

# HOUR GLASS

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## Beverly Williams picked for PINNACLE class; Stella Cone to serve among program's mentors

Georgia Public Library Service has announced the inaugural class of PINNACLE, the Public Library Institute for New and Creative Leadership Education. Beverly Williams, subregional manager for GLASS, is among the 20 professionals selected to participate.

GLASS Director Stella Cone will serve as one of 10 mentors in the program.



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In addition to Williams, members of the PINNACLE Class of 2008 are: Jimmy Bass, head of the Newnan-Coweta Public Library; Ted Bazemore, virtual services librarian with the Clayton County Library System (CCLS); Brijin Boddy, head of the teen department for the Chattahoochee Valley Regional Library (CVRL) in Columbus; Anne Bowen, deputy director of the Ocmulgee Regional Library System in Eastman; Sarah Boyd, head of the adult services department with CVRL;

Lecia Eubanks, director of the Cherokee Regional Library in Lafayette; Trudi Green, team leader for information services for the Athens Regional Library System (ARLS); Sandy Hester, director of the Fitzgerald-Ben Hill County Library; Gina



*Cone*

Jenkins, principal librarian/branch manager for the DeKalb County Public Library; and Colleen Knight, adult services librarian with the Bartow County Library System.

Also selected as PINNACLE members for 2008 are: Jo Lahmon, branch manager for the Cobb County Public Library System; Lisa MacKinney, assistant director of the Hall County Library System; Beata Mengel, youth services librarian with CCLS; Ashley Moore, assistant director for the Dougherty County Public Library; Karen Odom, head librarian at Houston

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County Public Libraries' Centerville branch; Jill Prouty, library administrator with the Flint River Regional Library System's Peachtree City Library; Susan Stephens, director of the Chattooga County Library System; Jeff Tomlinson, assistant director of the Uncle Remus Regional Library System in Madison; and Leigh Wiley, librarian with the DeSoto Trail Regional Library in Camilla.

The goal of the program is to ensure the future of high-quality library leadership across the state. Attendees must hold a master of library science, a master of science in library science or a master of library and information science degree; be currently employed in a public library in Georgia; and have at least two years of professional library experience.

"We had an extremely strong and diverse group of applicants," said David Singleton, deputy state librarian. "I am very impressed by the qualifications and very encouraged by the leadership potential of the 20 selected candidates. I believe that PINNACLE can become a national model for training the next generation of library leaders."

The institute begins with a one-week retreat in November and will include eight

monthly two-day sessions, culminating at the fall 2008 convention of the Georgia Council of Media Organizations.

Session topics at PINNACLE 2007-2008 will include situational leadership, time management, analytical and creative problem solving, financial management and performance measures, human resource management and administrative law, managing conflict and group dynamics, ethics, power, best practices, process improvement, project coaching, media relations, leadership in a political environment and effective presentations. One session will include training in the Public Library Association's six-step planning model, Planning for Results, which provides an acclaimed results-driven approach to meeting community needs and developing means to anticipate future demands.

Ten mentors, including all five of PINNACLE's steering committee members, have volunteered to serve for the inaugural class, and each will be assigned to work with two of its members. The steering committee includes Singleton; Lyn Hopper, assistant state librarian for library development; Julie Walker, assistant state librarian for technology support services and strategic initiatives; Kathryn Ames, director of ARLS; and Greg Heid, director of the Newton County Library System. Joining them and

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Cone as mentors will be Susan Cooley, director of the Sara Hightower Regional Library in Rome; Dusty Gres, director of the Ohoopsee Regional Library in Vidalia; Lois Roberts, director of the Statesboro Regional Library; and Claudya Muller, director of CVRL.

“Together, our exceptional group of

mentors has more than 200 years of experience in the library profession,” said Singleton, “and each brings nationally recognized leadership and management skills to share with our first class.”

The PINNACLE steering committee worked with the Carl Vinson Institute of Government (CVIOG), a public service and outreach unit of the University of Georgia, to design the curriculum, and CVIOG will lead the training sessions. ■

## Resource group educates women with disabilities on breast cancer awareness and prevention

By Empish J. Thomas

*Educational Outreach Coordinator for the Blind Community*

Did you know that just being a woman makes you at risk for breast cancer? Did you know that after treatment for early breast cancer, the death rate of women with disabilities is higher than that of other women? Did you know that there are wheelchair-accessible mammogram locations in the Atlanta metro area? Did you know that Medicare and Medicaid can pay for a mammogram screening? To answer these questions and a lot more, attend a party sponsored by the Disability Resource Group (DRG).

