

Keeping Up

ARIAL STEPHENS ELECTED TO SOLINET BOARD

At the Annual Meeting of Southeastern Library Network Ariel Stephens, director, Charlotte-Mecklenburg Public Library, was elected to a three year term on the Board of Directors. Stephens joins Leland Park, library director, Davidson College, as a member of the SOLINET Board from North Carolina. Stephens will represent public libraries.

MARIAN LEITH HONORED AT RETIREMENT

Ninety friends and colleagues gathered for a dinner on May 2, 1980, in Raleigh to honor Marian Leith on her retirement from the State Library. During the eighteen years which she was employed in the North Carolina State Library Ms Leith served as a reference librarian, and as director of the Special Services Section where she developed a model service for the blind and physically handicapped. She retired as Assistant State Librarian. In the latter position she was responsible for the administration of the more than one million dollars in LSCA funds received by North Carolina. She had an active role in national library affairs as chairperson of the ALA Roundtable for the Blind and as a member of the National Commission on Library and Information Science.

At her retirement dinner Ms. Leith was presented a mantel clock.

PHINAZEE EDITS *The Black Librarian in the Southeast*

Annette L. Phinazee, dean, library school, NCCU, is the editor of *The Black Librarian in the Southeast: Reminiscences, Activities, Challenges*. The volume, published by the North Carolina Central University Alumni Association, Inc., and available therefrom for \$12.00, contains papers from each of the nine Southeastern states. Emphasis is upon introducing a significant chapter in library history and challenging others to explore and expand. Contributing authors include E. J. Josey, Clara S. Jones, Vivian Hewitt, Robert Wedgeworth, A. P. Marshall, and seventeen others.

SOUTHWICK AWARD PRESENTED

At the recent spring social hosted by the faculty of the ECU Department of Library Science, undergraduates and graduates of masters' programs were honored. Recipient of dual awards was senior Edna Price Grady of Seven Springs, North Carolina.

Ms. Grady, graduating with a 4.0 grade point average, was selected to receive the Mildred Daniels Southwick Scholarship Award. Dr. Southwick, Professor Emeritus of the Division of Library Services, established the award in

1977 in memory of her parents and in honor of her relatives and friends. Recipients of the award must have exceptional credentials in terms of academic achievement and outstanding potential in the reference area of library science. Dr. Southwick, who currently resides in Greenville, was present for the announcement. Ms. Grady received a cash award and her name has been placed on a plaque donated by Dr. Southwick which hangs in the Department.

Faculty in the Department also selected Ms. Grady to receive the Outstanding Senior Award given annually to recognize academic achievement. She will receive a plaque and will be recognized on the graduation program May 9. Ms. Grady completed general college requirements at Mount Olive College before transferring to East Carolina. Her husband, Robert S. Grady, is an agriculture teacher at East Duplin High School in Beulaville. They have two daughters, Michele and Sabrina. Ms. Grady also serves as church treasurer and organist at Pleasant Valley Presbyterian Church.

THREE NCCU FACULTY MEMBERS ADVISE PERSIAN GULF LIBRARIANS

Three faculty members of the North Carolina Central University School of Library Science conducted workshop sessions for librarians and information specialists in the Persian Gulf area March 15-19.

The workshop was held in Kuwait and sponsored by the National Scientific and Technical Information Center of the Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research.

Dr. Annette L. Phinazee, dean of the NCCU School of Library Science, conducted workshop sessions on special libraries and library education.

Dr. Kenneth Shearer, professor of library science at NCCU, led sessions on public libraries.

Dr. Benjamin Speller, professor of library science at NCCU, led sessions on school libraries.

Also participating as workshop leaders were Dr. Grady Morein, a former NCCU faculty member now with the Association of Research Libraries, and Mohamed A. Madkour, a consultant in information systems design from Cairo, Egypt.

Objectives of the workshop were a review of library conditions in the Gulf countries, identification of library and information service needs in those countries, assistance in setting goals for library development; and the establishment of a "new library philosophy" for the countries the Persian Gulf area.

Dr. Mohamed H. Zehery, director of Kuwait's National Scientific and Technical Information Center and the organizer of the workshop, is a former faculty member at NCCU.

