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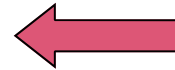
## Exemplary Open Houses in Carrollton and Bonaire

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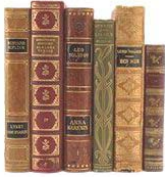


Jane Toth welcomes  
Superintendent Thomas  
Wilson to the Open House at  
Carrollton Elementary on  
November 17th.



Lisa Hill (center)  
welcomes Principal  
Cynthia Randall and  
Superintendent Danny  
Carpenter to the  
Bonaire Middle Open  
House held on  
November 16th.





## Congratulations to Our New National Board Certified Media Specialists

Thirty-three Georgia library media specialists recently received news that they have earned their National Board certificate. Congratulations!

Georgia now has 79 National Board Certified Media Specialists!

<b>Melissa Allen</b>	Glynn County
<b>Rebecca Amerson</b>	Cherokee County
<b>Anne Arden</b>	Chatham County
<b>Shirley Bobbitt Marbut</b>	Chattooga County
<b>Angela Booth</b>	Ben Hill County
<b>John Brooks</b>	Bryan County
<b>Cawood Cornelius</b>	Gordon County
<b>Susan Fancher</b>	Gwinnett County
<b>Ruth Fleet</b>	Polk County
<b>Sherry Grove</b>	Dougherty County
<b>Janice Habersham</b>	Bibb County
<b>Scott Heaton</b>	Treutlen County
<b>Margaret Helmly</b>	Effingham County
<b>Emily Herman</b>	Atlanta City
<b>Mary Hickey</b>	Bibb County
<b>Sheila Howard</b>	Atlanta City



<b>Susan Humma</b>	Bulloch County
<b>Diane King</b>	Chatham County
<b>Darlene Kukulski</b>	Gwinnett County
<b>Linda Lumpkin</b>	Richmond County
<b>Laura Miller Frizzell</b>	Tift County
<b>Teresa Minish</b>	Madison County
<b>Linda Mros</b>	Polk County
<b>Susan Murphy</b>	Cherokee County
<b>Pam Nutt</b>	Spalding County
<b>Joan Overstreet</b>	Wayne County
<b>Janice Peck</b>	Madison County
<b>Amy Redmond</b>	Polk County
<b>Margaret Ross</b>	Fulton County
<b>Sharon Self</b>	Muscogee County
<b>Judy Sudderth</b>	Bibb County
<b>Linda Wade</b>	Newton County
<b>Evelyn White Thames</b>	Cobb County

## GALILEO training coming to your ETTC

GALILEO is teaming up with the regional Educational Technology Trainer Centers to offer training to media specialists. We are very excited about working with the ETTCs and about the opportunity to meet media specialists face-to-face and talk about some of the great resources available through GALILEO.

The four-hour workshops will be presented by a GALILEO staff member and trainers from Encyclopædia Britannica, SIRS, and Gale (Kids InfoBits). We will include an overview of the site and a closer look at the following resources:

- Digital Library of Georgia databases
  - EBSCOhost
  - Searchasaurus
  - MasterFILE Premier
    - MAS Ultra
    - TOPICSearch)
  - Encyclopædia Britannica
    - Britannica Elementary
    - Compton's Encyclopedia
    - Britannica School Edition
  - Enciclopedia Universal en Español
  - Annals of American History
    - Kids InfoBits
  - New Georgia Encyclopedia
    - SIRS
- Discoverer and WebFind
- Researcher and SKS WebSelect
- Interactive Citizenship
  - WorldCat

## ETTC GALILEO Training Schedule

To register for the GALILEO training, please contact your region's ETTC. For a directory of the Educational Technology Centers go to this link:

[http://www.doe.k12.ga.us/\\_documents/doe/help/ettc\\_directory.pdf](http://www.doe.k12.ga.us/_documents/doe/help/ettc_directory.pdf)

<b>Site</b>	<b>Date</b>
University of Georgia, Athens	November 30, 2004
Macon State College, Macon	December 1-2, 2004
Kennesaw State University, Kennesaw	February 1, 2005
State University of West Georgia, Carrollton	February 2, 2005
Floyd College, Rome	February 3, 2005
Armstrong Atlantic State, Savannah	February 23, 2005
First District RESA, Brooklet	February 24, 2005
National Science Center/Fort Discovery, Augusta	February 25, 2005
University of Georgia, Gwinnett	March 2, 2005
Pioneer RESA, Cleveland	March 3, 2005
Heart of Georgia RESA, Eastman	March 22, 2005
Columbus State University, Columbus	March 23, 2005
Albany State University, Albany	April 12, 2005
Valdosta State University, Valdosta	April 13, 2005

