

N.C.L.A. Endorsement of Statewide Legislative Appropriations Request for 1979-81

The North Carolina Library Association Board unanimously voted in its meeting on September 29, 1978, to endorse the following requests for state appropriations for selected statewide programs for the 1979-81 biennium. These requests, which have been made by various state agencies, will be acted upon by the North Carolina General Assembly during its 1979 Session. The endorsements are listed in priority order with the top priority being state aid to public libraries and the allotment of positions for school librarians.

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STATE AID TO PUBLIC LIBRARIES

- A. To provide public libraries with increased collection materials, staffing, and information services that approach national levels.
- B. To increase State support of legally constituted public library systems, bringing as many library systems as possible up to the same level of support and facilitating the sharing of library materials through networking.

	1977-78 Actual	1978-79 Authorized	1978-80 Requested	1980-81 Requested
State Aid Payments to Counties:	\$3,504,056	\$3,854,056	\$9,000,000	\$9,000,000

JUSTIFICATION FOR FUNDING

North Carolina's public libraries in the aggregate held 7.40 million volumes in 1977. 8.97 million more volumes are needed according to the *Inventory of Library Needs, 1975, North Carolina*. Also, the State's public libraries acquired print materials at less than half the indicated needs in 1977. Thus the collections are becoming more inadequate rather than less inadequate. Ignoring price changes and interest costs, a ten-year program to fill collection deficits would require an annual expenditure of \$5 million for 10 years.

In professional staff, North Carolina's public libraries are significantly below their counterparts in the rest of the Southeastern Region and far below the average staffing in the nation. Nationally, public libraries have 1.82 professionals per 10,000 population. North Carolina's public libraries have 0.77.

Public libraries in North Carolina provide less adequate hours per week of access than public libraries in the nation at large; 58% of North Carolina's population do not have access as much as the indicated hours of 66 per week.

The preponderance of North Carolina's citizens are served by public libraries not meeting the indicated needs for space. The 1.29 million square feet devoted to library space is 40% of needs. This contrasts in sharp disadvantage with the 68% figure for the nation. In N. C., public library facilities are not provided through state funds.

Public libraries in North Carolina spent \$20.59 million in 1976-77, or \$3.77 per capita, which contrasts with \$5.13 per capita expended by public libraries throughout the nation. North Carolina's public library operating expenditures amounted to 30% of the indicated needs, much below the national average of 49%.

Development of a computerized network in which each public library system may participate will make all of the materials in the State available to every citizen. Such a network can function as a component in the evolving national information system.

POSITIONS FOR SCHOOL LIBRARIANS

To help staff each public elementary and secondary school with a certified school librarian

	1979-80 Requested	1980-81 Requested
Position salaries	\$5,993,866	\$5,993,867

JUSTIFICATION FOR FUNDING

There are vast inadequacies in school library media programs throughout the State in the areas of staffing (lack of professional, clerical, and technical staff), materials, equipment necessary to the use of materials (no State funds to purchase or to maintain audiovisual equipment), and facilities. But the key to the development and operation of an effective school library media program is the professionally qualified school library media coordinator. North Carolina has made a legislative commitment to ensure that each child in the State has access to a basic education no matter where that child happens to live within the State; yet school librarians are not specifically allotted by the State. (There are no federal funds for school library personnel.) For each 15 State-allotted teaching positions the State allots one position which can be used for a teacher of art, music, reading, physical education, math, social studies, general science, industrial arts, English, business, home economics, journalism, German, French, Spanish, Latin, drama, biology, chemistry, physics, or for an elementary teacher, elementary principal, assistant principal, guidance counselor or a librarian. Consequently, 642 of 1,896, approximately one third of the schools did not have access to the services of a full-time certified school librarian in 1977.

The North Carolina Commission on Allocation of Personnel to Local School Administrative Units which was created by the 1977 General Assembly released a report in April, 1978. The Commission, chaired by Representative Malcolm Fulcher of Morehead City, has recommended that the State provide one certified school librarian's position for each 500 pupils in average daily membership system-wide and recommends further that the funding for these positions be phased in equally over the period of three bienniums beginning with 1979-81. The Commission projects this formula to result in 2,366 positions by 1985.

STATE LIBRARY FILM SERVICE

To promote the human development of North Carolina citizens through the maintenance and circulation of an adequate 16mm film collection.

	1977-78 Actual	1978-79 Authorized	1979-80 Requested	1980-81 Requested
Film Purchase ¹	0	0	\$115,000	\$175,000
Operational Services ² ...	0	0	73,937	93,901
Postage, Office				
Supplies, Salaries				
Total			\$188,937	\$268,901

¹No State funds currently authorized for film purchase.

²Salaries, etc. included in Information Services Section budget, 1977-79. Expansion budget includes request for 1 additional clerk, 1979-80 and a second additional clerk, 1978-81.

JUSTIFICATION FOR FUNDING

The State Library film collection is no longer able to adequately meet the increasing demand on it by the citizens of North Carolina. Films are now booked as much as 18 months in advance. This policy was adopted in February, 1976 to slow down the increasing number of requests returned as "not available." While this has provided a temporary respite, the number of refusals will increase in the future as the increased number of requests will contain requests for films already booked months ago. Eventually, the "first available date" may be two to three years in advance. By 1980-81, we expect that 43% of the requests received will be returned as "not available," compared to the present 31%.