CUMBERLAND COUNTY TO EXPAND I & R SERVICE

The Cumberland County Public Library has been awarded at \$19,000 grant to expand its ACCESS-Information Line Service. The grant is a Library Services and Construction Act Special Project grant, and the funds will provide

for an outreach program for ACCESS, the county's new Information and Referral Service.

The LSCA grant is part of a federally funded program administered by the North Carolina State Library. The grant monies will provide for an Outreach Librarian and a program designed to take ACCESS to the traditionally unserved segments of Cumberland County—the poor, the old, and the minorities.

The Outreach Librarian will take Information and Referral out into the community by visiting housing projects, agencies, workplaces, educational institutions and other clubs and organizations. Workshops will be organized on such topics as job hunting, career planning, fuel saving, and consumer information. More extensive files will be developed by the Outreach Librarian on educational, recreational and cultural opportunities in Cumberland County.

The ACCESS-Information Line service began operating January 7, 1980, and fielded more than 400 calls during the month of February. Indications are that the March statistics will show an increase in that number. ACCESS headquarters is located in the Anderson Street Library in downtown Fayetteville.

Doug Lacy, Coordinator of Information Services at the Library, oversees the operation of the ACCESS-Information Line Service. He works with a Community Advisory Board to make sure that ACCESS is responsive to community needs.

ACCESS is staffed by Donald Beagle, Information and Referral Librarian and Judy Hutchison, Information Specialist. Mr. Beagle was hired in February and comes to Cumberland County from Robeson County where he was the General Services Librarian with the Robeson County Public Library. Ms. Hutchison worked with the Cumberland County Community Involvement Council in developing contact files last year before the Library took over the I & R project for the county.

The Outreach Librarian will be hired to begin the ACCESS Outreach program in July of this year. The grant provides funding for the Outreach program for the fiscal year 1980-81.

DISTRICT MEDIA OFFICERS ELECTED

At the recent seventh annual conference of the North Carolina Community College Learning Resources Association in Asheville, officers were elected for the six districts in the state. They will lead activities and plan programs for the coming year.

Officers elected for District II, covering Beaufort, Carteret, Craven, Duplin, Lenoir, Onslow, Pamlico, Pitt, Sampson, and Wayne Counties include: Dr. Gene D. Lanier, Chairman, Department of Library Science, East Carolina University, Director; Gail N. Carter, Learning Resources Center Dean, Pamlico Technical College, Vice-Director; and Jane C. Arnett, Head, Library Media Program, Lenoir Community College, Secretary.

MILDRED L. BATCHELDER AWARD

On April 2, Durham County Public Library hosted the formal presentation of the 1980 Mildred L. Batchelder Award to E. P. Dutton Company of New York for the 1979 publication of *The Sound of the Dragon's Feet*, by Alki Zei, translated from the Greek by Edward Fenton and first published in 1977 in Greece. Marilyn Miller, President of the Association for Library Service to Children (ALSC) and member of the UNC-Chapel Hill library school faculty presented the citation to Mimi Kayden, Associate Publisher, Marketing Director, Children's Book Division of E. P. Dutton & Company.

Ms. Kayden's acceptance speech provided insight into children's books in translation and children's book publishing in the '80's.

The Batchelder Award is given annually by the ALSC of the American Library Association to an American publisher for the children's book considered to be the most outstanding of those published in a foreign country and subsequently published in English in the United States. The award was established in 1968 by the ALSC and is named for Mildred L. Batchelder, a former executive secretary of the division.



Mini Kayden, left, receives award from Marilyn Miller.

WE ARE ON CALL

Having trouble writing your selection policy?
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Believe in free access to information?
Aware of attempts at censorship?

Your NCLA Intellectual Freedom Committee is ready to give you information and aid. We serve as a clearinghouse for information relative to censorship. Business and home telephone numbers are given. Contact any of the following:

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882-9225 or 1225; 885-2336
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Charlotte, NC 28216 (704) 372-2370; 568-7924

50th ANNIVERSARY PLANS AT CHAPEL HILL

The School of Library Science of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill will celebrate its fiftieth anniversary on March 25-28, 1981. All alumni, former faculty, and friends of the school are encouraged to contact Dr. Fred W. Roper, Assistant Dean, School of Library Science, Manning Hall 026A, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC 27514, for details concerning the symposium, workshops, and other events that will be a part of the celebration.

