisions. She is a past-president of the Tennessee Library Association.

Wendy earned a bachelor's degree from Iowa State University and a master's degree in information science from the University of Tennessee, and is a recent graduate of the University System of Georgia's Executive Leadership Institute. She and her husband reside in Atlanta, where she makes pickles and jam.



Oscar Gittemeier, Fulton County Library System

Oscar Gittemeier seeks the position of GLA first vice-president / president elect because he believes in the GLA mission to advance libraries and promote educational and cultural life in Georgia. Oscar is passionate about bringing information professionals together from all sectors of the library world to promote patron privacy, public space, and access to information. Oscar currently serves as the adult outreach manager for the Fulton County Library System (FCLS). In this role he brings together public and academic libraries to share resources, exchange programs, and host large pop-up library programs across county lines. He received a BA in Sociology and an MA in Women's Studies from Georgia State University, and a master's in library and information science degree, with a certificate in Leadership and Management, from Florida State University. Oscar is a former Beard Scholarship recipient and a 2016 graduate of the Georgia Public Library Service PINNACLE Leadership program. Over the last 11 years he has worked as a library associate, youth services librarian, and branch manager.



During his time with FCLS he secured five grants, including STEAM equipment and paid teen internships, and he coauthored a \$250,000 tech center grant. Oscar has served on several FCLS committees, including collection development, Money Smart Week, Summer Reading, and the mini-grant review committee. Within GLA, he served as co-chair of the Atlanta Emerging Librarians, vice-chair and chair of the Reference and Instructional Services Interest Group, chair of the Professional and Continuing Education Interest Group, and currently serves as the vice-president for membership. In addition to all of the above, his passion for libraries is informed by his experiences as a teenage parent, a queer transman, and as someone who struggled to maintain housing while acquiring his education. It was audiobooks from the public library that helped Oscar graduate from his alternative high school, it was LGBT books from the public library that assured him he was not alone, and when Oscar and his son were living in a shelter it was the public library that provided a safe space. Libraries ARE for everyone, but for Oscar they were a lifeline. For all of these reasons, Oscar has a contagious and unbridled passion for libraries that he would love to pour into GLA.

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Vice-President for Membership

Stephanie Irvin, West Georgia Regional Library System

As someone well acquainted with promoting libraries and library organizations, Stephanie seeks the position of vice-president for membership of the Georgia Library Association.

Stephanie is the assistant director for library services at West Georgia Regional Library System. Previously, she worked almost five years with Georgia Public Library Service as the outreach librarian, traveling across the state to meet with library staff and promote the Georgia Libraries for Accessible Statewide Services (GLASS). Her experience also includes almost seven years of varied professional and paraprofessional positions including working in public libraries, having an internship in an academic library, and supporting libraries as data coordinator with Florida's Bureau of Library Development.



A seasoned orator, she has presented on topics related to library services at local, statewide, and the national level. Stephanie has also held multiple leadership roles within GLA including the Public Libraries Division (chair, 2018–2020; chair-elect 2016–2018) and the Library Services for Persons with Disabilities Interest Group (chair, 2015–2016).

She continues to support universal access in libraries as an active member of the American Library Association (ALA), acting as chair of the Web Presence Committee of the Association for Specialized Government and Cooperative Library Agencies (ASGCLA) as well as being the ASGCLA representative on the ALA's Information Technology Advisory Committee.

A firm believer in the importance of organizations supporting libraries, library staff, and library advocates, Stephanie would be honored to promote GLA as vice-president for membership of the Georgia Library Association.

Janice Shipp, Savannah State University

Janice Shipp seeks the position of vice-president for membership because she feels it is important to advocate for and encourage participation and involvement in the Georgia Library Association, which will assist in furthering the mission of libraries throughout Georgia. Janice currently manages serials and the interlibrary loan (ILL) and GIL Express activities for Savannah State University. Before working for Savannah State University, she worked at Savannah College of Art and Design as interlibrary loan coordinator. She has over 30 years of experience working in libraries in various positions.



