



# Media Matters

A newsletter for people who care about Library Media Center programs



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## Library Media Feedback Form

In early April Library Media Coordinators in each system were sent a link to 12 questions that concern 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 who visit the LMC on a yearly basis, and more.

Your Media Coordinator will probably ask for your help in gathering the data.

The collected information will be shared with the Library Media community.

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The 2010 ALSC Institute will be held in Atlanta September 23-25, 2010. This is the first time that the conference will be held in the south and a great opportunity for students and professionals alike to attend a great conference devoted solely to children's librarianship, literature, and technology.

Online registration is now available at <http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/alsc/confevents/institute/index.cfm>

## Great News!

**Shawn Kirby**, Media Specialist at Birney Elementary in Cobb County and four members of her Technology Club are presenting at ISTE in Denver this year. The group is hosting a Student Showcase entitled: “Reflections: Collaboration Between the PTA, After School, and Classroom Through Technology.”

Their presentation will focus on how to build collaboration in the school community by using technology to teach students to make movies, music, and photographs for the annual PTA Reflections competition.

**Terri Nalls**, Media Specialist at Charles Spencer Elementary in Tifton was awarded the Excellence in Teaching Award from the Tift County Foundation for Educational Excellence. She was nominated by parents, students, administrators, or peers to receive this award. What an honor.

**Do you have news to share? Send your story to [jserrite@doe.k12.ga.us](mailto:jserrite@doe.k12.ga.us).**

Next year will be full of challenges. HB 908, when signed by the governor, will remove expenditure controls from Library Media programs. Budget cuts may result in a reduction in personnel in the Library Media Center. However, we need to continue to serve our students and provide the best educational service and learning experience possible.

“We are a noble profession. We don’t shelve books, and change toner cartridges—we maintain an infrastructure for social action. We don’t reference resources, and catalog artifacts - we teach and inspire. We are wrapped in the trappings of intellect and wield the passion of knowledge. So too can librarians overcome the crushing forces of mediocrity and cynicism - but we must believe that we can.” David Lankes

Any book that helps a child to form a habit of reading, to make reading one of his deep and continuing needs, is good for him. ~ Maya Angelou



## GALILEO Scrapbook Takes A Look



**GALILEO** is excited to announce the availability of a new GALILEO community forum as part of the GALILEO 15th birthday celebration: the GALILEO Scrapbook, which highlights GALILEO in the everyday lives of the schools, libraries, homes, and the people of Georgia. Pictures, posters, clippings, slideshows, videos, and other GALILEO and library-related items through the years are already available for you to see at <http://scrapbook.galileo.usg.edu>.

Take a look at the community and help build the scrapbook in any of the following ways:

Add your pictures to the scrapbook! Submit your best wishes, memorable pictures, stories, or quotes about GALILEO in your library or GALILEO history at <http://about.galileo.usg.edu/site/contest/>.

Participate in the GALILEO Life Contest: make a video, poster, PowerPoint, or fan showing the importance and use of GALILEO in your school or library. Find more information at [http://about.galileo.usg.edu/site/galileo life contest](http://about.galileo.usg.edu/site/galileo_life_contest).

The “Where I’m From in GALILEO” lesson plan is a great way to work with students to create a submission. Find this lesson plan and supporting materials at [http://help.galileo.usg.edu/educators/where im from in galileo/](http://help.galileo.usg.edu/educators/where_im_from_in_galileo/)

All submissions will be displayed in the GALILEO scrapbook. Upcoming and archived webinars on the lesson plan are also available: <http://help.galileo.usg.edu/librarians/training/online/>

GALILEO will be adding your submissions and new content on an ongoing basis – you will find the scrapbook in both the **About GALILEO** and Help sections of GALILEO. Please be a part of this project. Submit and visit regularly.



Libraries are an integral part of our education system. It is undeniable that children who read more and use their libraries more do better academically. ~ New York City Council Member Jimmy Van Bramer

## Professional Development Resources in GALILEO

You know that **GALILEO** has great resources for your students, whether you work in an elementary, middle, or high school, but are you aware of the databases compiled for educational research and professional development? Many educators take classes in the summer or work on planning programs and lessons but **GALILEO** is there for you around the clock. The databases include journal content for academic research for those enrolled in advanced degree programs, as well as content for keeping up in your field.