1980-81 FELLOWSHIPS AVAILABLE

The ECU Department of Library Science is currently accepting applications for teaching fellowships for the 1980-81 school year. While working toward the Master of Library Science degree or Master of Arts in Education degree with a concentration in library science/media, fellows serve in a junior instructor status. They are expected to teach a research skills course to incoming freshmen and assist members of the professional staff in research and projects.

Each fellowship carries a minimum honorarium of \$2600 for the school year. Applicants must have been accepted by the Graduate School prior to submitting a request for a fellowship. Persons with some teaching experience receive priority. Other factors considered in the selection are overall grade point average in undergraduate school, major field grade point average, senior year grade point average, admission test scores, undergraduate major, letters of reference, and interview if requested. Recipients may carry a study and/or research load of nine semester hours.

Interested persons should contact Dr. Gene D. Lanier, Chairman, Department of Library Science, East Carolina University, Greenville, NC 27834.

NCCU LIBRARY SCHOOL RECEIVES GRANT

The North Carolina Central University School of Library Science has received an award of \$19,200 from the U. S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare, Office of Education, for library training fellowships. The objective is to increase the number of minority and/or disadvantaged persons who enter the library profession, because there are more job opportunities than can be filled at this time.

Three fellowships are for graduate study toward the master's degree. Qualified persons are being sought to receive these awards. Interested persons should contact:

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LEGISLATIVE DAY 1980

Thanks to the careful planning of former Governmental Relations Chairman Judith Letsinger, the North Carolina Library Association delegation to Legislative Day, on April 15, 1980 was a smooth operation. Annette Phinazee, Dean of Library Service at North Carolina Central University, who was in Washington with a group of her students who also participated in our activities, represented Library Education. Other delegates were Carol Southerland representing schools. Tommie Young of NCA&T for colleges and universities, Shirley McLaughlin for technical institutes, Rolly Simpson of Burroughs

Wellcome for special libraries and Arial Stephens for public libraries. David McKay, in Washington for a COSLA (Chiefs of State Library Agencies) meeting and postal hearing before Congress, was able to join the delegation for several meetings with Congressmen.

Our arrival in Washington on Monday gave us a chance to become familiar with the information packet put together by the ALA Washington Office, and to add materials prepared by the various sections of NCLA telling what Federal Programs mean to the libraries of North Carolina.

On a close schedule of appointments lasting fifteen to thirty minutes the delegation met with all N. C. Congressmen or their top aides to tell the library story: how aid is used, what the problems are, what will happen if appropriations are cut. Library Services and Construction Act Titles, Higher Education Act titles and Elementary and Secondary Education Act Titles were discussed, along with soaring postage and communication costs, book and periodical inflation, and the less than adequate increases in salaries for library staffs, all came in for their attention.

Special thanks are in order to Senator Morgan, Representatives Preyer, Andrews, Neal, Broyhill and Rose who took time from their hectic schedules to meet with us and thanks to the others for time to meet with their aides. Charles Whitley who could not meet with the delegation did attend the Reception at the end of the day and talked with a number of us.

Arial Stephens



National Library Week Legislative Day Activities. Congressman Charles O. Whitley, right, chats with Carol Southerland and David McKay.

NCLA/RTSS ANNOUNCES "BEST ARTICLE" AWARD

Share your research studies and ideas on resources and technical services with other North Carolina librarians through *NORTH CAROLINA LIBRARIES*. The Resources and Technical Services section of the North Carolina Library Association will present a monetary award biennially for the best article on resources or technical services published in *NORTH CAROLINA LIBRARIES*. The first award will be made at the 1981 joint NCLA/SCLA conference in Charlotte. Instructions for the preparation of manuscripts appear in issues of NCL. Watch for criteria in the fall issue.

CHARLEMAE HILL ROLLINS COLLOQUIUM INITIATED

The setting was one of those particular Spring days which occur in North Carolina: balmy breezes; bright sun; blue sky; dogwoods, azaleas, and tulips in full bloom. Even if you were standing in the middle of the street, having been pushing a book truck with three cases of books and they had all dumped, your frustration was modulated by being outside.

