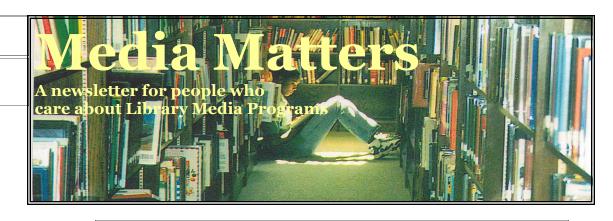
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Dr. John D. Barge, State School Superintendent "Making Education Work for All Georgians" You've got a lot of choices. If getting out of bed in the morning is a chore and you're not smiling on a regular basis, try another choice. ~ Steven Woodhull

Jan Berenstain, who with her husband Stan, wrote and illustrated the Berenstain Bears books for 50 years, has died. She was 88 years old. Her son, who has collaborated with her in recent years, plans to continue publishing new books.

Way to go Tracy!

Tracy Larson, media specialist at **Arnold Elementary School** in **Clayton County**, was pleasantly surprised to find out she had been chosen as a Class Act award winner by 11 Alive News. She was recommended by a former colleague, Anna Cox of Jonesboro High School, who nominated her for helping students produce internationally award-winning technology research projects, coordinating the local Media Festival, and for inspiring reading through a variety of programs and by treating her students as if they were patrons in a bookstore. The segment should air during the 6:00 morning show the week of February 13th and will also be available online in February at http://www.11alive.com/news/education/classact/default.aspx.

Mrs. Larson was also one of nine educators in Georgia to receive National Board Certification in 2012. "I hope that more educators will take on the challenge of becoming National Board Certified Teachers, in spite of the fact that there is no longer a monetary reward. National Board helps educators to evaluate why they teach the way they do, and change or begin programs that will ameliorate student achievement."

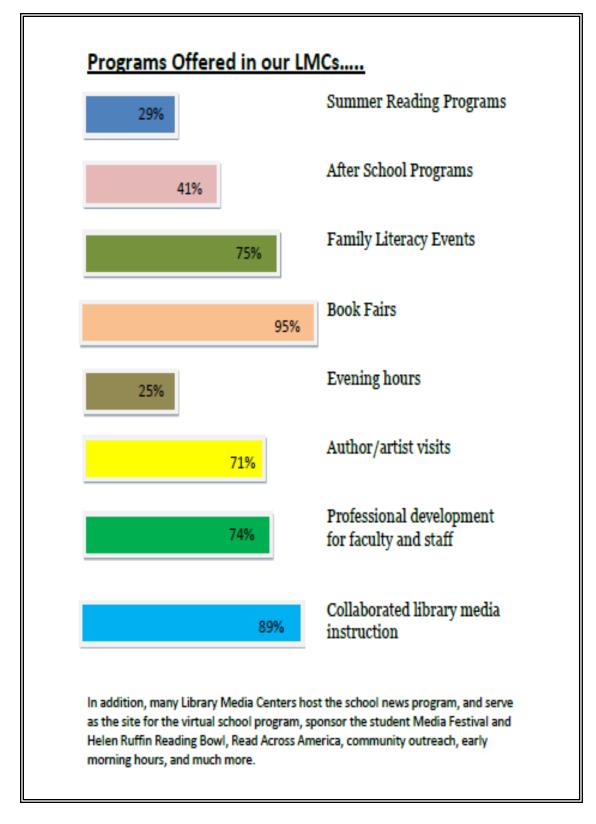
Please brag...send your story to jserrite@doe.k12.ga.us

Advocacy Tip





Is your district in the process of hiring a new superintendent? School librarian visibility at those candidates' open interview sessions can be very revealing. Be prepared with strategic questions: take a few minutes to locate and email a school librarian in the candidates' current/previous school district and use that information to pose questions to the candidates to determine their stance on support of school libraries.



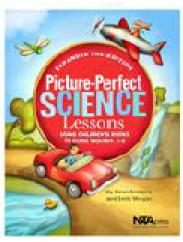
The information above is taken from the 2011 Feedback Form.

The **collaborated library media instruction** should be 100%...not 89%.

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The Authors of Picture Perfect Science Come to GEORGIA!



Karen Ansberry and Emily Morgan will be conducting three days of training in Georgia designed to help teachers learn how to integrate real life, hands on science with reading using the 5-E method of inquiry. Timed to help teachers with Georgia's AYP requirement, this training features the Nation's most respected resource for integration.

June 12, 2012 Targeted Training for K-2 & 3rd Grade 8:30am-3:30pm June 13, 2012 Targeted Training for 4th Grade 8:30am-3:30pm June 14, 2012 Targeted Training for 5th Grade 8:30am-3:30pm Each teacher will receive a Picture Perfect resource book and one children's book.