Here are the best databases for this topic. The express link will require your **GALILEO** password, and then will take you to the database.

### Professional Development Collection

Express link: <http://www.galileo.usg.edu/express?link=zbpd>

This EBSCOhost resource includes over 500 journals covering the most current topics in education. You will find journals on education research to help with research projects and papers; journals for specific groups, such as *Gifted Child Today* and *High School Journal*; subject-specific journals, such as *History Teacher* and *Science Teacher*; and journals for administrators, counselors, and even school board members.

EBSCO Database Title Lists: <http://www.ebscohost.com/titleLists.php>

### ERIC (at eric.ed.gov)

Express link: <http://www.galileo.usg.edu/express?link=zeri>

Although this isn't a subscription database, it is included in GALILEO menus to help guide users with an interest in education to this robust resource. You will find literature on any topic in the education arena. Journal content is included, some of it in full text. Non-journal materials are a real bonus in this database. These are the documents you found in college in the big microfiche cabinets (if you went to college a few years ago, anyway). They include lesson plans, technology plans, books, reports, and much more.

### ERIC (at EBSCOhost)

Express link: <http://www.galileo.usg.edu/express?link=zber>

In this version of ERIC, you will find links to the full text of journal content indexed, but not always available in full text at the eric.ed.gov site. This version is updated quarterly, so it may not always be as current as the above version, but it may include the full text of an article that isn't included there.

An upcoming training session on Education Resources in GALILEO is scheduled for May 6. To register, visit <http://help.galileo.usg.edu/librarians/training/online/>

For questions or for more information about GALILEO, please visit <http://www.galileo.usg.edu/contact/>



**IMPORTANT INFORMATION  
PLEASE SHARE**

**Date:** April 22, 2010

**From:** Kelly Henson, Executive Secretary

Georgia Professional Standards Commission

**Re:** Computer Skill Competency Requirement

Dear Colleagues:

Effective immediately, the Computer Skill Competency (CSC) Special Georgia Requirement is waived for educator certification.

The CSC requirement was put in place by the PSC as a response to legislation and required educators in Georgia to demonstrate satisfactory proficiency on a PSC approved test of computer skill competency or to complete a PSC approved course. At the April 8, 2010, PSC commission meeting, a change to PSC Rule 505 -2-.20 Special Georgia Requirements was initiated to remove the CSC requirement. The Commissioners agreed to waive the requirement until the rule change becomes official, which is expected on July 15, 2010.

The CSC requirement has served its original intent, which was to ensure Georgia educators have satisfactory knowledge of computer skills. As educators who complete a state approved educator preparation program since 2001 are exempt from this requirement since technology is imbedded in their preparation programs, and as the number of educators that have met the requirement upon certificate renewal has increased significantly, the PSC recognizes this component is no longer needed as a special Georgia requirement. The cost to educators and their school systems of time and resources associated with meeting this requirement can no longer be justified.

In response to this CSC waiver, the GACE Computer Skill Competency assessment (GACE 178), which could be passed as a test out option for the requirement, is no longer available.

The PSC acknowledges and is very appreciative of the work of the Education Technology Centers, Institutions of Higher Education, Regional Educational Service Agencies, school systems and schools that helped educators meet the CSC requirement by offering the PSC approved course or GACE Internet-Based Testing.

Thank you in advance for your assistance in communicating the above information and for your continued collaboration. Please let me know what questions you may have.