A group of friends, along with some other librarians gathered at the Student Center, North Carolina Central University, Durham, for the inauguration of the Charlemae Hill Rollins Colloquium. Each of the speakers in the morning program had known intimately and been influenced by a woman who was born in Yazoo, Mississippi, who migrated in a wagon with her family to a homestead in Oklahoma, who taught school in Oklahoma, who after World War I married and moved with her husband to Chicago, and who in 1927 was employed by the Chicago Public Library. Through her experience as teacher and librarian she became acutely aware that children's literature contained no adequate role models for black children. During the next fifty years, she devoted her life to the necessary development of information and publications which would provide this kind of appropriate literature.

Virginia Lacy Jones remembered her, and the guidance that she provided, as the American Library Association opened itself to a nondiscriminatory membership. Effie Lee Morris remembered her as a teacher who taught totally by example. Basil Phillips remembered her as a person whose influence on his life continues as an executive of Johnson Publishing Company. Doris Saunders, on the faculty of Jackson State University, remembered her as the mentor who influenced every major decision of her life, from entrance into the Chicago Public Library Training class to qualifying to be the first Black Reference Librarian in the Chicago Public Library, to becoming a librarian at Johnson Publishing Company, and a host of other significant decisions. Spencer Shaw remembered her as the master storyteller, and as an educator in a host of ways.

At lunch Augusta Baker, acknowledged by all present as the other significant person whose influence on children's librarianship is as wisely

appreciated, remember Charlemae Hill Rollins and then told a story which was one of her favorites. In the afternoon Annette Phinazee moderated a panel with Eloise Greenfield and Sharon Mathis discussing the Charlemae Hill Rollins legacy for black writers and black literature.

No one discussed her size, but the only word that appears appropriate is majestic. Many adjectives were used to describe personal relationships, and people spoke with intense feeling because of what Charlemae Hill Rollins means to their lives personally and professionally.

It is not often that you get to be a part of something special. To have been a part of the initiation of the Charlemae Hill Rollins Colloquium at North Carolina Central on April 21, 1980, was to sense that history has been made by those who will dare, who will stand up for what is right, as human beings and as professionals, and who at some times need to be counseled as Ms Rollins often did "Now sugah, you just need to turn it over to the Lord."

Lester Asheim, who was a part of the audience, commented that "It was like old home week, catching up again with so many long-time friends. And not the least of them was Charlemae Rollins herself, for she was certainly there—in memory of all of us whose lives she had touched and enriched, and in the person of so many of those at this meeting who, influenced by her, embodied her ideals and in their turn influenced others. I feel privileged to have known her and learned from her, and would be proud if I were able, like the distinguished participants in the Colloquium program, to pass on something of her story to others. It is a story that can never be told enough."

At the Colloquium Joseph Rollins, Jr., presented a \$1,000.00 gift to Annette L. Phinazee, Dean of the Library School, NCCU. The gift, given jointly by Mr. Rollins and his father, will be used to support future scholarly gatherings in memory of Mrs. Rollins.

FOLKTALES FROM HATTERAS TO CHEROKEE WILL BE SUMMER READING FARE

Ghost stories, tall tales, mystery stories, legends, magic stories and more will be the fare for North Carolina's young readers during summer 1980.

"From Hatteras to Cherokee," a state-spanning folklore fest of North Carolina tales and legends is getting underway just as schoolbells ring for the last time this spring.

The first-ever North Carolina statewide reading program, the project is featuring a folklore theme from various areas all over the state. Sponsored by the State Library, a division of the state Department of Cultural Resources, the summer reading program is made possible by a grant from the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation.

"The program is designed to enhance children's interest in North Carolina history and in local history and legends as well," according to Diana Young, consultant for children's services for the State Library and coordinator for the program.

The program, planned by a committee of 10 children's librarians from public libraries from across the state, is designed to allow each individual library to plan its own program around the central theme, Ms. Young explained.

