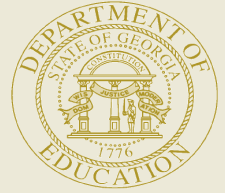




Media Matters

A newsletter for people who care about Library Media Programs



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Find a Book Georgia

HELP EVERY CHILD FIND GREAT BOOKS TO READ THIS SUMMER

"Find a Book, Georgia" is a fun and easy way to select books based on a child's Lexile measure and interests. You can use this free search tool to build custom book lists for readers at all levels, and then locate your selections at the local public library.

- GOTO** <http://georgia.lexile.com>
- ENTER** the child's Lexile measure
A Lexile measure is included on the CRCT & GHS> score reports
- SELECT** the child's interest categories
- VIEW AND REFINE** the search results
As you browse books that the child finds interesting, click the "Find in a Library" button next to the book title to check its availability at your local public library.
- PRINT** the child's custom reading list

A Lexile measure is a measure of text complexity only. It does not address the subject matter or text quality, age-appropriateness of the content or a reader's interests. The Lexile measure is one piece of information that you can use when selecting books.

"Find a Book, Georgia" is offered in partnership with the Georgia Department of Education and Lexile-developed per MetaMetrics®.

For more information on Lexile measures, visit www.Lexile.com


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Reading List

Find **BOOK** for YOU!

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Enter your Lexile measure, select your interests, and find books you'd like to read! Whether you're reading for school or for pleasure, you can use this site to build a custom reading list on the subjects that interest you the most. (For more information, see [the user guide](#))

My Lexile measure is

Please enter either a Lexile measure or range.

Measure: L

OR

Range: L to L

Continue

I don't know my Lexile measure

Please enter your grade level and check one of the options below.

My current grade is:

I find the books I read for school difficult.
 I find the books I read for school just right.
 I find the books I read for school easy.

Continue

Look up a Book

Search for books based on title, author, keywords, and more.

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Author:

Keywords:

ISBN:

[More Options](#)

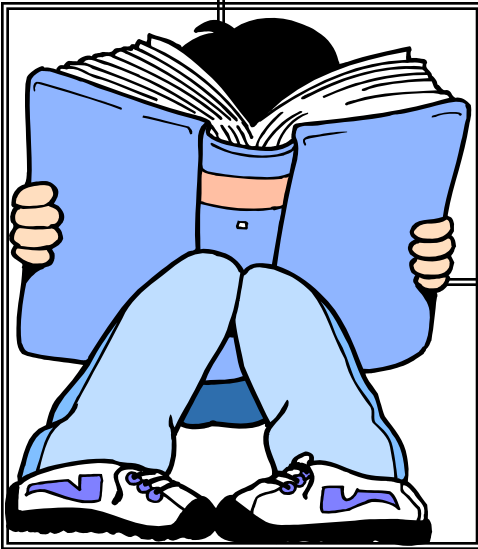
Search

A valuable reading resource is **FIND A BOOK** on the Lexile website. This tool allows you to search thousands of book titles by both Lexile measure and topic to find books that will tap into students' personal interest and complement their reading comprehension level. The book search is free and allows users to see if book titles are currently available in local public libraries.

Post a link to the **Find A Book GA** on your school Library Media Center's webpage and promote it to avoid the summer slide. If students read 4-5 books during the summer they are less likely to see a decline in their reading achievement scores.

<http://www.lexile.com/findabook/>

<http://georgia.lexile.com>



Help with Summer Reading from GALILEO and NoveList

Research has shown that children who participate in summer reading programs in the public library avoid the summer learning slump -- that is, the loss of reading skills we see in children who don't read over the summer. Instead, children who participate in summer reading programs tend to start school a little bit ahead of where they left off in June.

And, with the end of the school year just around the corner, we know that many of you are already working on your library's summer reading programs. To help, we've put together book lists to support the 2011 Collaborative Summer Library Program. As always, there are different themes for different age levels: One World, Many Stories (children); You Are Here (teens) and Novel Destinations (adults).

In NoveList, you'll find youth-oriented Summer Reading lists centered on these themes:

Type *summer reading* in the Search For... box on the homepage, and click **Search**.

From your Result List, click the **Lists & Articles** tab.

From the "Narrow Results by" section to the left, expand the "Publication Type" drop-down, and then select **Feature Articles**.

From the "Sort by" drop-down, select **Date Descending** to see the most recent lists supporting the 2011 Collaborative Summer Reading Program:

For Younger Kids: *Summer Reading: Around the World with Reading* is a fiction list featuring outstanding picture books where kids, parents, and pets travel through multicultural neighborhoods and around the world.

For Older Kids: *Summer Reading: Life Around the World* includes nonfiction books which give cultural overviews of life for older children of the world. *Summer Reading: Open Up Your World with Reading* lists fiction titles that will open the world to older children, creating global citizens along the way.

