GLMA 2022 Summer Institute
Crowne Plaza, Peachtree City, GA
Concurrent Sessions

Library Organizational Boot Camp

Robin Thompson

Ever feel like you can't get organized to remember all the important library celebrations, National Days, every grade level curriculum and more? This past year, I made it my goal to get more organized, and while I amstill tweaking what works and doesn't work, I like the direction I am going in. This will be a sharing session where everyone can contribute their own ideas and tips!

Level: K-5
Location: Room 122

Beyond Diverse Books: Building an Inclusive Library Program

Andy Spinks

For all students to feel welcomed, seen, and affirmed in our libraries, we need to make changes to policies, to facilities, to expectations, and even to the ways we interact with students. Join in this interactive discussion with like-minded colleagues who want to build more widely inclusive library programs.

Level: ALL
Location: Room 123

It's Summer (Institute) and Time for Camp Gale! Get S'more Support from your Gale Resources

Teresa Minnaugh

Join Teresa Minnaugh for some fun! Learn how Gale helps streamline lesson planning, engage students, strengthen professional learning, and support SEL. Focus on best practices, what's new with Gale resources and how Gale supports the work you do every day. There will be camp activities – crafts and snacks!

Level: ALL
Location: Room 124

Updates with AASL President-Elect, Kathy Lester

Kathy Lester

Learn about the latest updates with AASL President-Elect Kathy Lester.

Level: ALL
Location: Room 126

Treat Yo' Shelf: Wellness in the Media Center

Nicole Duque & Tammy McIntyre

Join Nicole Duque and Tammy McIntyre for a session on how to promote mindfulness, mental wellbeing, and emotional learning for your school community. Participants will walk away with specific strategies and programming ideas designed to widen their media program's impact.

Level: All
Location: Room 127

GPB Education's Worst-Case Scenario Survival Handbook for Media Specialists

Tracey Wiley

Crisis! Lurking at every corner. Quicksand. Cyclone. Pandemic! As media specialists power on to creatively engage, support, and inspire our teachers and students, how can we use our mad survival skills to also keep the love of learning alive? Add these no-cost, standards-aligned resources from GPB to your handbook and triumph!

Level: ALL
Location: Room 129

Concurrent Session #2 2:10pm – 3pm
Monday, June 6th, 2022

We Love Our Library: Using Your LMS to Engage Students

Jennifer Lewis

Discover how you can leverage the power of your LMS to engage your students in your media center program. Learn best practices for setting up your course, creating content and encouraging participation. Your students will love your new virtual library!

Level: K-5, 6-8
Location: Room 122

Beat the Blahs! The Power of Picture Books with Secondary Students

Lori McGovern

Picture books aren't just for little kids! Join me on a collaborative journey to integrate picture books and literacy skills throughout the school. Explore standards-based instruction while blending literacy with technology - all with picture books!

Level: 6-8 & 9-12
Location: Room 123

Summer Slide Solutions

Jan Wilson

The session objective is to share the brainstorming ideas of GCPS media specialists in order to prevent summer slide. School library books are just sitting on the shelves of school media centers during June and July. How can we get the books into the hands of our students during the summer? The committee's ideas included opening school libraries during the summer and little free libraries; however, the end results were a successful Take 5 program for students to checkout books over the summer and the GCPS Book Mobile program.

Level: ALL
Location: Room 124

What's New with Follett

Chris Perez, Christopher Askew, Nelson Boronat

Take a deeper dive into Titlewave and Destiny. Learn how the new features will save you time and improve efficiencies.

Level: All
Location: Room 126

Showcasing Your Library Programming Through Social Media and Library Websites

Amanda Jones

Let the world see how invaluable a school library can be for the school, as well as the community, and that a library involves more than just checking out books. Join us as we examine how to use social media, apps, and free website builders to your advantage to showcase your library, keep your students and parents informed, and advocate for community partnerships. Utilize these free tools to maximize advocacy efforts for your school library.

Level: ALL
Location: Room 127

Making Music in the Makerspace: You Can Build a Studio Too!

