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Gilman of Peachtree Ridge High School named Media Specialist of the Year

Joni Gilman of Peachtree Ridge High School has been named the **2018 Gwinnett County Public Schools Media Specialist of the Year**. The award honors a K-12 library media specialist whose services have resulted in exemplary library media programs.

Gilman was nominated by Peachtree Ridge High School assistant principal Rosie Placek who credits Gilman for “designing inviting learning spaces where students can wonder and explore and dream.” Dr. Jeff Mathews, the school’s principal says Gilman’s passion for her job is infectious. “Joni is a self-starter and takes initiative on things when nobody is watching,” Mathews said. “In her field she’s a true innovator and pushes the boundaries so that the students are benefiting at high levels. She’s a true champion of literacy and someone who under-promises but over-delivers and changes the culture in this building.”

Gilman has developed a successful media program that is exemplary in the promotion of reading, information technology utilization, collaborative and innovative techniques, and community involvement. Evidence of her commitment to promoting literacy is shown through events hosted in the media center at Peachtree Ridge High, her creative book displays, and the availability of resources— both traditional and digital— advertised to learners.

As the GCPS Media Specialist of the Year, Gilman’s nomination will be submitted for consideration by the GLMA (Georgia Library Media Association) district committee for the regional award which will be announced in May.



Joni Gilman is congratulated by Principal Dr. Jeff Mathews on her selection as GCPS Media Specialist of the Year.

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