For Teens: *Summer Reading: Life Experiences Around the Globe* is a list of autobiographical books about early life experiences around the world. *Summer Reading: Great Big World* includes fiction titles encompassing realism, humor, mystery, adventure, historical fiction, and fantasy that will help teens traverse the globe through their reading.

Find additional Best Practices information in NoveList about summer reading programs by librarians working in schools:

From home page, click on **Teaching with Books** hyperlink on right panel.

Under "NoveList Resources" on the right panel, click on the **Best Practices** link.

From here, scroll down the results for two short articles specifically about summer reading:

Best Practices: Schools and Summer Reading

Best Practices: Summer Reading Lists and More!

Need Rainy Day Activities for Students this Summer? GALILEO Can Help!

Of course, we know students will be enjoying the outdoors for most summer days, but what about those rainy days when they're stuck inside and parents want ideas for activities? GALILEO resources offer quite a few fun educational activities for students looking for something to do.

(Please remember that the GALILEO password for your school will be changing on May 17, so students will need the new password to access GALILEO over the summer.)

Elementary Students

Britannica Learning Zone (<http://www.galileo.usg.edu/express?link=zeltz>)

PreK- 2nd grade students can find videos from around the world and reading and drawing activities.

Britannica Elementary (<http://www.galileo.usg.edu/express?link=zebk>)

Watch videos, investigate animals, and read about famous people. Find games and fun activities in the Learning Materials.

Book Collection: Nonfiction (<http://www.galileo.usg.edu/express?link=zbnf>)

Read about famous people, pets, pirates, dinosaurs, and more.

Magazines A-Z (<http://www.galileo.usg.edu/express?path=/magazines/&view=high-school>)

Parents can help students find magazines with activities, stories, and other items, such as *Highlights for Children*, *Humpty Dumpty's Magazine*, *Jack & Jill*, *National Geographic Kids*, *Ranger Rick*, *Spider*, *Sports Illustrated for Kids*, and *Time for Kids*.

NoveList K-8 (<http://www.galileo.usg.edu/express?link=zkne>)

For the kids that love to read, parents can find Grab and Go Book Lists to help their children pick out books during the next trip to the public library.

Middle School Students

Compton's by Britannica (<http://www.galileo.usg.edu/express?link=zebm>)

Investigate important people and big events, keep up with the news, and watch videos. Find interesting science activities in Learning Materials.

Book Collection: Nonfiction (<http://www.galileo.usg.edu/express?link=zbnf>)

Read about celebrities, cars, sports, hobbies, and more.

Magazines A-Z (<http://www.galileo.usg.edu/express?path=/magazines/&view=high-school>)

Find magazines in GALILEO, such as *Boys' Life*, *Calliope*, *Cobblestone*, *Girls' Life*, and *Stone Soup*.

NoveList K-8 (<http://www.galileo.usg.edu/express?link=zkne>)

Find more books like a favorite that's already been read. Just search for a favorite book, click the title to see the book information, and then click Find Similar Books. Take the list on the next trip to the public library.

Ideas for High School on page 20.



Library Media Specialists are Teachers Too!
 These educators were chosen as Teacher of the Year
 at their school or in their system!
Congratulations!

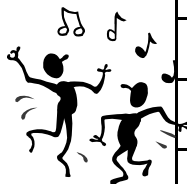
Tina Launey	Belmont Hills Elementary	Cobb County
Misti Sikes	Samuel E. Hubbard Elementary	Monroe County
Janice Kelley	Shallowford Falls Elementary	Cobb County
Sheila Edwards	Jeff Davis Middle	Jeff Davis County
Kim Ledbetter	Moore Street Elementary	Dublin City
Lora J. Taft	Pine Ridge Elementary	Harris County.
Mary Dean	Jefferson Parkway Elementary	Coweta County
Denise Borck	William James Middle	Bulloch County
Martha Powell	Manning Oaks Elementary	Fulton County
Luann Hendrix	Hogansville Elementary	Troup County
Cathy Keith	Callaway Elementary	Troup County
Youlita Spann	DeKalb Elementary School of the Arts,	DeKalb
Christy Johnson	Commerce Elementary	Commerce City
Mary Dean	Jefferson Parkway Elementary	Coweta
Kathy Schmidt	Rock Springs Elementary	Gwinnett
Jennifer Helfrich	Teacher of the Year, Radloff MS & GCPS Middle School Teacher of the Year	Gwinnett
Sharon Plummer	Hahira Elementary TOTY	Lowndes

Each year the question arises about the Teacher of the Year process. (See Library Media Specialists who were chosen at TOTY at their school above.) The rules and regulations for the TOTY are found at:

<http://www.gadoe.org/ci.aspx?PageReq=TOTY>

On page 14 of this newsletter are some of the TOTY requirements. As you can see a Library Media Specialist is considered a classroom teacher and is eligible for the award.

Congratulations Retirees!