Andy Spinks

Hear how we built an audio production studio in our library makerspace and learn how you can too! Learn about why it makes sense, the joys and pains of our studio's development, and how you can get started in your library—including options for when space and money are limited.

Level: 6-8 & 9-12
Location: Room 129

The SITE for SLEI

Amber Terrell

Do you want to automate documentation of your work toward S.L.E.I. proficiency? This session will provide you with the resources you need! You will receive access to a Google Site template for S.LE.I. documentation, a Google Sites tutorial, and tips from a teacher-librarian on how to earn Proficient and Exemplary evaluation ratings.
Level: All
Location: Room 122

Rediscovering Georgia Through GPB's Immersive Education Technology

Tracey Wiley

Join GPB Education on an interactive tour of our ongoing virtual reality initiative, creating and transforming key digital resources from our social studies and STEAM collections into an exciting VR format that allows students to engage with events, places, and people in an immersive three-dimensional sight and sound environment.
Level: ALL
Location: Room 123

Growing Readers One Book at a Time

Rebecca Erwin

We know that reading is fundamental, but it should also be fun! This session provides examples of how media specialists can generate excitement and interest in reading and books. From book clubs to BINGO, and One School, One Book programs to FlipGrid, explore how media specialists can be literacy leaders.
Level: K-5
Location: Room 124

Georgia Book Awards Preview
Christine Tigue

Discover the Georgia Children's Book and Picturebook Awards for the 2022-2023 school year and supportive resources.

Level: K-8
Location: Room 126

Leading from the Middle - Perspectives on Librarian Leadership

Martha Bongiorno

Level: ALL
Location: Room 127

Research WISE-ly with Britannica

Christopher Heintz

In this session, participants will analyze how Britannica School can be used to support student research using the WISE Research Model in Gwinnett County Public Schools. Participants will:

- Learn high-impact strategies to guide students' academic research
- Access Britannica resources and graphic organizers to support staff and students
- Collaborate with peers to build lessons to enhance students' research skills

Level: ALL
Location: Room 129

Concurrent Session #4 8:30am – 9:20am
Tuesday, June 7th, 2022

Diving into the Stream

Janet Youmans

This session will demonstrate how we do our morning news program through Live Streaming. Examples of what my students do with our News Team, what equipment we use and how to do it with Live Streaming. Participants will see how they can do something like this in their classrooms or school.

Level: ALL
Location: Room 122

Building a Community-Wide Reading Culture with Beanstack

Don Giacomini & Elizabeth Ross

A key to building any school's reading culture is involving community stakeholders like the localpublic library. In this session, we will discuss how Beanstack's "Tandems" system allows libraries and schools to leverage and showcase each other's reading challenges.

Level: ALL
Location: Room 123

Between the Covers: Virtual Book Clubs

Meggan Ford & Lin Lee

Virtual Book clubs are here to stay. In this session, learn how to set up a virtual book club. We will focus on how it was used with students and the community.

Level: 9-12
Location: Room 124

Increased Access Through Open Educational Resources (OER)

Dr. Melissa P. Johnston & Dr. Angie Branyon

Come learn how you can leverage Open Educational Resources (OER) and your professional expertise to increase access to resources for teachers and students. This interactive session will focus on locating and evaluating OER, along with strategies to use with teachers to revise and remix OER to support classroom learning needs.

Level: All

Location: Room 126

Show Me the Money: Funding Your Library Programs Through Grants and Fundraisers

Amanda Jones

Are you on a tight budget and need more funding? Join us as we discuss the plethora of available grants for school librarians, as well as new fundraising ideas. Learn budgeting tips for booking author visits, funding your makerspace, and purchasing technology to take your school library program to the next level.

Level: ALL
Location: Room 127

Honing your Information Literacy Superpowers with Britannica!

Christopher Heintz

The very real task of educators is to ignite in students the desire to discover while also arming them with tools to wade through misleading information from questionable sources. In this session, we will discuss objectives to empower students to determine how to locate, evaluate, and use information they find.