June 18-19 GLMA Summer Institute, Calloway Gardens

<http://glma-inc.org/>

August 13 GOLD/GALILEO Users Group, UGA Continuing Ed

<http://www.georgialibraries.org/lib/gold/ggugc2010/>

September 3-5 Decatur Book Festival

<http://www.decaturbookfestival.com/>

September 8 International Literacy Day

[www.reading.org](http://www.reading.org)

Sept. 19-25 National TV Turnoff Week

April 18-24 [www.tvturnoff.org](http://www.tvturnoff.org)

Oct. 1-2 Georgia Conference on Information Literacy, Savannah <http://ceps.georgiasouthern.edu/conted/infolit.html>

Sept. 23-25 American Library Services to Children (ALSC) Institute, Emory

<http://www.lita.org/ala/mgrps/divs/alsc/confevents/institute/index.cfm>

September 25 National Book Festival

[www.loc.gov/bookfest](http://www.loc.gov/bookfest)

Sept. 25-Oct. 2 Banned Books Week

[www.ala.org/bbooks/](http://www.ala.org/bbooks/)

October National Book Month

<http://www.nationalbook.org/nbm.html>

October Georgia Archives Month

<http://soga.org/archivesmonth>

October 1-3 National Storytelling Festival, Jonesborough, TN

[www.storytellingcenter.com/festival](http://www.storytellingcenter.com/festival)

October 13-15 COMO, Athens

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

October 22-23 Georgia Literary Festival, Statesboro

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

October 17-23 Teen Read Week

[www.ala.org/teenread/](http://www.ala.org/teenread/)

November 3-5 Georgia Educational Technology Conference, College Park

[www.gaetc.net](http://www.gaetc.net)

**Planning for  
2010-11**

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January Caldecott and Newbery announcements

[www.ala.org](http://www.ala.org)

February 5 Regional Helen Ruffin Reading Bowls

[www.glma-inc.org/readingbowl.htm](http://www.glma-inc.org/readingbowl.htm)

March 2 Read Across America Day

[www.nea.org/readacross](http://www.nea.org/readacross)

March 6-12 Teen Tech Week

<http://www.ala.org/teentechweek/>

March 4-5 Children's Literature Conference, UGA

State Helen Ruffin Reading Bowl

[www.coe.uga.edu/gachildlit](http://www.coe.uga.edu/gachildlit)

March 30 (Elem) Conference on Literature for Children & Adolescents, KSU

March 31 (MS/HS) <http://www.kennesaw.edu/education/mge/childlit/>

April National Poetry Month School Library Month

<http://www.poets.org/npm/> [www.ala.org/aasl](http://www.ala.org/aasl)

April 10-16 National Library Week

[www.ala.org/pio/nlw/](http://www.ala.org/pio/nlw/)

May Get Caught Reading Month

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

May 8-11 International Reading Association, Orlando

[www.reading.org](http://www.reading.org)

May 2-8 Children's Book Week

[www.cbcbooks.org](http://www.cbcbooks.org)

June-TBA GLMA Summer Institute, Macon

<http://www.glma-inc.org/>

June 23-28 ALA Annual Conference, New Orleans

[www.ala.org](http://www.ala.org)

June 26-29 NECC, Philadelphia

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

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Are you using the customizable newsletters each month? These documents are produced in Word and posted on the GaDOE website. Each month an elementary and middle/high newsletter are created for your use. Take the newsletter, change the title to fit your school or Library Media Center, add/delete/tweak any of the information and send it out either electronically or print copies for your faculty, staff, and parents.

If the newsletters are not posted in a timely manner you may want to look at a previous year or month. Just make sure the links are still working and the information is accurate.

You can find the newsletters at:  
[http://www.gadoe.org/sia\\_as\\_library.aspx](http://www.gadoe.org/sia_as_library.aspx)

**Do you have a subscription to the GaDOE Library Media List Service? To keep up to date with events, laws, conferences, grant opportunities and more... join the GaDOE Library Media List Service. Send a blank email (nothing in the body or subject) to: [join-doemedia@list.doe.k12.ga.us](mailto:join-doemedia@list.doe.k12.ga.us)**

**You will receive a confirmation email to which you will need to respond in order to be fully subscribed.**

**Leaving? Retiring? Tired of emails? Don't forget to unsubscribe. Directions for unsubscribing are at the bottom of each email sent to the List.**

**Leaving but want to stay connected? That's wonderful. Just change your email address.**

Happiness in this world, when it comes, comes incidentally. Make it the object of pursuit, and it leads us a wild goose chase and is never attained. Follow some other object, and very possibly we may find that we have caught happiness without dreaming of it. ~

Nathaniel Hawthorne

## The difference between managers and leaders

The manager *administers*; the leader *innovates*.