Drenda Sternenberg	Media Specialist Sumter County Middle	19 years
Lynette Shearouse	Media Clerk at West Chatham Middle	22 years
Alice Morgan Harvard	Media Specialist at Americus Sumter Co. High	30 years
Linda Deibert	Morningside Media Specialist Houston County	
Linda McCoy	Euharlee Elementary in Bartow	
Kathleen Odam	Ware County High School Media Specialist	34 years
Mary Miller	Paraprofessional at Garden City Elementary in Savannah- Chatham County	
Cynthia Smith	Media Specialist in Murray County	29 years
Marianne Chapman	Mossy Creek Middle School Houston	38 years
Lu Cain	Media Specialist at Woodbine Elementary Camden County	28 years
Becky Freeburg	Coweta County Moreland Elementary School.	
Kay Williams	Liberty County High School	
Rebecca (Becky) Steele	Para pro Liberty Elementary in Stephens County.	26 years
Marilyn Valenzuela	Paraprofessional at Belmont Hills Elementary in Cobb	
Jane Ellen Fite	Paraprofessional at Belwood Elementary in Gordon County	
Lynn Strickland	Media Specialist in Paulding County	32 years
Becky Hitch	Media Specialist in Forsyth County	27 years
Diana Hollack	Paraprofessional at Milford Elementary in Cobb County.	



You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself in any direction you choose. You're on your own. And you know what you know. You are the guy who'll decide where to go. ~ Dr. Seuss

Anita Johnson	Media Specialist Eastside High School in Newton County	31 years
Joy Huddlestun	Macedonia Elementary in Cherokee County	
Terisa Donehoo	Evans High School in Columbia County	21 years
Dealva Johnson	Media Specialist at Appling County Primary School.	36 years
Ollye G. Davis	Media Specialist at Asa Philip Randolph Elementary School Fulton County	25 years public education and 10 years academic librarianship
Kathleen Lyons	Media Specialist at R.L. Osborne High School in the Cobb County School District	Retiring after 33 years, the final 9 years at Osborne
Shirley Brown	McNair High DeKalb	
Judith Wieder	Cary Reynolds Elementary DeKalb	
Richard Wilkerson	DeKalb Alternative School	
Jolynn Cichocki	Media specialist at South Forsyth High School	30 years
Renee Califf	Harriet Tubman Elementary Fulton	40 years
Dr. Linda Lumpkin	A. R. Johnson Magnet School Richmond	22 years and 9 months
Rebecca Fehrenbach	Windsor Spring Elementary Richmond	25 years
Cheryl Bennett	Glenn Hills High Richmond	31 years



One retiree said that it has been a wild and wonderful ride....I hope that sums it up for all of you. We appreciate your dedication to the students, the teachers, and our profession and wish you much happiness!

See more retirees on page 9!

The Georgia Peach Book Awards for Teen Readers 2011-2012

***Almost Perfect* by Brian Katcher**

With his mother working long hours and in pain from a romantic break-up, eighteen-year-old Logan feels alone and unloved until a zany new student arrives at his small-town Missouri high school, keeping a gender secret.

***Beautiful Creatures* by Kami Garcia & Margaret Stohl**

In a small South Carolina town, where it seems little has changed since the Civil War, sixteen-year-old Ethan is powerfully drawn to Lena, a new classmate with whom he shares a psychic connection and whose family hides a dark secret that may be revealed on her sixteenth birthday.

***Birthmarked* by Caragh O'Brien**

In a future world baked dry by the sun and divided into those who live inside the wall and those who live outside it, sixteen-year-old midwife Gaia Stone is forced into a difficult choice when her parents are arrested and taken into the city.

***Black Hole Sun* by David McGinnis Gill**

On the planet Mars, sixteen-year-old Durango and his crew of mercenaries are hired by the settlers of a mining community to protect their most valuable resource from a feral band of marauders.

***Bruiser* by Neal Shusterman**

Inexplicable events start to occur when sixteen-year-old twins Tennyson and Brontë befriend a troubled and misunderstood outcast, aptly nicknamed Bruiser, and his little brother, Cody.

***Dirty Little Secrets* by C. J. Omololu**

When her unstable mother dies unexpectedly, sixteen-year-old Lucy must take control and find a way to keep the long-held secret of her mother's compulsive hoarding from being revealed to friends, neighbors, and especially the media.

***Finnikin of the Rock* by Melina Marchetta**

Now on the cusp of manhood, Finnikin, who was a child when the royal family of Lumatere was brutally murdered and replaced by an imposter, reluctantly joins forces with an enigmatic young novice and fellow-exile, who claims that her dark dreams will lead them to a surviving royal child and a way to regain the throne of Lumatere.

**A book must be the ax for the frozen sea
within us. ~ Franz Kafka, 1904**

***Five Flavors of Dumb* by Antony John**

Eighteen-year-old Piper becomes the manager for her classmates' popular rock band, called Dumb, giving her the chance to prove her capabilities to her parents and others, if only she can get the band members to get along.

