
History of North Carolina Libraries and Librarianship. A Bibliography

Part I

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Following a suggestion by Robert G. Anthony, Jr., Curator of the North Carolina Collection at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, I set about compiling this work, which is modeled on and incorporates materials gathered for earlier bibliographies published by Ray Carpenter, Bea Bruce, and Michele Oliver in 1971 and by Robert G. Anthony, Jr. in 1992.¹

This bibliography, like Donald G. Davis, Jr. and John Mark Tucker's *American Library History: A Comprehensive Guide to the Literature* (1989) and its predecessor, *American Library History: A Bibliography* (1978) by Michael H. Harris and Donald G. Davis, Jr., should be considered comprehensive and not exhaustive, as it too omits clipping file items, annual reports, newsletters, and handbooks that many libraries have published. Unlike Carpenter's bibliography, this one selectively includes master's papers, especially those from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and North Carolina Central University.

In addition to the Davis and Tucker guide, *Journal of Library History*, *Libraries & Culture*, and the ALA Library History Roundtable Newsletter (1978-) have proved indispensable. Useful items were turned up in such standard library and information science periodicals as *American Archivist*, *American Libraries*, *College & Research Libraries*, *Journal of Education for Library and Information Science*, *Library Literature*, *Library Quarterly*, *North Carolina Libraries*, and *Southeastern Librarian*. Each issue of *North Carolina Historical Review* (1934-2003) was examined for "North Carolina Bibliography" and each January issue of the same journal (1979-2003) was consulted for "Selected Bibliography of Completed Theses and Dissertations Related to North Carolina Subjects."

The bibliography will be published in four parts, one in each of the next four issues of *North Carolina Libraries*. The first installment includes general historical works about North Carolina public libraries, and histories of libraries from (alphabetically) Alamance through Guilford counties. Part two of the bibliography will contain histories of public libraries from Halifax through Yadkin Counties, part three will include references to general works on North Carolina library history and histories of special libraries in the state, and part four will describe materials on college and university libraries, school libraries, and library associations. Many of the works about individual libraries may not be considered traditional library history, however, an effort has been made to include all works that may be of use to librarians and researchers who are studying specific institutions.

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