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INTEREST:

- **Nicholas Sparks in the CSRA**
- **Association has a new blog outlet**
- **Meet your 2013-14 CSRA Library Association Board Members**
- **Don't forget to renew your membership in January!**

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We want to know what YOU want from the Library Association! by Maryska Connolly-Brown

The CSRA Library Association has been part of our local library community since 1962, but a lot has changed since then.

Card catalogs have given way to OPACS and our libraries often exist simultaneously in the real world and in virtual space. We suspect that the needs of our membership have changed and evolved along with our libraries, and we want to know what activities and events you would like to see during the 2013-14 year. Maybe you'd like to see more casual networking events or additional opportunities to explore technology. Maybe you have a unique skill to share with your colleagues. Take a few



This summer the CSRA Library Association hosted an eBook Petting Zoo in collaboration with Jason Broughton of the SC State Library

moments to tell us about your program ideas so we can make this year successful, enjoyable, and, most importantly, relevant

Then suddenly....a blog! by Brandy Horne

The CSRA's favorite library association has decided to take its considerable talents to the blogosphere, which is a lucky thing for all you aspiring bloggers out there, because we're recruiting!

At some point in the near, but indeterminate future, we will send out a call for bloggers and content. Before that can happen, however, we will need an editorial staff. Functioning as a subcommittee under the Publications committee, the blog's editorial staff will first be

charged with the task of taking our vision for the blog and making it into glorious reality.

Our vision is a noble one. We hope the blog will become the go-to place for librarians and paraprofessionals to learn about all the nifty stuff going on in the CSRA, and that it will serve as a venue where Association members can interact with each other, where we can inspire and learn from each other, and where we can discuss issues that matter to our region, our libraries, and to us. We hope

to all of our membership.

Please visit this link to take our short survey or scan the QR code below with your smart phone. We look forward to hearing what you have to say!

<http://svy.mk/17GQUKT>



that the blog will serve as the foundation upon which Association members can come together and begin to build a community.

If this all sounds like something you'd like to be a part of, then we would be thrilled to have you. Please send an email indicating your interest to Association Secretary, Brandy Horne, at brandybell@gmail.com



Brandy Horne, Gregg-Graniteville Library

In July 2012, Brandy Horne joined the library faculty at USC Aiken as an Instruction and Reference Librarian. Although this is her first job as a professional librarian, she's worked in libraries since 2004, first as the Education and Media Resource Specialist at Baldwin State Prison, then as the Student Assistant Coordinator for the Access Services department at Georgia College and State University (GCSU).

Brandy earned an MLIS in 2010 from Valdosta State University and a BA in English and Political Science in 2002 from GCSU. Although she is interested in pretty much everything, she is specifically fascinated by rhetoric and language, and how an information-seeker's personal vocabulary influences the kind of information to which he/she is exposed in an online environment. She is also extremely interested in library marketing, student engagement, and mentoring.

Brandy lives in Harlem, Georgia, with her husband and 2 dogs, Skwertle and Willow. She appreciates many things, including food, NPR, cold weather, word games, the Internet, and coffee, and she is a hopeless Doctor Who fan. She is optimistic and likes to laugh.

Brandy appreciates the opportunity to be your Secretary, and she is greatly looking forward to serving you in the coming year.

MEET YOUR NEWEST
BOARD MEMBERS

Thomas Weeks, Miller-Motte Technical College

My name is Thomas Weeks and I am your new treasurer. When I am not wading through the Association's finances, I enjoy sipping green tea, attending live music shows, and keeping up-to-date on all things pop culture. I have a Bachelor of Arts in English from Augusta State University.

Currently, I am working on my MLIS at Valdosta State, while earning the big bucks at Miller-Motte Technical College as a library assistant.



Maryska Connolly-Brown,

Robert B. Greenblatt, M.D. Library

Maryska, a native of Glasgow, Scotland, holds a Master's in Library and Information Science from Valdosta State University and a Master of Arts in Teaching from Augusta State University (now Georgia Regents University). She was recently hired as the Serials Resources Librarian at Greenblatt Library on the Health Sciences Campus of Georgia Regents University. She is a member of several professional organizations, including the Medical Library Association (MLA) and the Georgia Library Association (GLA), where she is an active member of the Tech Services Interest Group. Maryska is an active member of the National Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi and has held offices in the local chapter, including chapter secretary of the former Augusta State University chapter. In 2012, Maryska presented a short documentary film entitled A Day in Technical Services at the GaCOMO (Council of Media Organizations) Conference and was the recipient of the (GLA) Paraprofessional Grant.

