GEORGIA 2019
ACCESSIBILITY
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# Monday, March 25

## Independent Living, Inclusion and Accessibility      Monday 12 pm - 2 pm
Speaker: Linda Pogue

This presentation is an interactive discussion regarding independent living (being in charge of one's own lives), inclusion (people with disabilities being fully included in community life), and accessibility (full access to all aspects of life).

## Project Independence      Monday 2:30 pm – 3:30 pm
Speaker: Kay McGill

Are you 55 or over? Is your vision changing? Difficulties with daily living skills? Project Independence may be able to help. This talk with provide an overview of the program, demographics of visually impaired adults in Georgia, and demonstration of a variety of equipment to aid in improved daily living skills.

## Hearing Loop Technology      Monday 3:30 pm – 4:10 pm
Speaker: Nick Hobbes

Mr. Hobbes will describe the use of hearing loop technology, which can be used to make rooms using sound systems more accessible to people with assistive listening systems.

## Serving Patrons
## Who Are Hard of Hearing or Deaf      Monday 4:10 pm – 4:50 pm
Speaker: Joy Bolt

Joy shares about personal hearing loop technology and how to work with the deaf and hard of hearing in libraries.

## Getting to Know Georgia Relay      Monday 4:50 pm – 5:00 pm
Speaker: Brendan Underwood

Georgia Relay is a state program that provides no cost phone services for individuals that are hard of hearing, deaf, have difficulty with speech, or may be deaf-blind. I will be going over our program and services we provide.

# Tuesday, March 26

## Keynote: That All May Read
**Tuesday 9:00 am – 10:00 am**

Speakers: Karen Keninger, Director of NLS

Keninger will discuss her vision for the future and the steps that will move the NLS program to the next generation of library service for Americans with print disabilities. Duplication on demand, digital delivery, Marrakesh, and the role of network and public libraries will be included in the presentation.

## Comprehensive LanguageLine Access Solutions
**Tuesday 10:30 am – 11:30 am**

Speaker: Joe Matthews

With more than 36 years of experience, LanguageLine Solutions is the trusted language services provider for more than 28,000 clients across the world. We provide the highest quality phone, video, and onsite interpreting, document translation services and localization, as well as bilingual staff and interpreter testing and training. We deliver the industry's fastest and most dependable access to highly trained and professional linguists in more than 240 languages 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, facilitating more than 35 million interactions a year; that's a new connection every second!

## "Hey You!" Digital Assistants As Assistive Technology
**Tuesday 11:30 am – 12:30 pm**

Speaker: Danny Housley

Smart speakers are growing in popularity and becoming more affordable than ever. This presentation will cover three brands of smart speakers, their built in assistants, and the capabilities that allow them to increase independence, information access, and control your environment.

## Accessible Libraries: Lessons from Litigation
**Tuesday 1:30 pm – 2:30 pm**

Speaker: Marti Minor

An in-depth look at six lawsuits stemming from physical accessibility problems in local government locales.

## Tackling Accessibility One Byte at a Time
**Tuesday 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm**

Speaker: John Rempel

In this presentation, attendees will be provided with an overview of some of the tools people with disabilities frequently use to access digital content. A live demonstration of a screen reader will also be given to better understand how someone who is blind accesses digital content. A brief overview of the legal landscape will be given, including recent settlements that have occurred and what has been required. The fundamentals of the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) will also be covered, a robust set of internationally recognized guidelines that are frequently used as a benchmark when evaluating digital accessibility. Additional follow-up resources and information will be provided.

## Panel: Post-GAC 2018 Inspiration                    Tuesday 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm
Speakers: Michael Humphrey and Kathy Pillatzki

Mr. Humphrey will share how White County Public Libraries built an accessible workstation from concept to funding, to buying, to building, to tweaking and Ms. Pillatzki will give a summary of new programs, staff training, and initiatives implemented at Henry County Library System as a direct result of past Accessibility Conferences.

## Optional Activities:
## Spark Walk! or Blindfold Games!                    Tuesday 7:00 pm
Facilitated by GLASS Outreach Staff

**Spark Walk:** Participants will enjoy a 20 to 30 minute walk around the property while holding a topic guided conversation. Topics will be provided to each group before they depart. A group captain will guide the talk. A group secretary can keep notes (nothing too formal, maybe jot down on phone or other device while walking), and a group reporter can write the big insights or take-aways on the designated post-it poster once back at the conference center. Everyone will be encouraged to browse each group's posters.

**Blindfold Games:** Can you drive a speedy car guided by sound alone? Could you win a race or would you wind up sidelined? Try your hand at Blindfold Racer, one of scores of games from Blindfold Games. The Games were designed to provide visually impaired players of all ages with an opportunity to enjoy audio versions of popular video games. No need for tedious drills or lessons. The Games teach dozens of accessibility skills – sensory efficiency, orientation, mobility, literacy, social interaction, and assistive technology as integrated play. Students can practice and improve on their own while enjoying productive playtime. You'll gain a new respect for everything that can be done without visual input. Can you compete? Start your engines!

# Wednesday, March 27

## Collection Development for Disability Resources    Wednesday 9 am – 10 am
Speaker: Christine Willis

Libraries provide essential information to community members on a variety of topic and in this presentation will we address disability resources. According to the CDC (2017) 26% of adults (over 60 million) in the United States have a disability. It is likely that this includes patrons who visit or access your library. This presentation will discuss disability related resources in print and electronic formats that can be added to a library's collection. Patrons who may wish to access this information include the person with a disability, a loved one or friend of these individuals, students, community leaders, or local business owners. Resources include fiction and non-fiction books, medical resources appropriate for healthcare consumers, and home/building modification resources.

## Changing Landscape of Accessible Reading          Wednesday 10 am – 11 pm
Speaker: Lisa Wadors Verne

There has been a shift in the way people access information: e-books and the widespread use of graphics to convey information have created a "new normal" for how many people read and learn. While these resources are readily available, too many of them are not accessible to people who have a disability that prevents their use of printed material.  As a result, people with disabilities such as vision impairments, physical limitations and severe learning disabilities often face barriers to information. Benetech/Bookshare has partnered both with US and international partners to provide free access to over 700,000 books, periodicals and more to qualified library patrons. In this session participants will hear about some new agreements and opportunities including books available through the Marrakech agreement to provide accessible e-books to their qualified library patrons through a variety of technology platforms in a variety of languages.

## GLASS Updates          Wednesday 11 am – 12 pm
Speakers: GLASS Staff

GLASS staff members will give an overview of GLASS, updates on the GLASS/PINES partnership and the Bookshare partnership, GLASS RSVP, download on demand, and what we're looking towards in the future.

## LSTA Survey          Wednesday 12:00 pm – 12:30 pm

We appreciate you staying a minute to fill out our survey for LSTA!

# Drop-In Activities

- Interactive AT Lab hosted by Tools for Life, Georgia's Assistive Technology Act Program at Georgia Tech
- NFB-NEWSLINE
- Georgia Relay
- GLASS Accessible Technology (AT kits)
- GLA Library Services for Persons with Disabilities (LSPD) Interest Group