- \$89 per day for teachers from GYSTC member systems
- \$129 per day for teachers from non-member systems
 Each one-day training will feature children's literature that matches grade level standards. However any teacher may attend any of the days, and return each afternoon (for an additional charge) for different featured literature examples.
 Sponsored by West GYSTC

Location: Just off Interstate 20 West at Mason Creek Elementary School (at Exit 30, Post Road) MAES www.douglas.k12.ga.us

Register with West GYSTC soon. Space is limited. Contact Steve Rich at srich@westga.edu for additional information. West GYSTC at UWG — 678-839-6147

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GALILEO and Common Core State Standards

Karen Minton

One of the first things teachers are asking is where they will find non-fiction informational texts when budgets are already tight. Media specialists are glad to point them to GALILEO where students have access to thousands of age-appropriate, authoritative articles from student magazines, scholarly journals, and reference works.

Teachers will be looking for help matching students with varying reading levels. Media specialists know how to do that, and GALILEO helps by featuring Lexile Level designations in many databases. The Advanced Search page in SIRS and EBSCO databases allows users to limit any search by a Lexile range, so you can retrieve articles on the same topic suitable to any reading level.



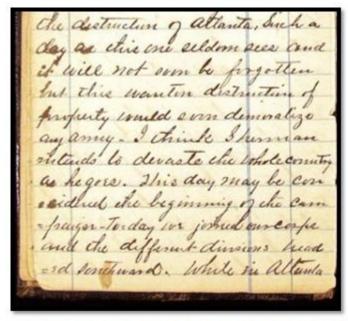
Limit a search by Lexile range in many databases

Other GALILEO resources useful to Common Core Standards are primary source documents. Results in History Reference Center, for example, can be limited by the primary source documents format category. Results include essential speeches, testimonies, key documents on all topics, and letters. Annals of American History includes primary source documents beginning with a letter from Christopher Columbus dated March 14, 1493

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When you teach your son, you teach your son's son. ~ The Talmud

describing the people and places he found as he reached, he believed, the eastern shores of Asia. The Digital Library of Georgia includes a wealth of primary source documents relating to the history and culture of Georgia.



"I think Sherman intends to devast[at]e the whole country as he goes" from the Cornelius C. Platter Civil War Diary

While informational texts will represent 50% of a students' reading, literary texts will still be a part of the English/Language Arts curriculum. Literary Reference Center from EBSCO is a great resource for literary criticism articles, author biographies, and even the full text of many out-of-copyright works, including *Huckleberry Finn, Frankenstein,* and *The Scarlet Letter*.

Both SIRS and Britannica databases feature curriculum correlation tools that map content to CCSS, as well as GPS. In Britannica, look for the orange "Curriculum Standards" button in each article to see standards the article supports, or click on Teachers' Resources, then the orange button to choose a standard first. You can then find content to match that standard. In SIRS databases, click on Educator's Resources, then "SIRS Resources Correlated to Standards" to select the standard. EBSCO student databases feature a similar tool that will soon be updated to map to Common Core standards.

New training sessions that focus on GALILEO database content and Common Core State Standards are being planned and will appear soon on the GALILEO training web page. You can find more information and registration links at http://help.galileo.usg.edu/librarians/training/

Cittle Mill Middle School Media Center

Open House Reception

For Georgia Department of Education 2011 Exceptional Library Media Program for

Middle School

Friday March 16, 2012 9:30 a.m.—3:30 p.m.

Anna Murdock, Media Specialist

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Medlock Bridge Elementary

You're Invited... Georgia Exceptional Library Media Program Open House Thursday, March 29th, 2012 9am-4pm

> Medlock Bridge Elementary School 10215 Medlock Bridge Parkway Johns Creek, GA 30022 770-623-2980 Margaret Pupillo, Principal Leigh Martin, Media Specialist

Advocacy Tip



Take a 30 second library idea to EVERY faculty meeting—something to make someone's job easier.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Work Dates: Friday, March 23, 2012 — 8 a.m. - Until Saturday, March 24, 2012 — 8 a.m. - Until

Bring your family (no young children, please!), friends, co-workers, church groups, etc.

Work all day or a few hours! Tools (hammers, shovels, rakes, screwdrivers,
paint brushes, etc.) needed but not required.



ALL renovation materials will be provided by Home Depot!

If you cannot volunteer your time, donations in the form of bottled waters and snacks are welcome! Chick-fil-A will provide lunch on Friday and Saturday.