The manager is a *copy*; the leader is an *original*.

The manager *maintains*; the leader *develops*.

The manager accepts *reality*; the leader *investigates* it.

The manager focuses on *systems and structure*; the leader focuses on *people*.

The manager relies on *control*; the leader inspires *trust*.

The manager has a *short-range view*; the leader has a *long-range perspective*.

The manager asks *how and when*; the leader asks *what and why*.

The manager has her eye on *the bottom line*; the leader has eyes on the *horizon*.

The manager *imitates*; the leader *originates*.

The manager *accepts the status quo*; the leader *challenges* it.

The manager is the *classic good soldier*; the leader is her *own person*.

*The manager does things right; the leader does the right thing.*

Do you agree? Budding leaders need an environment in which leadership characteristics are not only tolerated, but encouraged. Does your organization make room for managers to grow into leaders?

How do you nurture and support the development of the leadership characteristics above?

\*Bennis and Goldsmith. *Learning to Lead: A Workbook on Becoming a Leader*. New York: Basic Books, 2003, p. 8-9.



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Check out [www.gpbkids.org](http://www.gpbkids.org). Click on "**Read More**" and see the new **Georgia Read More** feature. It is still a work in progress, but well worth a look!



Congratulations to **Beth Shoemaker** who was chosen as Media Specialist for Dublin City Schools.

Literature is my Utopia. Here I am not disenfranchised. No barrier of the senses shuts me out from the sweet, gracious discourses of my book friends. They talk to me without embarrassment or awkwardness. ~ Helen Keller



The Georgia Center for the Book recently released the “25 Books All Georgians Should Read” list at a special event at the Decatur Public Library. The fourth edition of the prestigious “25 Books” list includes 11 novels and short story collections, three volumes of poetry, and 11 nonfiction books, and boasts three Pulitzer Prize winners. For more details, visit [www.georgiacenterforthebook.org](http://www.georgiacenterforthebook.org).



### The 25 Books All Georgians Should Read

<i>Snakeskin Road</i> James Braziel	<i>A Cry of Angels</i> Jeff Fields
<i>The Confederate General Rides North</i> Amanda Gable	<i>Bombingham</i> Anthony Grooms
<i>Luminous Mysteries: A Novel</i> John Holman	<i>How Far She Went</i> Mary Hood
<i>The Girl Who Stopped Swimming</i> Joshilyn Jackson	<i>Hue and Cry: Stories</i> James Alan McPherson
<i>When the Finch Rises</i> Jack Riggs	<i>Nothing With Strings: NPR's Beloved Holiday Stories</i> Bailey White
<i>The Heart of a Distant Forest</i> Philip Lee Williams	<i>Winter Sky: New and Selected Poems, 1968-2008</i> Coleman Barks
<i>New and Selected Poems of Thomas Lux, 1975-1995</i> Thomas Lux	<i>The Watchers</i> Memye Curtis Tucker
<i>Slavery by Another Name: The Re-Enslavement of Black Americans from the Civil War to World War II</i> Douglas A. Blackmon	<i>Long Time Leaving: Dispatches from Up South</i> Roy Blount, Jr.
<i>At Canaan's Edge: America in the King Years, 1965-68</i> Taylor Branch	<i>Heart of a Patriot: How I Found the Courage to Survive Vietnam, Walter Reed, and Karl Rove</i> Max Cleland
<i>Invisible Sisters</i> Jessica Handler	<i>The Cracker Queen: A Memoir of a Jagged, Joyful Life</i> Lauretta Hannon
<i>Lovesick Blues: The Life of Hank Williams</i> Paul Hemphill	<i>Under the Tuscan Sun: At Home in Italy</i> Frances Mayes
<i>The Ballad of Blind Tom</i> Deirdre O'Connell	<i>An Altar in the World: A Geography of Faith</i> Barbara Brown Taylor
<i>Bon Appetit Ya'll: Recipes and Stories from Three Generations of Southern Cooking</i> Virginia Willis	