## Holiday Web Sites

### **History of Christmas**

From World Books' Holidays around the World this site includes sections on Santa Claus, Advent and the celebration of Christmas, world traditions, the Christmas tree and other customs, and recipes and crafts from around the world. Holidays Around the World also covers Thanksgiving, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, the New Year, Ramadan, and other holidays

<http://www2.worldbook.com/features/holidays/html/history.htm>

### **Christmas: The Story, Customs and Traditions**

A collection of information about Christmas, covering customs, the Christmas story, and historical and geographical background, with links to sites where you can write to Santa, find recipes and more on the Christmas theme.

<http://atschool.eduweb.co.uk/carolrb/christmas/christmas1.html>

### **Christmas Around the World!**

The staff at the Christmas.com site have put together a great page for learning about Christmas traditions in countries around the world. Find out how the holiday is celebrated in South America, Europe, and other areas. Includes information about the history of holiday symbols.

<http://christmas.com/worldview/>

### **Christmas Around the World**

Visit over 30 countries to see how they celebrate the holiday.

<http://www.the-north-pole.com/around/index.htm>

### **Christmas at the History Channel**

Online exhibits from the History Channel on the development of the Christmas holiday from ancient winter solstice practices; world traditions of the holiday; the evolution of the Santa Claus legend; the history of Christmas trees; "[Yes, Virginia,](#)" the story of Virginia and her letter; and a special section on the history of various toys and games.

<http://www.historychannel.com/exhibits/holidays/christmas/>

### **Audobon Society: Christmas Bird Count**

Join the 105th Annual Christmas Bird Count from December 14 through January 5. More than 50,000 observers participate each year in this all-day census of early-winter bird populations.

<http://www.audubon.org/bird/cbc/index.html>

### **Hanukkah Recipes**

Recipes to keep you full for eight days straight during the "Festival of Light." From Food Network's Holiday Archives.

[http://www.foodnetwork.com/food/et\\_hd\\_hanukkah/article/0,1972,FOOD\\_9837\\_1734898,00.html](http://www.foodnetwork.com/food/et_hd_hanukkah/article/0,1972,FOOD_9837_1734898,00.html)

### **Chanukah**

History of the holiday, blessings, recipes, and more from the Jewish Holidays site. Includes an extensive list of related links

<http://www.sfjcf.org/jholidays/holidayinfo/chanukah.shtml>

### **Kwanzaa**

Kwanzaa is a unique African American celebration with focus on the traditional African values of family, community responsibility, commerce, and self-improvement.

<http://www.tike.com/celeb-kw.htm>

### **A History of the Holidays**

This site from The History Channel includes information on Christmas, Chanukah, and Kwanzaa

<http://www.historychannel.com/exhibits/holidays/main.html>

### **The Official Kwanzaa Web site**

Features information on Kwanzaa greetings, gifts, colors and decorations, celebration, the Seven Principles, and more.

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

### **Education World Holiday Site**

Do your students celebrate Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, or Three Kings Day? Maybe they celebrate St. Lucia Day or Ramadan. December offers great opportunities for teaching about our multicultural world.

[http://www.education-world.com/a\\_lesson/lesson/lesson246.shtml](http://www.education-world.com/a_lesson/lesson/lesson246.shtml)

### **Chanukah Fun & Games**

Sponsored by Torah Tots, the site for Jewish children. Includes the history of the holiday, music, games, coloring pages and more.

<http://www.torahtots.com/holidays/chanuka/chanuk.htm>

## GOVERNOR'S HONORS PROGRAM

## Position Announcement

**Program Description:** The Governor's Honors Program (GHP) is a six-week summer instructional program designed to provide intellectually gifted and artistically talented high school students challenging and enriching educational opportunities not usually available during the regular school year. Activities are designed to provide each participant with opportunities to acquire the skills, knowledge and attitudes to become independent, life-long learners. Annually, 675 students are selected to attend the program, currently held on the campus of Valdosta State University, in Valdosta, Ga. Each participant enrolls in major and minor areas of instruction. The teacher to student ratio is 1:15.