Contact Melissa J. Williams at mewilliams@doe.k12.ga.us or 706-936-7796 to work or make a donation.

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Advocacy Tip



Consider adding a brochure on the school library program to the packet of information you send home with parents. Check out MSLA's brochure for inspiration: http://mslaplanning.pbworks.com/f/PTAbrochure.doc

If you surrender to the wind, you can ride it. ~ Toni Morrison



Easy Access to Teacher Resources Aligned to the Common Core State Standards & Georgia Performance Standards

With just a few clicks of the mouse, *Britannica Online School Edition* provides educators quick and easy access to the *Common Core State Standards* and *Georgia Performance Standards*. Conveniently organized by subject and grade level, thousands of topical articles, student activities, and teacher resources are ideal for classroom lessons and special projects. Resources are included for all levels, Prekindergarten up through high school.

Best of all, *Britannica Online School Edition* is provided free of charge to all Georgia schools, thanks to the Georgia Department of Education and the GALILEO Initiative.

Find resources for *Common Core State Standards* and *Georgia Performance Standards* in Language Arts, Mathematics, and other subjects. Go online to **www.school.eb.com** and click **Curriculum Standards** in the Teacher Resources section.

Choose a subject and grade level and then select the Common Core Standards link.

The standards will be displayed and you can see educational materials that support specific standards by clicking "materials correlated to this standard".

Common Core Standards Language Arts Reading Writing Literature Information Literacy	Mathematics Mathematical Practices Number and Operations Measurement and Data Geometry Functions
Speaking and Listening College and Career Readiness	Expressions and Equations Statistics and Probability

Resources for All Subjects K-12

Find resources for Science, Social Studies, Health, Fine Arts, and Foreign Languages by simply entering a search term in *Britannica Online School Edition* at www.school.eb.com.

You'll find orange Curriculum Standards buttons on most encyclopedia articles and learning material activities. Click the orange button to see how this resource supports *Common Core State Standards* and *Georgia Performance Standards*. Vast resources are included at elementary, middle, and high school levels.

Georgia Learning Standards	Social Studies
Science Earth Sciences Life Sciences Physical Sciences Scientific Inquiry	Geography American History World History Humanities & Culture Civics & Government



<u>Teen Tech Week</u> - March 4-10, 2012: <u>http://www.ala.org/teentechweek</u>

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 event is held annually during the second week of March.

Contact the <u>ALA Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA, a division of ALA)</u> with questions.

Freedom of Information Day - March 16, 2012

Freedom of Information (FOI) Day is an annual event on or near March 16, the birthday of James Madison. Madison is widely regarded as the Father of the Constitution and as the foremost advocate for openness in government. Each year, the James Madison Award and the Eileen Cooke State & Local Madison Award are presented by the American Library Association Washington (DC) Office on Freedom of Information Day to recognize those individuals or groups that have championed, protected, and promoted **public access to government information** and the **public's right to know**.



Contact <u>Jacob Roberts</u>, <u>Communications Specialist of the ALA Washington Office</u>, with questions.



You can tell more about a person by what he says about others than you can by what others say about him. ~ Leo Aikman

You cannot do a kindness too soon, for you never know how soon it will be too late. ~ Ralph Waldo Emerson



Annual Conference on Literature for Children and Young Adults

Wednesday, March 28, 2012 (Middle/Secondary Focus) Thursday, March 29, 2012 (Elementary Focus)

The Evolving and Multi-faceted Concept of Literacy: Empowering Students to Become Active, Motivated, and Engaged Readers

Kennesaw State University Annual Conference on Literature for Children & Young Adults

Wednesday, March 28, 2012 (Middle/Secondary Focus)

Thursday, March 29, 2012 (Elementary Focus)

The Evolving and Multifaceted Concept of Literacy: Empowering Students to Become Active, Motivated, and Engaged Readers

Keynote Speakers: T.A. Baron, Lysa Divine, Tome Leveen, Kevin O'Malley, Melinda Long and Hans Wilhelm

For more information: http://bcoe.kennesaw.edu/litconference/



We all should rise, above the clouds of ignorance, narrowness, and selfishness. ~ Booker T. Washington



The Holocaust Learning Trunk Project is sponsored by the Georgia Commission on the Holocaust with the support of the Georgia Department of Education. This project provides a learning trunk to schools throughout the entire state of Georgia for use in middle school classrooms. Each trunk contains a full complement of educational materials about the Holocaust, WWII, and genocide. These trunks and the materials will supplement curriculum already in place and assist educators in fulfilling the State's Standards of Excellence by teaching the lessons of the Holocaust and the consequences of genocide.