## Library Media Specialists Chosen Teacher of the Year!

<b>Denise Ziegler</b>	Beaverdale Elementary Whitfield County
<b>Evelyne L. LaMar</b>	Shadow Rock Psycho-Educational Center DeKalb County
<b>Jacquie Zaski</b>	Arnold Mill Elementary Cherokee County
<b>Kenny Blum</b>	Oak Grove Elementary Fayette County
<b>Lynn Wood</b>	Lake Joy Elementary Houston County
<b>Marianne Green</b>	Winder-Barrow Middle School
<b>Nancy Cullison</b>	Toney Elementary DeKalb County
<b>Pam Davidson</b>	Southwest Laurens County Elementary
<b>Patricia Hipps</b>	Whitewater Middle Fayette County
<b>Ramona Burnett.</b>	Belwood Elementary Calhoun City
<b>Sharon L. Sieweke</b>	Jolly Elementary DeKalb County
<b>Sheila Heivilin</b>	Open Campus High School Carroll County

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>

Below are part of the requirements. As you can see a Library Media Specialist is considered a classroom teacher and is eligible for the award.

### 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.

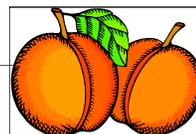
## Great Idea!

Last year I allowed returning students to check out books over the summer. They had to have all library books turned in (obviously!) and I had a form for the parent to sign that stated how many books the student could check out. I only had about 7-8 kids participate but they all returned their books the first week of school. I plan to do it again!



Cathy Lawrence ~ Carrollton Junior High School

## Georgia Peach Award for Teen Readers



This month's featured book: *Bonechiller* by Graham McNamee

A soul-stealing beast of the ice attacks Danny, who enlists three friends to face off against this demon linked to disappearing teens from a small Ontario town for centuries. Two will lose themselves to the creature if they can't understand and defeat him in time.

## Congratulations Retirees!



Andrea Gilbert	Enota Multiple Intelligences Academy Gainesville City Schools
Anne Boulrier	Kingston Elementary Bartow County
Barbara Heller	Henderson Middle DeKalb County
Barbara Jackson	Midway Elementary DeKalb County
Becky Coreno	Gentian Muscogee County
Brenda Pratt	White Oak Elementary Coweta County
Catherine Johnson	Douglass High Atlanta City
Cindy Corless	Heard Mixon Elementary Newton County
Clara "Kitty" Cobb	Garden Hills Elementary Atlanta City
Clara Collins	Clayton County
Diana Clark	Bradwell Institute Liberty County
Diann Strickland	Pierce County Middle School
Elaine Ford	Worth County
Etta Sykes	Vanderlyn Elementary DeKalb County
Faye Curlee	Director Gwinnett County
Florence Bankston	Beecher Hills Elementary School
Francee Melf	Henderson Mill Elementary DeKalb County
Gail Ford	Treutlen Middle/High School
Gail Herring	O.P. Evans Middle Coweta County
Gloria Jean Saunders	Coan Middle School DeKalb County
Jane Rhodes	Towers HS DeKalb County
Jeanette Shiver	Potter St. Elementary Dougherty County
Julie Jones	Gainesville High School



Karen Cope	Willis Road Elementary Coweta County
Kathy Alexander	Tift County High School
Kathyren Webb	Snelson-Golden Middle School Liberty County
Kim Jenkins	Griffin High School Spalding County
Linda Hilsenrad	Cedar Grove High DeKalb County
Linda Mros	Cedartown High School Polk County
Linda Mullen	Pickett's Mill Elementary Cobb County
Margaret Ross	Parklane Elementary School Fulton County
Martha Babb	East Jackson High School Jackson County
Martha Child	Akinson Elementary Coweta County
Martha McMickin	Worth County
Mary Etta J. Thomas	Hambrick Elementary DeKalb County
Mary Glaser	Waddell Elementary Muscogee County
Mary Lee	Langston Chapel Bulloch County
Nell Fernandez	The Champion School DeKalb County
Pam Davidson	Southwest Laurens Elementary
Priscilla Gipson	Media Services Central Office Atlanta City
Sharon Pattillo	East Paulding High School
Sue Killcreas	Valley Point Middle School Whitfield County
Susan J. Brantley	Eastside Elementary Douglas County
Valarie Wolny	Atlanta City
Vicki York	Taylorsville Elementary Bartow County



