



# From the Bookshelf

## President's Corner:

Happy New Year to all our members and our sister libraries in the CSRA, I hope your New Year is full of wonderful events and opportunities to advance your libraries and librarianship.

The New Year is a time for reflection both positive and less positive. One of the things I have been reflecting on is the fate of the Central Savannah River Area Library Association. Does it have a place in the modern library landscape?

I have spoken with individuals who feel the CSRALA no longer has a place. With the rise of webinars, listserves, and blogs and more affordable events from our state organizations, the CSRALA is no longer relevant to the profession. Our traditional mission is best served by these new tools

I disagree with this position. Even with all the electronic tools we have to stay current in librarianship, there are some advantages to a local organization.

- Face-to-face networking. Online tools are faceless and nameless. A local association keeps you in contact with the librarians and para-professionals in your area.
- Support—who will be the first to support you in the event of a natural or economic disaster? Its an easy answer—your fellow local librarians and para-professionals. Physical proximity in these situations counts. Our neighbors can provide our first line of defense in these stressful situations.
- Fellowship— When going to state conferences and association meetings do you feel outside the clique? I know I do. Librarians within the Atlanta metro, Columbia metro and Charleston metro areas have more opportunity to meet informally and get to know each other. For our area, that sense of camaraderie can be met by the CSRALA.

These are the reasons why I'm vested in the continued existence of the CSRA Library Association. I'm really looking forward to meeting members of like mind at the February 13th meeting at the Wallace Branch Library at noon. Look in this newsletter for meeting details.

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## 2015-2015 OFFICERS

President—Carol Waggoner-Angleton

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Secretary—Brandy Horne

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## 2015-2016 LIST OF APPOINTMENTS

- Member at Large—Fay Verburg
- Technical Colleges Liaison—Newkirk Barnes
- School Media Specialists Liaison—[to be appointed]
- Paraprofessionals Liaison—[to be appointed]
- Retired Librarians Liaison—[to be appointed]
- Webmaster—Deborah Tritt

Please suggest someone to fill the office of Vice-President for the 2015-2016 term. If you are interested in a liaison role, please use the CSRA Library Association email to nominate a VP or to indicate interest in one of the vacant appointments.

## UPCOMING CONFERENCES

Transforming Libraries for Graduate Students: Services, Instruction, Spaces April 1, 2016 Kennesaw State University Kennesaw GA <http://digitalcommons.kennesaw.edu/gradlibconf/>

The 41st Annual SCASL Conference March 2-4, 2016 at Kingston Plantation in Myrtle Beach <http://www.scasl.net/conference>

**Georgia International Conference on Information Literacy**  
September 30 – October 1, 2016

## WHAT'S UP IN YOUR LIBRARY?

**Augusta Public Library Main Branch**— February 19, 2016 10 am- Please join Congressman Rick Allen, along with community leaders, for a Free File public briefing to highlight the federal and Georgia Free File programs that provide FREE online federal and state income tax preparation and e-filing services to lower and moderate income taxpayers. RSVP requested. Contact the Main Branch for more information. 706-821-2600

**Augusta University Libraries** presents the “**Graphic Novel Workshop for Teens with Lila Quintero Weaver**” This event will take place at the **Columbia County Main Library** Wednesday, January 20, 2016 | 6 pm Registration is required. Call Erin Prentiss at 706667- This event is free for teenagers between the ages of 13 and 17,

**The Mary Willis Library**— February 16, 2016 11 am –1 pm The Mary Willis Library is hosting an Adult Coloring Workshop. The Mary Willis Library, located in Washington GA, is part of the Bartram Trail Library System Call 706-678-7736

**The Bamberg County Public Library**—February 19, 2016 4 pm-5pm Come out for the very first meeting of the Chess Club. All levels welcome. The first meeting will teach/review the basics of the game. Call 803-254-3022

## BE A HOST LIBRARY

### WANTED: ONE HOST LIBRARY FOR JUNE MEETING

Your fellow librarians want to visit you and find out what is going on in your library. The CSRA LA needs hosts to organize one of the remaining meeting dates. You have the choice of meeting format and time

What are the pluses of being a Host Library?

- Show off your library and your community?
- Get the organization out and about and interacting with the whole CSRA Library community
- Getting to choose a presentation topic or discussion you think is important to the profession and your fellow Libraries

[csralibraryassociation.com/events/](http://csralibraryassociation.com/events/)

Don't let your neighbors hog all the glory. Use these events as your time to shine.

## 2015-2016 MEETING SCHEDULE

### February 13<sup>th</sup>

Wallace Branch Library 1237 Laney Walker Blvd.  
Time 12 noon Topic History of the Wallace Branch Library

- **June 4<sup>th</sup> Location**  
Time and Topic TBA

## NEWSLETTER SUBMISSION

DEADLINES for 2015-2016 are

- **April 14<sup>th</sup>**

All members are invited to submit articles and events.