

NCLA Section Activities

Public Library Section

The Public Library Section will present Senator Tom Strickland of Wayne County as its speaker for the general session on Thursday night, October 30, 1975 at NCLA.

Senator Strickland has announced his intention to run on the democratic ticket for Governor of the State.

The following additional appropriations were made by the legislature to the State Library budget:

	1975-76	1976-77
State Aid to County and Regional Libraries	\$183,000	\$183,000
Supplemental Support of State Library Processing Center	45,768	47,813
Increased Service to Blind and Physically Handicapped	37,520	37,095
Increased Service to Residents of State Institutions	21,000	31,000
Census Data via Computer for Local Governments	14,541	14,967
TOTAL	\$301,829	\$313,875

The Continuing Education Committee of the Public Library Section, in cooperation with the office of Extension and Continuing Education at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, developed a series of short courses for library personnel.

These courses were two-day sessions dealing with reference tools and techniques, the public library as a community information center, psychology of supervision, the catalog, and service to business and government, setting and achieving goals, pa-

tron and employee relations. The courses ran from February 27, 1975 to April 26, 1975 and were extremely well attended. Plans are being made for a similar program to be held in three areas of the state next year. The courses this year were all conducted at the University in Charlotte.

As a result of great interest in genealogy, the Public Library Section has established a Genealogical Services Committee. Librarian Richard Meldrom, Director of Catawba County Library is the Chairman of that committee. Any librarians interested in joining that committee, should contact Richard directly.

The Development Committee of the Public Library Section will hold its final meeting of the year September 30 and October 1 at High Meadows Inn, near Roaring Gap.

The Public Library Section Planning Council will meet October 1 and October 2 at the same location. Any interested librarian is invited to attend either or both of these meetings.

H. William O'Shea, Chairman

North Carolina Association of School Librarians

Mrs. Jean Craighead George, 1973 Newbery Award Winner for *Julie of the Wolves*, was the guest speaker at the first general session of the Biennial School Media Work Conference, sponsored by the North Carolina Association of School Librarians, the Educational Media Association, and the Association for Educational Communications and Technology, in cooperation with the State Department of Public Instruction held at the Durham Civic Center. The Conference was held at the Durham Hotel and Durham Civic Center, Durham, N.C., October 31, November 1-2, 1974.

Acknowledging the conference theme, "Media Trends . . . A Challenge for Change," Mrs. George in the outset of her address emphasized the force of change in the evolution of nature around us and how this force had affected her writing. The influence of her naturalist father, early associations with her brothers who were interested in nature, her education and her training are all factors in the evolution process of Jean George as a writer and of themes and plots for her books.

In the early stages of her writing, Mrs. George wrote books tracing the life history of birds and animals. A change began to take place in scientific thinking. Her brothers became involved in ecology, and Mrs. George left newspaper work to raise children.

Events and experiences in the childhood as well as the adult life of the author have influenced the themes and content of the books she has written. In some instances trips were planned and taken and animals were secured and studied to make authentic the back drop for the moving story she chronicled. Kids identify with the events, the animal actions and the human interaction with animals in stories about living off the land, runaway adventures, owning and training a falcon, insects and tiny creatures, and antics of a crow. The reader begins to realize that animals have human traits. From among the many books she has written, Mrs. George cited a few to illustrate her point on animal behavior and its contribution to human behavior: *Julie of the Wolves*, *The Other Side of the Mountain*, *All Upon a Sidewalk*, *Summer of the Falcon*, and *Crow*.

Junior Members Round Table

At the JMRT Executive Board Meeting of the NCLA Spring Workshop, Chairman, Theresa Coletta, appointed Sherrie Antonowicz to serve as Chairperson for

the JMRT Nominations Committee. Suggested nominations may be mailed to Sherrie at Blanche S. Benjamin Branch Library, 1510 Benjamin Parkway, Greensboro, N.C. 27408 for consideration by her committee. After August 1, 1975, nominations are closed although an opportunity for nominations from the floor will be accepted at the Junior Members Round Table Luncheon at NCLA in November.

The JMRT Business Luncheon to be held at the NCLA Biennial Conference on Thursday, November 1st at 12 noon, will include election of officers, and a vote on the revised JMRT By-Laws and Standing Rules. Light entertainment featuring "A Sing Along" with guitarist, will follow the business meeting.

Plans have been made for the JMRT Membership Committee to again sponsor a booth in the exhibit hall at the convention center. The booth will be operated each day. Any JMRT members interested in helping at the JMRT booth are asked to contact JMRT Membership Committee Chairperson, Becky Howard, at Cleveland County Technical Institute, 137 South Post Road, Shelby, N.C. 28105.