An advocacy organization that focuses on full inclusion, DRG is working with the Susan G. Komen for the Cure Foundation to do educational outreach through the

Breast Screening for All Project. Over the years, the foundation has become the world’s largest grassroots network of breast cancer survivors and activists.

A few years ago, DRG decided to play an active role in educating women with disabilities on breast cancer awareness. They first worked with the Centers for Disease Control in a marketing focus group and found that women with disabilities were more likely to listen to their peers. “Women with disabilities don’t traditionally fit in the standard marketing and media campaigns because they are more isolated,” said Nancy Duncan, executive director of DRG. “They

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are more likely to get information from close friends and family.” Additionally, women with disabilities are not always treated respectfully by medical personnel, causing reluctance to seek routine health screenings. “We found that nurses were uncomfortable working with disabled people,” said Duncan, who is blind. “Also, the health department was not familiar with doing outreach to our population.”

DRG’s strategy is to use women with disabilities to do educational outreach to other women with disabilities. Each educational coordinator will present breast cancer information at intimate parties in the homes of disabled women and their friends. They will also recruit

and encourage these women to host additional parties. The idea is to use small groups for a relaxed and informal setting. During the parties, women can watch a video on self-examinations and mammograms, read literature on breast cancer, feel a lump in a modulated breast, ask questions, share experiences and win special prizes and gifts. “We currently have four women who are coordinators,” said Duncan. “We are trying to have representation for all types of disabilities.” The goal is to outreach to at least 600 women with 150 of them getting mammograms before the grant ends in March 2008.

For more information on the Breast Screening for All Project, call the Disability Resource Group at 770-451-2340 or log on at [www.disabilityresourcegroup.org](http://www.disabilityresourcegroup.org). ■

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## Conventioneering for GLASS

*Diane Simms (right) welcomed visitors to the GLASS booth at the Georgia Council of the Blind’s 2007 annual conference. GLASS was one of nearly 20 exhibitors at the event, which was held July 26 – 28 in Duluth. Among the conference’s many highlights was guest speaker Michael Hingson. With his guide dog Rosselle, Hingson was among those who escaped the World Trade Center terrorist attack on Sept. 11, 2001.*



# InfoLink provides central location for news and info

By Empish J. Thomas

Staying updated and informed on valuable resources for the blind and visually impaired in the Atlanta metro county area can be a challenge. Many times, information comes from a variety of sources, making the search overwhelming, confusing and time-consuming. Accessing information on adaptive technology, research studies, support group meetings and interesting and fun activities for the blind can be found in one centralized location — InfoLink.

InfoLink was created by the Center for the Visually Impaired (CVI) to help blind and visually impaired people stay abreast of current information, products and services in the blind community. Located in midtown Atlanta, CVI is Georgia's largest comprehensive, fully accredited, private facility providing rehabilitation services for individuals of all ages who are blind or visually impaired.

InfoLink originally evolved from the Access Bulletin Board, which started in the late 1990s, as a way to provide information to blind people who could not read Braille or use the Internet. It has changed its name to InfoLink, has expanded and now can be accessed via telephone, e-mail or on the CVI Web site.

"The feedback from the blind community has been very positive," said Katey Glass, public education coordinator. "InfoLink provides them a way to know what is going on and is a good resource of information on meetings and technologies that are available."

For information or to sign up for InfoLink, log on to [www.cviatlanta.org](http://www.cviatlanta.org) or call 404-875-6418. Outside Atlanta, call toll-free at 800-558-5451. ■

## LCAC holds meetings

The Library Consumer Advisory Council (LCAC) met Sept. 10 at GLASS. President Garrick Scott called the meeting to order. Board members are: Katey Glass, member at large; Thelma Godwin, NFB Georgia; Donald Grier, blind veteran; Betty Hasan-Amin, physical disability; Patrice Johnson, member at large; Anil Lewis, board secretary, librarian's appointment; Vanessa Meadows, ex-officio library staff; Sara Randall, librarian's appointment; Shirley Robinson, Department of Labor; Adam Shapiro, board parliamentarian, Georgia Council of the Blind; Ann Sims, member at large, Beverly Williams, Atlanta Subregional Library manager, ex-officio library staff; and Stella Cone, director of GLASS, ex-officio. LCAC's next meeting will be held Dec. 3 at GLASS. ■

# New Halloween, Thanksgiving selections available

## RC 25514

### **Title: American Diabetes Association Holiday Cookbook**

**Author:** Betty Wedman

**Description:** Includes recipes for festive food low in sugar, fat and salt. All conform to the American Diabetes Association's guidelines of no more than half a teaspoon of sugar per serving. Recipes are arranged mainly by courses of a meal, including several chapters on desserts. Each recipe includes full nutritional information.