***Food, Girls, and Other Things I Can't Have* by Allen Zadoff**

Fifteen-year-old Andrew Zansky, the second fattest student at his high school, joins the varsity football team to get the attention of a new girl on whom he has a crush.

***God is in the Pancakes* by Robin Epstein**

Fifteen-year-old Grace, having turned her back on religion when her father left, now finds herself praying for help with her home and love life, and especially with whether she should help a beloved elderly friend die with dignity.

***Hate List* by Jennifer Brown**

Sixteen-year-old Valerie, whose boyfriend Nick committed a school shooting at the end of their junior year, struggles to cope with integrating herself back into high school life, unsure herself whether she was a hero or a villain.

***Jane* by April Lindner**

In this contemporary retelling of "Jane Eyre," an orphaned nanny becomes entranced with her magnetic and brooding employer, a rock star with a torturous secret from his past.

***Lockdown: Escape from Furnace* by Alexander Gordon Smith**

When fourteen-year-old Alex is framed for murder, he becomes an inmate in the Furnace Penitentiary, where brutal inmates and sadistic guards reign, boys who disappear in the middle of the night sometimes return weirdly altered, and escape might just be possible.

***The Maze Runner* by James Dashner**

Sixteen-year-old Thomas wakes up with no memory in the middle of a maze and realizes he must work with the community in which he finds himself if he is to escape.

***The Morgue and Me* by John Ford**

Eighteen-year-old Christopher, who plans to be a spy, learns of a murder cover-up through his summer job as a morgue assistant and teams up with Tina, a gorgeous newspaper reporter, to investigate, despite great danger.

***Nightshade* by Andrea Cremer**

Calla and Ren have been raised knowing it's their destiny to mate with one another and rule over their shapeshifting wolf pack, but when a human boy arrives and vies for Calla's heart, she's faced with a decision that could change her whole world.

***Shift* by Jennifer Bradbury**

When best friends Chris and Win go on a cross country bicycle trek the summer after graduating and only one returns, the FBI wants to know what happened.

***Ship Breaker* by Paolo Bacigalupi**

In a futuristic world, teenaged Nailer scavenges copper wiring from grounded oil tankers for a living, but when he finds a beached clipper ship with a girl in the wreckage, he has to decide if he should strip the ship for its wealth or rescue the girl.

***Split* by Swati Avasthi**

A teenaged boy thrown out of his house by his abusive father goes to live with his older brother, who ran away from home years ago to escape the abuse.

***The Things a Brother Knows* by Dana Reinhardt**

Although they have never gotten along well, seventeen-year-old Levi follows his older brother Boaz, an ex-Marine, on a walking trip from Boston to Washington, D.C. in hopes of learning why Boaz is completely withdrawn.

Remember to read reviews for all books and get media committee approval for any Peach titles you wish to purchase for your school library as each community is different, and not all titles will suit all schools. Thanks for your promotion and support of the **Georgia Peach Book Award for Teen Readers**.

A pessimist is one who makes difficulties of his opportunities and an optimist is one who makes opportunities of his difficulties. ~
Harry Truman

More retirees to honor and celebrate!



Lillie Clausell	Morrow High School in Clayton County	
Dale Lyles	Coweta County	
Dealva Johnson	Appling County Primary School.	36 years
Patsy Hill	Media specialist at West Clayton Elementary	29 years
Cheryl Cutchin	Coordinator Media Services & Technology Training	
Candace H. Meadors	Troup Co. Comp. High School	34 years
Martha Green	Media Clerk at Cass Middle School in Bartow	24 years
Myra Clark-Johnson	Library Media Specialist at Factory Shoals Elementary in Douglas County	46 plus
Sharon Whaley	Comprehensive High School in Dougherty	33 years
Pat Wall	River Trail Middle in Fulton	30 years
Jane Bennett	Blythe Richmond	
Nancy Belangia	Media Assistant Windsor Spring Elementary Richmond	
Janice Hammontree	Dalton City	
Penny Hamby	Director of Instructional Technology and Media Services in Dalton City	



Where man sees but withered leaves,
 God sees sweet flowers growing. ~
 Albert Laighton

Georgia Book Award Nominees (2011-2012)

Books Spanning the Grades 4-8

- Alvarez, J. (2009). *Return to sender*. New York, NY: Alfred A. Knopf.
- Baskin, N. R. (2009). *Anything but typical*. New York, NY: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers.
- Connor, L. (2008). *Waiting for normal*. New York, NY: Katherine Tegen Books.
- Draper, S. (2010). *Out of my mind*. New York, NY: Atheneum.
- Erskine, C. (2010). *Mockingbird*. New York, NY: Philomel Books.
- Haissen, C. (2009). *Scat*. New York, NY: Alfred A. Knopf.
- Korman, G. (2008). *Swindle*. New York, NY: Scholastic Press.
- Lin, G. (2009). *Where the mountain meets the moon*. New York, NY: Little, Brown and Company.
- Pearsall, S. (2008). *All shook up*. New York, NY: Alfred A. Knopf.
- Philbrick, R. (2009). *The mostly true adventures of Homer P. Figg*. New York, NY: Blue Sky Press.
- Sonnenblick, J. (2010). *After ever after*. New York, NY: Scholastic.
- Wiles, D. (2010). *Countdown*. New York, NY: Scholastic Press.
- Williams-Garcia, R. (2010). *One crazy summer*. New York, NY: Amistad.

