

# KEEPING UP

## ERA ENDORSEMENT PASSES

The mail ballot ascertaining the will of membership concerning the role of the Association with regard to endorsement of the Equal Rights Amendment passed with the following results:

Yes responses = 364

No responses = 199

Ballots received  
after deadline = 7

Total sent out = 2070

Total returns = 570

The Committee tallying the ballots reports that there were concerns expressed by several members. There were those who felt NCLA should not "become involved in politics," but on the other hand, there were those who related that the endorsement was long overdue. Another concern expressed was, "after the vote, then what?" In reference to these and other concerns, our ERA Task Force member, Norma M. Royal, related the following facts:

1. The ERA Task Force was established at the 1979 ALA Midwinter meeting. Its stated purpose is "to assist and work with those ALA Chapters in states which have not ratified the Equal Rights Amendment."
2. A questionnaire was sent to all Chapters asking for a status report on the Chapter's ERA activities and asking unratified states to indicate how the ERA Task Force could assist them. However, the State Association (Chapter) must indicate that its members endorse the ERA. Some of the suggested activities in which the Task Force might assist include:
  - providing literature
  - providing financial assistance
  - providing technical expertise
  - assisting with training/ planning workshops
  - providing speakers
  - providing or assisting with coalition contacts
3. A display is being prepared which will be made available to ALA Chapters and other library associations and libraries.

Persons serving on the Ad Hoc Committee as Tellers included: Barbara Davis, Media Coordinator, Hillandale Elem. School; Ernestine R. Long, Parkwood School Media Coordinator; Myrtle J. McNeill, Director of Libraries, Durham City Schools; and Norma M. Royal, Media Coordinator, Eno Valley School.

## NCL READER SURVEY

People who attended the NCLA Biennial Conference in Charlotte had the opportunity to express their views about recent changes in *North Carolina Libraries*. One hundred two responses were received by the end of the conference, indicating *NCL* readers' backgrounds, preferences for content in the journal, and ideas for improvements. Though those who responded to the survey do not represent a random sample of Association membership, their input will provide useful guidance to the *NCL* editorial board as it continues to evaluate how the journal may best meet the needs of readers.

Respondents represented every Association section and most organizational levels of the library world. A third were either directors or at the department head level in larger libraries, the next largest single group were school library/media professionals and the rest represented both public and technical services, services to special groups and special collections, library education, trustees and librarians not currently active in the field. A good mix of public, school, academic and community college librarians responded.

They rated the format of the journal quite high, with layout and type-face getting consistent approval from nearly all respondents. Judgment of the cover design was more varied, though most who filled out the questionnaire did like the design.

Readership of the columns and regular features in the journal was surprisingly high, indicating that *NCL* does have an importance to many librarians who wish to keep up with Association affairs through published reports. Most popular of these features were the NC book reviews (read by approximately 85% of subscribers), "Keeping Up" (read by 80%), and the reports on library education (70%). Respondents were quite unwilling to give up reports of executive board, active committee work and section activities that appear regularly in *NCL*, as less than 10% indicated these reports were unimportant. Section activists and committees may need to be more communication-minded though, and send in reports more frequently for publication in the journal, since a quarter of the respondents felt inadequately informed of ongoing Association work.

The place of the NC book reviews in the journal was explored at some length through the survey, as the Editorial Board sought guidance in this special area of responsibility. Half the respondents *do* use these reviews for the selection process in their libraries, and half also select at least a portion of

their own reading fare through the reviews. Several suggestions for expanding the coverage of the book review feature were received, including eleven votes for more children's book reviews, eight votes for reviewing books in librarianship and suggestions that efforts be made to cover in more depth music and state documents.

The reading interests of respondents were tapped in a variety of ways. Respondents were asked to check which library periodicals were read regularly, with *Library Journal*, *American Libraries* and *Southeastern Librarian* being the most popular titles. Non-library periodicals read by the respondents indicate the NCL readership's concern with the world beyond libraries as they read a wide variety of popular, special interest and scholarly titles. Asking respondents to indicate what articles published recently in the journal were found to be useful, the Editorial Board has gleaned a good deal of information pertinent to ongoing management of the journal. The most popular articles are indicative of the concerns North Carolina librarians share these days: "No-Growth Budgets and North Carolina Libraries," "Librarians and Lobbying," and "Planning for the Adoption of AACR-2."

Responses to the open-ended request for comments on the survey were mostly positive and a number of useful suggestions were offered to the Editorial Board. All comments were carefully considered at the Board's January editorial meeting.