**Narrator:** Janis Gray

## RC 42591

### **Title: Beatrice Ojakangas' Great Holiday Baking Book**

**Author:** Beatrice Ojakangas

**Description:** Offers 250 recipes for savory and sweet baked treats to make holidays more memorable. While many of the recipes are for Thanksgiving and Christmas, there are also some for Labor Day, April Fools' Day and other celebrations, some obscure. Includes historical backgrounds for the various observances.

**Narrator:** Kerry Cundiff

## RC 62895

### **A Hole in Juan: An Amanda Pepper Mystery**

**Author:** Gillian Roberts

**Description:** Halloween pranks at Philly Prep turn sinister when science teacher Juan Reyes is seriously injured in a chemistry lab explosion shortly after complaining of being harassed by his students. To find the culprit, English teacher Amanda Pepper enlists the aid of her new PI husband, C.K. Mackenzie.

**Narrator:** Annie Wauters

## RC 46711

### **Bag of Bones**

**Author:** Stephen King

**Description:** Author Mike Noonan has suffered from writer's block since the sudden death of his wife, Jo. Hoping that the move to their summer house in Maine will ease his nightmares and misery, Mike befriends young Mattie Devore and her three-year-old daughter, Kyra. While helping Mattie fight for custody of Kyra, Mike is plagued by ghosts. Strong language, descriptions of sex and some violence. Bestseller.

**Narrator:** Gary Roan

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**BR 16287** and **RC 61241**

## **Cell: A Novel**

**Author:** Stephen King

**Description:** Clayton Riddell is in Boston celebrating the sale of his graphic novel when the Pulse, a phenomenon that turns cell-phone users into murderous zombies, strikes people around him.

Clayton begins the long walk back to his family in Maine, joined by other normal humans. Violence and strong language.

**Notes:** Contracted Braille. Also available from Web-Braille as a contracted Braille digital file.

### **Electronic File Info:**

<http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.nls/br.16287v01>

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Volume 2

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**BR 05696**

## **Halloween Howls: Riddles That Are a Scream**

**Author:** Giulio Maestro

**Description:** A collection of Halloween humor featuring vampires, mummies and other creepy favorites. For grades 3-6 to share with older readers.

**Notes:** Contracted Braille

**BR 13887**

## **Turkeys, Pilgrims, and Indian Corn: The Story of the Thanksgiving Symbols**

**Author:** Edna Barth

**Description:** Explains why Americans give credit to the Pilgrims of Plymouth for the first Thanksgiving in 1621 and why it is celebrated by feasting. Discusses Pilgrim beliefs and customs. Describes some of the traditional foods associated with this national holiday. For grades 4-7.

**Notes:** Contracted Braille. Also available from Web-Braille as a contracted Braille digital file.

### **Electronic File Info:**

<http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.nls/br.13887v01>

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**RC 63690**

## **Thanksgiving**

**Author:** Janet Evanovich

**Description:** Williamsburg, Virginia. A chance encounter with a wayward pet rabbit introduces potter Megan Murphy to the animal's owner, pediatrician Patrick Hunter. Megan and Patrick become unlikely guardians of an abandoned infant, and as Thanksgiving approaches, the pair contemplate making their makeshift family legitimate. Some descriptions of sex. Bestseller. 1988.

**Narrator:** Michele Schaeffer ■

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## Black Tie / White Cane Appreciation Banquet scheduled for Oct. 27

The sixth Annual Black Tie / White Cane Appreciation Banquet, hosted by the National Federation of the Blind of Georgia, will be held on Saturday, Oct. 27 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Atlanta. The keynote speaker will be Anil Lewis, president of the National Federation of the Blind of Georgia and member of the NFB national board of directors. For more information about the Black Tie / White Cane Appreciation Banquet, visit [www.nfbga.org](http://www.nfbga.org). ■



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