Books for Younger Audiences (Gr. 4-6)

- Angleberger, T. (2010). *Strange case of Origami Yoda*. New York, NY: Amulet Books
- Clements, A. (2009). *Extra credit*. New York, NY: Atheneum.
- Klise, K. (2009). *43 Old Cemetery Road: Dying to meet you*. Orlando, FL: Harcourt.
- O'Conner, B. (2010). *The fantastic secret of Owen Jester*. New York, NY: Farrar, Straus and Giroux.

Books for Older Audiences (Gr. 6-8)

- Anderson, L.H. (2008) *Chains*. New York, NY: Simon & Schuster Books.
- Berg, A. (2009). *All the broken pieces*. New York, NY: Scholastic Press.
- Collins, S. (2008). *The Hunger Games*. New York, NY: Scholastic Press.

The true test of character is not how much we know how to do, but how we behave when we don't know what to do. ~ John Holt

Georgia Picture Storybook Award Nominees (2011-2012)

- Berger, Caitlin. (2010). *Forever Friends*. New York, NY: Greenwillow Books.
- Bridges, Shirin, illustrated by Yoo, Taeun. (2008). New York, NY: Greenwillow Books.
- Brown, Peter. (2009). *The Curious Garden*. New York, NY: Little, Brown Books for Young Readers.
- Catalanotto, Peter. (2007). *Ivan the Terrier*. New York, NY: Atheneum Books for Young Readers.
- Chocolate, Debbi, illustrated by Diaz, David. (2009). *El Barrio*. New York, NY: Henry Holt and Company.
- Dillon, Diane & Leo. (2007). *Jazz on a Saturday Night*. New York, NY: Blue Sky Press.
- Engle, Margarita, illustrated by Paschkis, Julie. (2010). *Summer Birds: The Butterflies of Maria Merian*. New York, NY: Henry Holt and Company.
- Johnson, Angela, illustrated by Lewis, E.B. (2007). *Lily Brown's Paintings*. Chicago, IL: Orchard Books.
- Jeffers, Oliver. (2007). *The Incredible Book-eating Boy*. New York, NY: Philomel Books.
- Joy, N., illustrated by Devard, Nancy. (2007). *The Secret Olivia Told Me*. East Orange, NJ: Just Us Books, Inc.
- Khan, Rukhsana, illustrated by Blackall, Sophie. (2010). *Big Red Lollipop*. New York, NY: Viking Juvenile.
- Lichtenheld, Tom. (2010). *Bridget's Beret*. New York, NY: Henry Holt and Company.
- Maclear, Kyo, illustrated by Arsenault, Isabelle. (2010). *Spork*. New York, NY: Kids Can Press.
- Noll, Amanda, illustrated by McWilliam, Howard. (2009). *I Need My Monster*. New York, NY: Flashlight Press.
- Pinkney, Andrea, illustrated by Pinkney, Brian. (2009). *Sojourner Truth's Step-Stomp Stride*. New York, NY: Hyperion Books.
- Pennypacker, Sara, illustrated by Tanaka, Yoko. (2009). *Sparrow Girl*. New York, NY: Hyperion Books.
- Recorvits, Helen, illustrated by Swiatkowska, Gabi. (2008). *Yoon and the Jade Bracelet*. New York, NY: Farrar, Straus and Giroux.
- Scanlon, Liz Garton, illustrated by Frazee, Maria. (2009). *All the World*. New York, NY: Beach Lane Books.
- Stein, David Ezra. (2010). *Interrupting Chicken*. Somerville, MA: Candlewick Press.
- Yolen, Jane, illustrated by Burke, Jim. (2008). *Naming Liberty*. New York, NY: Philomel Books.

By learning you will teach; by teaching you will learn. ~ Latin proverb

Safeguarding Your Personal Data

Computers and the Internet are an important part of our daily life, enabling a wide range of services to home computer users such as communicating with friends and family, shopping, paying bills, storing personal photos and music. This convenience and inter-connectivity does not come without risk however. Potential threats include viruses that could erase your entire system or hackers stealing your credit card information.

By understanding the risks and combining some common sense rules with a little bit of technology, you can safeguard your data at home from these threats and understand the need for security controls at work. The following tips will help protect your data.