## N. C. SOLINET USERS GROUP TO MEET IN MAY

The North Carolina SOLINET Users Group will have its next meeting at Meredith College on Wednesday, May 28, 1980. The Group will meet at the student center, Cate Center, on Meredith's campus from 9 to 5. The program will include an information session on SOLINET'S planned use of WLN, as well as discussion sessions on other topics of interest to users of the OCLC systems. Inter-library loan users of OCLC in North Carolina will be meeting then as part of the SOLINET Users Group.

Anyone who wishes to register, and who does not receive a registration brochure, should contact the co-ordinator of the Group, Lynne Lysiak, at Belk Library, Appalachian State University, Boone, North Carolina, 28608.

All librarians, both professional and paraprofessional, interested in the use of OCLC and WLN and their various subsystems—cataloging, inter-library loan, acquisitions, and serials—are cordially invited to participate in this May meeting. Luncheon will be available on the Meredith campus as part of the registration fee for those who would like to have it.

## **STRETCHING THE MEDIA DOLLAR**

The East Carolina University Library Science Alumni Association and Lenoir Community College are again co-sponsoring a one-day workshop on June 17, 1980 at Lenoir Community College, Kinston, North Carolina. This year's topic is "Stretching the Media Dollar" and will feature Mr. Thomas C. King, Jr., Assistant Controller, Financial Services, State Board of Education; Ms. Elsie Brumback, Director, Educational Media Division, State Department of Public Instruction; and Ms. Margaret Cain, Rose High School Senior, delegate to the White House Conference on Libraries and Information Services.

Panel participants include Ms. Sue Scott, Consultant, Educational Media Division, State Department of Public Instruction; Ms. Eunice Drum, Head, Technical Services, North Carolina Division of the State Library; Dr. Clyde Erwin, Jr., President, Wayne Community College; and Ms. Frankie Cubbedge, Director, Gregg-Graniteville Library, University of South Carolina at Aiken.

The registration fee for the workshop is \$3.00 which may be paid with pre-registration or on June 17 at Lenoir Community College.

For additional information and/or pre-registration forms, interested persons should contact Ms. Emily S. Boyce, Alumni Advisor, Department of Library Science, East Carolina University, Greenville, North Carolina 27834.

## **HELFNER NAMED FOR QUERY AWARD AT APPALACHIAN**

BOONE—Yvonne Helfner of Pineville is recipient of the 1980 Eunice Query Scholarship Award at Appalachian State University.

The \$500 award, which is named in honor of a library science emeritus faculty member at ASU, is presented annually to a senior or graduate student on the basis of academic achievement, professional promise, and financial need.

Helfner is a senior educational media major at ASU. She is the daughter of Ms. Betty Jane Helfner of Route 2, Pineville.

Dr. Alice Naylor, educational media chairperson and a member of the scholarship selection committee, said in presenting the award that Ms. Helfner's "ability to integrate media skills, knowledge and enthusiasm, and personal interest in people has won respect and praise from both her peers and instructors."

The scholarship award is named in honor of Eunice Query of Boone, who retired in 1972 after teaching library science for 25 years at Appalachian. She taught an estimated 1,000 students who went on to become librarians, and she worked for 42 years as a public school and college librarian and teacher.

## SELA SEEKS LIBRARY PROGRAM NOMINEES

Has your library instituted an outstanding library service program during the current biennium? Surely, you have done a super job of relating to your public and providing some service that is gaining you a high level of visibility in the community. If you have, you need to look at the opportunity of nominating your program for the SELA Outstanding Library Program Award.

In 1978 the Greenville County Public Library received the award for its program, "Project for Kids." This service program was aimed at library services for the pre-school age levels.

Information and nomination forms are available from

Sybil Ann Hanna  
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# **PUBLIC LIBRARY SECTION COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS**

Committee appointments for the Public Library Section for the 1979-81 biennium have been made, and the Planning Council for the biennium will be as follows:

Chairman ..... Martha Davis  
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Director ..... Mary Boone

## **Audiovisual Committee**

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## **Governmental Relations Committee**

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Vice Chairman .... Louise Boone

## **Information Resources Committee**

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Vice Chairman Martha Holloman

