

Introduction- Lyn Hopper



Hi, everyone, and welcome to Community Building.

I am an independent library consultant and part-time faculty member for Valdosta State University, after spending more than 25 years in service to Georgia public libraries. This work included two stints (totaling 12 years) as director of multi-county Georgia public library systems (Pine Mountain Regional and Chestatee Regional Library Systems). From 2006 to 2010, I served as Assistant State Librarian for Library Development with Georgia Public Library Service (GPLS).

My Master's Degree in Librarianship is from Emory University, and I have recently completed a Specialist's Degree at Florida State University. I am the author of Georgia's public library trustee manual, *Tools for Trustees*, which you can view [here](#), as well as several professional articles on planning and management.

My consulting focus is on developing and positioning libraries for greater support through strategic planning, board and staff development, and advocacy. My Web site (www.lynhopper.com) offers more information about my consulting, including links to my resume and my blog articles.

I am excited to be helping on the implementation side of the Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Program, "Librarians Build Communities," since, in my role at GPLS, I wrote the grant proposal to the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) that resulted in this program. I am especially pleased to be working with Dr. Kathleen de la Peña McCook, who not only "wrote the book" on public libraries, but on community building in public libraries as well (*A Place at the Table*).

Here's to a great semester!