Back Up Your Data

Your hard drive may crash or you may find that a virus infection has affected your computer so much that the operating system and applications are not responding or performing well and need to be reinstalled. In cases like this it is best to have your important data backed up so you can restore your system without fear of losing your data. Below are some important steps you can follow:

- Use your computer's backup tools. Most operating systems provide backup software designed to make the process easier. External hard drives and online backup services are two popular vehicles for backing up files.
- Back up data at regular intervals. Daily or weekly backups are recommended, depending on how important the data is and how often it changes.
- Verify the data has been backed up. Backup media needs to be reviewed periodically to determine if all of the data has been backed up accurately.
- Verify the ability to restore. It is a best practice to periodically test that your backup data can be restored if loss occurs. Don't wait until disaster strikes to find out if backup data is good or not.
- **IMPORTANT** - being able to restore your data is as important as being able to back it up.

Use Strong Passwords

Passwords help protect your data. It is important to have a strong password for your computer, mobile device, and any other media used to store important and/or sensitive data. A strong password is at least eight characters that use a mix of upper case, lower case, and numeric or special characters. Use at least 3 of these four characteristics. Each device should have its own strong password so that if one is compromised your others will stay secure. The same goes for your online accounts. Be sure to use different log-in credentials, especially the passwords, for the various secure sites you might use such as online shopping, banking, etc.

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Be Safe Online

Below are a few helpful tips on how to keep safe on the Internet:

- Keep your operating system updated/patched. Set it to “auto update.”
- Use anti-virus and anti-spyware software and keep them updated.
- Do not visit untrusted websites or follow links provided by unknown or untrusted sources.
- Secure your transactions. Look for the "lock" icon on the browser's status bar and be sure "https" appears in the website's address bar, before making any online purchase. The "s" stands for "secure" and indicates that the communication with the web page is encrypted.
- Keep your applications (programs) updated and patched, particularly if they work with your browser to run multi-media programs used for viewing videos. Set these programs to “auto update.”
- Block pop-up windows, some of which may be malicious and hide attacks. This can help prevent malicious software from being downloaded to your computer.

Encryption

Encryption is a process whereby the data is scrambled and can only be read by someone with the “encryption key” to unscramble the data. Everyone should consider encrypting sensitive information. Some new operating systems include tools to encrypt data while others require the installation of separate encryption software. Other commercial encryption software tools let you encrypt your email communication if you need to share sensitive information with someone via email.

Dispose of Information Properly

It is important to properly handle data erasure and disposal of electronic media (e.g. PCs, CDs, thumb drives, hand-helds) in order to protect confidential and sensitive data from accidental disclosure. Become familiar with the proper methods of sanitizing, destroying, or disposing of media containing sensitive information.

Before discarding your computer, copier, fax or other portable storage devices, you need to be sure that data has been erased or "wiped." Below are a few tips to assist in disposing your data:

- Read/writable media (including your hard drive) should be "wiped" using Department of Defense (DOD) compliant software specially designed for ensuring all data is rendered unreadable. Software that meets DOD compliance standards can be downloaded from the Internet at no cost.
- Shred CDs and DVDs. This type of media should be physically destroyed.
- Media that does not have a need to be re-used or contains sensitive or private data that cannot be "wiped" should be physically destroyed. The destruction process must rendered objects completely destroyed, unreadable and unusable. Special hard disk shredders and other options exists for destruction of hard disk media.


Qualifications

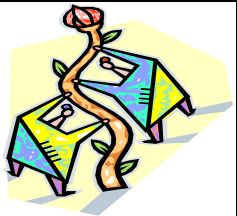
The candidate for Teacher of the Year should be:

- **A certified classroom teacher (clear and renewable certificate) in public prekindergarten through grade 12, including special education, physical education, art, music, and media specialists. (Counselors are not eligible.)**
- An exceptionally dedicated, knowledgeable, and skilled teacher who is planning to continue in active teaching status.
- A teacher who inspires students of all backgrounds and abilities to learn.
- A teacher who has the respect and admiration of students, parents, and colleagues.
- A teacher who plays an active and useful role in the community as well as in the school.
- A teacher who is poised and articulate and possesses the energy to withstand a taxing schedule.

Library Media Specialists of the Year
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James Campbell	Clayton County Library Media Specialist of the Year	Lee Street Elementary
Susan Grigsby	Media Specialist of the Year for Fulton County	Elkins Pointe Middle
Maribeth Driskell	Coralwood School was nominated and selected as an outstanding school library for the state of Georgia. Dr. Nancy Everhart, President, American Association of School Libraries, visited the as part of the Vision Tour in February.	DeKalb County
Jennifer M. Parker	Hall County School District 2010 -2011 and the North Region Media Specialist of the Year by GLMA/GAIT for 2010-2011.	Chestatee High School
Eden Clark	DeKalb County's Library Media Specialist of the Year.	Austin Elementary School
Denise Borck	Media Specialist of the year for Bulloch County and for the Coastal Region District.	William James Middle
Dixie Johnston	Media Specialist of the Year for Spalding County Schools.	Spalding High
Kathy Schmidt	Gwinnett County Media Specialist of the Year -	Rock Springs Elementary

