Teen Tech Week is a national initiative sponsored by the Young Adult Library Services Association and is aimed at teens, their parents, educators and other concerned adults. The purpose of the initiative is to ensure that teens are competent and ethical users of technologies, especially those that are offered through libraries such as DVDs, databases, audiobooks, and videogames. Teen Tech Week encourages teens to use libraries' nonprint resources for education and recreation, and to recognize that librarians are qualified, trusted professionals in the field of information technology. Teen Tech Week began in 2007 and has a general theme of Get Connected @ your library. The 2008 celebration is March 2-8.

JOIN THE NATION IN A SEUSSIAN CELEBRATION!
Read with a child on March 3, 2008.

Contact the NEA for more information on how you can participate in ongoing Read Across America events. Visit www.nea.org/readacross or e-mail: readacross@nea.org


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Here are directions on how to find the new Library Media webpage on the Georgia Department of Education website:

Start at the main page of GaDOE:

http://www.gadoe.org/ or http://www.doe.k12.ga.us

From the tabs choose "Curriculum"

From the drop down list choose “Curriculum and Instructional Services" http://www.gadoe.org/ci_services.aspx)

Scroll down the page to a large graphic on the right side of the page labeled "Library Media".

Click on the graphic. (http://www.gadoe.org/sia_as_library.aspx)

or....bookmark the last URL above.

Here you will find everything that was on the GLC site, organized slightly differently. Some websites are gone and others have been added. You will find the Media Matters newsletters, as well as the customizable ones, Georgia Read More information, copyright information, alternative forms of Media Specialists evaluation instruments, FAQ for Library Media Specialists, links to GALILEO, the New Georgia Encyclopedia, and much more.

The GLC site is still available and some items are uploaded to GLC at a faster rate than the GaDOE site. For the time being, you may want to check both webpages.
NoveList Update Coming in March
Karen Minton

NoveList and NoveList K-8 are easy to navigate, but much of the rich content, such as Picture Book Extenders with vocabulary, comprehension and discussion questions, and activities for each book, are several clicks away from the home page. In March, redesigned interfaces will bring this content closer to the top, in addition to bringing several new features.

Some of the most significant enhancements of the new release will include:

- A single Find field where users will be able to enter the author name, title, genre or topic all at once
- Author Read-alikes, Book Discussion Guides, awards lists, etc., that will be accessible directly from the homepage
- Hundreds of book lists that will be available via the Recommended Reads link on the homepage
- Tabbed result lists, with content sorted by document types, to show what types of information are available across the entire NoveList database
- An expanded brief record display with book jackets, title summary, and links to book-related content,
- Author nationality, gender, cultural identity, and pseudonyms for key authors in a new author information field
- RSS feeds, easier persistent linking, and simplified alerts for keeping current on newly-added titles and content

Weekly NoveList updates that will provide information about newly published titles every week, instead of once each month

According to EBSCO, the vendor for NoveList databases, your folders will be transferred seamlessly to the new system; however, printing your folder contents is a good cautionary move.

A great feature of NoveList and NoveList K-8 that will still be featured in the redesign is the assignment of Lexile scores to book titles, making it easy to search and sort by reading levels. Other GALILEO databases that use Lexile scores include SIRS Discoverer and Researcher, Kids Search, Student Research Center, MASUltra, and History Reference Center.

From the redesigned NoveList K-8 home page.
Chris Hanson's Dateline NBC investigative reports have put everyday faces on the horrors of online predators. And the frightening reality is they're part of a host of Internet dangers.

"How many of you have heard of cyberbullying, been cyberbullied, something like that. It's pretty prevalent at most schools," said a student at North Gwinnett High School to a group of Lanier Middle School students on a recent morning.

On an early morning, North Gwinnett students were training student leaders from Lanier about Internet safety. Both the teens and pre-teens have all taken the online mentor course at www.isafe.org and now have a better understanding of how to protect themselves on the Internet.

Among the stories they discussed is the tragic death of Vermont 7th grader Ryan Halligan, who hanged himself because of cyberbullying.

