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Created in May of 2021, the Programming Interest Group is a place where library staff can find support, ideas, and excitement about library programs. Founding Chair Kelly Williams started this group due to her own love of library programming, especially STEM-themed programs for teens and tweens. Although a relatively new group, it has quickly gained momentum and a following among members of the Georgia Library Association (GLA).

At the initial meeting during the 2021 Georgia Libraries Conference (GLC), a Google Flipboard was used to brainstorm resulting in over thirty specific programming ideas; ways the group could support one another; and interest in year-round activities. By the end of the meeting, a monthly "learn and chat" session was arranged; plans were made for brainstorming roundtable

discussion topics for the next GLC in 2022; and quarterly informational sessions were put on the calendar. All in all, not too shabby for a business meeting!

Again, the main goal of the Programming Interest Group is to further the interests of those librarians and library staff across the state who provide any type of programming for the public, students, or other library users. To sign up for the listserv so you can hear more about upcoming events and share ideas, log on to your GLA profile at <https://gla1.wildapricot.org/>, click "Edit profile," and select the box next to "Programming Interest Group."

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