 <p>Dr. John D. Barge, State School Superintendent <i>"Making Education Work for All Georgians"</i></p>	1754 Twin Towers East 205 Jesse Hill Jr. Drive Atlanta, Georgia 30334
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Paraprofessionals of the Year	
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Jill Sattler	Northwest Whitfield County High	Whitfield
Kerri Moore	Marlow Media Center	Effingham
Diana Hollack	Milford Elementary	Cobb
Brenda Long	Auxiliary Person of the Year. Hambrick Elementary	DeKalb
Stan Eastman	Employee of the year for Holcomb Bridge MS.	Fulton
Joan Conant	River Trail Middle School Professional of the Year	Fulton
Kathy McGonegal	Centennial High School Employee of the Year	Fulton
Brenda Long	Auxiliary Employee of the Year Hambrick Elementary	DeKalb
Marilyn Valenzuela.	Certified Employee of the Year Belmont Hills	Cobb

When I read about the way in which library funds are being cut and cut, I can only think that American society has found one more way to destroy itself. ~ Isaac Asimov



Applications now available to serve as Teacher-in-Residence during the 2011-12 school year

Since 2000, the Library of Congress has recruited teachers to work with Educational Outreach staff to help teachers incorporate the Library's collection of over 16 million digitized primary sources into high-quality instruction. Previous Teachers-in-Residence have led professional development workshops for teachers in Washington, DC, and across the United States. They have represented the Library at various conferences and meetings and developed teaching materials and lessons that use the Library's digitized primary sources for national distribution.

The successful Teacher-in-Residence candidate will be innovative and collaborative, be fluent with the Library's digitized primary sources with experience using them in instruction, and have a history of leadership and staff development. The Library will give preference to applicants who teach students considered to be underserved based on ethnicity, socio-economic status or geography.

The selected teacher will participate in this program via an intergovernmental personnel agreement between the Library and his or her home school district. The Library will reimburse the district for salary and benefits paid to the teacher during the school year, and will release the Teacher-in-Residence for all district holidays and vacations.

The teacher will receive a \$1,500 monthly housing stipend if he or she teaches outside of the Washington, DC, metropolitan area. The Library cannot pay for travel or moving expenses.

In addition to assisting Educational Outreach staff, the Teacher-in-Residence will undertake a project to benefit his or her home school or district to be implemented during the following academic year. This project could be a workshop on teaching with primary sources for fellow teachers, a unit using Library of Congress primary sources, or some other product or activity using Library of Congress digitized primary sources that can be implemented with students or fellow teachers. As part of the application process, teachers should propose projects that were designed in collaboration with teacher colleagues and have the support of appropriate school and or district administrators.

To be considered, teachers should fill out and submit the attached application with an accompanying letter from a school or district administrator authorized to approve an intergovernmental personnel agreement. Applications will be evaluated based on the teacher's creativity and willingness to contribute to the educational community as evidenced by his or her description of past activities and recommendation letters, and the feasibility and value of the project that the applicant proposes.

The Deadline for applications is June 17th. Please direct any questions to edoutreach@loc.gov



How to Write a Winning Proposal

June 22 - 23, 2011

8:00am - 4:00pm Atlanta, Georgia

This is a 2-day, hands-on workshop in which you develop a working draft of a proposal for funding. After learning about each of the sections of a proposal, you will brainstorm and write the sections of a proposal tailored to a current grant opportunity. You'll be able to revise the proposal after the workshop and submit it for funding to your preferred funding source!

At the beginning of class, you will be expected to have a project idea/need in mind. You're strongly encouraged to review open grant opportunities in the Foundations for the Future's Funding Forecast prior to attending the workshop at www.f3program.org/sites/default/files/funding.pdf. **To prepare for the workshop, you will need to answer the input form on the last page of the attachment by June 17.** You should also expect homework.

Example project ideas include, 1) linking middle school students with high school technology mentors; 2) developing and finding international collaborators to enhance your social studies programs; 3) creating a focused professional development program for selected teachers; or 4) updating technology resources for learning. At the workshop, you will write a draft proposal based on your idea. You are encouraged to bring your own laptops. If so, you *must* have administrative privileges, a pdf viewer and a word processing program.

Workshop Topics Include

- Understanding types of awards
- Finding funding resources on the Internet
- Deciphering grant guidelines
- Reviewing model proposals
- Developing a statement of need
- Developing project goals and objectives
- Creating a project management plan
- Developing an effective evaluation

Workshop Fee

The workshop fee of \$70 includes a grant writing workbook, grant-writing digital resources on CD, 1-on-1 access to a team of experienced grant-writers, hands-on Internet activities, two PLU credits, certificate of completion, refreshments. **NOTE: This workshop is for K-12 teachers and administrators only.** **Workshop Location**

The workshop will be held at the F3 Forum (Room 131) at 250 14th Street, Atlanta 30318, just west of I-75 and I-85. Complimentary parking is available in the parking deck. For directions, please visit: www.f3program.org/?q=content/directions

Space is limited, so register early! Reservations will be held on a first come-first served basis. For more information, please contact Therese Boston at (404) 407-6305 or therese.boston@gtri.gatech.edu.