The theme features a map of North Carolina which will be criss-crossed with tiny tar heel stamps as a child reads various books. The package includes posters for the libraries; for the children, it has reading folders, records of books read, booklists and completion certificates. The certificates will bear the signature of Gov. James B. Hunt Jr., Ron Jones, a children's librarian from Wake County Libraries is art designer for the package, which will be in colors of bright blue on yellow.

These materials are being offered without charge to North Carolina public libraries who will then tailor the program to fit their own needs and localities, according to Ms. Young.

The Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation, established in 1936 as a memorial to the younger son of the founder of R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company, has now made grants totaling more than \$88 million to benefit all the people of North Carolina. In recent years increased attention has been given to recreational services, cultural activities, rural life, the handicapped and some 20 other fields of concern.

ELEMENTARY LIBRARIES RECOGNIZED

The Charlotte-Mecklenburg School System has been honored as a National Finalist in the 1980 School Library Media Program of the Year competition sponsored by the American Association of School Librarians (AASL) and the Encyclopaedia Britannica Companies. The sponsors cited Charlotte-Mecklenburg for its achievement toward providing exemplary library media programs in its 75 elementary schools.

"It is apparent in your community that the services and activities of your school library media centers are regarded as an essential part of your total instructional program," Rebecca T. Bingham, AASL president and Ralph Wagner, president of Encyclopaedia Britannica Educational Corporation, said in their letter of announcement to Dr. Jay M. Robinson, superintendent of schools. They particularly praised the district's commitment not only to support, but to enhance and expand the library media services and programs which have become indispensable to qualify education.

"Quality education today, as evidenced in your district, requires not only the provision of a variety of media resources for use by teachers and students, but also the programs which make those resources an integral part of each student's total learning experience. As one of only four school systems in the nation whose achievement is being recognized this year, your district should serve as an inspiration to others," they wrote.

The Irvine (California) Unified School District was selected to receive the 1980 Award. In addition to Charlotte-Mecklenburg, two other school systems have been selected to receive National Finalist citations for the excellence of library media programs in their elementary schools. They are School District No. 12, Adams County, Colorado, and Lincoln (Nebraska) Public Schools.

In Charlotte-Mecklenburg, each of the 75 elementary library media centers is staffed with a minimum of one full-time professional who is responsible for the coordination of a unified media program. Each school has developed programs and policies for assisting the building's population in the effective utilization of

materials and equipment. An interdisciplinary approach is utilized in a sequential library media skills program. Students have free access to the materials and equipment housed within each library media center; all materials can be used in the library media center, the school, and at home. In addition, twenty-four (24) centers have been open for a summer elementary program.

Cooperative efforts of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools extend into the community where a working agreement has been established with the public library for inter-library loans. Several elementary library media specialists are members of the Public Library/Public Schools Liaison Committee.

An award ceremony and a reception were held in Charlotte on April 15 in recognition of the library media services program.

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MARY ELIZABETH POOLE RETIRES

A diffusion of knowledge is the only guardian of liberty.—James Madison

Managing the profusion of knowledge produced by the United States government and making the documents accessible to the citizenry is a job which requires extraordinary talents. A documents librarian must possess perservance and diligence in order to cope with the myriads of classification numbers and indexing schemes which shroud federal documents. Documents work requires patience, dedication and resilience to follow the classifications which change with alarmingly increasing frequency as the federal bureaucracy expands and multiplies. To keep track of all the tiny pamphlets, multi-sized maps, and hundreds of thousands of microforms, a documents librarian must develop superlative organizational skills and an insatiable passion for detail. Such a person is the Documents Librarian at North Carolina State University: Mary Elizabeth Poole.

Fortunately, her labors have not gone unnoticed nor her talents unrecognized. In 1978, Miss Poole was awarded the James B. Childs award, the highest honor ALA may bestow on a documents librarian. Jaia Heymann, chair of the Government Documents Roundtable, said, "This is a formal recognition of the many significant contributions you have made within the documents profession."

Closer to home, she is valued both as a librarian and as a generous member of the D. H. Hill Friends of the Library. Recognizing her contributions of \$18,000 from royalties, Dr. I. T. Littleton said in praising her at a recent Friends of the Library dinner, "I'm not exaggerating when I say that she has created in our library a U. S. government documents department that is recognized as one of the finest in the nation. It is one of this university's most valuable resources, not only for our own students and faculty, but for the Research Triangle and the state."

