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Job Changes

Gaby Hale has accepted the position of outreach archivist at Emory University beginning January 2023. She previously worked as the processing & reference archivist.

Jennifer Carter has accepted the position of assessment & communications librarian at Kennesaw State University beginning January 2023. She previously worked at KSU as a research & scholarship program assistant in the research & instructional services unit.

Karen Manning, 2023 immediate past president of the Georgia Library Association, is the new diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) librarian at the Georgia Institute of Technology ("Georgia Tech") Library. Karen was also selected as the inaugural Association of Southeastern Research Libraries (ASERL) visiting program officer for Black, indigenous, and people of color (BIPOC) networking.

Awards and Grants

Azalea Regional Library System has received a Vibrant Communities Grant, which was awarded by the Georgia Council for the Arts in October 2022. This grant will be used to fund an art-related makerspace at Jasper County Library and to highlight their renowned collection of art, architecture, and interior design materials. This grant will also support partnerships with community organizations and local artists to develop art-related programming for all ages.

The Athens-Clarke County Library's circulation department was named Athens Regional Library System's "Most Valuable Team" for 2022. Staff

members include Rachel Bentley, Lorien Campbell, Briton Dean, Anastasia Enlow, Claire Grand-Dunpre, Kelly Hart, Sean Lantz, Edwin Maxey, Jess Phillips, Nathan Sheets, Niké Shimobi-Obijuru, Katherine Wilson, and Jonathan Zot.

Athens Regional Library System named Erika Massie as its Staff Distinction Award winner for 2022. Erika serves as resource center manager for Aaron Heard and Lay Park Resource Centers, which are Athens-Clarke County Library locations.

Other News

Rhiannon Eades has been named chair of the Southeastern Library Association's public relations committee, 2023–2025. Rhiannon has been Athens Regional Library System's public information officer since 2008.

From our 2022 Georgia Libraries Conference keynote speaker Cicely Lewis:

I just want to say thank you for a wonderful conference. I have never been treated so well and I have presented at many conferences. From the snacks in the room, t-shirt, and the technical support, I felt at ease. Thanks for assisting me with everything. I truly felt supported and the audience was amazing! I felt a true connection and they ignited my passion. As you know this work can sometimes be daunting, but you all truly reenergized me! I look forward to working with you and being a member of GLA.

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