## **Personnel**

Chairman ..... Judith Sutton  
Vice Chairman ..... Dale Gaddis

## **Public Relations Committee**

Chairman ..... Mary Hopper  
Vice Chairman . Mary Jo Godwin

## **Standards Committee**

Chairman ..... John Moorman  
Vice Chairman .... Amanda Bible

## **Statistics Committee**

Chairman ..... Robert Burgin  
Vice Chairman ..... Jay Chung

## **Young Adult Committee**

Chairman ..... Susan Kern  
Vice Chairman ..... June Bliss

## **Literacy Committee**

Chairman ..... Diane Tope  
Vice Chairman ..... Ann Gehlen

## **Trustee-Friends Liaison**

Chairman ... Katherine Armitage  
Vice Chairman ..... Jay Wozny

The Planning Council meets four times each year to conduct the business of the Section. The Section plans to publish a newsletter for all members during the 1979-81 biennium to keep them informed of the actions of the Planning Council. All Planning Council meetings are open to the membership.



## ESTES HILL ELEMENTARY STUDENTS AGAIN WIN NEW RIVER FILM PRIZE

BOONE—Ty Frautschi and Jon Gould of Chapel Hill, N. C., won first place awards at the annual New River Mixed Media Gathering held in late 1979 at Appalachian State University.

Frautschi and Gould took the first place award in the 17-and-under category for their short Super-8 sound film entitled "The Bionic Baby." The students attend Estes Hill Elementary School in Chapel Hill.

Louise Derr, gifted and talented teacher at Estes Hill, explained that the Mixed Media Gathering helps motivate the students in her film classes. "The students come ready to learn because they know that if their film is good, it will be sent to the contest," said Derr. Two of Derr's students also won first place at the Mixed Media Gathering in 1978.

Amateur Super-8 film and videotape makers are eligible to enter the Mixed Media Gathering. Entries are accepted from the entire U.S., but most are from the Southeast. Workshops on film techniques and media education are held for the participants.

Filmmaking is one of four nine weeks units that Derr's gifted and talented sixth graders experience each school year. Each February two classes of fifteen students each begin the film unit with 40 minutes a day of technical instruction that continues for three weeks.

Because each of the students has already successfully completed a nine-week unit on videotape and filmstrips in their fifth grade gifted and talented class, they are able to master the basics of filmmaking in a short period of time.

The class divides into groups of two or three for the planning and production of each of the short Super-8 films. Each group works closely with Ms. Derr at school on the writing of a script and the construction of a storyboard.

Once the planning is complete, the students work on their own, outside of the regular school day on the actual filming and editing. The school provides inexpensive Super-8 equipment which consists of three cameras, three projectors, two editors, and several splicers.

The best films produced are entered in film contests each year such as the North Carolina Film Festival in Raleigh, Film South in Spartanburg, S. C., and the New River Mixed Media Gathering in Boone. The local newspaper runs a feature article on any student films that win.

Derr says the publicity helps in her continuing efforts to gain support for the program, but her biggest problem is obtaining adequate funds. Dwindling administrative support has forced her to depend more and more each year on the students and the PTA for funds.

## ASHEVILLE WORKSHOP FOCUSES ON BIBLIOGRAPHIC INSTRUCTION

"Teaching the Teachers," a workshop on improving the classroom skills of librarians involved in bibliographic instruction programs, will be held May 29 and 30, 1980, at the University of North Carolina at Asheville. The two-day workshop will focus on issues such as methods of increasing student motivation, techniques for delivering lectures, and the construction and interpretation of tests. Registration is \$20.00, with lunch extra. For further information, contact Dr. Marie Devine, Instructional Services Librarian, Ramsey Library, University of North Carolina at Asheville, Asheville, N. C. 28804.



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## SUMMER CONFERENCES AT ASU

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Jean Fritz, author of *Stonewall*; *Early Thunder*; *I, Adam*; *Can't You Make Them Behave King George?* and many other children's books of Biography and Historical Fiction, will conduct a workshop in The Teaching of Social Studies Through Children's Literature at Appalachian, June 16-June 27.

Uri Shulevitz, author and illustrator of *Rain, Rain Rivers*; *Dawn*; *Fool of The World* and *The Flying Ship* (1969 Caldecott award book); and *The Treasure* (1980 Caldecott honor book), will conduct a workshop in The Writing and Illustrating of Children's Books at Appalachian, June 30-July 11.

Sue Ellen Bridges, Jackie Torrence, Virginia Hamilton and other writers and illustrators of Children's books will participate in a Conference in Children's Literature at Appalachian, July 10.