**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!**

## Inventory?

There has been some discussion recently on the GaMedia List Service about inventory and closing the Library Media Center. Some of the responses have been right on target, but I found it interesting that some people don't consider inventory a useful tool. Many of the circulation software programs will speed up this somewhat tedious but important process. How else will you know what is missing, what needs repair, where the holes are in your collection? GaDOE is also asking for information that requires an inventory (see page 1).

Many Library Media Specialists conduct their inventory during the school year inventorying one section at a time. For example: Close off the 700's for a day...inventory...reopen that section. It isn't a good idea and it violates GaDOE policy to "close" the Library Media Center. Of course you can cut back on checkouts to students toward the end of the year, but closed....no.

Some of the good ideas I read on GaMedia List Service:

- My purpose in conducting inventory every year is to make sure I know what's really available. I try to locate any "lost" items so that patrons who use the catalog are getting correct information. It can be frustrating for a patron to look for an item that says it is "available," when it is nowhere to be found. Inventory also helps me to make sure everything is in the right place - so patrons and I can locate the items. I do allow teachers to continue checking out books so if they feel that students still need something to read they can check out books for their classroom.
- I stay open for inventory. I do stop student check-out 2 weeks prior to the last day of school since I need to collect their books and monies if they have lost or damaged their books. I do keep the center open for classes, teacher check-out, and special events. Teachers may check-out and keep books until post planning.
- Also, for Media Centers without the blessing of an assistant, *(which will be a great many more next year..JS)* tap into the resource of volunteers: parents, community members, and others who can lend a hand with shelving or other projects, including scanning books for inventory! You can also check with middle and high school students who need to earn Community Service hours. They can be a great help. To make the task a little easier, recruit a reliable person (also volunteer) to be your volunteer coordinator. He or she can schedule times for volunteers to serve and even assist with some of the training.
- I spend 3 days doing inventory of almost 20,000 items. I have 2 wireless laptops with the staff access circ system loaded on them. I plug in the scanners from the desk. My parapro starts at one end and I start at the other. I do this the last week of school but it can be done at any time.

**To paraphrase David Loertscher ...Library Media Centers are learning spaces...not storage places.**

## How to Write a Winning Proposal

June 22 – 24, 2010 8:00am - 4:00pm  
Atlanta, Georgia

This is a 3-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/funding/funding.pdf](http://www.f3program.org/funding/funding.pdf)

**To prepare for the workshop, you will need to answer the input form in the attachment by June 10.** You should also expect homework each night.

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 his or her idea. You are encouraged to bring your own laptops. If so, you *must* have administrative privileges on your laptop.

**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 \$120 includes grant writing workbook, grant-writing resources on CD, 1-on-1 access to a 4-member team of experienced grant-writers, hands-on Internet activities, two PLU credits, certificate of completion, refreshments, and lunch each day. **NOTE: This workshop is for K-12 teachers and administrators only.**

**Workshop Location** The workshop will be held at the GTRI Conference Center 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/explorers\\_guild/directions.html](http://www.f3program.org/explorers_guild/directions.html)

**The Explorers Guild and Foundations for the Future (F3)** sponsors the Explorers Guild and an annual grant-writing workshop held in a technology-rich facility, where teachers can exchange experiences, learn from each other, and experiment with tools and technologies. PLU credits are offered for attendance. The F3 program is part of the Georgia Tech Research Institute. F3 is a collaboration of Georgia Tech researchers working with government and industry to support technology-enabled learning in K-12 settings across Georgia. For more information about F3 and the Explorers Guild, go to [www.f3program.org](http://www.f3program.org).

To **subscribe** to the F3 Explorers Guild email list and receive workshop updates, 1. Send an email to [sympa@lists.gatech.edu](mailto:sympa@lists.gatech.edu) 2. In the subject line of your message, type: subscribe f3-explorers-guild firstName lastName (example: *subscribe f3-explorers-guild@lists.gatech.edu John Doe*) 3. Leave the body of the message blank.

