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## Georgia Library Association - Reference & Instructional Services Interest Group

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## **Georgia Library Association Reference & Instructional Services Interest Group**

The Reference & Instructional Services Interest Group (RISIG) of the Georgia Library Association (GLA) continues with outreach and interaction with librarians of all types, including the first Georgia Library Instruction, Teaching, and Reference Conference (GLITR), which took place virtually on June 11, 2021.

This conference grew out of the merging of the Atlanta Area Bibliographic Instruction Group (AABIG) with GLA's Reference and Instruction Services Interest Group last year. It was a great conference hosted virtually by the Georgia Tech Libraries, with 164 registered attendees. The 2021 conference theme, "Defining Our Moment," invited presenters to speak on the wide variety of issues currently facing libraries. Presenters covered topics such as fake news, online instruction, working from home, and EDI initiatives. All 18 presentations, as well as the keynote address from GLA President Wendy Cornelisen, are available on the GLITR YouTube channel for anyone who missed the conference.



With the usual in person meet and greet activities off the calendar for 2020 and 2021, RISIG has started hosting virtual meetups. These meetings have drawn the interest group together to discuss a range of professional and popular issues, and not always about COVID-19. The next meeting is planned for Thursday July 29, 2021. The link will be available before the meeting, emailed to members and posted on

the RISIG Forum page on the GLA website.

RISIG has also started a writing group that allows members to find

collaborators, get feedback and peer review, and share successes. All are welcome to join. To join, go to: [https://join.slack.com/t/risigwritinggroup/shared\\_invite/zt-skjqmsuu-MTs3BxSARF0YtbhaLjiNtQ](https://join.slack.com/t/risigwritinggroup/shared_invite/zt-skjqmsuu-MTs3BxSARF0YtbhaLjiNtQ)

The group is also seeking self-nominations from members of the Reference and Instructional Services Interest Group for vice chair/chair elect and secretary for the 2022 year. If anyone is interested in becoming more active in RISIG, consider running for one of these offices. The official call for nominations will be announced later in the year.