<http://www.corestandards.org/>

The Common Core State Standards provide a consistent, clear understanding of what students are expected to learn, so teachers and parents know what they need to do to help them. The standards are designed to be robust and relevant to the real world, reflecting the knowledge and skills that our young people need for success in college and careers. With American students fully prepared for the future, our communities will be best positioned to compete successfully in the global economy.

Georgia's Library Media Specialist need to learn, use, and help our teachers and students with both the Common Core Georgia Performance Standards (ELA and Math) and the Georgia Performance Standards.

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High School Students

Encyclopaedia Britannica High School (<http://www.galileo.usg.edu/express?link=zehs>)

Read biographies and learn about historical events, keep up with the news, read the Britannica Blog, and watch videos. Find interesting science activities in Learning Materials.

Book Collection: Nonfiction (<http://www.galileo.usg.edu/express?link=zbnf>)

Read about celebrities, cars, sports, hobbies, and more.

Magazines A-Z (<http://www.galileo.usg.edu/express?path=/magazines/&view=high-school>)

GALILEO includes several magazines for teens, including *American Cheerleader*, *BMX Plus*, *Dance Spirit*, *Discover*, *Rolling Stone*, *Sports Illustrated*, *Teen People*, and *Transworld Skateboarding*.

NoveList (<http://www.galileo.usg.edu/express?link=zkn1>)

Find more books like a favorite that's already been read. Just search for a favorite book, click the title to see the book information, and then click Find Similar Books. Take the list on the next trip to the public library.

Courtney McGough
GALILEO Support Services

May the stars carry your sadness away, may the flowers fill your heart with beauty, may hope forever wipe away your tears, and, above all, may silence make you strong. ~ Chief Dan George

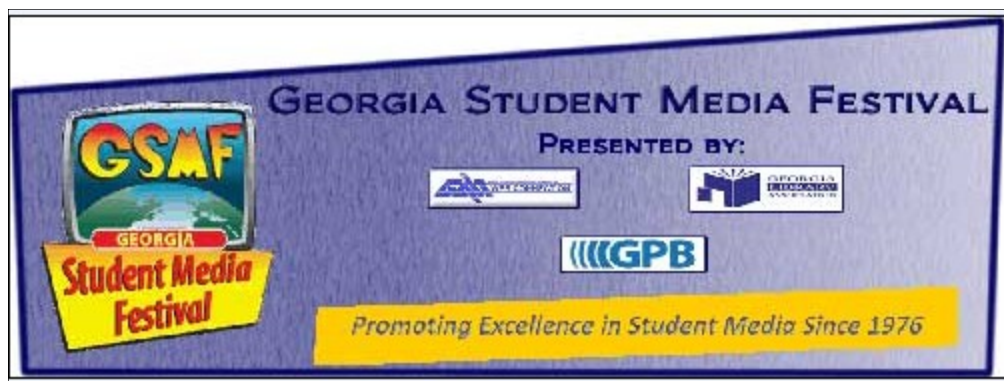
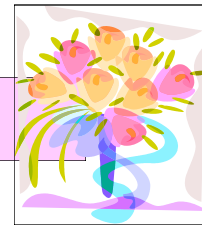


In April 2011 the Library Media Coordinators in every system were sent a link to 11 survey questions concerning Georgia's Library Media Centers. The deadline for submitting the requested information is the end of May.

The purpose of the feedback form is to obtain a current picture of the Library Media program in our state. We should be able to determine the age of our library collections, the amount of funding spent annually, any proposed changes in the Library Media program, the number of students served on a yearly basis, and more.

Your Media Coordinator will probably ask for your help in gathering the data. Most of the information is easily determined by your automated library system.

The earth laughs in flowers. ~ Ralph Waldo Emerson



Congratulations to **Max Meyer** for winning the GALILEO Staff Prize for Best Use of GALILEO Resources in a Student Media Project at the 2011 Georgia Student Media Festival. His informational sequential stills entry was called "The Sixth Sense." Max is a 7th grade student in Kathy Hall's class at Harris County Carver Middle School.



May 2011



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday																																																																																																		
<p>1</p> <p>Empire State Building dedicated: 1931</p>	<p>2</p> <p>1936: Manuscript of Edna St. Vincent Millay's <i>Conversations at Midnight</i> destroyed in hotel fire</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Birthday of Pete Seeger~1919-</p> 	<p>4</p> <p>Horace Mann born: 1796-1859</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Birthday of Leo Lionni: 1910-1999 Carnegie Hall opened: 1891</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Birthday of Willie Mays: 1931-</p>	<p>7</p> <p>1812: Robert Brownig is born</p>																																																																																																		
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What lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters compared to what lies within us. ~
Ralph Waldo Emerson