

NCLA Section Activities

North Carolina Association of School Librarians

More than eight hundred school librarians attended the Biennial Work Conference of the North Carolina Association of School Librarians on October 28, 29, and 30, 1976. The conference was held at the Royal Villa Motel in Raleigh. The conference theme was "The Fifth American Freedom: Access to Information."

Dr. Albert Sidney Knowles, Jr., English Department, North Carolina State University, delivered the keynote address at the first general session. Dr. Knowles compared the works of his favorite writers, Ernest Hemingway and Thomas Wolfe. Mrs. Una Edwards, Chairman of NCASL, presided and presented Dr. John Murphy, Superintendent of Wake County Schools, who welcomed the group to Wake County.

Dr. Sara Srygley, Professor, School of Library Science at Florida State University, gave a very inspirational and informative presentation on "Visions and Verities: Teaching the Process of Free Inquiry." She challenged North Carolina school librarians to continue to improve the school programs.

The Friday afternoon concurrent sessions provided a choice of learning situations. Mrs. Edna Lorenz and the school

librarians from Wake County presented a display of "Innovations in Teaching Library Skills." "Book Publishing Today: Problems and How Librarians Can Cope" was presented by Mrs. Mary Gaver and Peter Jacobs. Mrs. Lou Rosser and Mrs. Diana Young coordinated a session on "The Lost Art of Story Telling."

An autograph party featuring North Carolina authors was sponsored by Broadfoot's Bookmark. A number of North Carolina authors were present to talk with conference participants and to autograph their books.

Tours to the Materials Center and to downtown Raleigh were conducted for people who wished to participate. The downtown tour included the governor's mansion and the capitol.

A highlight of the conference was Richard Walser's presentation of North Carolina humor. Mr. Walser was the banquet speaker and shared many humorous stories collected from all parts of North Carolina. John Rigdon, North Carolina Audiovisual Supplies Association, made a special presentation honoring James W. Carruth.

During the last general session on Saturday morning, Mrs. Elsie Brumback, Director, Division of Educational Media, State

Department of Public Instruction, discussed new programs and recommendations for media programs.

The conference was sponsored jointly by the North Carolina Association of School Librarians, the Educational Media Association, and the Division of Educational Media, State Department of Public Instruction.

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**Documents Librarians
of North Carolina**

The fourth annual meeting of the Documents Librarians of North Carolina was held on October 1, 1976 at the McKimmon Extension Education Center of North Carolina State University. This was the first meeting of the DLNC since becoming a section of the North Carolina Library Association. In his opening remarks Chairman Ridley Kessler noted that this first year as a part of NCLA had been very successful. We had been welcomed wholeheartedly by the other sections. Great interest has

been shown in our group by NCLA's Executive Board which has proved very cooperative and eager to help us in our work and organization. The chairman further stated that our goals and objectives as a documents group will be furthered by our membership in the NCLA.

The documents librarians present were informed that the report of the State Documents Group chaired by Sangster Parrot had been sent to the documents section by NCLA executive board. Since our group had already heard and approved this report last year, it was turned back to the executive board with DLNC's stamp of approval and a recommendation that they do all that they could to help implement it, especially the recommendation that the State of North Carolina appoint a study group to investigate a state depository system.

Sue Davis, chairman of the Bibliographic Projects Committee, was thanked for her splendid work in completing a directory of North Carolina Depository Libraries and Librarians. It was a herculean task that has already proven its usefulness to Documents Librarians throughout the state.

