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Georgia Library Association Reference and Instructional Services Interest Group

The Atlanta Area Bibliographic Instruction Group (AABIG) and the Georgia Library Association (GLA) Reference and Instructional Services Interest Group (RISIG) are pleased to announce that AABIG has folded into the Georgia Library Association. Going forward, AABIG will operate as a part of RISIG.

The AABIG conference has been a staple in the Atlanta area since the early 1980s, offering reference and instruction librarians the opportunity to network and share innovations and best practices in information literacy instruction. The conference's mission aligns well with RISIG's statement of purpose, which aims to "advance the informational, bibliographical, instructional, and research services in all types of libraries and at all levels within the State of

Georgia" ([GLA Interest Groups](#)). Merging AABIG with RISIG allows the conference to move beyond Atlanta to increase access for interested library workers state-wide.

The merger is the result of tireless work by past AABIG President Karen Doster-Greenleaf and 2019 RISIG Chair Catherine Mancini. After the 2020 conference, AABIG will move to rebrand and transition its name to the Georgia Libraries Instruction, Teaching, and Reference (GLITR) conference.

RISIG has also started an informal writing group in Slack for GLA members interested in writing and publishing about library instruction and reference. The RISIG Writing Group is hosted in Slack and provides a relaxed environment for prospective and experienced writers alike to share ideas and resources, find collaborators, and workshop writing pieces. The group aims to host virtual and, circumstances allowing, in-person meetups for writers, as well.