For further information regarding these activities contact:70

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Duncan Hall  
Appalachian State University  
Boone, North Carolina 28608

Sue Ellen Bridgers, author of *Home Before Dark* and *All Together Now* (1979 Boston Globe award), Virginia Hamilton, author of *Zeely*; *The Planet of Junior Brown*; *M. C. Higgins*, *The Great* (1957 Newberry award and National Book award) and other books for children, Jackie Torrence, storyteller and other writers and illustrators of Children's books will participate in a workshop on Literature for the Middle School Child at Appalachian, June 30-July 11.

For further information contact:

Dr. Ken McEwin  
Professor of Elementary Education  
Coordinator of Middle/Junior High School Education  
Appalachian State University  
Boone, North Carolina 28608

## ROLLINS COLLOQUIUM APRIL 20-21, NCCU

The North Carolina Central University School of Library Science will present its first Charlemae Hill Rollins Colloquium and dedicate its two special collections on April 20-21, 1980.

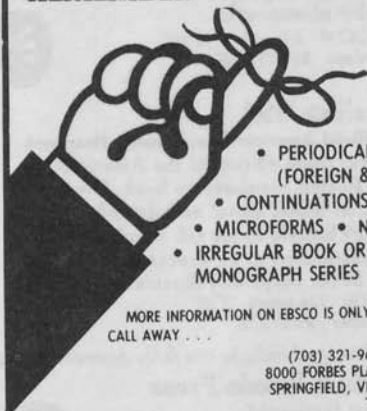
The special collections are the William Tucker Collection of Works by Black Writers and Illustrators for Children and the Black Librarians' Collection. Emphasis in both collections is upon *original* works and the response of authors, illustrators, and librarians has been encouraging. The entire personal library of Charlemae Hill Robbins' books was given to the Chicago Public Library, but her papers have been given to the NCCU School of Library Science. It is hoped that scholars will use the papers to provide a comprehensive analysis of her contributions to librarianship and to the Black Experience.

Combining the Colloquium and the dedication is appropriate, because Mrs. Rollins was both a Black author and a librarian. She gained an international reputation and influenced the lives of generations by crusading against the stereotypical characterization of Black children in books, by promoting honesty in the treatment of minorities in all media, by writing six books and numerous articles, by teaching children's literature in several colleges and universities, and by being the Children's Librarian of the Hall Branch, Chicago Public Library, for over thirty years. She succeeded in changing the minds of many producers of books and in establishing standards and guidelines for depicting Black children that are still being used.

The Colloquium will include two panels—one consisting of friends and colleagues of Mrs. Rollins who will describe her contributions and the other consisting of contemporary Black writers who will initiate a discussion of the Rollins legacy and its implications for the present and the future.

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## FRIENDS OF ACADEMIC LIBRARIES: WORKSHOP

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The program is planned to provide opportunities for librarians and friends of academic libraries to discuss organization of friends groups, or what to do with friends groups after their organization.

Academic librarians, officers of friends groups at academic libraries, and members of friends groups at academic libraries are encouraged to plan to attend. This is the first College and University Section workshop for the 1980-81 biennium.

Frank Grisham, director of libraries, Vanderbilt University, will be the principal speaker for the workshop.



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- Columbus County Public Library announces the publication of **COLUMBUS COUNTY NORTH CAROLINA: RECOLLECTIONS AND RECORDS**. Edited by Ann Courtney W. Little, the book was a project of the county's Bicentennial Committee. Orders for the 250-page history should be sent to Columbus County Public Library, 117 E. Columbus St., Whiteville, N.C. 28472. Cost is \$12.50 plus \$1.00 for mailing.
- **THE STATISTICS AND DIRECTORY OF NORTH CAROLINA PUBLIC LIBRARIES FOR 1978-79** has just been published by the Public Library Development Section of the Division of State Library in Raleigh. According to the statistics, the book stock of public libraries in the state is continuing to rise (up to 7,882,167 volumes), as is total circulation (19,415,149). Total bookmobile circulation is declining slowly (3,080,276 in 1977-78; 2,909,839 for 1978-79). Public libraries still spend the lion's share of their funds for personnel (65%—\$16,336,198) and a smaller chunk for materials (19%—\$4,742,209). The breakdown of funding sources is basically unchanged, with 54% of the funding for public libraries coming from county governments; 19% from cities or towns; 14% from the State; 5% from the federal government; and 8% from other sources.

All public and academic libraries in the state should have received copies of the **STATISTICS**. A few copies are still available from Marion Johnson, Chief, Public Library Development Section, Division of State Library, 109 E. Jones St., Raleigh, N.C. 27611.