"Someone sent out rumors saying he was gay, and it really started taking its toll on him," said senior Mary Beth O'Rourke.

"No one would ever think that someone would commit suicide over something someone said online," said another student in the group.

As part of their presentation, they showed a reenactment video of a preteen who thought he had been chatting online with a girl, agreed to meet her, and then was picked up in a truck by a man who says he's the girl's father.

They also told a story closer to home involving a female softball player who didn't know an innocent picture on her website would lead to trouble.

"Well, someone went to her Myspace (page), saw a picture in her uniform, and figured out the softball schedule for our school and showed up at one of our games and waited for her at her car after the game," said senior Caitie Fair. "I'm not saying that 's going to happen to you, but it's a possibility."

The project is one that the high school students said they wanted to undertake.

"They said, we need to work with the middle school kids. And through contact their student government and their principal and they got started," said Carla Youmans, a North Gwinnett High School media specialist and advisor to the group.

From the WXIA website. Carla is going to write an article for us for the next issue of Media Matters.
ProQuest Database Trials

ProQuest has agreed to let Georgia educators preview two of their databases--eLibrary Science and CultureGrams. You may share with your faculty and staff.

GALILEO is not able to purchase these resources for the entire K-12 community at this time. However, you may want to consider purchasing both or one of these resources at your school or system level.

These resources will be available and active through April 30, 2008.

**eLibrary Science**
Get ready to experience science in a whole new way! eLibrary Science offers laser-focused science content and tools along with unique video and dozens of manipulatives found in no other online science reference product. eLibrary Science, in partnership with premier reference publisher Salem Press, also includes more than 20 of Salem's high-quality, high-interest reference titles, plus much more.

**CultureGrams**
CultureGrams helps you and your students discover the world with concise cultural and statistical snapshots of every country recognized by the United Nations -- from Afghanistan to Zimbabwe. Local experts document the unique, intimate details of each country's customs, traditions and daily life. And whether it's Iraq, Canada, or Kenya, each CultureGram offers an equality of coverage detailing 25 different aspects of the country and its culture. Includes our World, Kids, States, and Provinces Edition.


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Banned Books Article in Knowledge Quest

This is an interesting read from one of our own media specialists! Cheryl Youst is the Media Specialist at Colquitt High School! Congratulations Cheryl!!


Georgia Department of Education
ALA and the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum are teaming up to promote season three of "Step Up to the Plate @ your library." This year, it’s a whole new "ball game," celebrating the 100th anniversary of the song "Take Me Out to the Ball Game."

Librarians can visit the program Web site now at http://www.ala.org/baseball to register for free promotional tools to help promote the program locally. Tools include program logos in both English and Spanish and a toolkit that includes sample press materials and programming ideas.

The first 100 libraries to register will receive a Jackie Robinson "History Lives" poster from ALA Graphics. Librarians who bring in the most entries can also win incentives for participation in the program.

Season three of "Step up to the Plate @ your library" program will officially launch to the public in April with program spokesperson and Hall of Famer Ozzie Smith.

This year’s program teams up two American classics – baseball and libraries – to promote the importance of information literacy skills and increase awareness of the library as an essential information resource. People of all ages will be encouraged to visit their library and answer a series of trivia questions inspired by "Take Me Out to the Ball Game." Categories of questions will include ballparks, baseball in popular culture, fan experience and baseball pioneers. One grand-prize winner will receive a trip to the Hall of Fame in October 2008.

The National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum is a Founding Partner in The Campaign for America’s Libraries. Other Founding Partners include Dollar General, the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) and Woman’s Day magazine. The Campaign is made possible in part by ALA’s Library Champions, ALA’s highest level of corporate members, who support public awareness and advocacy on behalf of America’s libraries.

Kathy Cox, State Superintendent of Schools
Salute to Dr. Seuss

No matter what shape...
No matter what size...
Step in the library...
And give your spirit a rise!

Read a Seuss book...
Read one I say...
Then read another...and another...
And another all day.

Read Seuss books...
From morn until night.
Go to bed late
And get up all bright.

Read them...and read them...
And read them some more.
And you will be happy
As never before.

