

# North Carolina Library World: 1978 Review

Editor's note:

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## **Governor's Conference**

Over 650 participants, including many interested library users as well as librarians, joined 200 official delegates in Raleigh on October 19-21 for North Carolina Governor's Conference on Library and Information Services. They examined North Carolina "Libraries: The Way to Know" in a variety of ways. Speakers, including Dr. Isaac Asimov, Joseph Becker, and Governor James B. Hunt, Jr. addressed local, state and national library issues. Exhibits demonstrated existing and potential library services. Discussion groups formulated recommendations for Statewide library/ information services. Over 1400 people attended eight preconference regional meetings held across the State.

## **Networking/Library Cooperation**

In a survey completed in June, the State Library identified 46 existing cooperative programs in the State. On July 25-26 librarians representing these programs in the State. On July 25-26 librarians representing these programs as well as all types of libraries in the State attended a Multitype Networking Symposium in Burlington. They heard nationally known speakers discuss the planning and development of successful networks in other states and cooperative activity at the National level. The symposium was sponsored by the State Library in order to initiate discussion of local and State level cooperating possibilities. The 1977 General Assembly added paragraph (10) to G.S. 125-2 giving the State Library the charge "to plan and coordinate cooperative programs between various types of libraries within the State," and the symposium was intended to lay the groundwork for the planning necessary to exercise this coordination.

Consultants were retained by the Triangle University Cooperation Committee (TULCC) to visit the three university campuses (Duke, North Carolina State University and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill) to examine existing library automation activities and to recommend an approach

to further cooperative bibliographic access systems. The final report recommended the establishment of a system of three minicomputers with uniform equipment and operations at each location to facilitate interaction between the three libraries. TULCC also received a 1978-79 Title II-C grant award for cooperative collection development, based in part on anticipated increased demand on the three collections from scholars at the new National Humanities Center research facility located in Research Triangle Park.

Two public libraries, Greensboro Public Library and the Public Library of Charlotte & Mecklenburg County, signed contracts with DataPhase to automate their circulation systems. These two systems, expected to be operational by July 1979, will be the first two minicomputer mainframes in a projected Statewide public library network. An Ad Hoc Public Library Networking Committee is currently working on plans for the development of the network.

Learning Resources Centers in North Carolina's community colleges shared materials, ideas and information about locally produced media through a Consortium for Sharing Instructional Materials (CSIM). The Community Colleges' department operates an audiovisual clearinghouse for 54 of its 57 member institutions. A cumulative catalog lists approximately 200 films, slides, audio and video tapes and printed materials on everything from art to welding. The community college system has four institutions participating in the Appalachian Education Satellite Project. AESP offers programs built around a video-taped core and beamed to an AT-6 satellite which transmits them to 45 sites located throughout the 13 Appalachian States. There are 11 receiving stations in North Carolina.

A major State media event began on February 14 with Governor Hunt signing Executive Order #18 establishing the North Carolina Task Force on Public Telecommunications. The twenty-three member task force then began a year-long study of radio, television, telephone, computer, and other forms of telecommunications in North Carolina. The State of North Carolina already has a multimillion dollar investment in telecommunications such as telephone, two-way voice transmissions for emergency purposes, data transmissions, and broadcast and nonbroadcast educational media in schools and community colleges. Some new technologies are already being used in North Carolina schools and community colleges in projects sponsored by a variety of individuals and/or agencies. This task force will be a vehicle to study these technologies and explore others offered across the country that can be supplied and expanded throughout North Carolina.

### State Aid

The State Aid Study Committee, appointed by Department of Cultural Resources Secretary Sara W. Hodgkins, completed an exhaustive review and revision of State Aid to Public Libraries. The new plan is to be implemented in 1979. Major considerations were the preservation of accomplishments achieved during the 37-year history of State Aid in North Carolina, the emphasis on the primacy of library service over any other consideration, and the need to guarantee that the State's public libraries share in the recent technological advances in librarianship. The plan seeks to improve the sharing

of materials, to equalize the per capita level of State Aid funding, and to provide for the subsidizing of eligible municipal libraries. Each library must compile a needs assessment, such as a community analysis, and from such a needs assessment a five-year plan for service, revised annually, must be prepared and submitted to the State Library. Libraries which agree to participate in the Statewide public library network may apply for State funding toward the implementation of a computerized library information system.

### **Conferences and Workshops**

The North Carolina Association of School Librarians held their Biennial Work Conference on November 16-17 in Winston-Salem. Dr. Jerome Melton, Deputy State Superintendent, was the Keynote Speaker, commenting on various recent federal and state laws that directly affect school media programs, competency testing and the Community Schools Act. A panel discussed joint public/school library ventures, a direct result of the Community Schools Act.

Under a grant of \$29,300 made by the National Endowment for the Humanities, the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Library Science, on March 5-7, sponsored an invitational conference on the "Role of the Humanities in the Public Library". Project director was Professor Robert N. Broadus, and forty-three active participants (distinguished humanists and librarians) came from all parts of the country. Most of the sessions were held at Quail Roost Conference Center, with the final meetings in Chapel Hill.

As in the past, continuing education opportunities in 1978 were provided by a host of agencies, North Carolina Library Association committees, and schools. Workshops were offered on a wide variety of subjects, such as genealogy, public library programming, preservation of library materials, mainstreaming, bookmobiles, automated or manual serials check-in, preservation of library materials, writing and illustrating for the picturebook genre, zero-base budgeting, folkloristic materials, and census publications.

### **Professional Interests**

The School of Library Science at North Carolina Central University participated in a self-study in preparation for the university's ten-year review for recertification by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. Permission was granted by the Association for the University to conduct a nontraditional self-study in the area of planning and budgeting.

