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GLA-BC Ignites Members with Lightning Talks and More

On October 1, 2020, the Georgia Library Association's Black Caucus (GLA-BC) Interest Group held its inaugural virtual preconference called Ignited. The purpose of the preconference was to give members an opportunity to present in a supportive environment and share ideas on various topics that are important to group members. Attendees were from academic, public, and school libraries; topics ranged from "Expanding Your Reach Through Critical Librarianship" to "Balancing Work and Home During COVID-19." The group has plans to continue the preconference in 2021.

On November 12, 2020, the Great Exchange took place via Zoom. During this event, various GLA-BC members could join the open forum to share ideas to help one another learn and grow.



Members shared various ideas on business and career goals, graphic design, self-care, STEM, and social spaces, just to name a few. In addition to these two virtual events, the group also released a newsletter. The newsletter shares national and local news about members, lists professional development opportunities, recommends books, and more. The newsletter is sent to all current GLA-BC Interest Group members. To ensure you are a member of GLA-BC, please log in to the GLA website and check your membership status. GLA members can join interest groups at any time.

The GLA-BC was founded in 2018 by Karen Manning and Tamika Barnes with the support of many other members. The group welcomes its 2021 officers: Angiah Davis, chair, Gordon State College; Priscilla Dickerson, vice chair/chair elect, Auburn Avenue Research Library on African American Culture and History; and Angela Dixon, secretary, Georgia State University Libraries, Dunwoody Campus. To subscribe to the GLA-BC e-mail list, or if you have any questions, e-mail adavis1@gordonstate.edu.