Tony Pope, 2007
Library Media Specialist
McHenry Primary School
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It's that time again--the Fourteenth Annual Reading Rainbow Contest is underway!
Please note that additional information is available on www.gpb.org/education.
Deadline: March 3, 2008!

There are still seats in the orientation sessions to the new GALILEO interface now available in Beta. For more information see:
http://www.usg.edu/galileo/about/planning/projects/upgrade/training.phtml

To register to attend one of these sessions, please send an e-mail message to galileo.training@usg.edu indicating which session you wish to attend.

Scholar Interface Orientation
March 26, 10:00-11:00 a.m.

****K-12 Interfaces Orientation (High School, Teen, with Kids [elementary] to come)
March 25, 3:00-4:00 p.m.

Library Interface (Public Library/General User)
March 25, 10:00-11:00 a.m.

If you have any questions or need more information, please use GALILEO's Contact Us feature or contact OIIT Customer Services at helpdesk@usg.edu.

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This scavenger hunt contest is for school Media Specialists (all grade levels).
To download entry form and official rules:
or to enter online, go to the School Library Journal website:
www.schoollibraryjournal.com/info/CA6498110.html

Kathy Cox, State Superintendent of Schools
Check out these Georgia Library Media Center WebPages!

Want to add pizzazz and information to your current webpage? Check out these outstanding pages for ideas and inspiration.

Take a look at Jackie Kinney’s Media Center webpage for Simonton Elementary (Gwinnett County) and prepare to be dazzled!
http://www.gwinnett.k12.ga.us/SimontonES/MediaCenter/index.html

Deidra Ross has created a wonderful resource for her students.

Portal Middle/High’s website is worth a million bucks! Check out what Tracey Perryman-Sikes has developed for Portal’s students: http://www.bulloch.k12.ga.us/phs/mediacenter/pmhsmediawebsite/default.htm

Just for fun!
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The Georgia Department of Transportation is creating an online game for 8th graders to be used at the end of their Georgia Studies class. The URL for the game will be sent out in the near future.

February 14th was Library Legislative Day at the Capitol. Many librarians and media specialists attended to speak with the lawmakers.

Kathy Cox, State Superintendent of Schools
Melodee Davis of the GaDOE presented at CSAC on Lexiles.

Karen Minton presented at CSAC on the new Kid-Friendly GALILEO. Christine Bunn was one of the many people attending Karen’s session.

**Georgia’s Blue Book**

Georgia Official and Statistical Register: "Georgia’s Blue Book," a new resource from the Digital Library of Georgia has been added to the GALILEO demo system and is available for your preview at http://dlg.galileo.usg.edu/statregister/. An announcement describing the resource from the Digital Library of Georgia is below.

The Digital Library of Georgia is pleased to announce its newest Web resource: Georgia Official and Statistical Register: “Georgia’s Blue Book.” The Georgia Official and Statistical Register, published from 1923-1990 by the Georgia Department of Archives and History, is commonly known as the Georgia Blue Book. The 1989-1990 volume was the last published volume. Considered an important reference work for historical research, the Register covers Georgia’s executive, legislative, and judicial branches of government, providing biographical sketches of elected and other state officials. Georgia members of U.S. Congress and federal judges are included, as are county officials and regents of the university system. The Blue Books contain election returns, provide basic reference data on Georgia counties, and cover Georgia miscellany, such as the state flag, state flower, state song, rosters of Georgia governors, and legal holidays.

The Georgia Official and Statistical Register site is a project of the Digital Library of Georgia as a part of the Georgia Government Publications program. The Register is full-text searchable and is available in JPG, PDF and DjVu versions.

Georgia Department of Education
EMERYVILLE, Calif.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Alibris, the premiere online destination for new and used books, music, and movies, has named the International Community School in Decatur, Georgia, and the Katrina Research Center Repository at the University of Southern Mississippi in Hattiesburg, Mississippi, as winners of the 2008 Alibris Collection Award. This is the fifth consecutive year that Alibris has provided $3,000 book grants to help supply under-funded libraries with much-needed materials. Libraries turn to Alibris to expand their collections every year, and Alibris for Libraries has now contributed tens of thousands of dollars worth of valuable library materials since the award’s inception.