**Even if you are on the right track, you'll get run over if you just sit there. ~ Will Rogers**

The Safe and Drug-Free Schools Program at the Georgia Department of Education had extra copies of the child abuse prevention video, ***Kids Count on You: Reporting Child Abuse in School***. The extra copies have been sent by mail to the elementary schools as a resource to be housed in the media center. All Counselors and Social Workers should already have a copy of this video.



There were no additional training manuals to send with the videos, but the manual can be downloaded from the Safe and Drug-Free Schools' (SDFS) webpage at the following address:

**[http://www.gadoe.org/sia\\_titleiv.aspx](http://www.gadoe.org/sia_titleiv.aspx)**.

If you have questions concerning the video or training manual, please contact Marilyn Watson at 404-651-7179 or via e-mail [mawatson@doe.k12.ga.us](mailto:mawatson@doe.k12.ga.us).

Cuts to libraries during a recession are like cuts to hospitals during a plague. ~ Eleanor Crumblehulme



**The thing I remember best about successful people I've met all through the years is their obvious delight in what they're doing and it seems to have very little to do with worldly success. They just love what they're doing, and they love it in front of others. ~ Fred Rogers**

Faith is taking the first step even when you don't see the whole staircase. ~ Martin Luther King, Jr.



## **Certificate Requirements: 7/1/10-6/30/15**

**2010 Georgia Legislation provides** "from July 1, 2010, through June 30, 2015, no professional learning requirements shall be required for certificate renewal for clear renewable certificates for certificated personnel or for certificate renewal for paraprofessionals".

Professional Standards Commission will modify Standard Renewal Requirements during this period. Certificates with an expiration date of **June 30, 2010, will require professional learning units (PLU)**. Certificates with an expiration date of **June 30 of 2011-2015 will not** require professional learning units to renew a Georgia clear renewable educator certificate or for the renewal of a paraprofessional certificate. See the chart and the narrative below it for details.

**HB 1307 applies to valid clear renewable certificate holders whose certificates expire from July 1, 2010, through June 30, 2015. The Certification Renewal process is not being eliminated and outstanding requirements other than PLUs must be completed such as Criminal Record Check.**

Professional learning is not being suspended. The position of the PSC to modify renewal requirements during this period is separate and apart from LEAs who wish to continue their own requirements for continued professional development of the personnel employed in their systems

### **New Certificate Renewal Requirements Summary**

<i>Expiration Date</i>	<i>PLU Requirement</i>	<i>Validity Period</i>
June 30, 2010	YES	July 1, 2010 – June 30, 2015
June 30, 2011	NO	July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2016
June 30, 2012	NO	July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2017
June 30, 2013	NO	July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2018
June 30, 2014	NO	July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2019
June 30, 2015	NO	July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2020

Guidance for renewal of clear renewable certificates that expire between July 1, 2010-June 30, 2015, is:

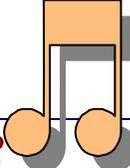
1. Educators whose valid clear renewable certificates expire on June 30, 2010, must renew with the standard professional learning units (PLUs) requirements.
2. PLUs used to renew must be earned during the validity period preceding the date of renewal application.
3. Educators, whose certificates expires on June 30, 2010, who plan to complete their professional learning hours during the 2010 summer may request renewal between July 1, 2010, and September 30.
4. Educators (employed or unemployed) renewing their Clear Renewable certificates from July 1, 2011-June 30, 2015, do not submit professional learning units with their application.
5. Though Professional learning units are not required for certificate renewal from July 1, 2011, an application must be submitted to initiate the process.
6. School systems will continue to renew certificates via ACRES renewal program on [gapsc.org](http://gapsc.org).
7. Educators employed in private schools will continue to submit an application and Employer Assurance Form.
8. Unemployed educators will continue to submit an application and application fee.
9. The validity period for certificates issued between July 1, 2011, and June 30, 2015, will be for the standard period of five years.



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