Outside of her professional pursuits, Maryska is the mother of two teenage daughters, two dogs, and four cats. She is a seamstress, an amateur mechanic, an avid reader, a world traveler, and science fiction junkie. Maryska is currently serving as President.



An Evening with Nicholas Sparks

By Jeanne Upchurch, Columbia County Library



Nicholas Sparks, best-selling author of favorites including *The Notebook* and *Safe Haven*, will speak at the Columbia County Amphitheater on Saturday, October 26 at 7:00 pm.

getting him here was somewhat more complicated. It took around two years of communication and planning between library staff and Sparks' representatives to make this dream a reality.

All that work has been worth it as we've seen the excitement associated with our October 26 event, "An Evening with Nicholas Sparks." Over 200 people registered for the free tickets to the event within two hours of the event's release. Tickets are still available on EventBrite.com, but they are going quickly.

Choosing an author to invite for a speaking engagement at the Columbia County Library was fairly straight forward. Nicholas Sparks is by far our library's top circulating author. The process of actually setting a date and

The added attention "An Evening with Nicholas Sparks" has brought to the library has served as a welcome spotlight for all of our programming. We pride ourselves on providing the highest-quality resources, programs, and services—from child enrichment to adult computer classes.

In the weeks since the Sparks event was announced, all of our offerings have received additional attention. Our Facebook page and website have received more hits and the local newspaper has picked up more of our events to feature. This one extraordinary event has given us an opportunity to showcase the many extraordinary services we offer every day.

Shine a Light on GRU Ghosts: A Georgia Archives Month Tour and Celebration

by Carol Waggoner-Angleton, Reese Library

To celebrate Georgia Archives Month, Special Collections and Institutional Archives at Georgia Regents University invites you to "Shine a Light on GRU Ghosts" on Tuesday, October 1, 2013, at 7:00 p.m. The celebration includes a walking tour of the Summerville Campus's spooky past and discussion of the Libraries' archival collections.

Historians know that archives can be full of facts and figures that shine new light on past events. Did you ever think that archives can be used to shine a light on "things that go bump in the night?" Local historian Bill Wells will lead a tour of the Summerville Campus, tracing the ghostly stories that have emerged from the rare archival resources maintained by Georgia Regents University Libraries. The tour will begin at Bellevue Hall, where one of the University's most famous ghosts, Emily Galt, resides.



Every October, libraries and archives across the state celebrate Georgia Archives Month to highlight the value of Georgia's historical records, publicize the many ways historical records enrich our lives, and recognize those who maintain our communities' historical records.

This event is free and open to the public. For more information about this event or any of the materials housed in Special Collections and Institutional Archives, call 706-667-4904 or email spcoll@gru.edu. Other events related to Georgia Archives Month can be found at <http://soga.org/archivesmonth>

"Did you ever think that archives can be used to shine a light on 'things that go bump in the night?'"

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MARK YOU CALENDARS!!!

September 17, 24	"Reading to Rover" Barnwell County Public Library
September 26	"Treasures within the Historical Collections & Archives" Robert B. Greenblatt, M.D. Library, GRU
October 1	"Shine a Light on GRU Ghosts" Reese Library, GRU
October 26	Nicholas Sparks Meet and Greet Columbia County Library

Have an event or program going on at your library? Let us know! Email details to csralibraryassociation@gmail.com.

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Your CSRA Library Association is on Facebook and Twitter. Now you can connect with local professionals through social media and get the latest information about what's going on in our community. Visit us at [facebook.com/csrala](https://www.facebook.com/csrala) or twitter.com/csrala today!

If your library has an account on any social media platform, let us know! We would love for all our membership to "like," "follow," or "share" with you!



Deborah Tritt of the Gregg-Graniteville Library, and Miriam Zecharias of the Reese Library at the 2013 CSRA Library Association Annual Conference

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Augusta Public Library	
Barnwell County Public Library	
Collins-Callaway Library (Paine)	
Columbia County Library	
Edgefield County Public Library	
Euchee Creek Library	
Gregg-Graniteville Library (USC Aiken)	
Reese Library (GRU)	
Robert B. Greenblatt, M.D. Library (GRU)	