The awards were presented Sunday, January 13, 2008, during the American Library Association's Midwinter Meeting in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

The International Community School (ICS) is a K-6 public school located in DeKalb County, Georgia, home to the highest percentage of refugees in the southeastern United States. The ICS is a Title 1 school serving a low-income population with limited resources to buy books. “In fact,” said Pamela Zendt, ICS Media Specialist, “many of the books in our small media center are donated from within our community. But we need to build a library to serve students and families from 35 countries and 40 language groups. About half of our students are children of refugees, arriving from Sudan, Iraq, Bosnia, Liberia, Rwanda, Myanmar, and many other places torn apart by war, political turmoil and hunger. They bring with them not only gifts and talents, but also the deep physical and spiritual wounds of war.” The ICS compiled a wishlist of desired books, which includes books that will help children and adults at the school understand what it means to be a refugee, giving hope to those who flee their homelands for a better life in America. “What good news this is for us,” Ms. Zendt continued. “These books will bear fruit for many years to come, touching the lives of the newest members of the American family — our heartfelt thanks to Alibris for the honor.”

The Katrina Research Center Repository (KRCR) at the University of Southern Mississippi plans to build a collection of books and multimedia materials that are related to the effects of, and the recovery from, Hurricane Katrina and other coastal disasters. “These materials will be used for purposes of education and research by students and educators across the Mississippi Gulf Coast and also for educational outreach projects in local elementary, middle, and secondary schools. We are thrilled and honored to be an award winner. The books on our wishlist are greatly needed and are very much appreciated — thank you, Alibris, for your continued support of libraries,” said Dr. Teresa Welsh, Assistant Director of the KRCR.

The two recipients were chosen from more than 100 qualified applicants who each created online Alibris wishlists of desired Complete details of the awards may be found at the Alibris for Libraries Web site (www.alibris.com/library).
Look what I found doing a keyword search for “green!”

General Duff Green, circa 1875.

13-yr-old boy driving a laundry wagon in Bowling Green, KY, 1916

An ad for Green Mountain Balm of Gilead.
Be sure to read what it will cure!

Poster of a woman wearing a green dress with a rose in her hair, 1875.


Thanks to Rebecca Amerson for this information!
Attention Middle School Media Specialists!

Have you ever thought about presenting your program, a creative idea, or a successful project at the Georgia Middle School Association Conference?

Beth Miller of Crabapple Middle School in Roswell presented this year on Collaboration: Increasing Student Information Literacy.

Next year’s conference will be held at the Savannah Marriott Riverfront on February 23-24.

This would be a wonderful opportunity to speak to others outside of our field.

Have you seen the GLMA blog? You need to list it as a favorite and check it often. Think about becoming a guest blogger too. Check out the wealth of information at: http://www.glma-inc.org/

GPB Education TIE network.!

GPB Education’s Technology in Education Network empowers Georgia’s educators by connecting them with other educators throughout the region.

Visit www.tienetwork.org
Click on apply today button on the left side of the page
Enter your first name, last name, username, email, password and verify your password.
Click on the Zoomerang Link at the bottom to access the online TIE Network membership allocation.
After you submit your Zoomerang Survey, you will receive a Zoomerang Code. Enter this into the website template in the Zoomerang Code field
Submit your information by clicking on the Send Registration button.
You will be notified via email when your TIE network account has been activated.

Kathy Cox, State Superintendent of Schools
Capitol Tech Day had students, teachers, media specialists, ETTC personnel, and parents showing their skills. Here two students from Wayne County are learning guitar through technology.

Greene County students are ready for the crowds as they set up their display.

Paul Bellamy and Judy McIntyre of the Dalton State College ETTC, and Ann Ware of GaDOE are comparing notes on the wonderful presentation at Capitol Tech.

Monica Lanier of the 1st District ETTC in Brooklet confers with some students.
Matt Wilson Elementary School Media Center Receives National Endowment for the Humanities Grant Award

The Matt Wilson Elementary School Media Center is proud to have been selected to receive the 2007 pilot version of the We The People Picturing America grant. Picturing America is part of the National Endowment for the Humanities program, created to strengthen the teaching, study, and understanding of American history and culture.

