

# 1904 ... 1954 ... 1979 ...

Suppose you are a newly minted librarian beginning your professional career in North Carolina. Suppose you are a middle career librarian who has moved to North Carolina. Suppose you are a seasoned professional who has spent your career working in North Carolina libraries. Suppose you are a library school student who is curious about the development of significant events in the North Carolina Library Association.

Well, librarians of North Carolina, you are all of these. You range from the library school student who is totally new to the state to the seasoned professional whose career has spanned several decades in one or more libraries of this state. From one perspective you need to know some of the bench marks of your Association's history, merely as an introduction. From another perspective you may need to be reminded of what you have contributed to your profession.

In an attempt to meet some of these needs we have isolated some significant events to provide a bird's eye view. This is not an attempt to be comprehensive, because the data has been sifted through several individuals. It is not the best way to write history, because it leaves out the "innards" of who said what to whom when. Therefore it is merely a skeleton. Where a citation can help, it is provided. Anyhow, we think you ought to know something about the following.

- 1953-55
  - First Spring Planning Meeting. This is a "workshop" for Committees of NCLA.
  - Mail ballot to admit minority race members to NCLA approved
  - Fiftieth Anniversary of NCLA (See *North Carolina Libraries*, November 1954)
  - Archives records organized, bound, 1904-35, and stored in state library. Access through Archives Chairperson
  - General Assembly merged State Library and Library Commission effective 7/1/56
- 1955-57
  - Plans made for first National Library Week March 16-22, 1958
- 1957-59
  - Recruitment Rally, October 10, 1959, Durham
- 1959-61
  - Catalog Section becomes Resources and Technical Services Section
  - Committee on Committees becomes Committee on Organization
  - Legislative Committee and Federal Relations Committee become Governmental Relations Committee
  - Library Services and Construction Act signed by President
  - Reference books donated to governor's mansion
- 1963-65
  - New Committee on Adult Services organized
  - Terry Sanford, governor, created a 36-member Commission on Library Resources
  - Funds provided for NCLA Counsel (registered lobbyist) at NC legislature
  - Consideration of employment of NCLA executive secretary

- 1965-67
    - Constitution of NCLA changed to permit hiring of executive secretary; to extend terms of committees
    - Committee appointed to determine feasibility of a central research library for North Carolina
  - 1969-71
    - Appreciation to Joseph Ruzicka for support of NORTH CAROLINA LIBRARIES
    - NCLA Handbook is published, updating 1963 edition
    - Executive Board voted to discontinue NORTH CAROLINA LIBRARIES
    - NCLA membership over 1500; conference registration 1025.
  - 1971-73
    - Executive Board voted to retain NORTH CAROLINA LIBRARIES
    - Junior Members requested special project: recruitment and librarianship
    - Public Library Certification Board changed by general assembly
    - Section chairpersons added to Executive Board, NCLA; \$2.00 of membership dues to go to each section as section membership
  - 1973-75
    - Resolution: Request governor to convene a North Carolina conference on libraries
    - Conference registration 1090
  - 1975-77
    - Ray Moore Award created (best article regarding Public libraries in NCL)
  - 1977-79
    - NC Governor's Conference on Libraries and Information Services, theme "Libraries, the Way to Know"
- For full coverage of this biennium see NORTH CAROLINA LIBRARIES, 37:4 which you will receive in January 1980, and which will contain biennial reports from all sections, Committees, and officers of the Association

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(If you have difficulty identifying them, turn to p. 55).