The Holocaust Learning Trunks are in most RESAs at this time. All teachers, not just social studies teachers, are invited to use the trunk and its resources. The Commission encourages teachers of varying disciplines to use the trunks and even share a trunk if one teacher wants to use one portion of materials and another teacher wants to use the other portion.

Teachers should be prepared for a trunk's arrival. This means looking at the "Inventory of Trunk Contents" (located at http://www.holocaust.georgia.gov) and/or the Holocaust Learning Trunk Project: Guide and Resources book (also on the website) so he or she knows which materials they are going to use and how.

Encourage your educators to visit the Holocaust Learning Trunk Project on their website http://holocaust.georgia.gov/oo/channel modifieddate/0,2096,24114746 175546485,00.html

They will find printable PDFs of all the documents that accompany each trunk, including the Evaluation Forms, and a free copy of the Holocaust Learning Trunk Project: Guide and Resources book.

The website is a good place to seek direction or obtain more information about the project.

Advocacy Tip



Flex the facility: make the space as flexible as possible so that students can collaborate on projects or work alone, depending on what they need.



Don't miss this conference!

The 43rd Annual Conference on Children's Literature

The 43rd Annual Conference on Children's Literature will be held in Athens on March 23rd and 24th. Featured speakers include authors Jody Feldman, Meghan McCarthy, Carole Weatherford, Barbara O'Connor and Mike Wimmer.

http://gcbac.com

Please remember that voting for the 2011-2012 Georgia
Peach Book Award continues online through
March 15. The winner and 2 honor books will be
announced on Wednesday, March 28, at the Kennesaw
State University's Annual Conference on Literature for Children and
Young Adults.

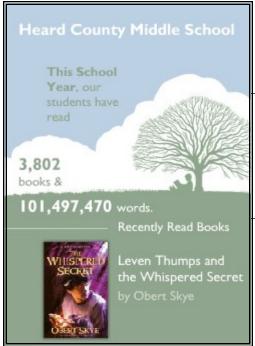
http://georgiapeachaward.org/2011-2012-vote-voting-ends-midnight-march-15-2012

Advocacy Tip



Library as Service Project: Offer community service credit to students who volunteer in the library as shelvers or – better yet – as tutors.





Check out the Heard County Middle School Media Center blog:

http://www.bravesread.net/index.html







Sanborn® Fire Insurance Maps for Georgia Towns and Cities, 1884-1922

This website consists of fire insurance maps created by the Sanborn Map Company that depict the commercial, industrial, and residential areas of Georgia cities. The highly-detailed, color-coded maps document the changing face of Georgia cities by depicting not only the community but also each building, block, and neighborhood. The maps detail building construction, sizes, and usage as well as city services such as water and fire services.



There is only one way to achieve happiness on this terrestrial ball, and that is to have either a clear conscience or none at all. ~ Ogden Nash

Georgia Book Award (Gr. 4-8) Final List (2012-2013)

Books for Younger Audiences (Gr. 4-6)

Shang, W. W. (2011). The Great Wall of Lucy Wu. New York, NY: Scholastic.

Holm, J. (2010). Turtle in Paradise. Random House Children's Books.

Davis, E. (2009). The Secret Science Alliance and the Copycat Crook. Bloomsbury

Greenwald, L. (2009). My Life in Pink and Green. Amulet Books

Books Spanning the Audience Continuum (Gr. 4-8)

Bauer, J. (2009). Close to Famous. Viking

Greenwald, T. (2011). Charlie Joe Jackson's Guide to Not Reading. Roaring Brook Press.

Landon, K. (2010). The Limit. Aladdin

Lasky, K. (2010). Ashes. Viking.

Lupica, M. (2010). Hero. Philomel Books.

Rhodes, J. P. (2010). Ninth Ward. Little, Brown Books for Young Readers

Silberberg, A. (2010). Milo: Sticky Notes and Brain Freeze. Aladdin

Falls, K. (2010). Dark Life. New York, NY: Scholastic

Connor, L. (2010). Crunch. Deborah Tegen Books.

Carmichael, C. (2009). Wild Things. Front Street Press.

Ylvisaker, A. (2011). The Luck of the Buttons. Candlewick Press

Mone, G. (2010). Fish. New York, NY: Scholastic.

Books for Older Audience (Gr. 6-8)

Shulman, P. (2010). *The Grimm Legacy*. Puffin Books.