**Want to see more names or more libraries in the news?
Here's the person to give your news items to:**

COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES:

Brian Nielsen
University of North Carolina
Chapel Hill, North Carolina 27514

COMMUNITY AND JUNIOR COLLEGE LIBRARIES:

John Thomas
Davidson County Community College
Lexington, North Carolina 27292

SCHOOL MEDIA CENTERS:

William Pendergraft
Pender High School
Burgaw, North Carolina 28425

SPECIAL LIBRARIES:

William Lowe
North Carolina State University
Raleigh, North Carolina 27607

PUBLIC LIBRARIES:

Bernadette Martin
Forsyth County Public Library System
Winston-Salem, North Carolina 27101

Bob Gaines, the vice chairman of DLNC and editor of the *DOCKET*, was also thanked for his efforts on our behalf this year. The editorship of the *DOCKET* is an exceedingly difficult job and a thankless one. Yet, as our chief means of communication, it is one of our most important products. Bob has labored long and hard on the many issues this year and for that we all owe him a debt of gratitude.

The minutes of last year's meeting were read by Cindy Pendergraft and approved unanimously. The treasurer's report was given by Carolyn Jamison. She also reminded everyone of the importance of notifying the treasurer of the NCLA that their name should be put down as a member of the Documents Section.

Jean Porter of North Carolina State University was elected to the post of vice-chairman and chairman-elect. Robert Gaines, University of North Carolina at Greensboro, assumed the chairmanship of DLNC.

Reports were then heard from Mrs. Araby Greene, UNC-CH, on a United Nations conference held in New York last January and from Carolyn Jamison, Appalachian State, on the Federal Documents Task Force meeting at the annual ALA conference last July. Both of these reports were printed verbatim in the December 1976 *DOCKET*.

After lunch, Mr. Daniel R. MacGilvray of the Government Printing Office spoke. Mr. MacGilvray is a Depository library inspector and editor of the *PUBLIC DOCUMENTS HIGHLIGHTS*. The topic of his talk was "What's Happening In Depository Libraries." (The full text appears in the December 1976 *DOCKET*.)

After our speaker thanks were given to Jean Porter and Mary Elizabeth Poole for being our hostesses this year and arranging everything so elegantly. The fourth annual meeting of DLNC then adjourned.

Mary Elizabeth Poole Honored by North Carolina State University

This reporter had the great privilege of attending a tea held in honor of Miss Mary Elizabeth Poole last October 14 at North Carolina State University. Attending were NCSU staff members and friends of the guest of honor. Special guests included Dr. I. T. Littleton, Director of the D. H. Hill Library; Dr. Murray S. Downs, Assistant Provost of North Carolina State University; Mr. Harlan C. Grown, past director of D. H. Hill Library; Mr. Clyde W. Hart, Assistant Director of Foundations of North Carolina State University, and Ms. Sangster Parrott, Assistant Professor of Education at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

It was an impressive occasion because Miss Poole's accomplishments are impressive. A North Carolina native from Troy, Miss Poole attended Duke University and received her B.A. in history in 1935. She attended the Library School at the University of North Carolina and matriculated with an A.B.L.S. degree in 1936. Her first professional job was as documents librarian of Duke University where she served from 1936 to 1943. Miss Poole then accepted a post as Documents Librarian at the Virginia Polytechnical Institute from 1943 to 1944. In 1944 Mrs. Reba Davis Clevenger, then Acting Director of the North Carolina State Library, was able to lure Miss Poole to Raleigh. Mrs. Clevenger had organized the documents collection at N. C. State and doubtlessly recognized Miss Poole's interest in and dedication to documents collections. We all owe a debt of gratitude to Mrs. Clevenger for her farsighted action in securing Miss Poole's services. We should also be grateful that her presence is centrally located in the Raleigh area where she can and has been of countless service to documents librarians throughout the state.

Miss Poole's contributions to the library

world in general and to documents librarians in particular are now legendary. An indefatigable researcher and prolific publisher, Miss Poole has contributed more knowledge and published aids to the Documents Classification System than any other documents librarian alive or deceased. These aids are in constant use in documents libraries throughout the country and have greatly improved the access to and organization of documents collections everywhere.

The best known of Miss Poole's documents tools is *Documents Office Classification*, the first edition of which appeared in 1945. It is now in its fifth edition. Sangster Parrott, a well-known teacher of Library Science in this state, in her brief remarks stated that, "these five editions are the most significant tools a documents librarian can have."

