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Atlanta-Fulton Public Library System Presents  
*Out of Our Closets . . . Into Our History*  
Panel Discussion on Preserving LGBTQ History  

**ATLANTA** – The Atlanta-Fulton Public Library System, along with Emory University, Georgia State University, StoryCorps, and the Atlanta History Center will present a unique program and panel discussion, “Out of Our Closets . . . Into Our History,” about the importance of preserving LGBTQ history for future generations.

The event will take place Saturday, May 19 from 2:00-4:00 p.m. at the Phillip Rush Center. Participants will meet the archivists from these various institutions and find out how people can donate their papers and artifacts to a local archive in order to preserve their specific history.

There will be a panel discussion on why finding a home for LGBTQ materials in an archive or special collection is important. Archivists from the participating venues will discuss their work. Paul Crater of the Atlanta History Center will show attendees how items are processed and made available for use by an archive; Franklin Abbott, poet and founder of the Queer Literary Festival and Daniel Rivers, LGBTQ scholar, historian and author from Emory University will also present; there will be a question-and-answer session, and attendees will have the opportunity to speak individually with the archivists and project representatives.

Other initiatives that will be presented that afternoon include the S.A.G.E. Oral History Project, StoryCorps, Touching Up Our Roots, and the Transgender Tell Your Story Project.

**Location:** The Phillip Rush Center at 1530 Dekalb Avenue, N.E., Suite A, Atlanta, Ga. 30307. For more information call Ann Edmonds 404-885-7820 or ann.edmonds@fultoncountyga.gov

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