Miss Poole has created many aids which help users locate documents. Users perusing and cumulated *Monthly Catalog* will find a penciled check mark beside every document received by the D. H. Hill Library. Another boon to

puzzled documents users is the agency file index. In the agency file are listed, alphabetically, those departments, agencies and divisions which are assigned unique SUDOC numbers. From the agency file the user can go to the appropriate drawer and find a set of cards which contain the class names and the numbers assigned to them. Another finding aid is a correlation file for the NTIS microfiche, which correlates AD and PB numbers with report numbers.

In addition to creating a well-organized and viable documents department, Miss Poole has been a prodigious researcher, publishing numerous works of classification. Most notable of these are: *Documents Office Classification Numbers for Cuttered Documents, 1910-24*; *Author Index (with Titles) to the Monthly Catalog 1947-62*; *Classes Added of Monthly Catalog Reprints, 1895-1924*; and *Classes Added Reprint Edition of Hickox's Monthly Catalog, 1885-94*.

In her publishing activities, as well as in her organization of the documents department, Miss Poole's prime objective has been to make documents more approachable, according to her assistant Jean Porter. Miss Porter, who has worked with Miss Poole for six years, explains, "She is an unbelievably hard worker. She does not let anything interrupt her concentration; she uses all the time available for her work. She comes in early; takes only one half hour for lunch — but even that still doesn't account for the amount of work she does."

When asked what advice she would give to young documents librarians, Miss Poole said softly, "In library work, especially in documents, you have to keep up anything you start. I have to think and decide something is worth doing before I tackle it. Anything you plan is going to keep growing. Like the Classification."

And what will this energetic and modest lady do when she retires this year after 33 years with the D. H. Hill Library? She will certainly continue her hobbies, photography and doll collecting. In July she plans to go to a national doll convention in Washington, And, "I'll be going home to Troy. There's a big house and a big yard. It'll take a year to get it all straightened out." She also plans to continue her ALA membership and adds with a twinkle in her eye, "I'll continue working on the Classification, but I have no plans for publishing. Anyone who wants the new numbers can keep up themselves."

Ebba Kraar,
Reference Librarian
D. H. Hill Library, NCSU

STORYTELLING

Children learn best when they find the learning enjoyable. They stretch themselves to the task even if that which they seek is beyond them. Stories challenge children. They offer the child a painless look at history, a foundation for language development, entree into the world of imagination and just plain fun.

North Carolina's Annual Storytelling Festival held on the State Capitol lawn challenges children, librarians and citizens. By virtue of location children are in the heartbeat of history; librarians are challenged to work together; citizens and legislators are challenged to look at the library service North Carolina provides for the child.

Each year the Governor signs a proclamation proclaiming National Library Week, Library Week in North Carolina. Believing the Governor's signature to be a pledge of the State's concern for libraries and his commendation of its observance to citizens to be a request for citizen self-examination of libraries within the community, librarians who serve North Carolina's children gather on the lawn of the State Capitol to remind the people of the important role that their libraries play in the lives of children.

Stories and people ... All people of all ages ... During Library Week in North Carolina public library children's librarians, media specialists, and library school students can be seen on the Capitol lawn competing with the surrounding bustle of traffic and pigeons for the attention of people. These librarians share books, stories, flannel board stories, puppets, games, songs and themselves with anyone who will stop and listen — or join in the fun. Many people including Governor Hunt and Cultural Resources Secretary, Sara Hodgkins, have done just that — Governor Hunt listening to stories and talking with puppets and Sara Hodgkins leading the children in song with the help of her dulcimer. Library school students from North Carolina Central University (under the guidance of Miriam Ricks) take part in the festival and broaden their child-related experiences. Sixth-grade library storytellers from Donna Lee Loflin Elementary School in Asheboro (Ruth Jackson, Media Specialist) demonstrate the child's ability to inspire and entertain other children through a professionally presented program of stories, games and songs. Librarians from Central North Carolina School for the Deaf sign stories for hearing-impaired children and help hearing children appreciate and understand sign language. Willie Giovanni from the Wayne County Public Library speaking in Spanish and English teaches children to say "Wow-Wow" in imitation of the dog who "spoke" only Spanish (Ezra Jack Keats & Pat Cherry), *My Dog Is Lost*, *Sody, Sody, Sody Salyraytus* (Richard Chase), *Grandfather Tales* can be heard across the Capitol lawn in competition with the puppet show on the corner. The Capitol lawn is filled with the excited voices of children moving from storyteller to storyteller with harried parents and teachers trying to keep pace with the kids. State workers and interested adults stand behind each group of children or linger on paths to hear each story. The Storytelling Festival is people entering into that magic moment when storyteller and listener become one and an experience is shared. Librarians across the state have been generous with their talents, time, and gasoline but the demand for storytellers