Magoon, K. (2009). The Rock and the River. Aladdin Books

Myers, W. D., & Workman, R. (2011). Kick. HarperCollins

Reedy, T. (2011). Words in the Dust. New York, NY: Scholastic

Alternates

Sachar, L. (2010). The Cardturner. Delacorte Press

Sheth, K. (2010). Boys without Names. Blazer and Bray

Reeve, P. (2009). Fever Crumb. Scholastic

Carmen, P. (2010). Thirteen Days to Midnight. Little, Brown Books for Young Readers

Picture Book Nominees 2012-2013

Averbeck, Jim. (2011). Except If. Atheneum.

Carrick Hill, Laban, (2010). Dave the Potter: Artist, Poet, Slave. Illus. by Bryan Collier. Brown Books.

Deedy, Carmen. (2009). 14 Cows For America. Illus. by Eugene Gonzalez. Peachtree Publishers.

Freedman, Deborah. (2011). Blue Chicken. Viking Juvenile.

Floca, Brian. (2009). Moonshot: The Flight of Apollo 11. Atheneum Books.

Galbraith, Kathryn O. (2011). *Planting the Wild Garden*. Illus. by Wendy Anderson Halperin Peachtree Publishers

Glaser, Linda. (2010). *Emma's Poem: The Voice of the Statue of Liberty*. Illus. by Claire Nivola. Houghton Mifflin.

Graves, Keith. (2010). Chicken Big. Chronicle Books.

Greenfield, Eloise . (2011). The Great Migration: Journey to the North. HarperCollins.

Hall, Michael. (2011). Perfect Square. Greenwillow Books.

Javaherbin, Mina.. (2010). Goal! Illus. by Ford, A.G Candlewick Press.

Mason, Margaret H. (2011). These Hands. Illus. by Floyd Cooper. Houghton Mifflin.

McDonnell, Patrick. (2011). Me...Jane. Little, Brown Books for Young Readers.

Moore, Jodi. (2011). When a Dragon Moves In. Illus. by Howard McWilliam. Flashlight Press.

Perdomo, Willie. (2010). Clemente! Illus. by Bryan Collier. Henry Holt and Co.

Pulver, Robin. (2010). Thank You, Miss Doover. Illus. by Stephanie Ruth Sisson. Holiday House.

Uhlberg, Myron. (2011). A Storm Called Katrina. Illus. by Bootman, Colin. Peachtree Publishers.

Weatherford, Carole Boston. (2008). Before John was a Jazz Giant. Illus. by Sean Quails. Henry Holt.

Wiesner, David. (2010). Art & Max. Clarion Books.

Woodson, Jacqueline.. (2010). Pecan Pie Baby. Illus. by Sophie Blackall. Putnam.

Alternates

Birtha, Becky. (2010). Lucky Beans. Illus. by Nicole Tadgell. Albert Whitman & Company.

The nominees for the 2012-2013 Georgia Peach Book Award for Teen Readers (Grades 9 - 12) have been selected!

Title Author

Anna and the French Kiss Perkins, Stephanie

Between Shades of Gray Sepetys, Ruta

Divergent Roth, Veronica

The False Princess O'Neal, Ellis

Glow Ryan, Amy Kathleen

The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks Skloot, Rebecca

Jump Carbone, Elisa

The Mockingbirds Whitney, Daisy

Name of the Star Johnson, Maureen

Notes From The Blender Cook, Trish & Halpin, Brendan

Now is the Time for Running Williams, Michael

Please Ignore Vera Dietz King, A.S.

Ready Player One Cline, Ernest

The Running Dream Van Draanen, Wendelin

The Sky Is Everywhere Nelson, Jandy

Stick Smith, Andrew

Stupid Fast Herbach, Geoff

This Girl is Different Johnson, J J

What Can't Wait Perez, Ashley Hope

What Comes After Watkins, Steve



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Dav Pilkey's birthday: 1966-	5 MemFox born: 1946-	Who is Elizabeth Barrett Browning?	Where is the Suez Canal?	8 Purim פוּרָים	9 Battle ofthe Monitor and Merrimac: 1862	10 Daniel Boone hired to cut Wilderness Road: 1775
11 Birthday of Ezra Jack Keats: 1916-1983	12 Virginia Hamilton's birthday: 1936-2002	13 Impeachment charges against Pres. Johnson: 1868	14 Eli Whitney patented cotton gin: 1794 Who is Marguerite de Angeli?	15 Birthday of Andrew Jackson: 1767-1845	16 Sid Flei schman born: 1920-2010	17 St. Patrick's Day!
18 John Updike born: 1932-2009	19 1st bank robbery in U.S.: 1831	20 Fred Rogers born: 1928-2003 Lois Lowry born: 1937-	21 Selma, Alabama Civil Rights March: 1965	Who is Randolph Caldecott?	23 Who said "Give me liberty or give me death"?	24 26th Amendment ratified: 1971
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