Divisions in the Instructional Services Area of the Department of Public Instruction developed competency goals and minimal performance indicators in the various content areas of the curriculum. These library/media goals and indicators will not be static once they are published and distributed to schools of the State but will be continuously revised and improved to respond to the changing needs of the student population and society.

Major efforts were underway to evaluate the present graduate program at Chapel Hill for the preparation of School Library Media Specialists. Dean Edward G. Holley appointed an advisory committee to assist the Library

School in developing a program which will provide school media leadership needed in the 1980's and 1990's. The committee, chaired by Dr. Marilyn Miller, was charged to evaluate and make recommendations to be used in ongoing course development and in developing future preservice and continuing education/staff development programs.

## **Grants**

The North Carolina Rural Renaissance Project (NCRRP) received \$60,400 in federal vocational funds and \$90,600 in Adult Basic Education funds which enabled ten community colleges and technical institutes to continue development of instructional materials packets on a variety of topics. North Carolina Central University School of Library Science received grants totaling \$57,050 from the U. S. Office of Education and \$15,000 from the State for nine graduate fellowships and five undergraduate scholarships.

## **New Buildings**

The State Library's Special Services section moved to a new facility in Raleigh. The library is a barrier-free building that contains 21,850 square feet designed especially for Special Services; it provides accessibility to all handicapped persons.

The first joint school-public library in North Carolina was dedicated in October. Situated on the Pamlico County High School campus, the county library is affiliated with the Craven-Pamlico-Carteret Regional Library.

Dedications for several other new public library buildings were held during the year. The Kemp Memorial Library in Ellerbe was dedicated in September. The new Pack Memorial Library in Asheville was completed in October. It contains 5,000 square feet of floor space and cost \$2.4 million. Also opening in October was the \$2.1 million Gaston-Lincoln Regional Library facility in Gastonia. A new addition to the Watauga County Library memorializes Homer Brown, a former director of the Appalachian Regional Library. Bladen County's new \$550,000 library facility, constructed with Economic Development Act funds, was dedicated in June.

Five institutions in the community college system occupied new Learning Resources Centers' buildings: Anson Technical Institute, Coastal Carolina Community College, Davidson County Community College, Forsyth Technical Institute, and Piedmont Technical Institute.

## **Awards**

Both the Public Library of Charlotte & Mecklenburg County and the State Library were John Cotton Dana Public Relations Award winners. The award for the State Library cited two Statewide children's programs, "Storytelling Festival in the Park" and "Every Kid with a Card". The Iredell County Library was named a 1978 achievement award winner by the National Association of Counties (NcCo). Dean Annette Phinazze of N. C. Central University received an ALA Black Caucus award for her distinguished service to librarianship.

## Publications

Dr. Jonathan A. Lindsey, Head Librarian of Meredith College's Carlyle Campbell Library, was appointed Editor of *North Carolina Libraries*, the official publication of the North Carolina Library Association. The Materials Review and Evaluation Center of the Department of Public Instruction completed a special project to assemble, evaluate, list, and display a wide variety of materials designed to upgrade the competencies of students in the basic skills. *Educational Materials for Remedial Instruction* was published in the fall. Educators were encouraged to use the bibliography to aid in selecting materials for remedial instruction. Dr. Annette Phinazee's second book, *Newspapers and Periodicals By and About Black People: Southeastern Library Holdings* was published by G. K. Hall. *The Union List of Serials of North Carolina Community Colleges and Technical Institutes*, 3rd edition, was published. The list is sponsored by the Learning Resources Association of the Department of Community Colleges. It locates 2,565 titles in 37 cooperating institutions.

## People

Mary Frances K. Johnson, Professor, was appointed Chair of the Library Science/Educational Technology Division, School of Education, University of North Carolina at Greensboro. Dr. Lee Finks was appointed Associate Professor at the School of Library Science, North Carolina Central University. Walter Alan Tuttle became Librarian of the National Humanities Center located in the Research Triangle Park. Dr. D. Joleen Bock was appointed to direct the program for learning resources personnel in two-year institutions that is provided by Appalachian State University, Department of Educational Media. Dr. Alice Naylor joined the Educational Media faculty of ASU as the Director of the Graduate and Undergraduate Program in School Librarianship. Julian Green was appointed head of Geology Library at the University of North Carolina Library in Chapel Hill. Dr. Wilson Luquire joined East Carolina University's Library as Associate Director. Dr. Eugene A. Brunelle was appointed as adjunct professor in the East Carolina University Department of Library Science. Dr. Marilyn Miller joined the faculty of the School of Library Science, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, as Associate Professor of Library Science to fill the position in school librarianship. Dr. Kay Murray came to the same faculty at UNC, and her primary responsibility is the general reference portion of the curriculum. Robert Russell became Director of the Southport-Brunswick County Public Library. Katherine Armitage began her duties as Director of the Haywood County Public Library in Waynesville. Dale Berns replaced Charla Ellis, who resigned as Director of the Franklin County Library in Louisburg. R. Frank Sinclair, who directed the Richard H. Thornton Library in Oxford, resigned in order to accept a position at the Vance-Granville Technical Institute. Art Goetz resigned as Director of the Public Library of Johnston County and Smithfield. Doris L. Brown, Educational Consultant with the School Media Programs Section for the past seventeen years, retired on October 1. Her colleague, M. Elizabeth Lassiter, retired from the Division of Education Media on August 1.



The State's library profession was saddened by the death of Margaret Ellen Kalp. Miss Kalp was associate Professor Emeritus of the School of Library Science at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. An authority on school librarianship, Miss Kalp joined the school's faculty in 1947 and worked in the creation of the master of library science degree program and, more recently, in the establishment of the doctoral program. She served as acting dean from 1964 until 1967 and was a past president of the North Carolina Library Association.

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