Committee Reports

Audio-Visual Committee

The NCLA Audiovisual Committee met April 5, 1975 at the Spring Workshop on the campus of Greensboro College. Present were Ellen Day (Chairperson), Barry Mangum, Brian Nielsen, Rebekah Overman, and Bill Roberts. Richard Barker and Marilyn Webb joined the committee's discussions at the Chairperson's invitation.

Ms. Webb gave background information about the N. C. State Library Film Service, their present holdings, services and advisory committee.

Mr. Barker shared the information from the survey made of non-book resources in the libraries of the N. C. university system.

There was a review of the committee's charge, discussion of the previous year's decision to survey the state and identification of problems of concern to the committee members. It was concluded that the exhaustive survey proposed was overwhelming and beyond the committee's resources and energies. A sample survey was suggested instead and met with approval.

From this sampling the committee will determine priorities and specific directions for their efforts.

Topics of concern that were discussed included the relative meager holdings and funding of the State Library Film Service considering the public it serves. The reluctance of those with film inventories to share these with others and the difficulties of doing so even if they wished. The arbitrariness of reports for judging excellence of library holdings (particularly college) by quantity of book volumes and no provision for considering AV resources or services. To whom do our colleagues look for leadership in media problems? The Public Libraries Section has/had an AV committee, there is the Educational Media Association, the N. C. Association of Educational Communications and Technology, the N. C. Association of School Librarians, and the Learning Resources Association. All have discussed and tackled mutual concerns. The sample survey may pin point those major common problems and give the committee a mandate or focus for their work.

Education For Librarianship Committee

The Education for Librarianship Committee met at the NCLA Workshop on April 5, 1975. Members present included Collins, Johnson, Matthis, Pope, and Roper.

The major topic discussed by the Committee was continuing education. Discussion centered around the following:

(1) A draft of a letter to the directors of library education programs was approved. This letter urges provision of more continuing education opportunities to be provided in a variety of formats. The letter also requests that the directors let Don Collins know about continuing education programs so that they can be publicized by the Committee.

(2) The Committee is exploring the possibility of a state-wide conference on continuing education. Ways and means of

carrying out such a conference are being explored by various committee members. A follow-up committee meeting will be held in Chapel Hill on July 12 to discuss the matter in greater detail.

Committee members who had pre-viewed videotapes from a series produced in another state recommended that the series not be used for North Carolina. No suitable programs for viewing on WUNC-TV have been located to date.

An updated library education directory is needed. A proposal for content was presented for committee review at the July 12 meeting. Discussion centered around how the directory could be published.

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The Constitution and By-Laws Committee

Proposed changes as recommended by the Constitution and By-Laws Committee of NCLA, and recommended by the Execu-

tive Board of NCLA, at the Spring Workshop, April 4 and 5, 1975.

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I. ELECTIONS

1. (Same)
2. (Same)
3. OFFICERS. The Committee on Nominations shall present by *November 1st of the year preceding the election* the names of two candidates for each of the following offices: First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and two Directors at Large.
4. (Same)
5. *The list of nominees shall be published in NORTH CAROLINA LIBRARIES and the STATE LIBRARY NEWSLETTER and NEWS FLASH as soon as possible.*
6. *Any member wishing to be placed on the ballot for any office shall obtain a*

minimum of 50 signatures of NCLA members and submit them to the Executive Secretary by April 1st of the year of election. The Executive Secretary will verify the 50 signatures and notify the member that he will be placed on the ballot.

7. (Formerly section 5)
8. (Formerly section 6)
9. (Formerly section 7)
10. (Formerly section 8)
11. (Formerly section 9)
12. (Formerly section 10)

(The object of the proposed change is to allow NCLA members additional input in the nomination and election of officers.)

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE III. MEMBERS

1. thru 4. (Same)
5. HONORARY. The Honorary And Life Membership Committee may recommend to the Executive Board for honorary membership persons who are no longer engaged in library work or non-librarians who have made unusual contributions to library service. Such nominees may be elected by the Executive Board.

6. LIFE. *The Honorary And Life Membership Committee may recommend to the Executive Board for life membership persons who are no longer actively engaged in library work. Such nominees may be elected by the Executive Board.*

(The object of this proposed change is to allow for recognition of retired librarians without confusing them with Honorary members from outside the library profession.)

italics — new wording.

(()) — deleted wording.