Miss Poole has also contributed the *Documents Office Classification Numbers for Lettered Documents 1912-1924* which came out in 1960. Aware of the lack of author entries in older *Monthly Catalogs*, Miss Poole prepared and published in 1970 the *Author Index (With Titles) to Monthly Catalog of United States Government Publications 1947-1962*. This has greatly simplified documents bibliographic work and certainly makes searching less tedious and more accurate.

Not content to rest on her laurels, Miss Poole has most recently compiled the Superintendent of Documents classifications numbers and added them to Carrollton Press's reprint of the *Monthly Catalog 1895-1924*. This is a major achievement and one long prayed for by documents librarians.

It is not often that documents librarians are singled out for praise by anyone, even their fellow professionals. Ours is a close and rarely heralded group whose work, problems, and accomplishments are little understood even by other librarians. It is indeed pleasing to see one of our members recognized not just by other librarians,

but by the entire educational institution in which she works. It is also particularly pleasing to see Miss Poole so honored. Her contributions are many and all worthwhile in a very difficult area.

Reference and Adult Services

The following questionnaire will hopefully help plan the initial activities of the Reference and Adult Services Section. Please photocopy it, mark the topics "1" through "15" with most important as "1" and least as "15," and mail to Brian Nielsen, Chairman, Reference and Adult Services Section Steering Committee, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Undergraduate Library 27514.

- ___ audiovisual collections for the public
- ___ computerized bibliographic searching and the reference librarian
- ___ developing film programs
- ___ development of reference tools for the state, like the News & Observer Index
- ___ interlibrary cooperation between types of libraries
- ___ interlibrary loan
- ___ interpersonal communication at the reference desk
- ___ library use instruction
- ___ new developments in reference at the national level, e.g. Reference Service Guidelines
- ___ newly published reference tools
- ___ reference statistics
- ___ programming for the adult learner
- ___ public relations for the library
- ___ selection and evaluation of reference collections
- ___ special collections in the state
- ___ OTHER _____

**Intellectual Freedom Committee
North Carolina Library Association
December 10, 1976 Minutes**

The winter meeting of the Intellectual Freedom Committee of the North Carolina Library Association was held Friday, December 10, 1976 at the High Point Public Library at 10:00 a.m. Members attending the meeting were: George Linder, Diana Young, Neal and Judie Austin, Bob Woerner, Ainsley Whitman, Emily Boyce, Elizabeth Copeland, and Martha Ramsley.

The minutes of August 13 were approved as read by Secretary Boyce. Chairman Judie Austin reported that she had written to Mr. John Norton, Chairman of the NCLA Trustees Section in order to explore the possibility of a joint luncheon at the fall NCLA meeting. She said she had not heard from Mr. Norton. Ms. Austin also contacted Mr. Leonard Johnson regarding a time slot for the Committee program at the conference. Mr. Johnson suggested the Committee contact him in January regarding this matter.

The Committee discussed program possibilities for NCLA and decided it would be beneficial to the membership to arrange a debate concerning the issue of a "libraries exempt" provision in the state obscenity law. The North Carolina law at present does not include such a provision and discussion centered around the idea that it may be detrimental to intellectual freedom if such a provision was included since it may have a tendency to remove library personnel from the fight against censorship. The Committee asked Chairperson Austin to write to Dr. Edward Holley, Dean of the Library School at Chapel Hill and Ms. Judith Krug, Office for Intellectual Freedom, American Library Association, and invite them to discuss the issue of "libraries exempt" in state obscenity laws at the forthcoming NCLA meeting.

Chairperson Austin planned to request a time slot for the meeting on Friday afternoon, possibly at 2:00 or another reasonable time on that day in order to include as many school library people as possible.