**Title:** Instructor

*Description of Duties: Provide instruction in the major area of study four hours per day, six days per week; provide instruction in the minor area of study 2.5 hours per day, five days per week; attend instructional staff planning weekend in March; attend staff orientation sessions in June; meet and plan with department staff when appropriate; participate in outside-of-class activities when directed; undertake other duties, as assigned.*

**Minimum Qualifications:** Ability to apply instructional strategies for gifted students. Possesses broad knowledge of current best practices in the specific content area. Excellent written, oral, and presentation skills. Ability to design and present instruction that is significantly different from the regular high school curriculum in terms of content, delivery, and/or expectation of student response. Ability to design and present instruction which would empower the learner to become a lifelong learner. Demonstrates an ongoing curiosity/willingness to learn in his/her field as well as other fields. Is flexible when planning instruction; recognizes when it is necessary to alter plans of instruction. Has a sense of humor, especially about self and stressful situations. Ability to work with students and staff in a professional, pleasant manner.

**Preferred Qualifications:** Bachelor's Degree or higher. Minimum of (3) three years successful teaching experience in the specific content area. Experience teaching gifted education classes, Advanced Placement, or honors courses. Have been a participant in the Georgia Governor's Honors Program or another Governor's School.

**Application Deadline:** Continuous recruitment. Interviews will begin immediately, and will continue until all positions are filled.

**Salary:** \$4387 (based on 48 hours per week); Room and Board Provided

**Dates of Employment:** June 9 - July 24, 2005

Submit a completed application and three reference forms [available at [www.doe.k12.ga.us](http://www.doe.k12.ga.us)] to:

**Dr. Joe Searle, Director**  
**Georgia Governor's Honors Program**  
**1862 Twin Towers East**  
**Atlanta, GA 30334-5040**  
**Telephone: (404) 657-0183; Fax: (404) 657-7096**  
**e-mail address: [jsearle@doe.k12.ga.us](mailto:jsearle@doe.k12.ga.us)**

## Georgia Read More Project Begins!



In order to promote reading, the Georgia Department of Education is providing an opportunity for state leaders, dignitaries, and celebrities to read aloud a children's book and have the reading accessible for viewing by students, parents, and teachers through the GPB satellite, Webcasting on the Georgia Department of Education's Web page, and through DVDs that will be distributed to all Georgia public elementary schools.

State Superintendent Kathy Cox recently read *Princess Penelope* to a group of children at the Georgia State University Child Development Center. *Princess Penelope* was written by Todd Mack, illustrated by Julia Gran, and published by Scholastic Press. Our first lady, Mrs. Mary Perdue, will be reading *Miss Twiggley's Tree* in early December.

Information about the broadcast schedule will be announced soon





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## GaDOE Library Media Services



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<b>12</b> Washington DC becomes capital: 1800	<b>13</b> New Zealand discovered: 1642 Sir Frances Drake began circumnavigation voyage: 1577	<b>14</b> South Pole reached: 1911	<b>15</b> Bill of Rights Day	<b>16</b> Margaret Mead born: 1901-1978	<b>17</b> A Christmas Carol published: 1843	<b>18</b> 1st performance of The Nutcracker Suite: 1892																																																																																													
<b>19</b> 1732: Poor Richard's Almanack is published	<b>20</b> U.S. purchases Louisiana Territory: 1803	<b>21</b> Pilgrims land on Plymouth Rock: 1620	<b>22</b> Birthday of James Oglethorpe: 1696-1785	<b>23</b> Voyager completes global flight: 1986	<b>24</b> 1881 Nobel Prize-winning poet Juan Ramon Jimenez is born	<b>25</b> Christmas																																																																																													
<b>26</b> Kwanzaa	<b>27</b> Birthday of Louis Pasteur	<b>28</b> Carol Ryrie Brink born: 1895-1981	<b>29</b> 1916 Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man is published	<b>30</b> Rudyard Kipling born: 1865-1936	<b>31</b> Edison demonstrates incandescent light: 1879																																																																																														

***When I discovered libraries, it was like having Christmas every day. Jean Fritz***