

TO BOLDLY GO...

2013 GPLS Technology Boot Camp
Unicoi Lodge, Helen, Georgia - April 23 – 25, 2013
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Agenda Synopsis

Tuesday, April 24, 2013

PINES Hackfest —Chris Sharp & Dawn Dale set up a sample workstation along with the normal PINES accoutrements. Useful documentation came out of the session and is now on the PINES web site.

Demo Lab—available for use were the new Windows Surface RT, the Google Chromebook, the Nexus Galaxy 10 and the nComputing Virtualization demo.

Wednesday, April 25, 2013

To Boldly Go: How is technology evolving and how is it shaping the future of libraries? How can Georgia's libraries innovate, evolve and lead the charge as the economy recovers and "Library: The Next Generation" becomes reality?

Network Changes & Public Computer Funding — Emily Almond gave updates on the status of the Network Project

Thin Client Demo—Daniel Zeiger, Andrew Crane, and Ted Bazemore presented an alternative to stand-alone workstations. John Carocci, Andrew and Daniel talked about the Pilot project currently underway at the Newton County Library System.

Information Security in the Cloud—[Stan Gatewood, Chief Information Security Officer with Board of Regents](#) explained the pros and cons of using cloud storage.

Skillport Implementation—Jay Turner presented programming to ensure the library community will continue to have relevant and convenient continuing education opportunities with [Skillport](#) and [Lynda.com](#).

Thursday, April 26, 2013

SRS (Software Resource & Service)—[Jessica Wheeler, Product Management Specialist with University System of Georgia SRS \(Software Resource & Service\)](#) walked us through the variety of software and services available to employees of Georgia's libraries through the University System of Georgia.

Tell Us What You Know Lightning Round—Working from a list of pre-selected topics, the attendees shared methods and know-how. The results of the talks will be compiled, along with survey results, and posted on galibtech.org.

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Get the Edge: Benchmarks, Tools and Training for Public Access Technology— [Larra Clark, ALA Office for Information Technology Policy](#) talked about the EDGE Initiatives, a nationally-recognized management and leadership tool for libraries.

E-Rate Basics—Richard Brock provided updates on changes to E-rate, as well as offered tips, reminders, and methods to make the best of this national technology discount program.

Participant Feedback

*Melanie A. Hogue, Systems Librarian
Chestatee Regional Library System*

I would also like to thank everyone for a very fruitful couple of days. Since I am new to Ga libraries, I was so pleased to meet such a collaborative and friendly bunch!

*David M. Daniels
Technology Support Director
Sara Hightower Regional Library.*

I would like to send a big heartfelt thank you to Emily, Nicol, Dr. Veatch, Andrew, Chris, and all the others that made the Bootcamp so great. I really feel that they did a great job and provided us all with some great information and assistance.

Also a very big thanks to Jessica Wheeler for all the great work she has always done to assisting all the libraries in SRS orders and for asking for new ideas like PC Reservation and Deep Freeze. Let us hope those work out.

Once again, I hope this does continue each year as I think it is a great benefit to all libraries and will bring us all closer and better able to assist all patrons in a consistent manner.

*Sean Strickland
Systems Administrator
South Georgia Regional Library*

I cannot thank you both enough for your hard work and amazing energy at the Tech Talk Boot Camp. The opportunity to come together and work with my fellow techs in some of the most valuable time I get in a year. I really enjoy helping others and teaching what I know plus learning about things I haven't had a chance to experience yet.

I wanted to also take a moment to personally commend Emily for her vision and passion for increased broadband access for all libraries everywhere in GA. I can, with no reservation, that the biggest hurdle I face on a daily basis is the demand for broadband access by patrons and staff. It is one of the hardest things I struggle with to balance and I really hope to see all libraries in the state of Georgia on 50Mb, if not 100Mb, access in

the next 5 years!!! In our service area, our libraries are one of the few, if not only, access points for wifi and computer access and having increased broadband access is invaluable to our patrons, mission, and vision.

Thank you both for working so hard and diligently towards ensuring libraries are able to meet the demands that are places on us now and into the future!!

Jessica L. Wheeler
Software Resource & Services

I wanted to thank you both for letting me attend and present at the GPLS conference, and for helping me get unlost when I first arrived. I enjoyed my time there immensely. Had I not been pregnant, I would have come and stayed for the whole thing. Your conference was well organized and informative. Everyone I met was extremely friendly and helpful. I enjoyed Jay Turner's presentation so much, I forgot 1) I don't work for GPLS and 2) I was presenting next. You have put a lot of time and effort into this conference, and it showed. I was very proud to be a part of your conference. I've bragged about you and the conference to the others in my department. I was so excited when I left, i was already forming an idea for next year!

Keith Schuermann
Director, Troup-Harris Regional Library
Congrats on a great Boot Camp! I'm hearing great feedback.

Abi Nabavi
Project Manager, AFPLS

It was great meeting you both during the GPLS Boot Camp. All technical ideas which was shared among GPLS staff and attendees is a great way to improve our library systems to provide better services to our patrons.

Thank you for giving us the opportunities to attend this event and to meet our peers and share ideas. Looking forward for future gatherings!

Tamika Strong
Automation Services Coordinator
Dekalb County Public Library

As always, it was a blast. Kudos to you and your staff for providing us with an avenue to share and showcase what our libraries are doing. Thank you for all that you do, especially considering the pain you were in. A BIG hug to you.

LaToya Davidson
Assistant Director
Twin Lakes Library System

I just wanted to say that this was my first Tech Boot Camp and I was pleasantly surprised. I'm the type of person who generally enjoys virtual meetings to face-to-face meetings. I think that coupled with the terrific accommodations at Unicoi State Park (love the continued partnership with Georgia State Parks) and so many like minds, it was warm, sharing, and inviting environment for all who attended. I think that the number of participants was just right and the content was insightful. The time of year is just right. These dates were perfect. I'm excited about the tidbits of information I've gained and am very much looking forward to next year!

Julia Huprich
Manager, Digital Services
Cobb County Public Library System

I just wanted to say again how much I appreciated the Technology Boot Camp. It was so nice to be able to network with others, to put names to faces, and to learn new tips and tricks.

Specifically, I really enjoyed the Library Edge session; that's such a great resource and such a good opportunity for us to look to the future as we plan new initiatives in our own libraries. Larra's webinar was so informative and I came away from it very inspired! Jay's session on continuing education was also really exciting, and we're looking for ways to implement those new tools into the library's ongoing training efforts. Emily, your lightning round was also helpful – I loved hearing about the ways that people around the state are addressing different problems at their library.

This was such a great opportunity for us to learn from each other (and, dare I say it – have a little fun at the same time!). Thank you so much for making this boot camp happen, and I look forward to next year!