Level: ALL
Location: Room 129

Lions and Tigers and Robots...Oh My!

Jennifer Mellina

Participants will learn how to create literary thematic STEM/STEAM centers. The session will share information on successful centers in the presenter's home school and how to translate that into different library schedules. Resources will be shared and participants will be given time to discuss and plan activities for their own libraries.

Level: K-5
Location: Room 122

Untangling the Web

Julie Alford

The prevalence of disinformation online requires librarians to respond and take the lead in combating disinformation. The objective of the session is to share with participants instructional resources that consider the personal and societal implications of disinformation. The session will focus on unconscientious bias, the creation and use of disinformation, and information analysis.

Level: 6-8 & 9-12
Location: Room 123

Making Specials Special

Rebecca Erwin

When does 45 minutes feel like a lifetime? When you are a specials teacher with a room full of 5th graders! In this session, we'll talk about creative ways to approach specials time that will make it meaningful for both you and your students.

Level: K-5
Location: Room 124

Survey of Georgia Helen Ruffin Reading Bowl as a Virtual Event is a Buzzing Success
Craig Coleman, Dr. Wendy Smith, Dr. Mary Etta Thomas

The presentation will review survey results and 'lessons learned' from 2022 virtual GaHRRB competition participants. Presenters will discuss plans for conducting future reading bowls and specific ideas for promoting more local schools' participation. The presenters will share tips for identifying platforms available and adaptable for use. Buzz-IN Live demonstration included.

Level: K-12
Location: Room 126

Learning and Beyond: Digital Escape Rooms with Google Forms

Dr. Kasey C. Hutchinson

Have you been interested in escape rooms, but you are not quite sure where to begin? You don't want to miss Learning and Beyond: Digital Escape Rooms with Google Forms. In this session participants will learn how to create an interactive engaging escape room in Google Forms. Your students and staff will love learning new information in a creative way. Be sure to check out the fun!

Level: ALL
Location: Room 127

Cultivating Expertise in Multiple Literacies
Dr. Melanie Lewis Croft

"Multiple literacies" is essentially the content area in which media specialists are expected to provide instructional leadership. Session attendees will examine the five literacies of "multiple literacies," discuss effective strategies for integrating them into the curriculum and share the best resources for cultivating expertise in these literacies.

Level: ALL
Location: Room 129

Concurrent Session #6 1:50pm – 2:40pm
Tuesday, June 7th, 2022

Library Programming to Leverage School Culture

Abby Shapiro

The objective of this session is to share ideas for how to use robust library programming to leverage school culture in an elementary school. Participants will learn how I partnered with my school administration, teacher leaders, and our PTO to provide library programming that enhanced and promoted positive school culture.

Level: K-5
Location: Room 122

Impactful Storytimes for Special Education Middle Schoolers

Barbra Ellen Rose

Storytime is not only for elementary school. In this class we will talk about how to combine hands on activities that work on fine and gross motor skills along with word recognition and concept conveyance for Special education students.

Level: 6-8
Location: 123

Hacks for the Elementary School Library

Jo Nase

Participants will walk away with tips and tricks to use in their media center to help make it a space where everyone can find what they need and want when they need and want it as well as ways to spice up the space with lesson and grant ideas.

Level: K-5
Location: 124

STEAMing Up Your Media Stations

Lynair Miller

This session is designed to provide an overview of some of the Media Center stations utilized to keep students engaged while I assist others with checking out. I will provide an overview of Dash& Dot, Beebot, Kodable, Osmo & Snap circuits. I will briefly go over each station (20 minutes) . The remainder of the time will be allotted to allowing participants to try out each station. 20 mins

Level: ALL
Location: Room Room 127

Library Olympics and Other Shenanigans: Creating Community

Wendy Cope

Remember fun? Use the concept of "library shenanigans" to create instant community and set an intention for inclusivity in your space. Lay the foundation for higher-order critical thinking through creative problem-solving and teamwork, all with a sense of play.

Level: All
Location: Room 129