Felicia Hardy, Southport-Brunswick County Public Library tells tall tales to visually handicapped children.



Cultural Resources Secretary Sara W. Hodgkins enlivens her story with her "dancing man" during the fourth annual "Storytelling Festival in the Park." (Photo by James H. Moore, Jr.)

on the Capitol lawn has become so great that it can no longer be met. Travel budgets have become more restrictive and media specialists are finding it increasingly difficult to leave school campuses. The statewide campaign of storytelling has returned to the local community from whence it came and is becoming more visible. In Tarboro, at the "Happening on the Common" librarians in surrounding counties shared stories amidst the craftsmen. In Clinton, school librarians joined county children's librarian, Rebecca Taylor, (now in New Hanover County) for an all day Saturday storytelling session. In Onslow County the week long storytelling celebration of North Carolina Heritage Week involved the entire community, including a day's session on the lawn of a county school. Hyconeechee Regional Library's National Library Week celebration, a day in each of the three counties, relied on volunteers including some from the UNC-Chapel Hill Library School. In Durham, Kay Taylor spent National Library Week in the shopping mall telling stories to preschoolers. In Sylva (Fontana Regional Library), stories were dramatized on the courthouse steps.

Across the state, librarians serving children work together to make learning fun. Continuously in media centers, public libraries, on bookmobiles or as a part of special community celebrations, librarians serving children are working to remind the community of its obligation to provide for a better tomorrow through adequate funding for today's children.



Pauline Fredericks, sitting on the steps of the Onslow County Public Library Outreach Van, teaches the children of Dixon Elementary School the North Carolina Folk "Hang Down Your Head Tom Dula" as a part of the Onslow County Public Library Heritage Week Storytelling Festival.



During the annual "Storytelling Festival in the Park" on the North Carolina State Capitol lawn during National Library Week, Pat Lumen, Rockingham County children's librarian, pulls magic little people from her "storytelling skirt."



Person County (Hyconeechee Regional Library) Librarian, Patrice Ebert shares puppets and stories on the Person County Courthouse lawn. (Photo by Ken Martin, courtesy of the Courier Times)



Children with normal hearing practice "signing" with Librarian Ron Plummer of Greensboro Central North Carolina School for the Deaf. Ron was one of two signers present. (Photo by James H. Moore, Jr.)

HONORARY AND LIFE MEMBERSHIPS IN NCLA

The 1979-1981 Honorary and Life Membership Committee requests your recommendations for persons you consider worthy to be honorary or life members of NCLA. Suggestions should be accompanied by a biographical sketch, including contributions to libraries or librarianship, and should be forwarded to the Committee Chairperson by January 1, 1981.

The NCLA By-laws provide for the Honorary and Life Membership Committee to seek suggestions from all members and to recommend names for these honors to the Executive Board prior to the next Spring Workshop.

Criteria for selection are as follows:

1. Honorary memberships may be given to non-librarians who have rendered service to the library interests of the state.
2. Life memberships may be given to librarians who have served as members of the North Carolina Library Association and who have made noteworthy contributions to librarianship in the state. These memberships are limited to librarians who have retired.
3. Honorary memberships for non-librarians should be given at a time considered appropriate in relation to the contribution made.
4. Contributions of both groups should be above the local level.
5. Selections for the past are to be reviewed with the idea of adding as well as persons overlooked.

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