The Committee discussed the Bladen County censorship difficulties concerning the book, *The Wild Boys*. Ms. Young read reviews of the book to the Committee. Ms. Austin was asked to write to the Superintendent of Bladen County Schools in order to find out the outcome of the case. Discussion was held concerning the difficulties some schools have had with censorship. It was decided it would be beneficial to Committee work to invite Ms. Elsie Brumback, Director, Educational Media Division, N. C. State Department of Public Instruction, to the next meeting of the IFC in order to review procedures used in the schools regarding intellectual freedom. Ms. Boyce said she would find out how many schools in North Carolina have written selection policies properly approved by the local Board of Education and report this information at the next meeting. Neal Austin agreed to discuss materials selection policies with the directors of N. C. public libraries at a forthcoming meeting of directors.

The censorship attempt in Pitt County Schools was brought to the attention of the Committee by Ms. Boyce and Ms. Copeland. Recently Rev. Bobby Bazem requested the Pitt County School Board to appeal the decision of the D. H. Conley (High School) Hearing Committee not to take the following titles off the shelves of the media center: *Of Mice And Men*, *Catcher In The Rye*, *Grapes of Wrath*, *Love Story*, and *Perspectives* (a tenth grade literature text). Chairperson Austin will write to Superintendent Alford for a followup report on the case.

The Intellectual Freedom Committee resolution was passed unanimously by the Executive Board of the North Carolina

Library Association on September 11, 1976. The membership expressed pleasure at the last paragraph in particular since it clarifies the role of the Committee in relation to the North Carolina Library Association. The membership requested Secretary Boyce to submit the minutes of the meeting and the resolution to Editor Poole of *NORTH CAROLINA LIBRARIES* for publication.

Mr. Woerner suggested the Committee publish a simple folded brochure describing the committee's charge, the NCLA Resolution, Committee activities, related organizations concerned with intellectual freedom and an invitation to NCLA members to participate in an IFC network. Mr. and Mrs. Austin agreed to work on this project.

Chairperson Austin read a letter from Ms. Anne Washburn, Reference Librarian, Greensboro College Library, expressing an interest in the Committee's work. Ms. Austin said she had written Ms. Washburn and invited her to attend an IFC meeting.

Mr. Whitman said the Committee needed to be aware of pending legislation in the coming legislature concerning issues of interest to the Committee.

Ms. Copeland suggested that each public library director be placed on the mailing list for the agenda for city council meetings as another way in which to keep informed.

The Committee agreed to meet again at the NCLA spring workshop. The date and time, and place to be announced later. The Committee adjourned at 12:00 noon.

Emily S. Boyce, *FCU Secretary*
Mrs. Judie D. Austin, *Chairman*
Kernersville Branch Library
Kernersville, NC

The North Carolina Library Association asserts the constitutional right of all North Carolinians to free access to books and other library materials.

Since the act of reading is by definition a private activity and the intrusion of a law between an individual and a book constitutes a form of thought control, the Association resists censorship in all its forms.

To keep the public and the profession aware of the importance of free access to information, and to protect the rights of the people and to defend the duty of the libraries which serve them, the North Carolina Library Association has established an Intellectual Freedom Committee.

The Intellectual Freedom Committee shall serve as a clearing house for information relative to censorship. It shall support libraries in defense of intellectual freedom when requested to do so, and shall keep the Association and the Executive Board informed of infringements of intellectual freedom.

Within the framework of this statement, the Intellectual Freedom Committee is empowered to speak for the North Carolina Library Association.

Adopted by NCLA/IFC 8-13-76

Passed by NCLA Executive Board 9-11-76

Help Recruit New Members For NCLA!!

If you are going to attend library meetings, workshops, etc., or know librarians or others interested in librarianship who would be potential members in NCLA, please give them the information about joining NCLA. A new membership brochure has been printed and is available (in quantity) upon request.

HELP BUILD NCLA!

Leland M. Park, *Chairman*
NCLA Membership Committee
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