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## From the President

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## *From the* PRESIDENT

Happy spring! Hope everyone is doing well and ready to get outside and enjoy the warm weather. This is a great time for thinking about where we stand as an organization and where we want to go. It is time for some spring cleaning and sprucing up our goals and objectives. The last strategic plan for GLA was more than five years ago, with the last mission statement dated June 2005. The landscape of library structures, staff, resources, technologies, and budgets changed immensely during that time.

Think of what you as members want from the association and what you want the association to accomplish. What are the goals and objectives of Georgia Library Association? In the next couple of months I will be sending out surveys to help develop an analysis of what we want GLA to achieve. Using environmental scans techniques we'll look at the world of Georgia libraries today and how we can improve our position in specific communities. And, hopefully, we'll have a little fun along the way. Please look for messages about the surveys and focus groups to submit your ideas and preferences for direction GLA should take in the next few years.

We had a great time at the Capitol on Valentine's Day, February 14. More than 38 people showed up and most walked their legs off delivering prints to the Senate and House of Representatives members. The legislators and

their staffs were very receptive to the librarians and very appreciative of the prints, stickers, and bookmarks. I received a very nice "Thank You" card from Governor Deal for the prints, stickers, and bookmarks. He also thanked us for bringing the voice of the libraries to the Capitol. We were finished in about two hours. Thanks to all for the hard work and the time and cost for traveling to the Capitol.

We still have several events coming up.

- GLA Photo Contest is underway. The deadline is June 20. The judges will pick the winners and those winning photos will be included in the GLA 2014 Calendar. Please send in your photos of libraries and programs.
- GLA Summer Picnic – Saturday, July 20 at state park in convenient location for all. We're still looking for a convenient place for all of us to gather.
- COMO 2013 – October 9-11, 2013 in Macon, GA. Still in the preliminary planning stage. Will send more information as it becomes available.
- Strategic Planning - Look for surveys during April and May to get the project underway.

Please keep in touch and let me know if you have ideas, suggestions, and comments to improve GLA and better meet the needs of Georgia libraries.

Best wishes for a wonderful spring, and I hope to see you soon.

Diana

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