Janice joined the Georgia Library Association in 2009 and is actively involved. She was the 2017 recipient of the Georgia Library Association's Nora Symmers Paraprofessional Award. She currently serves as the Paraprofessional Division chair and is a member of the Scholarship Committee and served as the GLA Scholarship Raffle volunteer coordinator 2016–2018. She is also an active member of the ILL Interest Group where she served as vice-chair in 2015, and chair in 2016.

As 2016 chair of the ILL Interest Group, Janice collaborated and participated on the review committee to revise the Interlibrary Loan Code for Georgia, which had not been revised since 2002. She also

coordinated the GLA ILL Interest Group's first "ILL Overview Workshop," which took place in November 2016. The workshop was created to help those new to ILL, as well as those who supervise ILL staff, have a better understanding of ILL basic best practices. In 2015, Janice organized and formed a GLA Savannah meet-up, now known as the Coastal Georgia Library Collaborative (CGLC), which is sponsored by GLA's New Members Round Table. She served as chair of CGLC in 2016.

Janice has also spoken at several conferences, workshops, and meet-ups: "Interlibrary Loan Copyright Basics" at the Coastal Georgia Library Collaborative Meet-up, September 2018 in St Simons Island, Georgia; the 2018 Georgia Libraries Conference in Macon, Georgia, "The Secret to Organizing and Maintaining a Successful Networking Group,"; the 2019 GIL Users Group Meeting in Macon, Georgia, "GIL Express: What Patrons Need to Know,"; and the 2019 OCLC Resource Sharing Conference, "Copyright: Coloring within the Lines with Ease" in Jacksonville, Florida. The presentation was voted one of two popular choices to be one of the sessions from RSC 19 that will be available as one of the OCLC Community Center events. Janice also presented "Copyright: Keep It Simple - CCG or CCL" at GLA's ILL Interest Group's 2019 Best Practice Workshop.

Janice enjoys being a part of GLA and often shares her experiences and promotes GLA whenever she has the opportunity. As a result, she has been influential with recruiting people to join GLA. As vice-president for membership, Janice will seek to promote and increase GLA membership through recruitment and encourage active involvement.

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Secretary

Scott Pieper, Georgia State University

Scott Pieper is a reference & instruction librarian at Georgia State University (GSU) currently serving as the interim associate department head of the Decatur campus library. He primarily provides reference and instruction services to the faculty, staff, and students of Perimeter College (formerly Georgia Perimeter College), an associate's degree granting institution. Scott joined the staff at Perimeter in 2011 as a paraprofessional copy cataloger and was hired as a professional librarian in 2013. Scott has served the library and GSU in a number of areas, including library committee work, chairing and co-chairing several committees, and serving as a university faculty senator. Scott has presented at library staff development days and recently presented on motivating library learners at ALA Annual in New Orleans.

Scott has been a member of GLA since library school and a member of ALA when possible. He coauthored a GLA spotlight article on Perimeter College in September 2014. Scott has served on the GLA Scholarship Committee since 2018. Scott currently serves as secretary for GSU's library faculty, responsible for minutes, meeting scheduling, and



preparing the agenda. He understands the importance of effective and prompt organizational communication. He strongly desires to make a larger impact for GLA. Scott earned his BA in History from Georgia State University in 2000 and his MLIS from Valdosta State University in 2012. Between undergrad and library school, Scott worked as a paralegal in the litigation department of a corporate law firm in Atlanta and also spent several years working in specialty retail management.

Sarah Reynolds, Forsyth County Public Library

Sarah Reynolds is the outreach manager at Forsyth County Public Library. Over her 17-year career, Sarah explored many aspects of public library service including circulation, youth services, adult services, and collection development. Along the way, Sarah developed strong management and interpersonal skills and gained extensive service and outreach experience.

A GLA member since 2007, Sarah has served the community in several capacities. She was Public Library Division secretary in 2019, a member of the Interlibrary Loan Interest Group from 2015–2016, and co-editor of the "Off the Shelf" book review column for the Georgia Library Quarterly from 2007–2009. She has also assisted with several author receptions at the annual GLA conference. If elected secretary for GLA, Sarah looks forward to serving the membership by maintaining comprehensive records of meetings and projects and by offering all GLA members access to those records.

