

From the President

Gwen Jackson, President

During the 1993-95 biennium, a recurring theme of this column has been "Celebrate Libraries and Celebrate Life." With this issue, we are celebrating another occasion. North Carolina Libraries has been awarded the 1995 H. W. Wilson Award!

The H.W. Wilson Library Periodical Award is "presented to a periodical published by a local, state, or regional library, library group, or library association in the United States or Canada which has made an outstanding contribution to librarianship. All issues for the calendar year prior to the presentation of the award will be judged on the basis of sustained excellence in both content and format, with consideration being given to both purpose and budget. The award is presented only in those years when a periodical merits such recognition."

The citation of the announcement of this award made by Arthur Curley, ALA President, and Elizabeth Martinez, ALA Executive director, states: "North Carolina Libraries, the official publication of the North Carolina Library Association, meets and exceeds the criteria outlined by the H.W. Wilson Library Periodical Award; sustained excellence in content and format, with consideration to both purpose and budget.

"Using thematic quarterly issues that present a balanced treatment of the chosen theme, North Carolina Libraries strives to publish individual articles that are of interest to the state's libraries and to library services in North Carolina. Each issue contains a variety of articles. Continuing columns create a journal identity for the reader. Book reviews and reports of the business and meetings of the association's membership are of interest to all librarians throughout the state.

"Under the leadership of a volunteer editor, North Carolina Libraries consistently meets the needs of its readers with attractive covers, high quality graphics and typesetting, and appealing articles. All of these elements contribute to an outstanding publication. The editor and the North Carolina Library Association should be justly proud of this excellent journal."

Please join me in congratulating Frances Bradburn, Editor and the North Carolina Libraries Editorial Staff —

Rose Simon, John Welch, Dorothy Davis Hodder, Al Jones, Michael Cotter, Harry Tuchmayer, Artemis Kares, Barbara Miller Marson, Michael Van Fossen, Joline Ezzell, Rhonda Holbrook, Diane Kessler, Jeffrey Cannell, Suzanne Wise, Frank Molinek, Jean Williams, Megan Mulder, Joan Sherif, Ralph Scott, and Anne Wilgus.

This group of volunteers spends many hours preparing every issue of our journal — from the glimmer of an idea to the finished product we hold in our hands. Thank you for sharing your time and talents! The North Carolina Library Association is most fortunate to have the national recognition that our journal has brought.

Through the efforts of editorial staffs, the history of the Association and changes in our profession have been preserved. I have recently spent time looking through the past twenty-four years of the journal — since I became a member in 1971. The articles, features, and Association minutes provided a trip down memory lane, reminding me of the "hot topics" of the past decades and reminiscences of friends and occasions. Have you taken such a trip?

Whether your "trip" be one of reminiscences or actually getting away from the usual routines of work, travel safely and with Godspeed. Above all, celebrate life and libraries!