In January, 2008, media specialist Laura Frizzell received a set of 40 durable reproductions of some of America’s greatest masterpieces of painting, sculpture, architecture, photography, and decorative arts. “Children must form visual images in order to understand what they read and learn,” Frizzell says as she points to a quote above her desk. It quotes Lynell Burmark of the Thornburg Center for Professional Development: “Brain scans have shown that images go directly to long-term memory, whereas words go to short-term memory.” “We’re trying to impact students’ deep understanding of their world,” she says.

Frizzell and fifth grade teacher Meg Matthews recently rolled out the prints with Matthews’ social studies class. Exploring eight of the 40 prints, students looked for insights into the character, ideals, and hopes of Americans from the 1880s to the 1930s. Frizzell helped learners delve into what they saw and felt, and what message they thought the artist conveyed. She covered the title and date so that students used their knowledge of historical trends to predict when the art was created.

After examining the prints in groups, students thought about how art can provide insights into American history, Sallie noted that when she looked at Edward Hopper’s House by the Railroad, she “felt the history. The more you feel, the better you understand.” Blane’s group analyzed Childe Hassam’s patriotic Allies Day, May 1917. Blane noted that art “can make people . . . feel, see, and hear as if they were there, too.” And when Vencoral’s group looked at photos of New York’s Chrysler Building, he captured the purpose of using art in the classroom. There is “more adventure in art,” he says, “because some art seems like you’re in the art.”

Frizzell looks forward to sharing the prints in more classrooms. The high quality, large prints support 4th and 5th grade social studies standards, and can be used in reading lessons as well. For information about Picturing America grants, visit http://picturingamerica.ala.org/index.php
Deedy named spokesperson for School Library Media Month

CHICAGO - Carmen Agra Deedy, award-winning author of "Martina the Beautiful Cockroach: A Cuban Folktale," has been named a national spokesperson for the 2008 School Library Media Month, which will be celebrated in April. School Library Media Month is sponsored by the American Association of School Librarians (AASL), a division of the American Library Association (ALA), and celebrated by school library media centers around the country.

"I love librarians," Deedy said, "I visit hundreds of schools every year, and I can see the difference in those schools that are wise to the value of library media specialists. I look forward to working with AASL to spread the good word about school libraries."

Deedy has been writing and telling stories for almost 20 years. One of her most beloved books, "The Library Dragon," tells the story of an overprotective school librarian with a fiery technique. Her latest book, "Martina the Beautiful Cockroach," was named a 2008 Pura Belpre Honor book and has been recognized as a notable book by the National Council for the Social Studies and the Children's Book Council. The book was simultaneously released in English and Spanish versions. The Atlanta Journal-Constitution has called Deedy "an introspective storyteller with a keen insight into the workings of a child's mind."

Deedy's other books have won the Bologna Ragazzi Award for Children's Non-Fiction and The Christopher Award and have been honored by the Jane Addams Peace Prize, the International Reading Association, the American Booksellers Association and the Children's Book Council. Her previous books include: "The Yellow Star: The Legend of King Christian X of Denmark," "Agatha's Feather Bed: Not Just Another Wild Goose Story" and "The Last Dance." Deedy continues to share her stories with children and adults at festivals, schools, conferences, theaters and museums around the world.

"We are so pleased to be working with Carmen and Peachtree Publishers this year," said AASL President Sara Kelly Johns. "Anyone who has read her books knows she has a great love of reading and libraries, and we are thrilled to have her energy and her voice join ours in celebrating the contributions of school libraries around the country."

School Library Media Month, begun in 1985, is celebrated in conjunction with National Library Week (April 13-19). This year's theme for both events is "Join the Circle of Knowledge @ your library." For more information, please visit http://www.ala.org/ala/aasl/aaslissues/aasladvocacy/schoollibrary.cfm.
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I am a writer of books in retrospect. I talk in order to understand; I teach in order to learn. 

Robert Frost