Returned films are normally inspected for damage. Due to lack of personnel, however, 1,375 films circulated uninspected during February, March and April of 1978. Without more film inspection checks this situation will continue to deteriorate.

As this service is essentially a "mail-order" service, it is at the mercy of the frequent postage increases of the U. S. Postal Service. Although the library does not pay return postage, it must be able to get the film to the borrower.

The serviceability of the present collection is also a problem. A November, 1977 study of the collection showed that 1,093 prints (26% of the total) were in poor condition and 200 of these needed immediate replacement.

STATE LIBRARY DOCUMENTS BRANCH

To increase the availability of State-produced documents to the citizens of North Carolina.

	1979-80 Requested	1980-81 Requested
Documents Services Branch		
Salaries for one additional librarian II, one library technical assistant, and one library clerk III	\$35,541	\$35,595
Office furniture (2 desks, 2 chairs)	\$ 800	
Total	\$36,341	\$35,595

JUSTIFICATION FOR FUNDING

Increasing the documents services staff will enable more documents to be catalogued and catalogued more quickly. The State Checklist can be issued monthly rather than bimonthly, and the indexing of the State Checklist will be resumed. The systematic distribution of these two publications will enable the interested public to know what is being published and how to acquire needed material. At the present time there is no timely way to know what is currently being published by North Carolina.

UPGRADED COLLECTIONS IN COMMUNITY COLLEGES AND TECHNICAL INSTITUTES

	1979-80 Requested	1980-81 Requested
Books	\$2,974,496	\$2,974,496

JUSTIFICATION FOR FUNDING

The current formula for allocations for the book collections was developed over ten years ago and provided only a modest base collection. The community college and technical institute libraries are challenged with providing materials for a wide variety of curriculum and continuing education programs that continuously change in these open door institutions. The above requests are part of a five-year plan projected to provide a base collection of 15,000 titles in each of the 57 institutions. For those institutions with a college transfer program or general education program, 5,000 titles more would be added. Ten additional titles would be added for each average regular budget FTE.

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TREASURER'S REPORT

October 1, 1978-December 31, 1978

Balance October 1, 1978 \$ 744.22

Receipts:

Dues	\$1,776.00
Association	\$ 527.00
Sections	\$1,249.00
School Librarians	\$ 79.50
Public Librarians	\$179.50
Trustees	\$ 2.00
College Librarians	\$ 8.00
Junior Members	\$ 14.00
Resources & Technical	\$534.00
Children's Services	\$ 22.00
Documents	\$400.00
Reference & Adult	\$ 10.00

NORTH CAROLINA LIBRARIES	\$ 906.50
Ray Moore Fund	18.13
Transferred from General Fund Savings ..	1,000.00
Interest	162.50

Total Receipts \$3,863.13

Receipts Plus Balance	\$4,607.35
Less Expenditures (See List)	<u>3,833.42</u>

Balance December 31, 1978 \$ 773.93

FUND BALANCE AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1978

Checking Account	\$ 773.93
General Fund Account	13,366.95
Scholarship Fund Account	32,795.70
Loan Fund Account	\$ 3,849.53
Ray Moore Fund Savings	1,625.02
NCASL Certificate of Deposit	<u>2,000.00</u>

Total Resources \$54,411.13

EXPENDITURES

October 1, 1978-December 31, 1978

Executive Office — Salary	\$	556.38
Executive Office — Expenses		409.59
Telephone	\$236.05	
Postage	146.77	
Printing	6.60	
Computer Charges	20.17	
President's Expenses		387.94
NORTH CAROLINA LIBRARIES		164.80
SELA Conference		273.88
Sections		1,892.55
Governmental Relations Committee		79.77
Ray Moore Fund		54.39
Checkbooks		14.12
Total Expenditures	\$3,833.42	

NORTH CAROLINA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

Section Balance Sheet — December 31, 1978

	<u>NCASL</u>	<u>PLS</u>	<u>Trustees</u>	<u>R&T</u>	<u>College</u>
Bal. Oct. 1, 1978 .	\$2,722.12	\$ 965.30	\$642.71	\$1,021.34	\$1,950.18
Receipts	79.50	179.50	2.00	534.00	8.00
Total	\$2,801.62	\$1,144.80	\$644.71	\$1,555.34	\$1,958.18
Expenditures	660.98	92.90	0.00	606.40	0.00
Bal. Dec. 31, 1978	\$2,140.64	\$1,051.90	\$644.71	\$ 948.94	\$1,958.18

	<u>JMRT</u>	<u>Jr. College</u>	<u>Child Svcs</u>	<u>DOC</u>	<u>Ref & Ad</u>
Bal. Oct. 1, 1978 .	\$200.38	\$283.34	\$790.33	\$540.13	\$154.46
Receipts	14.00	0.00	22.00	400.00	10.00
Total	\$214.38	\$283.34	\$812.33	\$940.13	\$164.46
Expenditures	0.00	0.00	24.44	449.80	58.03
Bal. Dec. 31, 1978	\$214.38	\$283.34	\$787.89	\$490.33	\$106.43

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